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## EDUCATION

**(2022) Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology**

Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma  
Dissertation Committee: Loretta Bass (Chair), Ann Beutel, Stephanie Burge, Erin Maher, and Christina Miller

**2018 Master of Arts, Sociology**

Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma  
Thesis Committee: Loretta Bass (Chair), B. Mitchell Peck, and Stephanie Burge

**2013 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology**

University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity  
Family  
Education  
Research Methods

Gender  
Stratification and Inequality  
Child Welfare

## TEACHING AND TRAINING EXPERIENCE

### *Independent Teaching*

- 2020 - Present** Applied Research Methods (SOCL335), online course. Adjunct Faculty for Franklin University, Columbus, OH. 24 students.
- 2020 - Present** Race, Class, and Gender (SOC3353/WGS3353), online course. Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor for University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. 40 students.
- 2018 - 2019** Introduction to Sociology (SOC1113), face-to-face course. Graduate Teaching Assistant and Instructor for University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK. 50 students.

### *Teaching Assistantships*

- 2016 - 2018** Graduate Teaching Assistant for class sizes ranging from 400-student Introduction to Sociology classes (SOC1113) to 40-student upper-level classes which include:
- 30-student Inside-Out Course “Drugs, Alcohol and Society”; 15 outside students, 15 inside (incarcerated) female students at Mabel Bassett Correctional Facility (SOC3923).
  - Sociological Theory (SOC3363)
  - Sociology of Law (SOC3553)
  - Capstone in General Sociology (SOC4943)
  - Capstone in Criminology (SOC4843)
  - Sociology of Gender (SOC3733)
  - Sociology of Family (SOC3723)
  - Social Problems (SOC1523)
  - Criminology (SOC3523)
  - Sociology of Violence (SOC3973)

### *Technical Training*

Statistical tools used for analyses: Stata, SAS, and SPSS quantitative software.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Melissa Maxey** and Loretta Bass. "How Does a Shorter School Week Affect Academic Performance? Evidence from Oklahoma's Elementary Schools"

**Melissa Maxey.** "A Theoretical Examination of Diverging Sibling Trajectories"

Constance Chapple and **Melissa Maxey.** "The Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic on the Educational Efforts of Incarcerated Women Participating in the Inside/Out Program"

## PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

**(2020)** "*Now What? Studying the Effects of Purity Culture on Today's Young Adults.*" Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). San Francisco, CA.

**2019** "*How Does a Shorter School Week Affect Academic Performance? Evidence from Oklahoma's Elementary Schools.*" American Sociological Association (ASA). New York, NY.

**2019** "*A Theoretical Examination of Diverging Sibling Trajectories*" Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). New York City, NY.

**2018** "*Future of Failure? Studying the Effects of a Shortened Schedule on the Academic Success of Students.*" Graduate Student Fellowship Research Symposium. Norman, OK.

**2017** "*Is God in Their Bedrooms? A Study of Support for Providing Birth Control to Younger Teens Without Parental Consent.*" Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). New York, NY.

**2017** "*Is God in Their Bedrooms? A Study of Support for Teen Birth Control.*" Graduate Student Fellowship Research Symposium. Oral Presentation. Norman, OK.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

**2019 - 2020** **JR Morris Award for Outstanding Student Leadership on Campus**, Office of Student Affairs, University of Oklahoma.

**2017 - 2020** **Graduate College Foundation Fellowship** from the Department of Sociology and the Graduate College, University of Oklahoma. \$14,500 4-year fellowship.

## RESEARCH SUPPORT & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

**2020 - 2021** Recipient, **Robert E. and Mary B. Sturgis Scholarship.** \$1500

**2020-2021** Recipient, **Nelle Fuller Sooner Heritage Scholarship.** \$1500

**2019 - 2020** Recipient, **David C. Steed Scholarship.** \$1250

**2019** Recipient, **Board of Directors Travel Award**, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). New York. \$500

**2019** Recipient, **University of Oklahoma Sociology Departmental Travel Award**, University of Oklahoma. New York City, NY. \$500

**2018 - 2019** Recipient, **David C. Steed Sooner Heritage Scholarship.** \$1000

**2019** Recipient, **Robberson Conference Presentation & Creative Exhibition Travel Grant**, University of Oklahoma. Philadelphia, PA. \$1321.75

**2017 - 2018** Recipient, **Lissa and Cy Wagner Scholarship.** \$1000

**2016 - 2017** Recipient, **David C. Steed Scholarship.** \$700

## CURRENT RESEARCH

**(2020) Dissertation.** *“Now What? Studying the Effects of Purity Culture on Today’s Young Adults.”* An examination of the effects of purity culture on the emotional health, relational ideals and success, and religious practice of today’s young adults.

**2019 Collaborative research project.** Original data collection with Connie Chapple, Trina Hope, and Marianne Smith. Examining the challenges and successes of learning in unique settings through the Inside/Out program.

## COMPLETED RESEARCH

**2018 Master’s Thesis, University of Oklahoma.** *Future of Failure? Studying the Effects of a Shortened Schedule on the Academic Success of Students.*

**2017 - 2019 Research fellowship project.** *How Does a Shorter School Week Affect Academic Performance? Evidence from Oklahoma’s Elementary Schools.* Examining the ways in which a switch to the four-day school week affects students in rural Oklahoma.

**2016 – 2017** *Is God in Their Bedrooms? A Study of Support for Providing Birth Control to Younger Teens Without Parental Consent.* Examining attitudes and support for providing birth control to young teens. Examines differences based on race, class, religiosity, and political ideologies.

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

**2020** Research Assistant Position. Qualitative data collection, coding, and data entry for Inside/Out project, working for Drs. Connie Chapple and Trina Hope.

**2019** Independently designed an online course for University of Oklahoma, SOC3353/WGS3353 Race, Class, and Gender.

**2018** Independently designed an in-person course for University of Oklahoma, SOC1113 Introduction to Sociology.

## SERVICE

### *Discipline*

**2019 - 2021 Student Representative.** Board of Directors, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP).

**2017-2019 Treasurer.** University of Oklahoma Chapter of Alpha Kappa Delta National Honor Society. Norman, OK.

**2017 Session Chair (2).** Annual Meeting of Oklahoma Sociological Association. Norman, OK.

### *Community*

**2020 Representative.** Search committee for the Executive Director of New Student Programs, University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

**2019 - Present Representative.** Vice President’s Advisory Board (VPAC), University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK.

**2019 - Present Chair.** Graduate Student Senate of University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

**2018 - 2019 Vice Chair.** Graduate Student Senate of University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

**2017 - 2018 Senator** (sociology). Graduate Student Senate of University of Oklahoma. Norman, OK.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

## **REFERENCES**

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