

Course Publications

My approach to mentorship is anchored in the idea that the best way to learn how to do research is to do research. I have designed my graduate courses with this concept in mind and, coupled with the formal mentorship, I also active in a wide variety of informal mentorship activities. This informal mentorship focuses on helping students and peers with their statistical analyses with an emphasis on improving their statistical communication to a diverse social science audience. Throughout my teaching and mentorship (both formal and informal), I encourage students to develop and pursue their own research agendas. Several student have either published papers, completed their Master's Thesis or produced a dissertation chapters from projects that began and were substantial developed in one of my courses.

The following is a full list of student publications/Master's theses that were developed as part of one of my courses.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS *(Student(s) from the course in bold. Course listed in parentheses)*

19. **McGee, Tess**, Abby Tessmer, Meredith Worthen, and Trina Hope. 2026. "Walking While Trans: Exploring Police Violence and Misconduct Towards Trans People Through Intersectional Subjection." *The International Journal of Transgender Health*. Accepted. (Stats III)
18. Bass, Loretta, and **Oyindamola Okuwa**.2026. "[Women's decision-making power and contraceptive use in Nigeria](#)." *International Sociology*. Online First. (Stats III)
17. **Schmidgall, Darci**. 2026. "[Do State-Funded "Alternatives to Abortion" programs reduce Abortion Rates? A Longitudinal Analysis](#)." *Social Science Research*. 133. Online First. (Stats III)
16. **Black, Cheyenne**. 2026. "[Astro-nots Bezos, Branson, and Musk compared to NASA: promises and pitfalls of using sentiment analysis to assess differences between commercial, government, and public-private space missions](#)." *Quality and Quantity*. 60, 355–381. (Stats III)
15. **Bonner, Emily** and Loretta Bass. 2025. "[The Price Is Not Right: Grocery Taxation, Race and Food Insecurity During COVID-19](#)." *Sociology Compass*. 19. (Stats III)
14. **Ferraro, A.C., S. Abby Young**, Briceira Bernal, **Tiffanie Vo**, and Cyrus Schleifer. 2025. "[Hispanic intersectional pay in the United States: Measuring the intra- and inter-ethnoracial and gender income differences by Hispanic groups](#)." *Sociological Forum*. 40: 319-341. (Directed Reading: Learning R)
13. Schnabel, Landon, Ilana Horwitz, **Peyman Hekmatpour**, and Cyrus Schleifer. 2025. "[Breaking Free of the Iron Cage: The Individualization of American Religion](#)." *Socius*. 11. (Directed Reading: Longitudinal/Panel Modeling in Sociology)

12. **Tessmer, Abby** and Meredith Worthen. 2025. “[Transgender Realities: The Relationship Between Transgender Visibility, Race, and Victimization.](#)” *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*. Online First. (Stats III)
11. **Tessmer, Abby**, Meredith Worthen, and Cyrus Schleifer. 2025. “[Drag Participation and Trans Women’s Mental Health.](#)” *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health*. Online First. (Stats II)
10. Young, S. Abby, and **Sally Wisner**. 2025. “[Mother knows best: how working mothers influence gender and racial differences in educational expectations for graduate school.](#)” *Sociological Spectrum*. 45(1), 1–28. (Stats III) (Stats II)
9. **McElroy, Elizabeth**, S. Abby Young, and Cyrus Schleifer. 2025. “[The Stalled Revolution versus Secularization: The Dynamic Relationship between Gender Attitudes and Religiosity.](#)” *Socius*. 11. (Stats III)
8. **Vo, Tiffanie**, Cyrus Schleifer, and Peyman Hetmatpour. 2023. “[Asian Americans and Income Inequality: Disparities Between and Within Racial, Ethnic, and Gender Groups.](#)” *Sociological Perspectives*. 66(6), 1103-1124. (Stats III)
7. **Young, S. Abby**, Ann Beutel, and Stephanie Burge. 2023. “[High Hopes: Gender Trends in Educational Expectations for Graduate and Professional School, 1976-2019.](#)” *The Sociological Quarterly*. 66(6), 1103-1124. (Stats III)
6. **Ferraro, A.C.**, Erin Maher, and Claudette Grinnell-Davis. 2022. “[Family ties: A quasi-experimental approach to estimate the impact of kinship care on child well-being.](#)” *Children and Youth Services*. 137. (Stats III)
5. **Herbolsheimer, Chancey** and Stephanie Burge. 2022. “[Afraid to Seek Care? A Fixed Effects Analysis of State Fetal Protection Legislation and Prenatal Healthcare Utiliation from 2002 to 2015.](#)” *JSM-Population Health*. 20. (Stats III)
4. **Hekmatpour, Peyman**. 2020. ”[Inequality and religiosity in a global context: Different secularization paths for developed and developing nations.](#)” *International Journal of Sociology*. 50(4): 286-309. (Stats III)
3. **Luo, Xiaoshuang** and Cyrus Schleifer. 2020. “[Is There a Marriage or Parenthood Effect on Police Income?](#)” *Policing: An International Journal*. 43(4): 559-574. (Stats III)
2. **Hekmatpour, Peyman**, and Thomas J. Burns. 2019. ”[Perception of Western governments’ hostility to Islam among European Muslims before and after ISIS: the important roles of residential segregation and education.](#)” *The British Journal of Sociology*. 70 (5): 2133-2165. (Stats III)
1. **Miller, Amy**, Melissa Jones, and Cyrus Schleifer. 2019. “[The Overall and Gendered Effects of Postrelease Supervision on Recidivism: A Propensity Score Analysis.](#)” *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. 46(7):1020-43. (Directed Readings: Advanced Categorical Regressions Models)

DISSERTATION CHAPTERS *(Numbers in bold are also published)*

1. **Ferraro, A.C.** 2025. “Family ties: A quasi-experimental approach to estimate the impact of kinship care on child well-being.” Pp. XX-XX in *The Future Orientations and Well-being of Children Involved in the Child Welfare System*. PhD dissertation, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III - Also Published)

MASTERS THESES *(Numbers in bold are also published)*

30. **Drumm, Laurein** 2026. “Making Cents of Justice: Does Educational Debt Affect Lawyers Probabilities of Employment in Government and Public Interest Law.” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III & Writing Workshop)
29. **Momunkulov, Bektemir** 2026. “Is the ”Second Shift” Now Online? Profiling Teleworkers in the United States After the COVID-19 Pandemic.” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
28. **Seyfi, Saman** 2026. “Grievances and Greenlash: A Structural Equation Model of Perceived Discrimination, Populism, and Climate Attitudes.” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
27. **Stanosheck, Alyson** 2026. “Grand Theft Education: Do Exclusionary School Punishment and Race Impact Property Crime?” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III & Writing Workshop)
26. **Romero, Isaac** 2025. “Voces Silenciadas, Mentes Resilientes: The Psychological Distress of Adversities on Latine LGBTQ+ Lives” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
25. **Santillan, Karen** 2025. “Unions, Race, and the Uneven Rewards of Teaching” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
24. **Gamble, Taylor** 2024. “Cloudy with a Chance of Conservation: How Perception Shapes Conservation Behavior” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
23. **Hunt, Reagan** 2024. ““How do you pay for debt without money? Just pay with your health.” Understanding the association between Legal Financial Obligations and Physical Health” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
22. **McKnight, Nathaniel** 2024. ““Freedom and Restraint: A Self-Control Perspective on Political Ideology” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
21. **Bonner, Emily** 2023. ““The Price Is Not Right: Grocery Taxation, Race, and Food Security During COVID-19” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III - Also Published)

20. **Brown, Aaron** 2023. “[Two Europe\(s\)? attitudes towards immigrants across eastern and western Europe.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
19. **Joyce, Andrew** 2023. “[The Religious Restructuring of the Politics of Education: Exploring Stalled Support for Education Spending, 1973-2018.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
18. **McGee, Tess** 2023. “[Sex Work, Race, and Bias: Exploring Police Violence and Misconduct Against Transgender People in the United States.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III - Also Published)
17. **Murphy, Emily** 2023. “[Big Brother in Blue: The Prying Eyes of the Police Surveillance State and Perceptions Shaped by Violent Crime Victimization.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
16. **Schwartz, Bria** 2023. “[Losing My Political Motivation: Trends in Voting and Protesting Expectations of U.S. High School Seniors.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
15. **Tessmer, Abby** 2023. “[Transgender Realities: The Relationship Between Transgender Visibility, Race, and Victimization.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III - Also Published)
14. **Black, Cheyenne** 2022. “[Astro-nots Bezos, Branson, and Musk Compared to NASA and the ESA: Using Twitter to Assess Public Sentiment Differences Between Commercial and Government Space Programs.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III - Also Published)
13. **Joseph, Deeon** 2022. “[Disorder, Disorganization, and Delinquency: A Mediation Analysis of Environmental Disorder, Extra-Curricular Activities, and Delinquency from Early to Late Adolescence.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
12. **Vo, Tiffanie** 2022. “[Parenthood Premiums and Penalties Among Asian American Workers: Exploring the Income Differences Across Gender, Marriage, and Parenthood.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
11. **Hassig, Kelsey** 2021. “[Cultural Health Capital and the Doctor-Patient Encounter: An Exploratory Analysis.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
10. **North, Amber** 2021. “[Examining the relationship between education and personal control over health: a mediation analysis.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III)
9. **Reel, Emily** 2021. “[Patient Expectations Predicting Medical Requests Based on Status Characteristics.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)

8. **Willis, Ozzie** 2021. “[Fatalism and its Effect on Health Behaviors in Mississippi and Louisiana Residents.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
7. **Cramer, Zachary** 2019. “[I \(Don’t\) Feel Pretty: Weight Perception, Self-Esteem, and Gender in Adolescence and Young Adulthood.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
6. **Herbolsheimer, Chancey** 2019. “[Whose Choice? State Legislation and the Incidence of Abortion.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III - Also Published)
5. **Maxey, Melissa.** 2018. “[Future of Failure? Studying the Effects of a Shortened Schedule on the Academic Success of Students.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
4. **Elam, Chelsea.** 2017. “[Work Status and Gender Ideology: A Cross-Sectional and Pane Analysis.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)
3. **Luo, Xiaoshuang.** 2017. “[Is there a Marriage or Parenthood Income Penalty among Police?: The Case Study of Occupational Gender Inequality in the Public Sector.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma. (Stats III - Also Published)
2. **Miller, Amy.** 2017. “[Overall and Gender Effects of Post-Release Supervision: A Propensity Score Analysis.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III - Also Published)
1. **Snawder, Kara.** 2017. “[The Role of Health Inequality in Achieving Universal Primary Education: A Cross-National Panel Analysis.](#)” Masters Thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma, Norman, Oklahoma.(Stats III)