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## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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- 2024-Present Assistant Teaching Professor in the Department of Biobehavioral Health  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2021-2024 Assistant Professor of Biobehavioral Health and Demography  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2020-2021 Lerner Postdoctoral Fellow, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion  
Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY
- 2017-2020 Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work  
The University of Dayton, Dayton, OH
- 2016 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
Wright State University, Dayton, OH
- 2015-2016 Adjunct Instructor, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2011-2016 Research Assistant, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology and Education  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

### EDUCATION

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- 2016 Ph.D., Dual Degree in Rural Sociology and Demography  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2013 M.S., Dual Degree in Rural Sociology and Demography  
The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA
- 2010 B.A., Sociology, magna cum laude  
St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY

### RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

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- 2021-Present Research Associate, Population Research Institute, Penn State
- 2021-Present Faculty Affiliate, Rural Sociology, Penn State
- 2021-Present Faculty Affiliate, Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion, Syracuse University
- 2021-2024 Director, Rural Health Disparities (RHD) Lab, Penn State

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Health Disparities, Women's Health Issues, Social and Structural Determinants of Health, Rural Population Health, Spatial Inequality, Social Infrastructure

## PUBLICATIONS

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Mentor to a ^post-doctoral researcher, †graduate student, or \*undergraduate student.

### Refereed Journal Articles

Li, Y., † Rhubart, D. (2024). Cannabis Use, Social Support and Social Engagement among Working-age Adults in Rural America. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. 43. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2024.102794>

Zhang, X., Rhubart, D., Monnat, S. (2024). Social Infrastructure Availability and Suicide Rates among Working-Age Adults in the United States. *Socius*. 10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241241034>

Rhubart, D., Henly, M., Guest, A., Henning-Smith, C., Powell, A.M. (2024). Social Infrastructure and Health in Rural America: An Environmental Scan of Existing Publicly Available Data. *Aging and Health Research*. 100186. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ahr.2024.100186>.

Brant, K., Segel, J., McShane, M., Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J., Palacios, H., Jackson, J. (2024). Implementing a Teaching Rural Mobile Health Clinic: Challenges and Adaptations. *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*. 35(1), 385-390. <https://www.muse.jhu.edu/article/919825>.

Rhubart, D., Santos, A. (2023). Research Note Showing the Rural Mortality Penalty varies by Region, Race and Ethnicity in the United States, 1999-2016. *Demography*, 60 (6): 1699–1709. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-11078239>

Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J.^, Yerger, J.\* (2023). Rural-Urban Disparities in Self-Reported Physical/Mental Multimorbidity: A Cross-Sectional Study of Self-Reported Mental Health and Physical Health among Working Age Adults in the U.S. *Journal of Multimorbidity and Comorbidity*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/26335565231218560>

Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J.^, Pillay, T\*. (2023). Third Places in Rural America: Prevalence and Disparities in Use and Meaningful Use. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 104(103153). <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2023.103153>.

Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J.^, Wincott, L.\* (2023) The Built Environment and Social and Emotional Support among Rural Older Adults: The Case for Social Infrastructure and Attention to Ethnoracial Differences. *Rural Sociology*, <https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12491>

Zhang, X., Brown, A., Rhubart, D. (2023). Can Resilience Buffer the Effects of Loneliness on Mental Distress Among Working-Age Adults in the United States During the COVID-19 Pandemic? A Latent Moderated Structural Modeling Analysis. *International Journal of Behavioral Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12529-022-10151-0>

Rhubart, D., Chen, Q., Sterner, G., Newton, R., Shaw, B., Scanlon, D. (2022). Conceptualizing and Measuring Abatement from the Opioid Epidemic: A Case Study from Pennsylvania. *Milbank Quarterly*, 100(3):1128. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-0009.12589>

Sun, Y., Rhubart, D. (2022). Rural-Urban Differences in the Association between Aging & Disability Services and COVID-19 Vaccination Rates among Older Adults. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648221119457>

Rhubart, D. Kowalkowski, J.^ (2022). Perceived Mental Health Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Roles of Social Support and Social Engagement for Working Age Adults. *Preventive Medicine*, 107171. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2022.107171>

Rhubart, D., Sun, Y., Pendergrast, C., Monnat, S. (2022). Socio-spatial Disparities in “Third Place” Availability in the United States. *Socius*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231221090301>

Rhubart, D., Monnat, S. (2022). Self-Rated Physical Health among Working-Aged Adults Along the Rural-Urban Continuum – United States, 2021. *Centers for Disease Control & Prevention Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. 71(5):161-166. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm7105a1>

Pendergrast, C., Rhubart, D. (2022). Socio-Spatial Disparities in County-Level Availability of Aging and Disability Services Organizations. *Journal of Rural Social Sciences*, 37(1): 3. Available at: <https://egrove.olemiss.edu/jrss/vol37/iss1/3>

Green, B., Rhubart, D., Filteau, M., (2021). Barriers for Implementing the Hub and Spoke Model to Expand Medication for Opioid Use Disorder: A Case Study of Montana. *Substance Abuse: Research and Treatment*, 15: 1-8. DOI: 10.1177/11782218211039781.

Rhubart, D., Sun, Y. (2021). Social Correlates of Flood Risk: Variation along the U.S. Rural-Urban Continuum. *Population and Environment*. DOI: 10.1007/s11111-021-00388-4

Rhubart, D., Monnat, S., Jensen, L., Pendergrast, C. (2021). The Unique Impacts of U.S. Social and Health Policies on Rural Population Health and Aging. *Public Policy and Aging Report*, 31(1): 24-29. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ppar/praa034>

Rhubart, D., Galli Robertson, A. (2020). The Right to Knowledge and the Superfund Program: A Fundamental Cause Approach to Disparities in Resident Awareness of Hazardous Waste Sites. *Environmental Justice*, 13(5): 181-188. <https://doi.org/10.1089/env.2020.0020>

Hannah, L., Rhubart, D. (2020). Teacher Perceptions of State Standards and Climate Change Pedagogy: Opportunities and Barriers for Implementing Consensus-informed Instruction on Climate Change. *Climatic Change*, 158(3/4): 377-392. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10584-019-02590-8>

Rhubart, D., Brasier, K. (2019). Arrest rates during natural resource development: Drilling, drinking and disorderly conduct in the Marcellus Shale region. *Society and Natural Resources*, 32(6), 675-692. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08941920.2019.1574046>

Rhubart, D. (2018). Disparities in individual health behaviors between Medicaid expanding and non-expanding states in the U.S. *JSM – Population Health*, 6, 36-43.

Rhubart, D. (2016). Identifying associations between state Medicaid expansion decisions and spatial disparities in county insurance rate changes under the ACA. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 36(1), 109-135.

Fowler, C., Rhubart, D., Jensen, L. (2016). Reassessing and revising Commuting Zones for 2010: History, assessment and updates for U.S. 'labor-sheds' 1990-2010. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 35(2), 263-286.

Monnat, S., Rhubart, D., Wallington, S. (2016). Differences in Human Papillomavirus Vaccination among adolescent girls in metropolitan versus non-metropolitan areas: Considering the moderating roles of maternal socioeconomic status and health care access. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*, 20(2), 315-325.

Brasier, K., McLaughlin, D., Rhubart, D., Stedman, R., Filteau, M., Jacquet, J. (2013). Risk perceptions of natural gas development in the Marcellus Shale. *Environmental Practice*, 15, 108-122.

### **Book Chapters**

Rhubart, D., Engle, E. (2017). The Environment and Health. In *Rural Poverty in United States*. Eds. Ann Tickamyer, Jennifer Sherman, and Jennifer Warlick. Columbia University Press.

Brasier, K., Davis, L., Glenna, L., Kelsey, T., McLaughlin, D., Schafft, K., Babbie, K., Biddle, C., Delessio-Parson, A., Rhubart, D., Suchyta, M. (2015). Communities Experiencing Shale Gas Development. In *Economics of Unconventional Shale Development*. Eds. Hefley, W. & Wang, Y. Springer International Publishing Switzerland.

Kinchy, A., Perry, S., Rhubart, D., Stedman, R., Brasier, K., and Jacquet, J. (2014) New Natural Gas Development and Rural Communities in the United States. In *Rural America in a Globalizing World: Problems and Prospects for the 2010s*. Eds. Bailey, C., Jensen, L., Ransom, E. West Virginia University Press.

### **Book Reviews**

Rhubart, D. (2012). Book Review - Working Class: Challenging Myths about Blue-collar Labor – By Jeff Torlina. *Rural Sociology*, 77(2): 317-319. <https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1549-0831.2012.00078.4.x>

### **Other Publications**

Zhang, X., Rhubart, D., Monnat, S. (2024). "Suicide Rates are Lower in Places with More Social Infrastructure" Population Health Research Brief Series. 254. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/254>

Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J.<sup>^</sup>, and Li, Y.<sup>†</sup> (2024). Spending Time Socializing in Bars Increases the Risk of Heavy Drinking. Lerner Center Population Health Research Brief Series. Research Brief #114. Accessed at: <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/249/>

Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J. (2022). Rural Health and Engagement Survey - Dataset. Department of Biobehavioral Health. Penn State University

Kowalkowski, J. and Rhubart, D. Social Support Protected Mental Health during the COVID-19 Pandemic (2022). *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series*. 188. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/188>

Rhubart, D., Sun, Y., Pendergrast, C., Monnat, S. (2022). Social Infrastructure (“Third Places”) is Not Distributed Equally Across the U.S. *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series*, 179. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/179/>

Pendergrast, C., Rhubart, D. (2022). Aging and Disability Services are Unequally Distributed Across the United States. *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series*, 170. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/170>

Monnat, S., Rhubart, D. (2022). Rural Working-Age Adults Report Worse Health than their Urban Peers. *Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series*. 169. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/169>.

Sterner, G., Verdery, A., Monnat, S., Yabiku, S., Zajac, G., Forster, P., Rhubart, D., Nur, S. (2021). Identifying and Informing Strategies for Disrupting Drug Distribution Networks: An Application to Opiate Flows in Pennsylvania. U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. Grant Final Report. <https://www.ojp.gov/pdffiles1/nij/grants/302149.pdf>

Rhubart, D., Sun, Y. (20 July 2021). [Flood Risk is Higher in Rural and Disadvantaged Communities](#). Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series. 144.

Monnat, S., Rhubart, D. 2021. National Well-being Survey Data. Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion. Syracuse University.

Rhubart, D., Monnat, S., Sun, Y. (6 July 2020). [Rural Ohio Faces High Health Risk during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) – Data Slice #26. Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series.

Rhubart, D. (1 July 2020). [Preventing Heat-Related Fatalities during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) – Research Brief #24. Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series.

- Covered by: [U.S. News and World Report](#); Spectrum News (Central NY)

Rhubart, D. (4 June 2020). [Gender Disparities in Caretaking during the COVID-19 Pandemic](#). – Data Slice #18. Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion: Population Health Research Brief Series.

- Covered by: [Public Radio International](#); [The New York Times](#); [Market Watch](#)

Rhubart, D. (2020). Greater Old North Dayton and Riverside Superfund Sites Community Questionnaire Results. Report available on the EPA’s Behr Dayton Terhmal System VOC Plume – Dayton, OH [Community Resources](#) page. Full report here: <https://semspub.epa.gov/work/05/965543.pdf>

Brasier, Kathryn, Rhubart, D. (2017). Changes in Crime Related to Marcellus Shale Development. The Marcellus Shale Impacts Study Wave 2: Chronicling Social and Economic Change in Northern and Southwestern Pennsylvania. *The Center for Rural Pennsylvania*.

Rhubart, D. (2016). Research Brief: The Impact of State Medicaid Expansion Under the Affordable Care Act on Health Insurance Coverage at the County Level. *The Carsey School of Public Policy*.

Brasier, K., Rhubart, D. (2014). Effects of Marcellus Shale Development on the Criminal Justice System. The Marcellus Shale Impacts Study: Chronicling Social and Economic Change in Northern and Southwestern Pennsylvania. *The Center for Rural Pennsylvania*.

McLaughlin, D., Rhubart, D., DeLessio-Parson, A., Brasier, K., Babbie, K., Leach, M. (2014). Population Change and Marcellus Shale Development. The Marcellus Shale Impacts Study: Chronicling Social and Economic Change in Northern and Southwestern Pennsylvania. *The Center for Rural Pennsylvania*.

### **Manuscripts and Book Chapters under Review**

Rhubart, D., Francis, L.A., Li, Y<sup>†</sup>. (*Revise and Resubmit*). Rural Health: Drivers, Disparities and Directions for Research. Invited book chapter in Research Handbook on Health Education, Health Promotion and Diversity.

Kowalkowski, J.<sup>^</sup>, Rhubart, D., Li, Y<sup>†</sup>. (*Under Review*) Mental Health Status and Use of Third Places Among Rural Working-Age Adults in the United States.

Velasco Palacios, H., Brant, K., Jackson, J., Rhubart, D. (*Under Review*). Community Responses and Adaptations following the Closure of a Rural Pharmacy and Primary Care Facility.

Rhubart, D., Li, Y.<sup>†</sup> (*Under Review*). Loneliness and Social Infrastructure in Rural America: A Cross-sectional Analysis of Existing Relationships.

Chen, Q., Sterner, G., Rhubart, D., Newton, R., Shaw, B., Scanlon, D. (*Under Review*). Creating a Robust Coordinated Data and Policy Framework for Addressing Substance Use Issues in the United States.

### **GRANTS**

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2023 Rhubart, D. (PI), Brant, K. (Co-I), Jensen, L. (Co-I). "SSRI Supported Working Group on Social Science Research on Rural Population Health." Social Science Research Institute. (FUNDED)

2023 Santos-Lozada, A.R. (PI), Rhubart, D. (Co-I) and Fisher, Z. (Co-I). R21 Grant. "The impact of Medicaid expansion on the rural mortality penalty in the United States." National Institute of Health, Total Requested: \$275,000. (FUNDED).

2022 McShane, M., Brant, K., Rhubart, D. (Co-I), Segel, J., Stephens, M. "Towards Sustainable Rural Health Care Delivery: A Pilot Study to Explore Preventive Health Care Access Using a Mobile Health Clinic." Social Science Research Institute. (\$34,407) (FUNDED)

- 2021 Rhubart, D. (PI) & Kowalkowski, J. (Co-I), “Social Infrastructure and Dimensions of Mental Health Substance Use among Rural Working-Age Adults.” Department of Biobehavioral Health Seed Grant (\$9,472.52) (FUNDED)
- 2021 Rhubart, D. (PI) “Social Infrastructure and Mental Health among Older Adults in Rural America.” NIH Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging (\$11,323) (FUNDED)
- 2019 Rhubart, D. (PI) - Faculty Mentor, College of Arts and Sciences Dean’s Summer Fellowship (\$1,500) to support an undergraduate research assistant. (FUNDED)
- 2019 Rhubart, D. (PI) - Faculty Research Fellow, Human Rights Center, University of Dayton (\$3,000) (FUNDED)
- 2012 Rhubart, D. - Tag-Along Fund Grant, College of Agricultural Sciences (FUNDED)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA

Diversity and Health (BBH 302)

Research and Applications in Biobehavioral Health – Writing Intensive (BBH 411W)

Women’s Health Issues (BBH 452)

Independent Study

Introductory Rural Sociology (RSOC 011)

The University of Dayton, Dayton OH

Principles of Sociology

Social Inequality

Society & Environment

Data Analysis

Senior Project Capstone

Social Science Research on Health Disparities

Introduction to Sustainability, Energy and the Environment

First Year Seminar

Wright State University, Dayton, OH

Sociological Analysis

## **AWARDS, HONORS & FELLOWSHIPS**

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Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA:

2022 Rural Sociological Society’s Early Career Research Award

2015-2017 Fellow, Pennsylvania Rural-Urban Leadership Program

2016 College of Agricultural Sciences Distinguished Dissertation Award

2015 Kenneth P. Wilkinson Memorial Scholarship in Rural Sociology

2014 Francena L. Miller & Michael F. Nolan Graduate Scholarship, Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology

St. Lawrence University, Canton, NY:

2010 Sociology Excellence in Research and Scholarship Award

2010 Sociology Senior Major Award

2010 St. Lawrence University FODYLL North Country Studies Award

2009 Inger Jo Hanson Memorial Citizenship Award

2008 Center for Civic Engagement and Leadership Special Recognition

## **INVITED TALKS**

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2024 Rhubart, D. Third Placing: A community-level Tool for Supporting Individual and Collective Well-being in Rural Communities. Lunch & Learn. Juniata College.

2024 Rhubart, D. "Community-Engaged Learning: Strategies for Mutual Success. Workshop. Juniata College.

2023 Rhubart, D. "Nuggets of Wisdom on Doing Rural Health Research." CTSI KL2 Program. The Pennsylvania State University.

2023 Rhubart, D. "Rural Population Health and Aging: Place, Policy, and the Built Environment." Center for Healthy Aging. The Pennsylvania State University.

2021 Rhubart, D. "Social Infrastructure & Mental Health Among Older Adults in Rural America." Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging Annual Meeting. The Pennsylvania State University.

2021 Rhubart, D. "Third Placing: The value of social infrastructure for health, well-being, and community." The Rural-Urban Leadership Program. The Pennsylvania State University.

2021 Rhubart, D., Pendergrast, C., Sun, Y. "Research with the National Neighborhood Data Archive (NaNDA)." The Lerner Lab & the Policy, Place, and Population Health Lab. Syracuse University.

2020 Rhubart, D. "Environmental Justice & the EPA Superfund Program: Does class still matter?" Center for Interdisciplinary Studies. Ohio Northern University.

2018 Hannah, L. & Rhubart, D. "Teaching in a polarized world: How community values shape science teachers' knowledge and approaches to climate change." College of Liberal Arts. Wright State University.

2017 Rhubart, D. "What happened to racial & ethnic disparities in health insurance coverage under the ACA's Medicaid Expansion?" Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Social Work Colloquium, The University of Dayton.



- 2016 Rhubart, D. “Disparities in individual health behaviors between Medicaid expanding and non-expanding states.” Economic Research Service.
- 2016 Rhubart, D. “Community-University Partnerships.” The Pennsylvania Rural-Urban Leadership Program: Class XVI. Entriiken, Pennsylvania.

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

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- 2023 Rhubart, D., Li, Y. Climate Change Risk and Mental Health Care Capacity: Leveraging the National Neighborhood Data Archive. *Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science*. October 2023.
- 2023 Rhubart, D., Kowalkowski, J., Pillay, T. Third Places in Rural America: Utilization and Disparities in Meaningful Use. *Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. August 2023.
- 2023 Li, Yiping, Rhubart, D. The Potential Health Risks of Using Bars as Third Places in Rural America. *Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. August 2023.
- 2022 Rhubart, D. Social Infrastructure and Social and Emotional Support among Rural Older Adults. *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. March 2022.
- 2021 Rhubart, D. Race, the Built Environment and Social and Emotional Support among Rural Older Adults: The Case for Social Infrastructure. *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting*. October 2021.
- 2021 Rhubart, D., Pendergrast, C. Third Places and Mental Health among Older Adults: Why, Where, and How it Matters. *National Council on Aging – Age+Action Conference*. June 2021.
- 2021 Rhubart, D., Pendergrast, C. Socio-Spatial Disparities in County-Level Density of Third Places in the South. *Southern Rural Sociological Association*. February 2021.
- 2020 Rhubart, D. Fundamental Cause Theory, Environmental Crises, and Health Risks: How socioeconomic status matters for those living near EPA-designated Superfund sites. *North Central Sociological Association*. Paper accepted for presentation; conference canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2019 Rhubart, D. Moderator for a session on Economic Inequality and Climate Justice. *Social Practice of Human Rights*. October 2019.
- 2018 Rhubart, D. Disparities in Individual Health Behaviors between Medicaid Expanding and non-Expanding States. *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. August 2018.
- 2015 Rhubart, D. Environmental exposures and hematologic cancers in Upstate New York: Connecting the Pieces. *Population Association of America*. April 2015.
- 2014 Rhubart, D., Brasier, K., Perchinski, J. A Longitudinal Analysis of Changes in Crime during Marcellus Shale Development in Pennsylvania. *The Rural Sociological Society*.

July 2014.

- 2013 Rhubart, D. Fertility and family formation expectations of former street children in Kenya. (Poster). *Population Association of America*. April 2013.
- 2012 Rhubart, D. Understanding trust and engagement in the social infrastructure of rural communities among street children in Kenya. *Rural Sociological Society*. July 2012.

## **MEDIA INTERVIEWS, COMMENTARIES, & COVERAGE**

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- 23 Jan 2024 Wall Street Journal. [Want Somewhere to Hang? Try the Café Run by a Bank.](#)
- 26 Jul 2023 On Point. NPR – WBUR. [‘Third places’ strengthen community. Here’s how we can rebuild them.](#)
- 12 Dec 2022 Kaiser Health Network. Manuscript cited in [In Rural America, Deadly Costs of Opioids Outweigh the Dollars Tagged to Address Them.](#)
- 12 Dec 2022 CNN. Manuscript cited in [Rural communities are often short-changed when it comes to opioid settlement funds.](#)
- 26 Nov 2022 Philadelphia Inquirer. Interviewed for [This Rural Pa. County has no Public Gym. A Retired Banker has a \\$20M Plan.](#)
- 18 Aug 2020 U.S. News and World Report. [Hot Weather Health Tips.](#)
- 9 July 2020 Spectrum News – Central New York. Heat-Related Mortality during the Pandemic.
- 2 July 2020 Chinese Global Television Network. The Heat. Interview for [COVID-19 surges in U.S.](#)
- 4 May 2020 WYSO Public Radio. Commentary: [COVID-19 and the Sociological Imagination.](#)
- 18 Sep 2017 WYSO Public Radio. Commentary: [Economic De-segregation in the Miami Valley.](#)

## **UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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- 2024-Present Advisor, Schreyer Honors College, Penn State University
- 2023-Present Principal Investigator, Social Science Research on Rural Population Health Working Group. Social Science Research Institute.
- Organizing the Annual Meeting
  - Convening Coffee Hours and Workshops
- 2023-2024 Co-Chair, Population Health Working Group, Population Research Institute, Penn State University
- 2023-2024 Member, Search Committee for faculty position in Biobehavioral Health, Penn State University

- 2022-2024 Research Committee in the Department of Biobehavioral Health, Penn State University
- 2023 Organizer, An Interactive Workshop on the National Academy of Sciences Report on Structural Racism and Rigorous Models of Social Inequity & the Implications for Research on Health and Well-being. Department of Biobehavioral Health and Department of Sociology. Penn State University. (25+ Attendees)
- 2021-2022 Reviewer, Schreyer's Honors Institute Applications.
- 2021-2022 Health and Human Development COVID-19 Health & Safety Committee, Penn State University
- 2021 Member, Search Committee for faculty position in Biobehavioral Health, Penn State University
- 2019 Author: "Assessment of Sociology Undergraduate Programs at Peer Institutions". Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, University of Dayton
- 2018-2019 Member, Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, University of Dayton
- 2015-2016 Coordinator, The Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, & Education, Pedagogy Brown Bag, Penn State University
- 2014-2015 President, The Penn State Graduate and Professional Student Association  
Co-Chair ex-officio, Facilities Fee Advisory Committee  
Member ex-officio, Student Activity Fee Board  
Non-voting member ex-officio, PSU Board of Trustees Finance, Business & Capital Planning Committee
- 2014 President, Rural Sociology Graduate Student Association, Penn State University

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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### Positions:

- 2023-Present Chair, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, Multistate Research Group – W-5001 (i.e. Rural Population Research Network)
- 2023-Present Member, Rural Health and the Built and Social Environment Working Group, Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging.
- 2021-2023 Member, Membership Committee, Rural Sociological Society
- 2021-2023 Vice Chair, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, Multistate Research Group – W-4001 (i.e. Rural Population Research Network)
- 2022-2023 Chair, Rural Health and the Built and Social Environment Working Group, Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging.
- 2021-2022 Member, Rural Symposium Planning Committee, Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, Multistate Research Group – W-4001

Adhoc Service:

- 2023 Abstract Reviewer, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences Annual Meeting. March 2023.
- 2021 Poster Judge, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences Annual Meeting. October 2021.
- 2019 Newsletter Commentary: “Public Health Initiatives to Reduce Smoking”. Society for the Study of Social Problems: Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
- Adhoc Manuscript Reviewer: *Demography*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Population and Environment*, *Environmental Justice*

**MENTORING**

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Postdoctoral Fellow:

2021-2023 - Jennifer Kowalkowski (Now Assistant Professor of Nursing @ Penn State)

Graduate Students

2022-2024 - Yiping Li (Biobehavioral Health)

Undergraduate Research Assistants:

- 2022 - Tarya Pillay (Biobehavioral Health)
- 2022 - Melanie DeCecco (Biobehavioral Health)
- 2022 - Logan Wincott (Sociology)
- 2022 - Hannah Dauser (Psychology)
- 2021-2022 - Erin McDermott (Community, Environment and Development)
- 2021-2022 - Brian Johnson (Economics)
- 2021 - Jordan Yerger (Biobehavioral Health)

**RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS AND TRAININGS**

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Advising and Mentoring: First-year student advising, undergraduate and graduate research assistant mentoring, and mentoring senior sociology majors with capstone projects.

Course Development: Backward course design, coteaching across disciplines, interdisciplinary course development and delivery.

Community Engagement: service-learning, community-university partnerships, community-based participatory research, and partnership design.

Software: SAS, SPSS/PASW, NVivo, ArcGIS, GeoDa.

**OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

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- 2017 Independent Contractor, Development Services Group, Inc.  
Developed research briefs and best-practices resources on behavioral-health programs and quality improvement for the U.S. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- 2015 Intern, Bipartisan Policy Center: Health Project Team, Washington, D.C.

Produced policy option summaries and research briefs on topics related to long-term care, advanced care, end-of-life care, and care integration.

- 2010-2011 AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer, New York Campus Compact  
Developed and bolstered university-community partnerships with non-profit organizations focused on refugee resettlement and violence prevention
- 2007-2010 Community Mentor, Center for Civic Engagement, St. Lawrence University  
Developed service-learning partnerships and supervised student volunteers in order to increase and improve civic engagement between the community partners, University students, and faculty.
- 2009 Intern, American Councils for International Education, Washington, D.C.  
Drafted monthly reports on the progress of visiting Egyptian and Chinese teachers and assisted with organizing teacher orientation.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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Rural Sociological Society  
Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging  
Western Association of Agricultural Experiment Station Directors, Multistate Research Group (W5001)

## **EXPERIENCE WITH GLOBAL PARTNERSHIPS**

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- 2012 Master's Thesis Field Research, Central Province, Kenya
- 2012 Teaching Assistant and Mentor to service-learning undergraduate students, Children and Youth Empowerment Center, Nyeri, Kenya
- 2009 Intern, Social Welfare Office of AMPATH (HIV/AIDS) Hospital, Eldoret, Kenya