

COLLABORATIONS

Faculty and graduate students regularly work together on research projects. Joint publications in the past few years (students in red) include:

Casanova, Erynn Masi, **Jeremy Brenner-Levoy**, and Cole Weirich. "All the World's a Con: Frontstage, Backstage, and the Blurred Boundaries of Cosplay." *Symbolic Interaction*, 2021.

Linders, Annulla, Erynn Masi de Casanova, and **Kyle Shupe**. "Dressed for Death: Gender, Respectability, and Resistance at the Gallows." *Symbolic Interaction*, 2022

Odum, Tamika, ... , **Sarah Bostic**, **Ayesha Casie Chetty**, Katherine Rivlin, **Annie McGhee**, and Danielle Bessett. 2024. "Prior Knowledge and Experience with Self-managed Abortion among People Seeking Abortion Care in U.S. Midwestern States." *Contraception*, 2024.

Pearson, Roderick J. Jr. and Jeffrey M. Timberlake. "Effects of Police Violence on Citizen Calls for Service: The Killing of Samuel DuBose in Cincinnati, Ohio." *Race, Ethnicity, and the City*, 2023.

Wright, Earl II, **Kierra N. Toney**, **Keri Eason**, and **Anthony J. Stone Jr.** (eds.). *Sociology and Hip Hop: An Anthology*. *Cognella Academic Publishing*, 2021.

FUNDING & SUPPORT

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Grants to graduate students for research benefiting disadvantaged Cincinnati communities.

University Research Council

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Funding for travel to conferences.

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SPOTLIGHTS

CURRENT STUDENTS



Cynthia Beavin, MA

Cynthia is a third-year PhD student studying medical sociology and the sociology of knowledge. Their master's thesis used qualitative interviews to understand differences in individual- and population-level conceptualizations of unintended pregnancy. Their current research is a genealogical exploration of how unintended pregnancy and abortion are constructed as problems using discourse analysis of expert publications in medicine, science, and policy.



Spencer Jarrett

Spencer is a first year PhD student whose research examines the intersections of rural life, technology, work, and the environment. He is particularly interested in how interaction with the natural environment shapes social life, especially in rural communities. His current research explores the shift from coal production to gas and oil production in Eastern Appalachian Ohio and the different impacts these industries have had on the physical, social, and natural environments in the area.



Kierra Toney, MA

Kierra is a doctoral candidate and sociologist of race and racism, urban communities, and education. She uses qualitative methods to explore how Black people engage in placemaking, resistance, and identity development within educational contexts. Her dissertation examines majority Black high schools as social institutions that Black people utilize to reshape otherwise oppressive urban environments into places of belonging.

ALUMNI



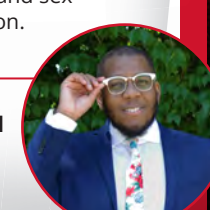
Shaonta' Allen (PhD 2021)
Assistant Professor, Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Dr. Allen's research draws on race, religion, social movements, and intersectionality frameworks to examine the various ways Black Americans make meaning of racial inequality and anti-Blackness and, in turn, identify and employ mechanisms to resist such oppression. She specifically explores how Black political behaviors and perceptions of liberation are influenced by religion and have shifted over time.



Orraith Heymann (PhD 2022)
Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Oshkosh, WI

Dr. Heymann examines how people navigate contentious health contexts such as sex education and abortion. As a result of her focus on educators and health care settings, her research engages with the subfields of sociology of health and reproduction, gender and sexuality, education, and work. She bridges these topics by examining health and well-being in schools and workplaces, cultural myths of abortion care, and sex education as a stigmatized profession.



Curtis Webb (PhD 2020)
Director of Community-Centered Research, Design Impact, Cincinnati, OH

Dr. Curtis L Webb III is a sociologist whose journey marries action-oriented research with impassioned advocacy, echoing the timeless wisdom of W.E.B. Du Bois's scholar-practitioner model. Since 2020, he has brought his profound acumen in social change and critical sociological analysis to Design Impact, a non-profit consulting firm, as their Director of Systems Redesign and Community-Centered Research.