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Education

PhD in Sociology Emory University, Atlanta, GA Anticipated PhD: Spring 2024	2018-present
MPH in Behavioral, Social, & Health Educ Sciences Rollins School of Public Health Emory University, Atlanta, GA Anticipated MPH: Spring 2022	Spring 2022
MA in Sociology Emory University, Atlanta, GA	Spring 2021
BS in Sociology Minor in Business Management Kennesaw State University, Kennesaw GA	Spring 2011

Research Interests

- Health Care Inequities
 - Decision-Making & Care-Seeking Behavior
 - Multi-Level Modeling & Analysis
 - Qualitative & Quantitative Mixed-Methodologies
 - Race, Class, & Gender
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Recent Publications

McDonnell, Jenny and Ellen Idler. **2020**. "Advance Care Planning & Healthy Living Through Faith: Targeted Opportunities in African American Communities". *Journal of Palliative Care and Social Practice* 14:1-15. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2632352420975780>

Browne, Irene, Anne-Kathrin Kronberg, and Jenny McDonnell. **2021**. "The Unexpected Spillover Effects of Restrictive Immigration Policy: Raising or Lowering Latino/a Earnings?". *Perspectives in Sociology*.

Manuscripts Under Review

McDonnell, Jenny. "Dying in a Racialized Society: Black-White Disparities in Planning for Death". *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. **(Under Review)**

McDonnell, Jenny. "Racism, Sexism, and Mental Health: Through an Intersectional Lens". **(In preparation to submit)**

Vaughn, Michael Patrick and Jenny McDonnell. "It Was Just White Men Listening to Spanish Music". **(Under Review)**

Conference Presentations

2021 "Racism, Sexism, and Mental Health: Through an Intersectional Lens", Paper Presentation, *Georgia Sociological Association*, Lake Lanier, Georgia

2020 "Unraveling the Effects of Social Class and Racism on Advance Care Planning", Paper Presentation, *Gerontological Society of America*, (online due to Covid-19)

2020 "Racism as a Fundamental Cause of Racialized Disparities in Hospital Death", Paper Presentation, *American Sociological Association*, (online due to Covid-19)

2019 "Dying to Live and Living to Die: Addressing Racial Disparities in Palliative Care", Paper Presentation, *American Sociological Association*, NYC, New York

- 2019** “Fighting to Die: Confronting Racial Disparities in Care Preferences at the End of Life”, Paper Presentation, *Southern Sociological Society*, Atlanta, GA
- 2018** “A Comparative Analysis of Education in Romania, France, and the United States”, *Society for Romanian Studies International Conference*, Paper Presentation, Academia de Studii Economice, Bucharest, Romania
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Honors & Awards

- 2021 Graduate Research Award for Excellence in Research**
Department of Sociology, Emory University
2021 recipient of the Maureen Blyler Graduate Research Award, awarded annually to a selected graduate student
- 2020 Research Paper Award, 1st Place**
Georgia Sociological Association
2020 graduate student recipient of the GSA student paper award for my seminar paper, “Racism, Sexism, and Mental Health: Through an Intersectional Lens”
- 2017 Research Paper Award, 1st Place**
Georgia Sociological Association
2017 undergraduate student recipient of the GSA student paper award for my undergraduate capstone paper, “A Comparative Analysis of Education in Romania, France, and the United States”
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Research Experience

- 2021 – present Graduate Research Assistant**
PI: Dr. Adam Wilk
National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases
National Institute of Health, K01 Grant awarded to Dr. Wilk
Award Number: 1K01DK128384-01
Responsibilities include directly assisting Dr. Wilk with qualitative study design, development of interview guides, participant recruitment, participant interviews, data management, coding and code book development, thematic analysis, and interpreting/writing results.
- 2021 – present Qualitative Research Consultant**

Reducing Disparities in Access to Kidney Transplantation (RaDIANT)
Community Study

PI: Dr. Rachel Patzer and Dr. Stephen Pastan

Emory Transplant Center

Funded by the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities

5-year, \$2.6 million grant

Responsibilities include interview guide direction and revision, conducting focus group discussions, and data analysis consultation.

Spring 2021

Focus Group Research Consultant for DGH Curriculum Committee

Rollins School of Public Health

Supervisors: Drs. Monique Hennink and Juan Leon

Responsible for collecting focus group discussion data, managing and cleaning qualitative data, coding and thematic analysis of data, and interpreting and presenting results

2020- 2021

Graduate Research Assistant

Department of Sociology, Emory University

Supervisor: Dr. Irene Browne

Responsible for quantitative and qualitative data collection, data management, literature review, academic writing, manuscript preparation for publication and revision upon review

Summer 2019

Graduate Research Assistant

PI: Dr. Ellen Idler

“Educational Materials for Advance Care Planning in African American Congregations”

Center for Practical Bioethics and John and Wuana Harman Foundation

Responsibilities include conducting systematic literature review and qualitative meta-analysis, program evaluation, and reporting results. Findings reported in 2019 annual palliative care research conference and published in academic journal following peer review.

Fall 2018

Graduate Research Assistant

Emory University, Department of Sociology

Supervisor: Dr. Ellen Idler

Responsible for citation management, systematic literature review, and book chapter preparation for publication

Teaching Experience

Teaching Graduate Students:

Fall 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant & Qualitative Software Lab Instructor**
Qualitative Data Analysis
Dr. Monique Hennink, Rollins School of Public Health

Spring 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant & Qualitative Methods Lab Instructor**
Qualitative Research Methods
Dr. Monique Hennink, Rollins School of Public Health

Teaching Undergraduate Students:

Spring 2021 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Health and Inequality
Dr. Heeju Sohn, Emory University Department of Sociology

Fall 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Sociological Aspects of Health and Illness
Dr. Ellen Idler, Emory University Department of Sociology

Spring 2019 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
Introduction to Sociology
Dr. Sonal Nalkur, Emory University Department of Sociology

Teaching Professionals:

Winter 2021 **Assistant Course Instructor**
Focus Group Discussions for Public Health
Center for Disease Control & Prevention

Summer 2021 **Assistant Course Instructor**
Qualitative Methods Workshop
QUAL-WORKS

Assistant Course Instructor
Qualitative Data Analysis Workshop
QUAL-WORKS

Guest Lecturer

- Fall 2021** **“Racism as a Fundamental Cause of End-of-Life Care Disparities”**
Learning About Laney Symposium
Laney Graduate School at Emory University
- Spring 2021** **“Racial Disparities in Health at the End of Life”**
Health and Inequality
Dr. Heeju Sohn, Emory University Department of Sociology
- Fall 2019** **“Behavior and Health”**
Sociological Aspects of Health and Illness
Dr. Ellen Idler, Emory University Department of Sociology
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Methodological Expertise

Qualitative Methods

Focus Group Discussions, In-Depth Interviews, Structured / Unstructured Observation, & Archival Data
Research Design
Participant Recruitment
Data Collection
Data Management, Coding, and Visualization
Thematic, Grounded Theory, and Classic Content Analysis
Proficient in MAXQDA and NVivo software

Quantitative Methods

Administrative, Geospatial, Social Network, & Survey Data
Research Design
Data Cleaning and Management
Data Visualization
Data Modeling and Analysis
Social Network Analysis
Proficient in SAS, Stata, R, and GIS software

Academic Service

- 2021-present** ***President***
Coalition of Graduate Sociologists
Emory University
- 2019-2021** ***Vice President***
Coalition of Graduate Sociologists
Emory University
- 2019-2021** ***Student Representative***
Graduate Program Committee
Department of Sociology, Emory University
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Professional Membership

American Sociological Association (Race, Gender & Class; Aging & the Life Course)
Gerontological Society of America
Southern Sociological Society
Georgia Sociological Association

Professional Experience & Service Outside of the Academy

- 2011-2016** **Founder/ Owner/ Director**
North Georgia School of Ballet
<http://ngaschoolofballet.com>
- 2016-2018** **Instructor and Choreographer**
North Georgia School of Ballet
- 2012-2013** **Artist in Residence**
North Springs Charter High School
- 2004-2009** **Early Childhood, Ballet, and Pointe Instructor**

References

Dr. Ellen Idler (Advisor)

Samuel Candler Dobbs Professor of Sociology
Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology
Director, Religion and Public Health Collaborative
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Dr. Monique Hennink (Supervisor)

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Dr. Adam Wilk (Supervisor)

Assistant Professor
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Dr. Irene Browne

Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
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Dr. Darina Lepadatu

President, Georgia Sociological Association
Professor of Sociology
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
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