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Education

- 2021 – Present **Ph.D. Student**, Sociology, University of Michigan
Certificates in Social Epidemiology & Science, Technology, and Society
- 2020 **B.A.**, Sociology & Public Health, University of Iowa
Certificate in Social Science Analytics

Specializations

Bioethics, morality, health, disability, embodiment, governance, law, social medicine, STS

Teaching Experience

- 2023 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociology Research Methods
University of Michigan Department of Sociology, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2021 **Guest Lecture**, “Symbolic Boundaries,” Applied Research
University of Iowa Department of Sociology, Iowa City, IA

Research Positions

- 2023 – Present **Grant Co-Writer & Research Associate**, Humanities Without Walls
Grand Research Challenge: “The Flint Water Disaster Public Archive.”
University of Iowa Libraries, Iowa City, IA
- 2019 – 2021 **Coordinator**, MPowerment HIV Prevention Program
Johnson County Health Department, Iowa City, IA
- 2018 – 2023 **Research Assistant**, Sterilization and Social Justice Lab
University of Michigan Department of American Studies, Ann Arbor, MI

Publications in Progress

- Smith, L.** & Novak, N. “Eugenical Aspects of Deportation” in California’s 20th Century State Hospitals for the Insane.
- Smith, L.** & Thompson, D. Policing the Unfit: Eugenic Sterilizations of Criminals in 20th Century Iowa.
- Smith, L.** & Clarke, P. Crippling Neighborhood Disorder: Seeing Accessibility in the Sociology of Place.
- Seamster, L., Rhym, C., & **Smith, L.** Water Governance as Racial Politics: Implications for Health.

Conference Presentations

Talks

- 2023 “Carceral Eugenics and Criminalized Deviance in 20th Century Iowa.”
American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
- “Eugenics, Incarceration, and Reproductive Justice.” Plenary panel,
Reproductive Ethics Conference, Galveston, TX
- 2022 “The Limits of Consent and Patterns of Coercion in U.S. Histories of
Eugenic Sterilization.” Panel, ELSIcon2022, New York, NY (virtual)
- 2021 “Racial Politics, Water Governance and Health Outcomes.” American
Sociological Association (virtual)
- “Trends in Nationality and Deportations of Patients in 20th Century
California Mental Health Institutions.” American Public Health
Association, Denver, CO (virtual)
- “Experiences of Archival Researchers in Eugenics Studies.” Panelist, with
Juan Gudino and Nina Vo. Regional Reflections on Eugenics: Midwest
Convening, Champaign, Il (virtual)

Roundtables

- 2023 “Disabling Spaces: The Sociospatial Production of Impairment Among
Midwestern Older Adults with Spinal Cord Injury.” Roundtable, American
Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA

Fellowships and Awards

- 2021 **Predocctoral Trainee**, Population Studies Center
Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2020 **Summer Fellow**, Just Public Finance Program
Center for Othering and Belonging, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA