

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*, 2020.

Heymann, Orlaith, Tamika Odum, Alison H. Norris, and Danielle Bessett. "Selecting an Abortion Clinic: The Role of Social Myths and Risk Perception in Seeking Abortion Care." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2022.

Linders, Annulla, **Brittney Miles**, **Molly Broscoe**, and **Jennifer Money**. "The Sounds of Executions: Sonic Flaws and the Transformation of Capital Punishment." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, 2022.

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*, 2022.

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

Kunz Center for Social Research
Research and travel funding for graduate students.

Charles Phelps Taft Research Center
Dissertation fellowships, summer funding, and money for research expenses.

The Cincinnati Project
Grants to graduate students for research benefitting disadvantaged Cincinnati communities.

University Research Council
Fellowships for summer research projects.

Graduate School
Dean's Fellowships to doctoral students.

Graduate Student Governance Association
Funding for travel to conferences.

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ABOUT

The PhD Program

The Department of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati has a long track record of training graduate students for academic positions and research careers in the public, non-profit, and for-profit sectors. Our faculty have national reputations and records of award-winning publications, grants, and leadership positions in regional and national sociological associations. Bearcat Sociology is:

Focused on social inequality.

Our primary concentrations are community and urban sociology and the sociology of health and medicine, with secondary specializations in race and ethnicity and gender and family. We encourage prospective students who are interested in these topics to join us!

Urban.

We are located in the center of Cincinnati, a beautiful river city that combines the amenities of a major metropolis with a small town cost of living. Our urban location and proximity to six major hospitals make UC the ideal place to study urban and health issues.

Diverse and inclusive.

One-third of our faculty are scholars of color and over half of our 50 graduate students are either international or members of underrepresented minority groups. We especially encourage prospective students of color to give us a long look, as we pride ourselves on training the next generation of scholars of color in a diverse and inclusive environment.

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SPOTLIGHTS

FACULTY



Littisha A. Bates, PhD

Dr. Bates is a sociologist of education and early child development. Her current research examines changes in the magnet school enrollment processes in the City of Cincinnati, focusing on the impact of the change from first-come, first-served enrollment to a district-wide lottery.

"Graduate students in the department of sociology have the opportunity to become experts in the study of social inequality in an urban environment under award-winning faculty, including many scholars of color. UC has made clear its commitment to diversity and excellence. What student wouldn't want to train in such an environment?!"



Danielle Bessett, PhD

Dr. Bessett's research interests are in medical and family sociology, focusing on inequalities in reproduction. She co-leads the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network, which conducts rigorous, impactful, and forward-thinking social-science research on the reproductive health of Ohioans. Dr. Bessett's other projects focus on women's experiences of pregnancy in the U.S., abortion stigma, and disparities in infant mortality.

"PhD students should come to UC because UC Sociology offers incredible opportunities to engage in cutting-edge, critical research with real-world implications for policy and practice."

STUDENTS



Jules Madzia

Jules is a fourth-year PhD student and rising third-year MD student in the Medical Scientist Training Program. Their research focuses on medical students' experiences with inequality in professionalization throughout their medical education. Their dissertation project relies on qualitative interview data to understand how experiences with racism, sexism, homophobia, and transphobia during medical school impact trainees' short-term wellbeing and long-term career trajectories.

"The UC sociology department offers a supportive and collaborative environment for students with research interests that span all areas of sociology. The program provides high quality training in both qualitative and quantitative methods, as well as ample research support and opportunities for teaching."



Anthony J. Stone, Jr.

Anthony is a doctoral candidate and sociologist of race, racism, and identity, whose research centers the voices and experiences of marginalized populations. He synthesizes scholarly traditions in Sociology, Communication, and Black/Africana Studies to analyze media representations. His dissertation examines how Black men understand and relate to the portrayal of Black men in film.

"Bearcat Sociology is an excellent learning environment! Our faculty are supportive of innovative ideas and encourage student-driven research agendas. I love that we have a diverse department of different national, gender, and racial identities. Being a Bearcat Sociologist has prepared me for research, teaching, and mentorship through dedicated training."

Placement of Recent PhDs

Shaonta' Allen (2021)

Mellon Faculty Fellow, Dartmouth College (NH)

Marcus Brooks (2022)

Assistant Professor, Western Kentucky University (KY)

Ayesha Casie Chetty (2021)

Community Research Manager, National Humanities Alliance (DC)

Sevsem Cicek-Okay (2020)

Assistant Professor, Niagara University (NY)

Orlaith Heymann (2022)

Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh (WI)

Elaina Johns-Wolfe (2020)

Assistant Professor, University of Missouri-St. Louis (MO)