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Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute for Health, Rutgers University. 2024 –
Professor and Chair, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University, 2018 – 2024.
Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute for Health, Rutgers University, 2016 –
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology and Institute for Health, Rutgers University, 2006 –
2016.
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers
University, 1999-2006

EDUCATION

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
PhD Demography, Regional Science and Sociology, 1998
MA Demography, 1994
MA Regional Science, 1990
BA Regional Science, Magna Cum Laude with distinction in major, 1990

AWARDS AND GRANTS

Rutgers Grant Awards in Big Data Analytics Program, 2017-2018. “Using Big Data to Assess the
Impact of Advances in Medical Treatment and Screening on Hepatitis C-Related Morbidity and
Mortality.” (With Amy Davidow, Andrea Marcus, Nikolaos Pyrsopoulos, and Pauline Thomas).
(\$40,000).

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 2014-2017. “The Changing Epidemiology of Suicide:
Age, Cohort and Period Factors.” \$87, 516. (Principal Investigator)

Rutgers University Research Council Grant, 2013-2014. “The Great Recession and Middle-Aged
Suicide Rates.” \$1,700.

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 2007-2009. “Factors Associated with Spatial and
Temporal Variation in Suicide Rates.” \$19, 997. (Principal Investigator)

“Explaining Recent Temporal Trends in U.S. Suicide Rates,” 2003-2004. \$9, 383. (Principal
Investigator). Funded through National Institute for Mental Health Center for the Organization and
Financing of Care for the Severely Mentally Ill (David Mechanic, Principal Investigator, IHCPAR,
Rutgers University).

National Science Foundation, 2002-2005. “Understanding Variation in U.S. Homicide Rates across Time and Space, 1970-1996.” \$78, 221. (Principal Investigator)

Joint Center for Poverty Research, University of Chicago/Northwestern University, 2001-2002. “Disenrollment from NJKidCare: A Multilevel Analysis of SCHIP Retention.” \$30, 000. (With Jane E. Miller).

Rutgers University Research Council Grant, 2000. “Racial and Ethnic Differences in the Process of Divorce.” \$3,000. (With Megan M. Sweeney).

Reinvest in Rutgers Award., 1999 “Age Composition and Homicide Rates: How does the Relationship Vary across Time, Space and Race?” \$20, 000. (Principal Investigator)

Rutgers University Research Council Grant, 1999. “White and Black Homicide Rates: Why the Difference?” \$2, 400.

William Penn Fellowship for Graduate Studies, 1993-1997.

Phi Beta Kappa, 1990.

Senior Prize in Regional Science, 1990.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES

Asterisks indicate publication with graduate student * or undergraduate student †

Phillips, Julie A. 2025. “Prevalence and Predictors of Substance Use as a Contributing Factor to Suicide in the United States, 2015-2020: A Repeated Cross-Sectional Analysis.” *BMJ Public Health*. 3:e002145. DOI: [10.1136/bmjph-2024-002145](https://doi.org/10.1136/bmjph-2024-002145).

Phillips, Julie A., Thomas R. Davidson, and Marilyn S. Baffoe-Bonnie*. 2023. “Identifying Latent Themes in Suicide among Black and White Adolescents and Young Adults using the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2013-2019.” *Social Science and Medicine*, Volume 334. 116144. DOI: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116144](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.116144).

Phillips, Julie A. and Katherine Hempstead. 2022. “The Role of Context in Shaping the Relationship between Physical Health and Suicide over the Life Course” *Social Science and Medicine Population Health*, Volume 17. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101059](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2022.101059).

Phillips, Julie A. and Elizabeth Luth*. 2020. “Beliefs about Suicide Acceptability in the United States: How Do They Affect Suicide Mortality?” *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences* 75(2): 414-425. DOI: [10.1093/geronb/gbx153](https://doi.org/10.1093/geronb/gbx153).

Selected: By editor as an Editor’s Choice Article, a paper that provides an especially significant contribution to the field of gerontology and is made available free to non-subscribers.

Featured: In New York Times, New Scientist, Washington Post

Hempstead, Katherine and Julie A. Phillips. 2019. “Poisoning Suicides and Opioid Overdoses: A Divergence in Trends.” *Health Affairs* 38(1): 29-35. DOI: [10.1377/hlthaff.2018.05186](https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2018.05186).

Tong, Yi † and Julie A. Phillips. 2018. “Understanding Changes in Attitudes toward Suicide between 1980s and 2010s in the United States.” *Social Science Quarterly* 99(5): 1585-1598. DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12522](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12522).

Krivo, Lauren and Julie A. Phillips. 2018. “How does Immigration affect Suicide? An Analysis of U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” *Social Science Quarterly* 99(4): 1510-1521. DOI: [10.1111/ssqu.12517](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.12517).

Phillips, Julie A. and Katherine Hempstead. 2017. “Differences in U.S. Suicide Rates by Educational Attainment, 2000-2014.” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 53(4): e123-e130. DOI: [10.1016/j.amepre.2017.04.010](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2017.04.010).

Featured: In Bloomberg News, Washington Post

Snowdon, John, Julie A. Phillips, Baoliang Zhong, Takashi Yamauchi, Helen F.K. Chiu and Yeates Conwell. 2017. “Changes in Age Patterns of Suicide in Australia, the United States, Japan and Hong Kong.” *Journal of Affective Disorders* 211: 12-19. DOI: [10.1016/j.jad.2017.01.007](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2017.01.007).

Phillips, Julie A. 2016. “Testing a Sociological Explanation for Rising Rates of White Mortality.” *Sociological Forum* 31(3): 716-720. DOI: [10.1111/socf.12280](https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12280).

Hempstead, Katherine and Julie A. Phillips. 2015. “Rising Suicide among Adults Aged 40-64 years: The Role of Job and Financial Circumstances.” *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* 48(5): 491-500. DOI: [10.1016/j.amepre.2014.11.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2014.11.006).

Selected: By editors for press release and to be part of a program for continuing medical education for physicians reading AJPM

Featured: On radio, including National Public Radio and print, including New York Times, U.S. News and World Report, Canada’s National Post, New York Magazine, New Jersey’s Star Ledger and Proto (Massachusetts General Hospital), among others.

Phillips, Julie A. and Colleen N. Nugent*. 2014. “Suicide and the Great Recession of 2007-2009: The Role of Economic Factors in the 50 U.S. States.” *Social Science and Medicine* 116: 22-31. DOI: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.06.015](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.06.015).

Featured: In Wall Street Journal, among others

Phillips, Julie A. 2014. “A Changing Epidemiology of Suicide? The Influence of Birth Cohorts on Suicide Rates in the United States.” *Social Science and Medicine* 114: 151-160. DOI: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.05.038](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2014.05.038).

Featured: On NPR’s All Things Considered and in New York Times, NBC News, Newsweek, Huffington Post, and Proto (Massachusetts General Hospital) among others.

Lorenzo-Luaces, Lorenzo† and Julie A. Phillips. 2014. “Racial and Ethnic Differences in Risk Factors Associated with Suicidal Behavior among Young Adults in the USA.” *Ethnicity and Health* 19(4): 458-477. DOI: [10.1080/13557858.2013.846299](https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2013.846299).

Included: In an online article collection featuring the most downloaded articles published in Routledge Health and Social Care journals in 2014.

Phillips, Julie A. and Colleen N. Nugent*. 2013. "Antidepressant Use and Method of Suicide in the United States: Variation by Age and Sex, 1998-2007." *Archives of Suicide Research* 17(4): 360-372. DOI: [10.1080/13811118.2013.785373](https://doi.org/10.1080/13811118.2013.785373).

Phillips, Julie A. 2013. "Factors Associated with Temporal and Spatial Patterns in Suicide Rates across U.S. States, 1976-2000." *Demography* 50(2): 591-614. DOI: [10.1007/s13524-012-0176-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-012-0176-y).

Phillips, Julie A. and Kenneth Land. 2012. "The Link between Unemployment and Crime Rate Fluctuations: An Analysis at the County, State, and National Levels." *Social Science Research* 41(3): 681-694. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2012.01.001](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2012.01.001).

A.V. Khera, M. Cuchel, M. de la Llera-Moya, A. Rodrigues, M.F. Burke, K. Jafri, B.C. French, **Julie A. Phillips**, M.L. Mucksavage, R.L. Wilensky, E.R. Mohler, G.H. Rothblat, and D.J. Rader. 2011. "Cholesterol Efflux Capacity, High-Density Lipoprotein Function, and Atherosclerosis." *New England Journal of Medicine* 364: 127-135. DOI: [10.1056/NEJMoa1001689](https://doi.org/10.1056/NEJMoa1001689).

Phillips, Julie A., Ashley V. Robin†, Colleen Nugent*, and Ellen Idler. 2010. "Understanding Recent Changes in Suicide Rates among the Middle-Aged: Period or Cohort Effects?" *Public Health Reports* 125(5): 680-688. DOI: [10.1177/003335491012500510](https://doi.org/10.1177/003335491012500510).

Featured: On NPR's Forum and in New York Times, Wall Street Journal, CNN, Forbes, among others

Phillips, Julie A. and David Greenberg. 2008. "A Comparison of Statistical Methods for the Analysis of Criminological Panel Data." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 24(1): 51-72. DOI: [10.1007/s10940-007-9038-y](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10940-007-9038-y)

Phillips, Julie A. 2006. "Explaining Discrepant Findings in Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Analyses: An Application to U.S. Homicide Rates." *Social Science Research* 35(4): 948-974. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2005.07.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2005.07.002).

Phillips, Julie A. 2006. "The Relationship between Age Structure and Homicide Rates in the United States, 1970-1999." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 43(3): 230-260. DOI: [10.1177/0022427806286565](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022427806286565).

Rosenfield, Sarah, Julie A. Phillips, and Helene Raskin White. 2006. "Gender, Race and the Self in Mental Health and Crime." *Social Problems* 53(2): 161-185. DOI: [10.1525/sp.2006.53.2.161](https://doi.org/10.1525/sp.2006.53.2.161).

Phillips, Julie A. and Megan M. Sweeney. 2006. "Can Differential Exposure to Risk Factors Explain Recent Racial and Ethnic Variation in Marital Disruption?" *Social Science Research* 35(2): 409-434. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2005.04.002](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2005.04.002).

Phillips, Julie A. and Megan M. Sweeney. 2005. "Premarital Cohabitation and Marital Disruption among White, Black and Mexican American Women." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 67: 296-314. DOI: [10.1111/j.0022-2445.2005.00117](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.0022-2445.2005.00117).

Sweeney, Megan M. and Julie A. Phillips. 2004. "Understanding Racial Differences in Marital Disruption: Recent Trends and Explanations." *Journal of Marriage and Family*: 66: 639-650. DOI: [10.1111/j.0022-2445.2004.00043](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.0022-2445.2004.00043).

Phillips, Julie A., Jane E. Miller, Joel Cantor and Dorothy Gaboda. 2004. "Context or Composition: What Explains Variation in SCHIP Disenrollment?" *Health Services Research*: 39(4): 865-885. DOI: [10.1111/j.1475-6773.2004.00262.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1475-6773.2004.00262.x).

Phillips, Julie A. 2002. "White, Black, and Latino Homicide Rates: Why the Difference?" *Social Problems* 39(3): 349-373. DOI: [10.1525/sp.2002.49.3.349](https://doi.org/10.1525/sp.2002.49.3.349).

Phillips, Julie A. and Douglas S. Massey. 2000. "Engines of Immigration: Stocks of Human and Social Capital in Mexico." *Social Science Quarterly* 81(1): 33-48. DOI: [10.1111/imre.12151](https://doi.org/10.1111/imre.12151).

Phillips, Julie A. and Douglas S. Massey. 1999. "The New Labor Market: Immigrants and Wages after IRCA." *Demography* 36(2): 233-246. PMID: [10332614](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/10332614/).

Phillips, Julie A. 1997. "Variation in African-American Homicide Rates: An Assessment of Potential Explanations." *Criminology* 35(4): 527-559. DOI: [10.1111/j.1745-9125.1997.tb01229.x](https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1745-9125.1997.tb01229.x)

CHAPTERS IN EDITED VOLUMES AND SHORT ESSAYS

Phillips, Julie A. 2019. "The Dangerous Shifting Cultural Narratives around Suicide." *Washington Post Op-Ed*, Sunday, March 24.

Phillips, Julie A. 2018. "Suicide." In Bornstein, Marc, Martha Arterberry, Karen Fingerman, and Jennifer Lansford (editors), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Lifespan Human Development*.

Phillips, Julie A. 2016. "Preventing Suicide should be a Public Health Priority." *Aging Today* 37(5).

Phillips, Julie A. 2015. "Suicide, Sociology of" In James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, Second Edition, Volume 23. Oxford, UK: Elsevier Ltd, pp. 682-688.

Krivo, Lauren J. and Julie A. Phillips. 2014. "Social Fact: The Homicide Divide." In Douglas Hartmann and Christopher Uggen (eds.) *Color Lines and Racial Angles*. New York: W.W. Norton & Co.

Carr, Deborah S. and Julie A. Phillips. 2013. "Social Fact: The Great Depressions?" Chapter 4 in *Crime and the Punished*, Edited by Douglas Hartmann and Christopher Uggen. New York: W.W. Norton.

Miller, Jane E. and Julie A. Phillips. 2013. "Writing about Hierarchical Linear Models." Chapter 18 in *The Chicago Guide to Writing about Multivariate Analysis*, Second Edition. Jane E. Miller. University of Chicago Press: Chicago, IL.

Phillips, Julie A. 2013. "Panel Methods in Criminology." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. Ed. Richard Wright. New York: Oxford University Press. Spring 2013.

Greenberg, David F. and Julie A. Phillips. 2013. "Hierarchical Linear Modeling of Growth Curve Trajectories Using HLM." Chapter 10 in *Hierarchical Linear Modeling: Guide and Applications*, G. David Garson, Ed. Sage Publications Inc.: Thousand Oaks, CA.

Carr, Deborah S. and Julie A. Phillips. 2013. "Social Fact: Mortality: Not the "Great Equalizer"?" *The Society Pages*.

Phillips, Julie A. 2008. "Crime in Adulthood". In Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development, edited by Deborah Carr (Editor-in-chief). Farmington Hills, MI: Thomson/Gale.

Phillips, Julie A. 2002. "Race and Violence." Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"A Reversal in Racial Disparities in Self-Injury Mortality among Black and White Americans Ages 15-29, 2018-2024." (With Ian Rockett and Eric Caine). Under review.

"Racial Disparities: Mortality from Suicide and Data Collection Systems."

"Racial Differences in the Role of Substance Use Disorders in Mortality from Suicide among American Youth." (With Cynthia Fontenella and Jeffrey Bridges).

"Beyond the Biopsychosocial: A Societal-Commercial-Policy-Engines (SCOPE) Framework for Suicide in the US." (With Paul Duberstein and colleagues).

"Estimating the Costs of Suicide Mortality in the United States." (With Paul Duberstein and colleagues).

"Understanding Emerging Racial Differences in Trends in Young Adult Suicide."

"Using the New MTF-MDI dataset to Unpack how Attitudes and Behaviors are Associated with Deaths from Self-Harm."

"Widening Partisan Divide in Male Firearm Suicide Rates" (With Katherine Hempstead and Lamisa Dewan).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Prevalence and Predictors of Substance Use as a Contributing Factor to Suicide in the United States, 2015-2020." Presented at the Suicide Research Summit, Boston, MA, November 2025.

"The Role of the Criminal Justice System among Black Suicide Decedents Ages 10-29, 2013-2019." Presented at an invited session of the 4th Annual Suicide Research Symposium, April 2025.

"Identifying Latent Themes in Suicide among Black and White Adolescents and Young Adults using the National Violent Death Reporting System, 2013-2019." Presented at the International Summit on Suicide Research, Barcelona, Spain, October 2023.

"Differences in Suicide among Blacks and Whites aged 10-29: Identifying Latent Themes in the NVDRS, 2013-2019." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 2023.

"Individual and Geographic Variation in the Nexus between Substance Abuse and Suicide in the United States, 2015-2019." Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 2023

“How does Immigration affect Suicide? An Analysis of U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” Presented at an invited session of the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 2019.

“Material Hardship, Family Structure, and Children’s Behavior Problems.” (With Daniela Arrigada, Lenna Nepomnyaschy and Sarah Gold). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, 2018.

“Generations of Suicide.” Presented at an invited session, “Durkheim’s Suicide, 1897-2017: The Legacy and Beyond” at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

“Differences in U.S. Suicide Rates by Educational Attainment, 2000-2014.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, 2017.

“Suicide, Crime and Recession.” Presented at the Author Meets Critic: Crime and The Punished Session at the Annual Meetings of the American Criminology Society, Atlanta, GA, November 2013.

“A New Epidemiology of Suicide: The Influence of Baby Boomers on Suicide Rates in the United States.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, 2013.

“Factors Associated with Temporal and Spatial Patterns in Suicide Rates across U.S. States, 1976-2000.” Presented at the Crime, Law and Deviance Invited Session “Ecological Studies of Crime” at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 2012.

“Understanding Geographic and Temporal Variation in Suicide Rates across U.S. States, 1976-2000.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington DC, 2011.

“Race Differences in Risk Factors for Suicidal Ideation and Attempts among Young Adults in the United States.” (With Lorenzo Luaces). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington DC, 2011.

“Dissecting the Recent Rise in U.S. Suicide Rates among the Middle-Aged.” (With Ellen Idler). Presented at the Mental Health Invited Symposium “Current Mental Health Trends: Fact or Fiction?” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2009.

“A Comparison of Statistical Methods for the Analysis of Criminological Panel Data.” (With David Greenberg). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August, 2008.

“The Link between Unemployment and Crime Rate Fluctuations: An Analysis at the County, State and National Levels.” (With Kenneth Land). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 2008.

“The Link between Unemployment and Crime: Reconsidering the Evidence.” (With Kenneth Land). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, November 2007.

“A Comparison of Statistical Methods for the Analysis of Criminological Panel Data.” (With David Greenberg). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA, November 2006.

“Explaining Discrepant Findings in Cross-Sectional and Longitudinal Research: An Application to U.S. Homicide Rates.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN, November 2004.

“Premarital Cohabitation and Marital Disruption among non-Hispanic White, non-Hispanic Black and Mexican-American Women.” (With Megan M. Sweeney). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.

“Gender, Race and the Self in Crime and Mental Health.” (With Sarah Rosenfield). Presented at the Ninth International Conference on Social Stress, Montreal, Canada, 2004.

“The Relationship between Age Structure and U.S. Homicide Rates, 1970-1999.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO, November 2003.

“Racial and Ethnic Variation in Marital Dissolution: A Story of Differences in Culture or Composition?” (With Megan M. Sweeney). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Minneapolis, MN, 2003.

“Does Context Affect SCHIP Disenrollment? Findings from a Multilevel Analysis.” (With Jane E. Miller). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Minneapolis, MN, 2003.

“Does Context Affect SCHIP Disenrollment? Findings from a Multilevel Analysis.” (With Jane E. Miller). Presented at the Health and Human Services Development Grant Conference, Washington DC, 2002.

“Disenrollment from NJKidCare: Preliminary Findings from a Multilevel Analysis.” (With Jane E. Miller). Presented at the Joint Center on Poverty Research HHS Development Grant Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2002.

“Racial Differences in Recent Trends of Marital Disruption.” (With Megan M. Sweeney). Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington DC, 2001.

“The Role of Demography in Explaining Variation in U.S. Homicide Offending and Victimization Rates over Time and Space.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington DC, 2001.

“White, Black and Hispanic Homicide Rates: Why the Difference?” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Washington DC, August 2000.

“Racial and Ethnic Differences in U.S. Homicide Rates.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto, November 1999.

“Age Composition and Homicide Levels: Does the Relationship Vary across Time and Space?” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 1999.

“An Examination of the Age-Crime Relationship using U.S. County Data.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 1999.

“Engines of Immigration: Stocks of Human and Social Capital in Mexico.” Poster Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, 1998.

“The Role of Human and Social Capital in Producing Mexican Immigration.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, 1998.

“The New Labor Market: Immigrants and Wages after IRCA.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington DC, 1997.

“High African-American Homicide Rates: An Assessment of Potential Explanations.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August, 1996.

“High African-American Homicide Rates: An Assessment of Potential Explanations.” Poster Presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, 1996.

SEMINARS

“A Decade of Change: Racial Differences in Suicide among Young Americans, 2013-2022.” Suicide Prevention and Research Collaboratory (SPARC), Rutgers University. February 2026.

“A Decade of Change: Racial Differences in Suicide among Young Americans, 2013-2022.” Institute for Health 40th Anniversary Speaker Series, Rutgers University. October 2025.

“Generations of Suicide: Understanding Cohort Differences in Suicide Risk.” Maryland Population Research Center. March 2018.

“Generations of Suicide.” School of Social Work, Rutgers University. April 2015.

“Consistencies and Inconsistencies in Suicide across the Life Course.” Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research Brown Bag Seminar, Rutgers University. April 2009.

“Inequality and Health” Project L/EARN. Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University. June 2007 and 2008.

“Secondary Data Sources.” Project L/EARN. Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research, Rutgers University. July 2002, 2003, 2007.

“Hierarchical Linear Models: An Overview and Application.” Institute for Health, Health Care Policy and Aging Research Post-Doctoral Seminar Series, Rutgers University. April 2001.

“Unraveling the Age-Homicide Relationship: When does Age Matter?” Econometrics Workshop, Economics Department, Rutgers University. November 2000.

“Engines of Immigration: Stocks of Human and Social Capital in Mexico.” Colloquium Series, Center for Urban Policy Research, Rutgers University. April 1999.

COURSES TAUGHT

Rutgers University, Graduate Program
Analysis of Sociological Data I
Proseminar in Demography and Health
Mortality and Population Health
Quantitative Analysis Seminar

Rutgers, University, Undergraduate Program
Criminology
Current Population Problems
Population and Society
Social Research Methods

University of Pennsylvania, Teaching assistant
Graduate course in Statistics
Population and Society

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

Marquis Johnson. Department of Public Health, Morgan State University. "Hospital Utilization Patterns in the Three Years Preceding Death among Individuals Who Died by Suicide or Overdose." External Reader. In progress.

Youngjin Chae. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Three Essays on Family, Fatherhood, and Children's Lives in the Changing Family Landscape in the United States." In progress.

Lauren Murphy. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Effects of Neighborhood Change on Older Adult Depressive Symptoms." 2019.

Elizabeth Luth. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Advancing our Understanding of a Good Death: How Social Inequalities, End-of-Life Planning and Proxy Characteristics Influence our Understanding of "Good Death" using Multidimensional Measures of Perceived Death Quality." 2017.

Kelly Kato. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Expanding the Immigrant Health Paradox: Self-rated health and Acculturation to the United States." 2017. Co-chair.

Katie Thurman. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "The Effects of Early Childhood Victimization on SES: A Sociological Analysis." 2016.

Colleen Nugent. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Gender composition and fertility decisions." 2012.

Tracie Witte. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Creating morality: Competing for medical marijuana legislation." 2012.

Svetlana Shpiegel. School of Social Work, Rutgers University. "Resilience among youth transitioning out of foster care: Cumulative risk and protection and their relationship with positive adaptation." 2012.

Dorota Szymkowiak. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Race differences in mental health services for depression and anxiety: Treatment rates, settings, and quality among whites, blacks, and Latinos in the Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiology Surveys." 2010.

Connie Hassett-Walker. School of Criminal Justice (Rutgers Newark). "Crime and the black middle class." 2006.

Sylvia Fuller. Sociology Department, Rutgers University. "Broken ladders or boundaryless careers: Job instability and worker well-being." 2004.

Erika Poulsen. Geography Department, Rutgers University. "Spatial analysis of robbery: Looking at urban dimensions in mid-sized cities." 2004.

Myeong-Sy Yun. Economics Department, Rutgers University. "Essays on labor supply and discrimination." 2000.

QUALIFYING PAPERS

Baffoe-Bonnie, Marilyn. "A Socioecological and Social Identity Approach to Exploring Factors Associated with Clinical Research Perceptions within the Sickle Cell Disease Community." 2021.

Callejas, Laura. "Seeking to Succeed: How High School Students Gather College Information." 2016.

Chae, Youngjin. "Has an Era of Father Absence Gone? The Rise of a Dual Fatherhood Model and its Settlement in Repartnered Families." 2024.

Cohen, Laurie. "A Cross-Sectional Analysis of the At-Risk Factors Associated with High School Graduation Outcomes: A Case Study of the Newark Public Schools' 2008/08 Graduation Cohort."

Dewan, Lamisa. "An examination of work problems as a contributing factor to suicide before and after the COVID-19 pandemic."

Espinoza, Maria. "Cholera and Access to Water and Sewage Infrastructure, Developing Countries 1990- 2012."

Gervis, Alexandra. "Reimagining Upper Class Philanthropy in Post-Recession America."

Hsu, Hsin-Hui. "Gender Differences in Burnout Levels among the Working Population in the United States."

Kato, Kelly. "The Mediating Effect of Social Comparison Theories on the Association between Acculturation and Mental Health among Mexicans in the United States."

Kao, Ying-Chao. "Religion and Attitudes towards Homosexuals at Worldwide Level."

Min, Woojung. "Marriage Package and Contingent Marriage Intention in South Korea."

Murphy, Lauren. "If You Build it, Will they Come? Moving beyond Access-Based Models of the Built Environment and Obesity Outcomes."

Phillips, Jason. "Patterns of Relationship Impairment in the Aftermath of Violent Criminal Victimization in the Adolescent Population."

Phillips, Jason. "Preventive Health Behavior among Sexual Minority Men: Findings from the National Health Interview Survey, 2013-2014."

Pristavic, Teja. "Auto-Mobility Care Work for Elderly Persons: Implications for Driving Cessation and Social Involvement."

Simpson, Theresa. "The Impact of Social Class on the Association between Early Motherhood and Self- Efficacy."

Thurman, Katie. "Mentoring Relationships: Definitions and Preferences for People Leaving Prison."

Thurman, Katie. "The Impact of Sport and Non-Sport Activity Participation on Student Academic Achievement: Assessing the Mediating Effect of Parental Participation in Schools."

Tuangco, Katherine. "The Relationship between Nurse Autonomy and Healthcare Managerialism."

Zainiddinov, Hakim. "What Factors Account for Black-White Differences in Anti-Muslim Sentiment in the Contemporary United States?"

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

To Department of Sociology, Rutgers University:

Department Chair, 2018-2024

Assistant Professor Mentor, 2006-

Computing Committee, 2015

Executive Committee (Elected), 1999-2001, 2005-06; 2010-11, 2014-15, 2017-18, 2018-2024, 2025-26

Faculty Enhanced Salary Review Committee (Elected), 2008, 2009, 2010, 2016, 2017, 2019

Graduate Program Committee (Elected), 2003-04, 2005-06, 2007-08, 2010-11, 2013-14, 2018-2024

Library Liaison, 2004-2005

Organizer, Colloquium Series 2001-2002, 2018-2024

Ombudsperson, 2013-17

Personnel Committee (Elected), 2011-12; 2017-18, 2018-2025

Promotion Review Committee, 2009-10, 2011-12, 2012-13, 2014-15, 2018-2024

Proseminar organizer, Spring 2011

QAS Workshop organizer, 2012-2018

Recruitment Committee, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2008, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2023

SAS Meeting Representative, 2008-2009

Social Media / Website Committee, 2018-

Undergraduate Teaching Committee, 2009-2010, 2025-2026

Undergraduate Program Committee, 2012-2013, 2018-2024

Undergraduate Honors Supervisor, 2006, 2010, 2015, 2023, 2025

To IHHCPAR, Rutgers University:

Art Committee, 2010-12

Excellence Fellowship Committee, 2007, 2009-12

Promotion Review Committee, 2011, 2019, 2022
Project L/EARN mentor, IHHCPAR
Daniela Arrigada, Rutgers University, 2017
Yi Tong, Queens College, 2016
Lorenzo Luaces, University of Puerto Rico, 2009
Ashley Robin, Vanderbilt University, 2008

To Rutgers University:

Affirmative Action Committee, 2007-2008
Advisory Committee for FAS Appointments and Promotions, 2007-2009, 2013-2015, 2017-2019, 2024
Community-based Approaches to Suicide Prevention (CASP) Steering Committee, Co-Chair Faculty division, 2010-2015
Coordinating Fellow of the Rutgers University Global Futures Consortium, 2001-2002
Fellow-at-Large of the Executive Council of Fellows, Livingston College, 2003-2004
Rutgers University Press, Editorial Committee, Member, 2017-2024
Rutgers University Press, Editorial Committee, Chair, 2020-2024
SAS, Executive Committee, Member, 2019-2022
SAS, Strategic Planning Committee, Co-Chair, Data Collection and Analysis, 2023-2024
Assistant Professor Mentor, School of Social Work

To Discipline:

Advisor, Scientific Council, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, 2015 -

Invited reviewer, RFA-MH-18-400: Addressing Suicide Research Gaps: Aggregating and Mining Existing Data Sets for Secondary Analyses (R01). NIH June 2020.

Invited reviewer, RFA-MH-18-400: Addressing Suicide Research Gaps: Aggregating and Mining Existing Data Sets for Secondary Analyses (R01). NIH February 2018.

Invited grant reviewer, American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, February 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020.

Invited reviewer, FOA RFA-CE-15-004: Evaluating Innovative and Promising Strategies to Prevent Suicide among Middle-Aged Men. Centers for Disease Control. June 2015.

Invited reviewer, NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00). National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, July 2015.

Member, ASA Crime, Law and Deviance Section, Nominations Committee, 2004-2005; 2010-2011.
Member, ASC Nominations Committee, 2008-2009; 2011-2012; 2012-2013.
Committee, Best Dissertation, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, American Sociological Association, 2007.

Session organizer and chair, "Violence in Families and Relationships", Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA. August 2005.

Session chair, "Family and Kinship: Predicting Marital Stability: Interpersonal and Structural Factors", Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. August 2004.

Session chair, “Child Health in Developed Countries: New Methods and Findings”, Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA, March 2004.

Member, Editorial Board, Social Science Research, 2015 – 2022

Member, Editorial Board, Frontiers, 2021 –

Peer reviewer:

American Journal of Preventive Medicine; American Sociological Review; BMC Public Health; Criminology; Crisis; Demography; Economics and Human Biology; Frontiers; Health Economics; Health Services Research; Homicide Studies; Industrial Relations; International Criminal Justice Review; International Journal of Ageing and Later Life; International Migration Review; Journal of the American Medical Association Psychiatry; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Marriage and the Family; Journal of Quantitative Criminology; Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency; Journal of Urban Economics; Law and Society Review; Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; National Science Foundation; PLOS One; Population and Development Review; Population Review; Population Studies; Psychology, Health and Medicine; Public Health Reports; Review of Regional Studies; Rural Sociology; Social Forces; Social Problems; Social Psychiatry and Psychiatric Epidemiology; Social Science and Medicine; Social Science Quarterly; Social Science Research; Sociological Focus; Sociological Forum; The Sociological Quarterly

To State:

Member, New Jersey Youth Suicide Prevention Advisory Council, June 2011-June 2016.

MEDIA CONTACT

CNN; MSNBC; Newsweek/Daily Beast; National Public Radio; The New York Times; Reuters; The Star Ledger; The Wall Street Journal; The Washington Post

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Latin America and the Caribbean, Trade, Finance and Private Sector Development Division, World Bank. September 1990 to July 1993.