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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University at Buffalo, State University of New York, Buffalo, New York

2017- Doctoral Candidate, Department of Sociology

2020- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Curriculum Capstone Program

2019-20 Advanced Dissertation Fellow, Humanities Institute

2017-20 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Center for Excellence in Writing

2015-19 Research Assistant, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, School of Law

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociological Theory • Urban Sociology • Environmental Sociology • Qualitative Methods
Intersectional Inequalities • Health Disparities • Criminology • Cultural Sociology

EDUCATION

Exp. 2022 Ph.D., Sociology, University at Buffalo, State University of New York
Title: “Life in a Leaded Landscape: Housing, Stigma, and Struggle in
American Cities”

Committee: Erin Hatton [Chair], Chris Mele, Veronica Horowitz,
External Readers: Anya Bernstein [University at Buffalo School of Law],
Gregory Sharp (Dartmouth College)

2020 Graduate Certificate
Center for Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning (CIRTL@UB)

2015 M.A., Sociology, Committee: Steve Hoffman [Chair], Robert Adelman

2011 M.A., English Literature, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

2009 B.A., Honors Program, Davis & Elkins College, Elkins, WV

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming **McLeskey, Matthew H.** “Socio-Legal Constraints to Housing
Habitability: The Case of Lead Poisoning,” in *The Sociology of Housing:
An Edited Volume*, edited by Brian McCabe and Eva Rosen. Chicago:
University of Chicago Press.

- Forthcoming **Matthew H. McLeskey**. “Lead Exposure in U.S. Cities.” *The Palgrave Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Futures*. Ed. Robert C. Brears. Palgrave Macmillan, Cham.
- 2021 **McLeskey, Matthew H.** Film Review of *Flint: Poisoning of an American City* by David Barhart, *Teaching Sociology* 49(1): 107-109.
- 2020 **McLeskey, Matthew H.** Film Review of *The Era of Neoliberalism* by Bernd Reimann, *Teaching Sociology* 48(4): 371-372.
- 2019 **McLeskey, Matthew H.** “The Unpredictability of the Land beneath Your Feet.” Book Review of *Manufactured Insecurity: Mobile Home Parks and Americans’ Tenuous Right to Place* by Esther Sullivan, *City: Critical Analysis of Urban Trends, Culture, Theory, Policy, Action* 23(6): 803-807.
- 2018 Mele, Christopher, and **Matthew H. McLeskey**. 2018. “Pro-Growth Urban Politics and the Inner Workings of Public-Private Partnerships.” Pp. 62-69 in *The Routledge Handbook on Spaces of Urban Politics*, edited by Kevin Ward, Andrew E.G. Jonas, Byron Miller, and David Wilson. New York: Routledge.
- 2018 **McLeskey, Matthew H.** Book Review of *Equity, Growth, and Community: What the Nation Can Learn from America’s Metro Areas* by Chris Benner and Manuel Pastor, *Teaching Sociology* 46(3): 282-285.

TEACHING CONTRIBUTIONS

- 2020 Hammond, Jake, Megan Nanney, and **Matthew H. McLeskey**. “Resources for Graduate Students during COVID-19.” American Sociological Association Teaching & Learning Section, Graduate Student Concerns Committee.
- 2018 **McLeskey, Matthew H.** Summer Issue. “If Adjuncting, Be Strategic.” *Teaching/Learning Matters, American Sociological Association Newsletter for the Section on Teaching and Learning*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- McLeskey, Matthew H.** “How Do You Define Sociology?: Meta-Theorizing Assignment for Classical Sociological Theory.” [Under Review at *Teaching Resource and Innovation Library for Sociology*, American Sociological Association]

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

McLeskey, Matthew H. “Embedded and Embodied: Urban Decline and the Social Costs of Lead Poisoning Exposure.”

- 2020 Nathalie Devine Howe Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Matthew H. McLeskey. “Epidemiological Causes and Consequences of Territorial Stigmatization.”

- Best Scientific Abstract Award, 11th International Conference on Stigma, Howard University (2020)

Matthew H. McLeskey. “Poison in the Walls: How the Threat of Lead Exposure Contributes to Housing Insecurity in Impoverished Communities.”

McLeskey, Matthew H. “Life in a Leaded Landscape: Lead Poisoning and the Legacy of Illness, Stigma, and Struggle in the Rust Belt.”

McLeskey, Matthew H. “Confronting Social Theory and/or versus Sociological Theory: A Sociology of Knowledge of Sociological Knowledge.”

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS, & GRANTS

EXTERNAL

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| 2020 | Best Scientific Abstract Award
11 th International Conference on Stigma, Howard University,
Washington, D.C. (\$500) |
| 2019-20 | Public Humanities Fellowship
Humanities New York (\$8,000) [Declined] |
| 2019 | The Lee Student Support Fund Award
The Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2018 | SAGE Teaching Innovations and Professional Development Award
American Sociological Association Teaching & Learning Section (\$600) |

INTERNAL

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| 2021 | “New Scholars in Law and Social Policy at UB: Graduate Student Profiles.”
<i>The Baldy Center Magazine</i> , Volume 1, Issue 2, Spring 2021.
The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, UB School of Law.
[http://www.buffalo.edu/baldycenter/multimedia/magazine-2021.host.html/content/shared/www/baldycenter/insight-sp-2021/student-profiles.detail.html] |
| 2020 | Dissertation Presenter, College of Arts & Sciences Student Representative
Celebration of Student Academic Excellence, University at Buffalo, SUNY |
| 2020 | Nathalie Devine Howe Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award,
Honorable Mention, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
(\$400) |

2019-20	Advanced Dissertation Fellowship Humanities Institute, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$6,000)
2018-20	Mark Diamond Research Fund Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$3,000)
2018-21	Professional Development Award, Graduate Student Employment Union University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$1,005)
2017	Adeline Gordon Levine Excellence in Teaching Award Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY (\$500)
2014-20	Department of Sociology Travel Grant University at Buffalo, SUNY
2014-20	Sociology Graduate Student Association Travel Grant University at Buffalo, SUNY
2014, 2019	Graduate Student Association Travel Grant University at Buffalo, SUNY

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS [Since 2017]

- 2021 “Poison in the Walls: How the Threat of Lead Exposure Contributes to Housing Insecurity in Impoverished Communities.” Virtual Presentation: North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI. *[Paper accepted for presentation; conference panel held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic.]*
- 2020 “Epidemiological Causes and Consequences of Territorial Stigmatization.” Virtual Presentation: 11th International Conference on Stigma, Washington, D.C. *[Paper accepted for presentation; conference held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic.]*
- 2020 “Lead Poisoning: A Case of the Embodiment of Place-Based Inequalities.” Paper Presentation: Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. *[Paper accepted for presentation; conference cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.]*
- 2019 “How Does Lead Poisoning Contribute to Urban Inequality?” Paper Presentation: American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Community & Urban Sociology Section Pre-Conference: Inequalities & Social Justice in the 21st Century, New York City, NY.
- 2019 “Epidemiological Causes and Consequences of Territorial Stigmatization.” Paper Presentation: Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York City, NY.
- 2019 “Life in a Leaded Landscape: Understanding Housing, Illness, and Struggle in the Rust Belt.” Paper Presentation: Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 “Lead Poisoning and the Environmental Precariat: How the Industrial-Built Environment Contributes to Urban Marginality.” Paper Presentation: Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI.

- 2018 “Lead Poisoning Abatement Policy, Warrant of Habitability, and the Reproduction of Housing Instability.” Paper Presentation: Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2018 “Retrieval Practice as an Active Learning Activity in the Sociology Classroom.” Paper Presentation: Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 “Law and Social Change: A Case Study of Lead Poisoning Policy Reform.” Paper Presentation: Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING & METHODS TRAINING

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

- 2021 Preparing Future Faculty Certificate,
North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Grand Rapids, MI.
[Conference held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 “Transitioning to On-Line Teaching in the Face of COVID-19,”
American Sociological Association Professional Development Webinar, Dr. Melinda Messineo.
- 2019 Safe Zone Network and Cultural Competency Training,
Intercultural & Diversity Center, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
- 2019 “Living the Life of a Teacher-Scholar,”
New Faculty Workshop, John D. Praeger, Ph.D., Director of the Teaching and Learning Center, Buffalo State College, SUNY.
- 2018 “Using Technology to Improve our Teaching,”
ASA Teaching & Learning Section Pre-Conference Workshop,
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Quality by Design (QdB): Strategies for Effective Teaching and Quality Course Design,”
SUNY Center for Professional Development.
- 2017 “Thinking Matters: Critical Thinking, Active Listening, and Evidence-Based Writing,”
ASA Teaching & Learning Section Pre-Conference Workshop,
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2016- Center for Educational Innovation, Professional Development Seminars, University at Buffalo, SUNY.
“Evaluating and Facilitating On-Line Courses,” 2020
“UB Portfolio/Digication,” 2019
“Collecting Student Feedback,” 2018
“Formative and Summative Assessment,” 2017

- “Active Learning: Activities for Larger Classes,” 2016
- 2013- Proseminar Series, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo SUNY.
 “Doing Public Sociology,” 2020
 “Applied Sociology,” 2019
 “Tips for Time Management,” 2018
 “Archival Research for Sociologists,” 2017
 “Classroom Management Issues,” 2016
 “Writing in the Classroom,” 2015
 “Teaching Workshop: Different Pedagogical Styles,” 2015
- 2011 Teaching On-Line at Belmont Technical College, Amy Leoni, M.L.I.S. – E-Learning Coordinator, Belmont Technical College, St. Clairsville, OH.

METHODS TRAINING

- 2017 Qualitative Research Practice Workshop,
 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, Canada.
- 2017 Qualitative Data Analysis, Department of Sociology Summer Advanced Methods Institute, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Elizabeth Gage-Bouchard, Ph.D.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD [(X) = # of sections taught to date]

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| Classical Sociological Theory (3) | Power, Class, & Inequality (1) |
| Individual & Society (3) | Criminology (2) |
| Social Science Research Methods (1) | Urban Sociology (2) |
| Introduction to Sociology | |
| - Face-to-Face/Classroom (15-Week Term) (3) | |
| - Face-to-Face/On-Line Hybrid: Blended Face-to-Face/Classroom and Asynchronous (15-Week Term) (1) | |
| - On-Line: Blended Synchronous and Asynchronous (15-Week Term) (4) | |
| - On-Line: Asynchronous (Three-Week (2) and Six-Week (2) Terms) | |

TEACHING ASSISTANT

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| Introduction to Sociology | Urban Sociology |
| Classical Sociological Theory | Family in Comparative Perspective |

ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

LECTURER

- 2017- Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
 2020- Division of Humanities & Social Sciences,
 Niagara County Community College, SUNY, Sanborn, NY

Spring 2020 Curriculum Capstone Program, University at Buffalo, SUNY
 Spring 2019 Department of Sociology, Buffalo State College, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
 2011-13 Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences
 Belmont College (formerly Belmont Technical College),
 St. Clairsville, OH

GRADUATE INSTRUCTOR & TEACHING ASSISTANT

2020- Graduate Teaching Assistant, Curriculum Capstone Program
 University at Buffalo, SUNY
 2017-20 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Center for Excellence in Writing
 University at Buffalo, SUNY
 2013-17 Graduate Teaching Assistant & Graduate Instructor [Instructor of Record],
 Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

2015-19 Research Assistant to Dr. Errol Meidinger, Professor of Law & Director,
 The Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, UB School of Law, SUNY.
 Compile, draft, and disseminate bi-annual Baldy Center newsletter; act as
 liaison between Post-Doctoral Fellows in Interdisciplinary Legal Studies and
 Baldy Center director and assistant director; compile, track, and update
 Baldy Center affiliate faculty database.

2016 Research Assistant to Dr. Erin Hatton, Associate Professor of Sociology
 University at Buffalo, SUNY.
 Descriptive statistic and other demographic data collection for various
 projects on coerced labor (incarcerated workers, welfare recipients, and
 student athletes).

SERVICE

PROFESSIONAL

2020-22 Co-Chair, Community Partner Paper Award Committee
 Community Research and Development Division, Society for the Study of
 Social Problems

2020-21 Michael Harrington Award Committee
 Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, Society for the Study of Social
 Problems

2020-21 Membership Committee
 Teaching & Learning Section, American Sociological Association

2019-21 Graduate Student Concerns Committee
 Teaching & Learning Section, American Sociological Association

2019-20 Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award Committee
 Society for the Study of Social Problems

2017-18 Curriculum Committee
 Teaching & Learning Section, American Sociological Association

SCHOLARSHIP

- 2019- Manuscript Reviewer (journal articles and textbook manuscripts)
Teaching Sociology, Social Problems, Sociological Inquiry,
 SAGE Publications, Cengage

CONFERENCES

- 2021 Presider, Roundtable Session: “Teaching Urban Sociology,”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
[Conference held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic.]
- 2021 Presider & Co-Organizer, Paper Session: “Community Public Health and
 Racial, Ethnic, and Socio-Economic Inequality,”
 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
[Conference held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 Presider and Organizer, Critical Dialogue Session: “Pollution and Public
 Health in Low-Income Communities,”
 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
[Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.]
- 2020 Presider, Roundtable Session: “Teaching Urban Sociology,”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
[Conference cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.]
- 2018 Presider, Paper Session: “Reflections on and Suggestions for Public
 Sociology,”
 Association for Humanist Sociology Annual Meeting, Detroit, MI
- 2018 Presider, Roundtable Session: “Racial Identity and Ideology in the
 Classroom,”
 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

DEPARTMENTAL

- 2020 Student Representative, College of Arts & Sciences Ph.D. Excellence
 Initiative, Curriculum and Teaching Committee
- 2014, 2016-17, Graduate Student Orientation Presentations
- 2019 “Being a Teaching Assistant and Teaching at UB”
 “Making (and Getting) the Most out of Graduate School”
- 2017 Department of Sociology and College of Arts & Sciences
 Student recruitment video
- 2016 Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Hiring Committee
 Tenure-track faculty hires in environmental sociology and criminology
- 2015 Department of Sociology and College of Arts & Sciences
 Student Representative, Open house for incoming and undecided
 undergraduate students
- 2013- Department of Sociology Graduate Student Association
 2018 Graduate Student Association Senate Representative
 2017-18 Secretary
 2017-18 Departmental Faculty Meeting Graduate Student Liaison
 2013-16 Grievance Committee Member

- 2014 Discussant: “Rethinking the Human Experience: An Inter-Disciplinary Conversation,”
Sociology Graduate Student Association Conference

INSTITUTIONAL

- 2020-21 Curriculum Capstone Program
2020 Instructional Video, “UB Portfolio Foundations Page: Tips for Success”
2020 Instructional Video, Co-Produced with Lisa Kulka, “UB Portfolio Learning Reflections Page: Tips for Success”
- 2019-20 Review Council, Mark Diamond Research Fund, Graduate Student Association
- 2017-20 Center for Excellence in Writing
2020 Fellowships and Scholarships Committee
2020 Department of Athletics Consultation Committee
Workshop Facilitator:
2020 “Being Citation Savvy: MLA, APA, and Chicago Styles”
2019 “Writing the Law School Application Personal Statement”
2019 “Writing in the Social Sciences for Education Research”
2018 “The IRB Application Process”
2018 “Graduate Level Writing in the Sociology”
2018 “Writing in the Social Sciences for Social Work”
2017 “Humanities vs. Social Science Writing”
- Center for Excellence in Writing and The Graduate School
Write Through: Dissertation Inspiration Series:
2020 “From Academic to Applied Sociology: The Dissertation as Stepping Stone,” Dr. Paul Durlak, Research Associate, KJT Group
2018 “From Lab to Dissertation: A Biologist’s Practical Magic,” Dr. Dolonchapa Chakraborty, Post-Doctoral Fellow, New York University School of Medicine
2017 “Writing the Dissertation: Fitting Notes into a Broader Scaffold,” Dr. Jordan Besek, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

EXTERNAL

- 2020 Interviewee, Qualitative Research Methods undergraduate course, Macalester College

PUBLIC SERVICE

- 2019, 2020 Presenter, Community Health Fair, Holy Cross Head Start, Buffalo, NY

OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE**OTHER ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT**

2012-13	Composition & Rhetoric Lecturer, Department of English Wheeling University (formerly Wheeling Jesuit University), Wheeling, WV
2011-13	English Lecturer, Department of English Belmont College
2012	Literature Lecturer, Department of English West Virginia Northern Community College, Wheeling, WV
2010-11	Graduate Instructor [Instructor of Record], Department of Writing, Rhetoric and Technical Communication James Madison University
2009-10	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of English James Madison University
2011- 12	Tutor for English, Mental Health, and Behavioral and Social Sciences Belmont College Student Success Center

OTHER TEACHING EXPERIENCE (INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD)

UB Curriculum Capstone

Critical Reading and Writing

Process of Composition

Developmental Composition

Composition I: Academic Writing

Composition II: Writing about Literature

First-Year Student Learning and Success

PROFFESIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociology Association

- Section on Community & Urban Sociology
- Section on Poverty, Inequality, and Mobility
- Section on Law
- Section on Theory
- Section on Environment and Technology
- Section on Teaching & Learning
- Section on Body & Embodiment
- Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology

Society for the Study of Social Problems

- Division on Law and Society
- Division on Environment and Technology
- Division on Community Research and Development
- Division on Poverty, Class, and Inequality
- Division on Social Problems Theory
- Division on Sociology and Social Welfare

Association for Humanist Sociology

Urban Affairs Association

Law and Society Association

Eastern Sociological Society

REFERENCES

Erin Hatton, Ph.D.
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