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Employment

2026 – present. Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

- 2026 – present. Director of Graduate Studies.

2019 – 2026. Associate Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

- 2022 – 2026. Director of Graduate Studies.
- 2020. Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies.

2014 – 2019. Assistant Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY.

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Georgia, 2014.

M.A., Sociology, University of Georgia, 2010.

B.S., Human Development and Family Studies (Summa cum laude), The Pennsylvania State University, Schreyer Honors College, 2007.

Specialty Areas

Family; Health; Criminology; Education; Life course; Transition to adulthood/Emerging adulthood; Quantitative methods

Research Grants

In Preparation

Barr, Ashley, Kristen Schultz Lee, Chris Dennison, and Zhe Zhang. In progress. “Social Foreground Effects on ADRD Precursors in Midlife: Risk and Resilience in Rural Contexts.”

External Support

- 2024 – 2027. Principal Investigator (with Mary Nell Trautner and Veronica Horowitz). “Collateral Benefits of Prison Education: A Randomized, Family-Level Impact Evaluation.” William T. Grant Foundation. \$50,000.
2025. Principal Investigator (with Kristen Schultz Lee). “Linking Adult Offspring Challenges and Parental Cognitive Health: Risk and Resilience in Rural Contexts.” The Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging. \$34,928.
2023. Principal Investigator. “Expanded childcare subsidies in New York: Limitations and next steps.” Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo. \$20,000.
- 2017 – 2023. Co-Investigator. (PI: Ronald L. Simons). “Psychosocial context and the biological clock: Changes in weathering during middle age.” National Institute on Aging. (Award Number: *R01AG055393*). \$3,432,956.
- 2018 – 2021. Co-Investigator. (PI: Gene H. Brody). “Biological weathering and the origin of chronic diseases of aging among rural African American young adults.” National Institute on Child Health and Human Development. (Award Number: *1R01HD091046*). \$922,710.
- 2015 – 2020. Co-Investigator. (PIs: Steven R.H. Beach and Ronald L. Simons). “Biomarkers of health risk among African American couples.” National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. (Award Number: *R01HD080749*). \$2,869,644.

Internal Support

- 2025 – 2026. Principal Investigator (with Veronica Horowitz, Mary Nell Trautner, and Josh Coene). “Strengthening University Policy and Practice to Serve System-Impacted Students.” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy.
- 2023 – 2024. Principal Investigator (with Rachel Zhang). “Gentrification, Romantic Relationships, and Well-being among Young Adults.” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy.
- 2021 – 2023. Principal Investigator (with Chris Dennison & Mary Nell Trautner). “He/She/They: Gender Pronouns and Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching.” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy.
- 2018 – 2019. Principal Investigator (with Mary Nell Trautner). “Juvenile offending and childhood determinism: A mixed methods approach.” Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy.

Peer-Reviewed Publications (* indicates graduate student coauthor)

- Yu, Chang,* Ashley B. Barr, Yulin Yang, and Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk. 2026. “Beyond Pain Presence: The Impact of Multisite Pain and Pain Interference on Cognitive

Functioning among Middle-Aged and Older Adults.” *The Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Psychological Sciences and Social Sciences*. gbaf220. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbaf220.

Barr, Ashley B., Rebecca Boylan, Zhe Zhang.* 2025. “The Effect of Being Pushed or Pulled Out of High School on Criminal Involvement Across the Transition to Adulthood.” *Emerging Adulthood*. 14(1).
<https://doi.org/10.1177/21676968251396988>

Barr, Ashley B., Christopher Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, and Zhe Zhang.* 2025. “Rethinking Intergenerational Influence: Adult Children’s Education, Parental Cognitive Health, and the Role of Selection.” *Social Science and Medicine*. 384:118529. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.118529>

Barr, Ashley B., Mary Nell Trautner, and Tucker Reyes.* 2025. “Race, Gender, and Juvenile Determinism: A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Punishment Attitudes Toward Juvenile Offenders.” *Race and Justice*. 0(0). <https://doi-org.gate.lib.buffalo.edu/10.1177/21533687251341270>

Yu, Chang* and Ashley B. Barr. 2025. "Social Activities and Dimensions of Cognitive Functioning Across Mid- and Late-Life: Evidence from China." *The Gerontologist*. gnaf071. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnaf014>

Zhang, Zhe* and Ashley B. Barr. 2024. “Gentrification and Crime in Buffalo, NY from 2011-2019.” *PLOS One*. 19(6): e0302832.
<https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0302832>

Barr, Ashley B. and Zhe Zhang.* 2024. “Juvenile School Discipline and Well-being among College-Educated Emerging Adults.” *Emerging Adulthood*. 12(3): 275–289.
<https://doi-org.gate.lib.buffalo.edu/10.1177/21676968241235427>

Barr, Ashley B., Ronald L. Simons, Steven RH Beach, Leslie Gordon Simons. 2023. “Racial discrimination and the weathering of nonmarital relationships.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 85(3): 723-738. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12900>

Lee, Kristen Schultz, Chris Dennison, and Ashley Barr. 2022. “Expanding Intergenerational Models of Adult Health: The Impact of Adult Children on Parent Health.” *Contexts*. 21(4). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/geroni/igac059.1170>

Barr, Ashley B., Ronald L. Simons, Steven RH Beach, Leslie Gordon Simons. 2022. “Racial discrimination and health among two generations of African American couples.” *Social Science & Medicine*. 296:114768. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.114768

Brody, Gene H., Tianyi Yu, Edith Chen, Michael Kobor, Steven R.H. Beach, Man-Kit Lei, Ashley B. Barr, D. Lin, and Gregory E. Miller. 2021. “Risky Family Climates

Presage Increased Cellular Aging in Young Adulthood.” *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. 130: 105256.

Adamczyk, Katarzyna, Ashley Barr, and Chris Segrin. 2021. "Relationship Status and Mental and Physical Health among Polish and American Young Adults: The Role of Relationship Satisfaction and Satisfaction with Relationship Status." *Applied Psychology: Health and Well-Being*. 13(3):620-652

Simons, Leslie Gordon, Tara E. Sutton, Antoinette M. Landor, Ashley B. Barr, Chalandra M. Bryant, and Ellen M. Granberg. 2021. "Gender Differences in the Dating Experiences of African American Young Adults: The Challenge of Forming Romantic Relationships Within the Context of Power Imbalance." *Youth & Society*. 53(1): 3–25. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X19828097>

Simons, Ronald L, David Woodring, Leslie Gordon Simons, Tara E Sutton, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Ashley B Barr and Frederick X Gibbons. 2019. "Youth Adversities Amplify the Association between Adult Stressors and Chronic Inflammation in a Domain Specific Manner: Nuancing the Early Life Sensitivity Model." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. 48(1):1-16.

Simons, Ronald L, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Leslie Gordon Simons, Ashley B Barr, Frederick X Gibbons and Robert A Philibert. 2019. "Testing Life Course Models Whereby Juvenile and Adult Adversity Combine to Influence Speed of Biological Aging." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 60(3):291-308.

Beach, Steven RH, Man Kit Lei, Ronald L Simons, Ashley B Barr, Leslie G Simons, Carolyn E Cutrona and Robert A Philibert. 2019. "Perceived Relationship Support Moderates the Association of Contextual Stress with Inflammation among African Americans." *Journal of Family Psychology*. 33(3):338.

Simons, Ronald L, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Ashley B Barr, Leslie G Simons, Frederick X Gibbons and Robert A Philibert. 2018. "Discrimination, Segregation, and Chronic Inflammation: Testing the Weathering Explanation for the Poor Health of Black Americans." *Developmental Psychology*. 54(10):1993.

Landor, Antoinette and Ashley B. Barr. 2018. "Politics of Respectability, Colorism, and the Terms of Social Exchange in Family Research." *Journal of Family Theory & Review*. 10(2):330-47.

Barr, Ashley B. and Ronald L Simons. 2018. "Marital Beliefs among African American Emerging Adults: The Roles of Community Context, Family Background, and Relationship Experiences." *Journal of Family Issues*. 39(2):352-82.

Barr, Ashley B., Leslie Gordon Simons, Ronald L Simons, Steven RH Beach and Robert A Philibert. 2018. "Sharing the Burden of the Transition to Adulthood: African

American Young Adults' Transition Challenges and Their Mothers' Health Risk." *American Sociological Review*. 83(1):143-72.

Simons, Ronald L, Man-Kit Lei, Steven RH Beach, Ashley B Barr, Carolyn E Cutrona, Frederick X Gibbons and Robert A Philibert. 2017. "An Index of the Ratio of Inflammatory to Antiviral Cell Types Mediates the Effects of Social Adversity and Age on Chronic Illness." *Social Science & Medicine*. 185:158-65.

Renzulli, Linda and Ashley B Barr. 2017. "Adapting to Family Setbacks: Malleability of Students' and Parents' Educational Expectations." *Social Problems*. 64(3):351-72.

Boyle, Kaitlin M.,* Ashley Barr and Jody Clay-Warner. 2017. "The Effects of Feminist Mobilization and Women's Status on Universities' Reporting of Rape." *Journal of School Violence*. 16(3):317-30.

Berg, Mark T, Ronald L Simons, Ashley Barr, Steven RH Beach and Robert A Philibert. 2017. "Childhood/Adolescent Stressors and Allostatic Load in Adulthood: Support for a Calibration Model." *Social Science & Medicine*. 193:130-39.

Beach, Steven, Man Kit Lei, Ronald Simons, Ashley Barr, Leslie Simons, Katherine B. Ehrlich, Gene H. Brody and Robert A. Philibert. 2017. "When Inflammation and Depression Go Together: The Longitudinal Effects of Parent-Child Relationships." *Developmental Psychopathology*. 29:1969–1986.

Simons, Ronald. L., Man Kit Lei, Steven R.H. Beach, Robert A. Philibert, Carolyn E. Cutrona, Frederick X. Gibbons and Ashley B. Barr. 2016. "Economic Hardship and Biological Weathering: The Epigenetics of Aging in a U.S. Sample of Black Women." *Social Science and Medicine*. 150:192-200.

Lei, Man-Kit, Steven R. H. Beach, Ronald L. Simons, Ashley B. Barr, Carolyn E. Cutrona and Robert A. Philibert. 2016. "Stress, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health among African American Women: Genetic Moderation Effects." *Journal of Family Psychology*. 30(2):221-32.

Barr, Ashley B, Tara E Sutton, Leslie Gordon Simons, KAS Wickrama and Frederick O Lorenz. 2016. "Romantic Relationship Transitions and Changes in Health among Rural, White Young Adults." *Journal of Family Psychology*. 30(7):832.

Renzulli, Linda A, Ashley B Barr and Maria Paino. 2015. "Innovative Education? A Test of Specialist Mimicry or Generalist Assimilation in Trends in Charter School Specialization over Time." *Sociology of Education*. 88(1):83-102.

Barr, Ashley B and Ronald L Simons. 2015. "Different Dimensions, Different Mechanisms? Distinguishing Relationship Status and Quality Effects on Desistance." *Journal of Family Psychology*. 29(3):360.

- Barr, Ashley B. 2015. 'Family Socioeconomic Status, Family Health, and Changes in Students' Math Achievement across High School: A Mediational Model.' *Social Science & Medicine*. 140:27-34.
- Barr, Ashley B, Ronald L Simons and Leslie Gordon Simons. 2015. "Nonmarital Relationships and Changing Perceptions of Marriage among African American Young Adults." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 77(5):1202-16.
- Simons, Ronald L, Callie H Burt, Ashley B Barr, Man-Kit Lei and Eric Stewart. 2014. "Incorporating Routine Activities, Activity Spaces, and Situational Definitions into the Social Schematic Theory of Crime." *Criminology*. 52(4):655-87.
- Simons, Ronald L and Ashley B Barr. 2014. "Shifting Perspectives: Cognitive Changes Mediate the Impact of Romantic Relationships on Desistance from Crime." *Justice Quarterly*. 31(5):793-821.
- Barr, Ashley B. and Ronald L. Simons. 2014. "A Dyadic Analysis of Relationships and Health: Does Couple-Level Context Condition Partner Effects?" *Journal of Family Psychology*. 28(4):448-59. doi: 10.1037/a0037310.
- Barr, Ashley B, Ronald L Simons and Eric A Stewart. 2013. "The Code of the Street and Romantic Relationships: A Dyadic Analysis." *Personal Relationships*. 20(1):84-106.
- Barr, Ashley B, Ronald L Simons, Leslie Gordon Simons, Frederick X Gibbons and Meg Gerrard. 2013. "Teen Motherhood and Pregnancy Prototypes: The Role of Social Context in Changing Young African American Mothers' Risk Images and Contraceptive Expectations." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. 42(12):1884-97.
- Barr, Ashley B, Elizabeth Culatta and Ronald L Simons. 2013. "Romantic Relationships and Health among African American Young Adults: Linking Patterns of Relationship Quality over Time to Changes in Physical and Mental Health." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 54(3):369-85.
- Simons, Ronald L., Steven R.H. Beach and Ashley B. Barr. 2012. "Differential Susceptibility to Context: A Promising Model of the Interplay of Genes and the Social Environment." In *Biosociology and Neurosociology (Advances in Group Processes, Volume 29)*, edited by S. R. T. Will Kalkhoff, Edward J. Lawler: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.
- Barr, Ashley B and Ronald L Simons. 2012b. "Marriage Expectations among African American Couples in Early Adulthood: A Dyadic Analysis." *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 74(4):726-42.
- Barr, Ashley B and Ronald L Simons. 2012a. "College Aspirations and Expectations among New African-American Mothers in Late Adolescence." *Gender and Education*. 24(7):745-63.

Manuscripts Under Review (* indicates graduate student coauthor)

Zhang, Zhe,* Sophia Olsinski,* and Ashley B. Barr. Revise and Resubmit.

“Gentrification and Romantic Relationship Quality among Young Adults.”

Dennison, Christopher, Kristen Schultz Lee, Ashley B. Barr, Zhe Zhang, Sophia Olsinski,* Laura Sills,* and Chandler Fairbanks.* Under Review. “Offspring Education and Cognitive Health: Heterogeneous Effects by Rurality.”

Fairbanks, Chandler and Ashley B. Barr.* “Interracial Couples, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health.”

Manuscripts in Progress (draft or extended abstract available; * indicates graduate student coauthor)

Barr, Ashley B., Zhe Zhang, Sara DiPasquale, and Maria Paino. Under Review. “Juvenile Punishment and Young Adult Attitudes towards Police: The Role of Obedience to Authority”

Barr, Ashley B, Sirat Kaur,* and Miranda Habrecht.* “Understanding Cross-generational Effects of Discrimination, Institutional Racism and Contextual Stress.” Invited submission to *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*.

Barr, Ashley B, Sirat Kaur,* Miranda Habrecht,* Chandler Fairbanks,* Zhe Zhang. “Marital Horizons and the Transition to Adulthood.”

Barr, Ashley B. and Zhe Zhang. “Linked Lives and the Health Consequences of Childhood Victimization.”

Olsinski, Sophia,* Ashley B. Barr, Christopher Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, Zhe Zhang, Chandler Fairbanks,* and Laura Sills.* “Childhood Abuse and Health in Midlife: What Role Do Adult Offspring and Romantic Partners Play?”

Fairbanks, Chandler,* Kristen Schultz Lee, Christopher Dennison, Ashley B. Barr, Zhe Zhang, Laura Sills,* and Sophia Olsinski.* “Social Foreground Effects, Caregiving Relationships, and Older Adults’ Cognitive Health.”

Sills, Laura,* Zhe Zhang, Ashley B. Barr, Christopher Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, Sophia Olsinski,* and Chandler Fairbanks.* “The Effects of Adult Offspring Emotional Distress on Maternal Health in Midlife: Bringing the Social Foreground into Focus.”

Barr, Ashley B. “Adult Offspring Stressors and Parental Sleep in Mid- and Later Life.”

Barr, Ashley B., Ronald L. Simons, Steven RH Beach. “Early Adversity, Romantic Relationship Patterns Across the Transition to Adulthood, and Health.”

Barr, Ashley B. “Young Adult Interracial Relationships and Health.”

Zhang, Zhe* and Ashley B. Barr. "Chains of Disadvantage or Turning Points? The Role of Romantic Relationships in the Education-Health Link in Early Adulthood."

Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

2026. Career Champion Award. University at Buffalo Career Design Center.

2025. Pillars of Pride Employee Recognition Inclusion Award. University at Buffalo Human Resources.

2017. Exceptional Scholars Young Investigator Award. University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences.

2016 – 2017. Honors College Faculty Fellow. University at Buffalo.

2017. Professional Development Award. United University Professions.

2015. Professional Development Award. United University Professions.

2014. Distinguished Dissertation Award Nominee in the field of Social Sciences. Council of Graduate Schools/ProQuest.

2013 – 2014. Phelps-Stokes Fellowship. University of Georgia.

2008 – 2014. Presidential Fellowship. University of Georgia.

Selected Public Sociology

Publications

Trautner, Mary Nell, Ashley Barr, Joseph Buttino, and Jeremy Carr. 2019. "Getting Undergraduate Students Involved in Research." *The Consortium for Undergraduate Law & Justice Programs blog In the Classroom*.

Barr, Ashley B. 2018. "For African American Millennials, difficulties on the road to adulthood may be hurting their mothers' health." *London School of Economics* blog on American Politics and Policy, May 3.

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2018/05/03/for-african-american-millennials-difficulties-on-the-road-to-adulthood-may-be-hurting-their-mothers-health/>

Interviews

University at Buffalo News Center. 2026. "UB study rethinks the dropout-crime connection." April 9.

<https://www.buffalo.edu/news/host.html/content/shared/university/news/news-center-releases/2026/04/barr-dropout-crime-connection.detail.html>

University at Buffalo News Center. 2025. "Study: It's not just chronic pain. It's how many places it hurts that may affect the brain." November 10.

<https://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2025/11/chang-yu-chronic-pain.html>

University at Buffalo News Center. 2024. "Balancing act: UB study links gentrification to reduced crime, but downsides of gentrification can't be ignored." August 28.
<https://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2024/08/zhang-barr-gentrification.html>

University at Buffalo News Center. 2024. "Young adults with a history of school discipline report depressive symptoms, lower well-being." April 5.
<https://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2024/04/barr-school-discipline-well-being.html>

Buffalo, What's Next. 2023. "Business progress and family struggles." January 23.
<https://www.wbfo.org/wbfo-brief-season-4-2023/2023-01-23/buffalo-whats-next-business-progress-and-family-struggles>

University at Buffalo News Center. 2022. "Study finds racial discrimination impacts health across relationships." December 15.
<https://www.buffalo.edu/news/releases/2022/12/011.html>

WKBW. 2022. "Why young adults contributing to fewer babies being born." December 8. <https://www.wkbw.com/news/local-news/why-young-adults-contributing-to-fewer-babies-being-born>

Science Daily. 2016. "Relationship quality tied to good health for young adults." June 24.
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2016/06/160624135858.htm>

Features

Stanley, Scott. 2015. "The Impact of Cohabitation on Young African Americans' Marriage Attitudes." Sliding vs Deciding. Oct. 1.
<http://slidingvsdeciding.blogspot.com/2015/10/the-impact-of-cohabitation-on-young.html>

Kwiatkowski, Jane Radlich. 2017. "Lancaster Opera House, UB plan free film series." *Buffalo News*. Sept. 7. <https://buffalonews.com/2017/09/07/lancaster-opera-house-ub-plan-free-film-series/>

Community–University Partnerships

2017 – Present. Member, Erie County Overdose Prevention Taskforce (formerly the Opiate Epidemic Task Force).

2023. Member, Steering Committee for "Expanded childcare subsidies in New York: Limitations and next steps." (Collaboration with the Cornell ILR Buffalo Co-Lab, Live Well Erie, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and the University at Buffalo.)

2017. Director, UB Sociology Community film series, Lancaster Opera House.

Conference Presentations (* indicates graduate student coauthor)

2026. Olsinski, Sophia,* Ashley B. Barr, Christopher Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, Zhe Zhang, Chandler Fairbanks,* and Laura Sills.* “Childhood Abuse and Health in Midlife: What Role Do Adult Offspring and Romantic Partners Play?” To be presented at the annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.
2026. Fairbanks, Chandler,* Kristen Schultz Lee, Christopher Dennison, Ashley B. Barr, Zhe Zhang, Laura Sills,* and Sophia Olsinski.* “Social Foreground Effects, Caregiving Relationships, and Older Adults’ Cognitive Health.” To be presented at the annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.
2026. Sills, Laura,* Zhe Zhang, Ashley B. Barr, Christopher Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, Sophia Olsinski,* and Chandler Fairbanks.* “The Effects of Adult Offspring Emotional Distress on Maternal Health in Midlife: Bringing the Social Foreground into Focus.” To be presented at the annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.
2025. Barr, Ashley B., Chandler Fairbanks,* and Zhe Zhang. “Marital Salience and Trajectories of Risk-Taking Behavior Across the Transition to Adulthood.” *American Society of Criminology* annual meeting, Washington, DC.
2025. Barr, Ashley B. and Chandler Fairbanks.* “Interracial Couples, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health.” *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
2025. Barr, Ashley B., Zhe Zhang,* and Sophia Olsinski.* “Gentrification and Romantic Relationship Quality among Young Adults.” *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
2025. Barr, Ashley B. and Kristen Schultz Lee. “Linking Adult Offspring Challenges and Parental Cognitive Health: Risk and Resilience in Rural Contexts.” *Interdisciplinary Network on Rural Population Health and Aging* annual meeting.
2024. Yu, Chang,* Ashley B. Barr, Yulin Yang, and Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk. "Chronic Pain, Pain Interferences, and Cognition Among Middle- and Old-aged Americans: A Fixed-effects Analysis." *Gerontological Society of America*, Seattle, WA.
2024. Yu, Chang,* Ashley B. Barr, and Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk. "Functional Limitations, Depressive Symptoms, and Cognition Across Mid- and Late-Life: Evidence from China." *Gerontological Society of America*, Seattle, WA.
2024. Yu, Chang* and Ashley Barr. “Social Activities and Dimensions of Cognitive Functioning Across Mid- and Late-Life: Evidence from China.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec.

2024. Barr, Ashley and Ayrilia Welch.* “Adult Offspring Stressors and Parental Sleep in Mid- and Later Life.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec.
2024. Trautner, Mary Nell, Nicholas Tucker Reyes,* and Ashley B. Barr. “Race, Gender, and Childhood Determinism: A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Punishment Attitudes Towards Juvenile Offenders.” *Law & Society Association* Denver, CO.
2023. Zhang, Zhe* and Ashley B. Barr. “The Role of Romantic Relationships in the Education-Health Link in Early Adulthood.” *National Counsel on Family Relations*, Orlando, FL.
2023. Trautner, Mary Nell, Tucker Reyes,* Ashley B. Barr, and Chris Dennison. “He/She/They: Gender Pronouns and Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching.” *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
2023. Barr, Ashley B. and Zhe Zhang.* “Juvenile School Discipline and Young Adult Well-being.” *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
2023. Pepin, Joanna R., Brittany Dernberger, Ayrilia Welch,* and Ashley B. Barr. “Changes in Work-Family Attitudes During Early Adulthood.” *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
2022. Barr, Ashley B. “Emerging Adult Interracial Relationships and Health” *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, CA.
2021. Barr, Ashley B. “Racial Discrimination and Health among Two Generations of African American Couples” *American Sociological Association*, virtual meeting.
2020. Barr, Ashley B. “Romantic Relationship Patterns Across Early Adulthood: Cumulative Inequality, Turning Points for Health, or Something Else?” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA (virtual due to COVID-19).
2019. Barr, Ashley B. “Romantic Relationship Patterns Across the Transition to Adulthood: Cumulative (Dis)advantage or Turning Points for Health?” *Eastern Sociological Society*, Boston, MA.
2018. Barr, Ashley B. “What’s yours is mine? Partner effects of childhood adversity on biological aging and psychological distress.” *National Council on Family Relations*, San Diego, CA.
2017. Barr, Ashley B. “Sharing the burden of the transition to adulthood: African American young adults’ transition challenges and their mothers’ health risk.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
2016. Barr, Ashley B. “Worried sick? The transition to adulthood and its toll on African American mothers’ health.” *Cornell Population Center (CPC) and the Center for Aging and Policy Studies (CAPS) Annual Upstate Population Workshop*, Ithaca, NY.

2016. Hussain, S.R.J.* and Ashley B. Barr. "Religious discrimination and Arab-American Muslim women's health: Is the hijab pernicious or protective?" *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA.
2016. Barr, Ashley B. "Racial discrimination and the weathering of nonmarital relationships." *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, WA.
2015. Barr, Ashley B. "A dyadic analysis of marital salience in nonmarital romantic relationships." *National Council on Family Relations*, Vancouver, BC.
2015. Barr, Ashley B. "For better and for worse: How marital perspectives structure the transition to adulthood." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
2015. Renzulli, Linda and Ashley B. Barr. "Great expectations after the Great Recession? Family economic shocks and changing educational expectations." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
2015. Boyle, K.M.* and Ashley B. Barr. "The effects of feminist presence, survivor resources, and women's status on universities' official reports of forcible rape." *Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, LA.
2013. Simons, Ronald L. and Ashley B. Barr. "Changes in cognitions, routine activities, or peer affiliations? Examination of the mechanisms whereby romantic relationships foster young men's desistance from crime." *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
2013. Barr, Ashley B. "Cohabitation and changing perceptions of marriage among African Americans during the transition to adulthood." *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY.
2013. Simons, Ronald L., Ashley B. Barr, and Lei, Man Kit. "Criminal propensity, routine activities, and activity fields: Integrating developmental and contextual models of crime." *American Sociological Association*, New York, NY.
2012. Simons, Ronald L. and Ashley B. Barr. "Integrating developmental and situational models of crime." *American Society of Criminology*, Chicago, IL.
2012. Culatta, Elizabeth and Ashley B. Barr. "Romantic relationships and health among African American young adults: Linking patterns of relationship quality over time to changes in mental and physical health." *National Council on Family Relations*, Phoenix, AZ.
2012. Barr, Ashley B. "A dyadic assessment of romantic relationship quality and health among young, African American couples." *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.

2012. Renzulli, Linda, Bradley, Christen, Ashley B. Barr and Maria Paino. "Charter schools--Another name for the same thing?: Charter school innovation over time." *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
2012. Barr, Ashley B. "Relationship dissolution among African American young adults: Gendered (dis)advantages?" *Southern Sociological Society*, New Orleans, LA.
2010. Barr, Ashley B. "Pregnancy history, social images, and (lack of) condom use among African American adolescents and young adults." *American Sociological Association*, Atlanta, GA.

Invited Presentations

2024. Speaker. "Linking Young Adult Challenges to Parental Health." Augusta University.
2024. Speaker. "Adolescent School Punishment and Young Adult Mental Health." Mississippi State University.
2022. Panelist for "Modeling Across Disciplines: A conversation with an atmospheric scientist, a family sociologist, and a philosopher about how we can (and cannot) use models to better understand our world." *Humanities Institute Science Studies Research Workshop*.
2021. Panelist for "Memoir as Sociological Analysis and Teaching Tool." *Eastern Sociological Association* annual meetings, Boston, MA.
2018. Speaker. "What's Mine is Yours: Stress and Health Across Family Relationships." Children's Psychiatry Clinic, Oishei Children's Hospital and Jacob's School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences.
2017. Speaker. "Sharing the Burden of the Transition to Adulthood: African American Young Adults' Transition Challenges and Their Mothers' Health Risk." University at Buffalo Honors College.
2016. Presenter. "Worried Sick? Parental Health During Young African Americans' Transition to Adulthood." Cornell Population Center and the Center for Aging and Policy Studies Annual Upstate Population Workshop.
- 2015 – 2018. Presenter, "A Faculty Perspective for Incoming Undergraduates." Undergraduate Student & Parent/Family Orientation.

Selected Professional Service

Disciplinary Service

- 2022 – present. Associate Editor, *Emerging Adulthood*.
- 2019 – present. Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

2025. Session Chair, Offending Trajectories over the Life Course, American Society for Criminologists Annual Conference, Washington, DC.
2024. Member, ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee.
2023. Member, ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee.
2023. Reviewer, Annual conference of the *Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood*, San Diego, California.
2022. Organizer and Presider, Life Course regular session, “Adversity and health across the life course.” *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, California.
2021. Presider, Sociology of Family section: Family Life and Health Outcomes. *American Sociological Association*, virtual meeting.
2019. Member, ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee.
2017. Presider, Children, Youth, & Adolescents regular session, “Institutions and the State.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Ad hoc Reviewer

- American Sociological Review
- Criminology
- Emerging Adulthood
- Gender and Education
- Health, Risk, and Society
- Journal of Family Issues
- Journal of Family Psychology
- Journal of Health and Social Behavior
- Journal of Marriage and Family
- Journal of Research on Adolescence
- Journal of School Violence
- Justice Quarterly
- Journal of Youth Studies
- Learning and Individual Differences
- Personal Relationships
- PLOS One
- Population Research and Policy Review
- Qualitative Sociology
- Russell Sage Foundation

- Sociological Forum
- Sociology of Education
- Social Currents
- Social Forces
- Social Problems
- Social Science and Medicine
- Social Science Research
- Society and Mental Health
- The Sociological Quarterly
- Social Psychology Quarterly

Departmental Service

2022 – Present. Director of Graduate Studies.

2022 – Present. Chair, Graduate Studies Committee.

2022 – Present. Member, Executive Committee.

2021 – Present. Organizer, Family, Life Course, and Sociology of Health (FLASH) Works-in-Progress Group.

2014 – Present. Primary reader, Criminology, Life Course, Family, Health, Quantitative Methods qualifying exams.

2021 – 2025. Organizer, Summer Job Market Seminar.

2023. Advisor, Sociology Community Partnership Summer Research Program.

2022. Chair, Search Committee.

2018 – 2022. Member, Graduate Studies Committees.

2018 – 2021. Social Media Manager.

2020. Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies.

2020. Chair, Search Committee.

2017 – 2018. Organizer, Summer Job Market Seminar.

2015 – 2020. Presenter, UB Sociology Proseminar.

2014 – 2018. Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee.

2015 – 2018. Advisor, Center for Development of Human Services graduate student fellowship program.

College and University Service

2025 – Present. Member, UB Graduate School Executive Committee.

2025 – Present. Member, UB Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award Committee.

2023 – Present. Member, UB College in Prison Advisory Board.

2023 – Present. Member, UB College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Divisional Committee.

2023 – Present. Member, UB College of Arts and Sciences Fellowships and Awards Committee.

2026. Member. UB College of Arts and Sciences Associate Dean of Academic Affairs Search Committee.

2026. Member. The Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Conference Proposal Review Committee. University at Buffalo.

2026. Organizer. “Navigating Academia Across Different Personality Types and Cognitive Styles: A Panel Discussion.” University at Buffalo.

2025. Panelist. “Career Design Center Faculty Champion Panel Discussion.” University at Buffalo.

2025. Presenter. “What Do We Know about System-Impacted Students?” *You Belong* planning meeting.

2024. Panelist. “Mentoring System-Impacted Graduate Students.” *The Network for Enriched Academic Relationships (NEAR)*. University at Buffalo.

2024. Panelist for “The Road to Academia - The Academic Job Search.” *PhD Career Pathways Conference*, University at Buffalo.

2023. Discussant, UB Honors College First Year Seminar Thematic Film Screening.

2023. Member, UB Career Design Center Search Committee.

2020 – 2022. Member, UB College of Arts and Sciences Grievance Committee.

2019 – 2021. Member, UB College of Arts and Sciences Policy Committee.

2019. Member, Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy Research Grant Review Committee.

2015 – 2021. Member, UB Seminar Committee.

2020 – 2021. Member, UB PhD Excellence Initiative Oversight Committee.

2019 – 2020. Member, UB PhD Excellence Initiative Curriculum & Teaching Committee.

2018. Participant, College of Arts and Sciences Online/Hybrid Course Development Summer Workshop.

2015 – 2018. Presenter, Undergraduate Student & Parent/Family Orientations, “A Faculty Perspective”.

2017. Member, Presidential Scholarship Review & Interview Committee.

2016 – 2017. Member, UB Honors College Faculty Council.

2016. Panelist, UB Interdisciplinary Symposium.

Student Advising

General

2023 – Present. Mentor, Network for Enriched Academic Relationships, University at Buffalo Graduate School.

2024 – 2025. Mentor, American Sociological Association Family Section.

Experiential Learning Mentorship

2026. Mentored Research digital badge. “Overlooked: Bisexual Identity in the Family Landscape.” University at Buffalo Experiential Learning Network.

<https://www.buffalo.edu/elc/students/project-portal/host-page.host.html/content/shared/www/elc/project-portal/project-profiles/active-projects/overlooked-bisexual-identity-in-the-family-landscape.detail.html>

2024. Community Engagement digital badge. “Teach others about the sociological imagination.” University at Buffalo Experiential Learning Network.

2022 – 2024. Mentored Research digital badge. “Juvenile Justice Research Project.” University at Buffalo Experiential Learning Network.

2023. Sociology Community Partnership Program. “Expanded childcare subsidies in New York: Limitations and next steps.” Cornell ILR Buffalo Co-Lab, Live Well Erie, the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and the University at Buffalo.

Dissertations Chaired

(2027) Fairbanks, Chandler. “Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Family and Romantic Relationships”

2026. D’Alfonso, Kathleen. “Health Insurance Across the Transition to Adulthood”

2025. Zhang, Zhe (Rachel). “An Intergenerational Analysis of Neighborhoods, Health, and Deviant Behavior”

2024. Bosley, Chris. “Stress and Health In Emergency Medical Services: An Organizational Approach.”

2023. DiPasquale, Sara. “Past School Punishment and the Lives of Young Adults.”

Dissertation Committees

- (2027) Chen, Yu-An. "Wealth, Physical Health, and Mental Health Among Midlife Adults"
- (2027) Lin, Ting-Hui. "Social Vulnerability and COVID-19 Vaccination."
- (2027) Reyes, Nicholas Tucker. "Auto-Motives: Unbuckling Consumer Decision Points and Precarities in Predatory Car Lending"
- (2027) Rex, Maggie. "Ties and Binds: Extremism Through the Eyes of Friends and Family."
- (2027) Wang, Zhe. "Rural-to-Urban Migration Decision Making among Workers and Families in China"
- 2026 Nario-Lopez, Hannah. "Clocked and Locked In: The Prisonization of Street-Level Bureaucrats"
- 2026 Yu, Chang. "Understanding Cognitive Aging in China: Early-Life Cognitive Reserve, Cohort Differences, and Data Harmonization"
- 2026 Huang, Rui (Zoe). "That Which Does Not Kill Me Makes Me Stronger? Understanding Pain from the Life Course Perspective."
2025. Figueroa, Francisco. "Inflammatory Bowel Disease and Patient Trust: Assessing the Healthcare Experiences of Middle-Class Blacks and Whites."
2025. Obernesser, Laura. "Between helping and parenting: Grandparents, their adult children, and the ambiguity of child care."
2025. Keh, Eileen. "Chinese Parenting in the Contemporary Era: An Analysis of Parenting Styles, Socio-economic Status and Well-being"
2023. Wang, Siqi. "Time to Self-Report Arthritis, Self-Reported Arthritis and Self-Rated Health, and the Period Pattern in Self-Reported Arthritis Prevalence."
2021. Workman, Miranda. "Negotiating Multi-species Families: Are Fluffy and Fido Family?"
2020. Boyce, Erica. "School Choice Policy and Social Inequity within an Urban School District."
2020. Yang, Yulin. "Chronic Pain and Social Relationships among midlife and Older Adults in the United States."
2018. Duckworth, Kiera. "Masculinity Achievement and Risky Health Behaviors Among Adolescent and Young Adult Men."

MA/MS Projects Directed*

*MA/MS Projects for which I was a committee member are not included on my CV.

2026. Kaur, Sirat. "Parents, Peers, and Partners: The Role of Social Relationships in the Association Between Immigration and Self-Reported Delinquency."

2023. D'Alfonso, Kathleen. "Does Health Insurance Matter? A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Self-Reported Physical Health Outcomes Among Hispanic Adults in the United States."

2023. Hill, Tyrone. "Improving The Relationship Between Black Americans and Law Enforcement Across the U.S."

2023. Nappo, Dominic. "Gay Blood as Normal Blood: A Policy Brief Addressing Stigmatization of Homosexual Males as a Result of the HIV Epidemic."

2022. Farthing, Miranda. "The Role of Nonoffending Caregivers and Child Advocacy Centers have in Addressing Child Abuse."

2021. DiPasquale, Sara. "Collegiate Educator Perceptions on Inclusive Language Use."

2020. Beyer, Teresa. "Disaster Preparation in Large U.S. Cities: Does Gender of City Leadership Matter?"

2020. Castiglione, Cassidy. "The Impact of Racial Microaggressions on the Health and Well-being of College Students."

2020. Ferris, Morgan. "Why Sports Matter."

2020. Foss, Emily. "Improving Youth Engagement in Community Policing Through School-Based Interventions."

2020. Presley, Spencer Cameron. "Rethinking Police: A Policy Brief on Community Policing and De-escalation Tactics."

2020. Kaijar, Zina. "The Double Pandemic of COVID-19 and Intimate Partner Violence: A Policy Brief"

2020. Sifuentes, Jaqueline. "Build The Block: NYPD Lessons of Community Policing in the Bronx."

2019. Bosley, Chris. "Occupational influences on EMS Provider Empathy."

2017. Rex, Margaret. "Anti-governmentality and political participation: Examining differences in race, class, and gender at the transition to adulthood."

2017. Hussain, Sarah. "The Independent and Joint Influence of Marital and Progeny Relationship Quality on Parental Health and Wellbeing During Midlife."

Other Advising

2015. Divan, Sarina. "Influence of Parental Involvement in a Child's Organized Activities on In-School Civic Engagement." *Williamsville East High School AP Research Project*.

Professional Development

Leveraging Machine Intelligence for More Human Touch in Teaching and Learning, 2025. *University at Buffalo Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Technology*.

Media Training, 2025. *University Communications*.

Advanced Generative AI for Teaching and Learning, 2025. *Lumen Circles*.

Indigenous Graduate Student Support, 2025. *Network for Enriched Academic Relationships Lunch and Learn*.

Mentoring and Language, 2024. *Network for Enriched Academic Relationships Lunch and Learn*.

Online/Hybrid Course Design, 2018. *University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences*.

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association — Sections: Family, Aging and Life Course, Medical Sociology; Communities: Sociologists Teaching in Carceral Settings

National Council on Family Relations — Sections: Family and Health

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood

American Society for Criminology