Misty Harris

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**Education**

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Ph.D. Sociology, 2023.

Certificate in University Education, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, M.P.H. Population Health, 2014.

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, B.A. Anthropology, 2005.

**Research Interests and Teaching Goals**

My research interests broadly stated are in social stratification, inequalities, and health, with a focus on spatial health inequalities. I am concerned with the relationship between place and health, with place considered in terms of geographical or spatial, as well as social, location and distance. I am also interested in a critical examination of the concept of health, as well as more generally, in rural health and education, medicalization, and stigma and health.

My goals for student learning begin with cultivating students’ critical thinking skills by developing their sociological imaginations. I use Team Based Learning (TBL) to facilitate *doing* sociology – sending students to their real and virtual communities to make observations, gather data, and evaluate sociological explanations. TBL also provides students with opportunities for real-world experiences working in diverse teams to accomplish shared goals. Ultimately, I want to make sociology relevant beyond the classroom, so provide activities that incorporate the materials and matters of students’ daily lives, while linking course materials to a range of professions and careers, and to family and community.

**Professional Experience**

**Teaching Assistant Professor,** University at Buffalo at the Singapore Institute of Management (SIM) undergraduate program, 01/2024 – present

* Classical Sociological Theory (one section Fall 2024)
* Individual and Society (one section Fall 2024)
* Sociology of Families (two sections Spring 2024)
* Social Inequality and Health (two sections Spring 2024)

**Senior Program Coordinator,** West Virginia University (WVU) Health Sciences and Technology Academy (HSTA), Morgantown, WV, 9/2021 – 6/2023

* Supervised three field staff: each supporting a local governing body, half a dozen public school teachers, and more than sixty public high school students.
* Provided mentorship to one graduate research assistant, overseeing the support and scoring of approximately one-hundred 11th and 12th grade high school research projects.
* Directed a summer institute at WVU for rising junior high school students and public-school teachers in WV, working with eight faculty members to lead immersive labs and coursework across the health sciences fields.
* Wrote grants and analyzed data to support requests for funding and reports to the public, funders, faculty, and collaborating agencies.

***Professional Experiences continued***

**Instructor of Record,** West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 08/2021 – 01/2022

* Developed and delivered one in-person section of Introduction to Sociology (~50 students) using Team Based Learning (TBL) and the Blackboard Learning Management System (LMS).

**Graduate Teaching Assistant,** West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 08/2020 – 05/2021

* Provided support for graduate students enrolled in SOCA 615 and 616 (Sociological Data Analysis and Interpretation I and II).

**Instructor of Record,** West Virginia University Institute of Technology Early Entry Program, Beckley, WV, 08/2020 – 01/2021

* Taught one on-line section of Introduction to Sociology (Blackboard)

**Graduate Research Assistant**, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 05/2020 – 08/2020 [Dr. Chris P. Scheitle]

* Worked on publication of results using data from National Science Foundation funded projects for which Dr. Chris Scheitle is the Primary Investigator.

**Instructor of Record,** West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 08/2019 – 05/2020

* Taught two in-person sections of Introduction to Sociology using Team Based Learning
* Taught two on-line sections of Introduction to Sociology (Blackboard)

**Mountaineers of Excellence STEM Fellow**, West Virginia University Office of Graduate Education and Life, Morgantown, WV, 05/2016 – 07/2019

* Focused on ethnographic portion of my dissertation, conducting observations, surveys, and interviews with an academic cohort of adolescents in southern West Virginia.

**Graduate Research Assistant**, West Virginia University/Health Sciences and Technology Academy, Morgantown, WV, 08/2015 – 07/2016 [Dr. Ann Chester]

* Provided analysis and publication support (SAS and STATA)
* Supported program and project evaluations (REDCap)

**Research Intern**, the MetroHealth System Center for Health Care Research and Policy, Cleveland, OH, 3/2014 – 8/2015

* Assisted in data collection and analyses (REDCap, NVivo, SPSS, and STATA)
* Contributed to presentations and publications of results.
* Assisted in hospital program evaluations and preparation of grant applications.
* Updated technical documentation for software and processes.
* Conducted testing and quality checks for risk prediction algorithms.

**Graduate Research Assistant**, Case Western Reserve University/MetroHealth System Center for Health Care Research and Policy, Cleveland, OH, 05/2013 – 03/2014

[Drs. Joseph J. Sudano and Adam T. Perzynski: AHRQ Grant #1R01HS020919]

* Surveyed, interviewed, and observed hospital faculty, staff, patients, and visitors.
* Assisted in coding qualitative data (NVivo) and developed survey instruments (REDCap)
* Assisted in analyses (SPSS and STATA) of quantitative project data and contributed to presentations and publications of results.

***Professional Experiences continued***

**Graduate Research Assistant/Graduate Fellow**, Case Western Reserve University/Jewish Community Health Initiative, Cleveland, OH, 1/2011 – 9/2011 [Dr. Mendel E. Singer]

* Provided general research support.

**Fulbright-Hayes Groups Projects Abroad Scholar**, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, TZ, 6/2005 – 8/2005

* Worked with architectural students to propose a redesign of an informal settlement on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam (Keko), focused on health and community features.
* Observed use of community spaces and interviewed residents of Keko.

**Grant Writer/Systems Analyst**, Health Care Access Clinic, Lawrence, KS, 8/2004 – 10/2010

* Wrote, managed, and reported for government and non-government grants.
* Supervised and evaluated undergraduate students fulfilling practicums required for the University of Kansas Sports and Exercise Science bachelor’s degree.
* Analyzed service and outcome figures and reported to agency and funders.
* Managed planning, implementation, and funding of Electronic Medical Records
* Supported staff and volunteers in development and evaluation of clinic programs.

**Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association, 2015 – present

Rural Sociological Society, 2016 – present

West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute, 2016 – 2023

National Rural Health Association, 2016 – 2023

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, 2017 – 2023

**Professional Service**

**Student Member**, Graduate Sociology Association, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 8/2015 – 5/2017

**Editorial Intern**, Student Assembly Newsletter, American Public Health Association, 2/2014 – 10/2014

**AmeriCorps Community HealthCorp Member**, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Health Care Access Clinic, Lawrence, KS, 8/2003 – 8/2004

**Publications**

Misra Ranjita, Brenna Kirk, Samantha Shawley-Brzoska, Daniel Totzkay, Catherine Morton, Summer Kuhn, **Misty Harris,** Mary McMillion, and Elaine Darling. 2024**.** “Educational Intervention to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake in Rural Patients with Chronic Diseases: Lessons Learned from An Innovative Academic–Community Partnership”. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 21(1): 71.

**Harris, Misty L.** 2021. “Review of Jacked Up and Unjust: Pacific Islander Teens Confront Violent Legacies, by Katherine Irwin and Karen Umemoto.” *International Journal of Rural Criminology* 6 (1): 158 – 161.

***Publications continued***

Chester, Ann, Sara Hanks, Summer Kuhn, Floyd Jones, Travis White, **Misty Harris**, Bethany Hornbeck, Sherron McKendall, Mary McMillion, Cathy Morton, Mallory Slusser, and R. Kyle Saunders. 2018. “Social Media Based STEM Enrichment Curriculum Positively Impacts Rural Adolescent Health Measures.” *Journal of STEM Outreach* 1 (2): 1–12.

**Presentations and Posters**

**Harris, Misty L**. 2024. “Teaching Lightening Session: Team-Based Learning to Support Perceptions of Belonging, Diverse Perspectives, and Long-term Student Support.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Madison, WI

**Harris, Misty L**. 2022. “The American Context: Power, Inequality, and Health.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Knoxville, TN.

Morton, Catherin, Merge McMillion, Summer Kuhn, and **Misty Harris**. 2022. “Emerging from the Storm HSTA students address health issues with sensitivity to COVID concerns.” National Institute of Health (NIH) SciEd 2022 Annual Conference for NIH Science Education Projects. Washington, DC.

Thorpe, Jr. Lee and **Misty L.** **Harris.** 2019. “Sexuality: An Intersectional Endeavor for LGBTQ Studies in Sociology.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Cossman, Jeralynn S., Walter S. DeKeseredy, and **Misty L. Harris**. 2019. “Women Coping with Stigma: Intimate Partner Violence and the ‘Misuse’ of Prescription Medications.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

**Harris, Misty L**. 2019. “The Relationship Between Health and Education During Adolescence in Rural Context.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Richmond, VA

DeKeseredy, Walter S., **Misty L. Harris**, andJeralynn S. Cossman. 2018. “From Boys Will Be Boys to Boys Will Be Men: Rural, Suburban, and Urban Variations in Male Peer Support and Violence Against Women.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Cossman, Jeralynn S., Walter S. DeKeseredy, and **Misty L. Harris.** 2018. “A Cause of Great Pain: The Relationship between Violence Against Women and Unprescribed Prescription Pain Medication Use.” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

**Harris, Misty L.**, Jeralynn S. Cossman, and Walter S. DeKeseredy. 2018. “Rural Crime and Intimate Partner Violence in the United States from Adolescence to Young Adulthood.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

Cossman, Jeralynn S., Julia K. Wolf, **Misty L. Harris**, HannahDePoy, and Wesley James. 2018. Testing Place Effects for Spatial Mortality in the United States. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

***Presentations and Posters continued***

Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Misty L. Harris**,Julia K. Wolf, and Hannah DePoy. 2018. “Unravelling Time: An Examination of Race- and Sex-Specific Temporal Lags of Contextual Risk Factors for Heart Disease Mortality in the United States.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

**Harris, Misty L.** 2018. “Constructing the Health of a City: Using a Political Ecology Framework to Investigate Health Inequalities.” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

Cossman, Jeralynn S., **Misty L. Harris,** Julia K. Wolf, and DePoy Hannah. 2017. “Paradoxes and Lag Selection Bias: Testing Lags in Predictors of Female Heart Disease Mortality in the U.S.” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting. Austin, TX.

Cossman, Jeralynn S., Julia K. Wolf, and **Misty L. Harris.** 2017. “Testing Race- and Gender-Specific Lags in Predictors of Lung Cancer Mortality in the United States.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Morgantown, WV.

Cossman, Jeralynn S., Julia K. Wolf, **Misty L. Harris**, and Hannah DePoy. 2017. **“**Testing a Social Progress Index for Spatial Mortality in the United States.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Morgantown, WV.

**Harris, Misty L.** 2017. “How Place Matters: Contextualizing Morbidity and Mortality Disparities in West Virginia.” Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH.

Kuhn, Summer, Ann Chester, Sarah Hanks, Merge McMillion, Cathy Morton-McSwain, **Misty L. Harris**, Wayne Miller, H. Heinsberg. 2016. “The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Health Sciences and Technology Academy have partnered to train 11th and 12th grade students as Adolescent Health Advocates.” American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

Hanks, Sarah, Cathy Morton, Summer Kuhn, Merge McMillion, Floyd Jones, Travis White, **Misty L. Harris**, and Ann Chester. 2015. “Social Media Intervention for Adolescents to Improve Healthy Lifestyles.” American Public Health Association. Chicago, IL.

Perzynski, Adam T., **Misty L. Harris**, and Joseph J. Sudano Jr. 2015. “Brief Measures for Evaluating Engagement and Perceived Usefulness of Health Apps for Patients.” Society of General Internal Medicine. Toronto, ON Canada

Perzynski, Adam T., R. Williams, P. Murphy, R. Stoneking, M. **Harris**, A.Cemballi, A. Zehnder, L. McVey, J. Coats, C. Hebert. 2015. Non-Immersive Virtual Reality Gaming to Promote Weight Loss Management amongst African American Women in the Diabetes Prevention Program. Los Angeles, CA.

**Harris, Misty L.,** Adam T. Perzynski, and Joseph J. Sudano Jr. 2015. “Estimating the Associations between Literacy, Numeracy, Income, and Composite Health Risks among Persons Taking a Health Risk Assessment.” North Central Sociological Association (NCSA). Cleveland, OH.

***Presentations and Posters continued***

Perzynski Adam T., **Misty L. Harris**, Gultekin Ozsoyoglu, Sandra Andrukat, and Joseph J. Sudano Jr. 2014. “Health Risk Assessment Software for Everyone: Testing the Association of Numeracy with Engagement, Perceived Usefulness, and Satisfaction.” Society of Medical Decision Making. Miami, FL.

**Harris, Misty L.**, Joseph J. Sudano Jr., Adam T. Perzynski, Mendel E. Singer. 2014. “Health Risk Assessment Use in Primary Care: Providers’ Knowledge, Perceptions, and Intentions to Use.” MetroHealth Research Symposium. Cleveland, OH.

**Harris, Misty L.**, Joseph J. Sudano Jr., Adam T. Perzynski, Mendel E. Singer. 2014. Health Risk Assessment Use in Primary Care: Providers’ Knowledge, Perceptions, and Intentions to Use. Academy of Health. San Diego, CA.

Sudano, Joseph J. Jr., Adam T. Perzynski, **Misty L. Harris**, and Edwin B. Hutchins. 2014. “Development of the “Gold Standard” Health Risk Assessment for use in Primary Care: Making the Most of Affordable Care Act Opportunities.” Academy of Health. San Diego, CA.

Perzynski, Adam T. and **Misty L. Harris**. 2014. “Use of REDCap Survey Development Software in Research.” MetroHealth Center for Health Care Research and Policy Biostatistics Evaluation, Research, and Design (BERD) Core. Cleveland, OH.

**Harris, Misty L.** 2013. “Health Risk Assessment Use in Primary Care: Measuring Providers’ Knowledge, Perceptions, and Intentions to Use.” Innovations in Population Health Conference. Case Western Reserve. Cleveland, OH.

**Harris, Misty L.** 2003. “Study Abroad and Africa: Challenges and Perspectives.” African Studies Brownbag Series. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS.

**Awards and Certifications**

West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award ($200), 2021.

West Virginia University Mountaineers of Excellence STEM Fellowship, Office of Graduate Education & Life (priceless), 2017 – 2019.

Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Award ($1300), 2017.

West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Travel Award ($300), 2017.

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, 2017.

CWRU Responsible Conduct of Research Certification (CREC), 2013.

Fulbright-Hayes Groups Project Abroad Scholar, 2005.

University of Kansas Global Awareness Program Certification, 2005.

Jewish Vocational Services Cultural Competency Certification, 2004.

**Trainings and Workshops**

*West Virginia Summer Policy Institute.* The West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy and The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), Online, 2021.

*Teaching Sociology Online* Workshop. West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 2019.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICSPR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI, 2016.

***Trainings and Workshops continued***

United Way Outcomes Model Grant Writing & Evaluation Workshop, Lawrence, KS, 2005/2006.

Kansas Non-Profit Association Successful Development Plans Workshop, Topeka, KS, 2005.

**References**

Jeralynn S. Cossman, Ph.D., Inaugural Dean, College for Health, Community and Policy Professor, Departments of Demography and Sociology & Mark G. Yudof Endowed Professor. The University of Texas. San Antonio, TX. (210) 458-2880. [Lynne.Cossman@utsa.edu](mailto:Lynne.Cossman@utsa.edu).

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