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### EMPLOYMENT

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2019 – Associate Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
2022 – present, Director of Graduate Studies  
2020, Interim Director of Undergraduate Studies

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

### EDUCATION

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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

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

### RESEARCH GRANTS

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#### Under Review

Barr, Ashley, Kristen Schultz Lee, Chris Dennison, and Zhe Zhang. Under Review. “Social Foreground Effects on ADRD Precursors in Midlife: Risk and Resilience in Rural Contexts.” *National Institute on Aging*, \$3,666,632.00.

#### External Support

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.

2024 - 2026 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.

- 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: Brody, Gene H.) "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)

- 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](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/10.1177/216769682412354>
- 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). [10.1093/geroni/igac059.1170](https://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.
- Adameczyk, 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.<sup>a</sup> 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 Mediation 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." Pp. 139-63 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.

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**MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW** (\*indicates graduate student coauthor)

Barr, Ashley B., Rebecca Boylan, Zhe Zhang.\* Revise and Resubmit. "The Effect of Being Pushed or Pulled Out of High School on Criminal Involvement Across the Transition to Adulthood."

Yu, Chang,\* Ashley B. Barr, Yulin Yang, and Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk. Revise and Resubmit. "Beyond Pain Presence: The Impact of Multisite Pain and Pain Interference on Cognitive Functioning among Middle-Aged and Older Adults."

Barr, Ashley B., Christopher Dennison, Kristen Schultz Lee, and Zhe Zhang.\* Revise and Resubmit. "Rethinking Intergenerational Influence: Adult Children's Education, Parental Cognitive Health, and the Role of Selection."

Barr, Ashley B., Zhe Zhang,\* and Sara DiPasquale.\* Under Review. "Juvenile Punishment and Young Adult Attitudes towards Police: The Role of Obedience to Authority"

Bosley, Christopher\* and Ashley B. Barr. Under Review. "Contextualizing the Link between Work-Related Stress and Health: An Analysis of Emergency Medical Service Providers."

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**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS** (draft available; \*indicates graduate student coauthor)

Barr, Ashley B. "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*.

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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.”

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

Barr, Ashley B., Zhe Zhang,\* and Sophia Olsinski.\* “Gentrification and Romantic Relationship Quality among Young Adults.”

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.”

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## **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS**

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

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## **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*. 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

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS** (\*indicates graduate student coauthor)

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2025 Barr, Ashley B., Chandler Fairbanks,\* and Zhe Zhang\* “Marital Salience and Trajectories of Risk-Taking Behavior Across the Transition to Adulthood.” To be presented at the *American Society for Criminology* annual meeting, Washington, DC.

2025 Barr, Ashley B. and Chandler Fairbanks.\* “Interracial Couples, Relationship Satisfaction, and Health.” To be presented at the *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

2025 Barr, Ashley B., Zhe Zhang,\* and Sophia Olsinski.\* “Gentrification and Romantic Relationship Quality among Young Adults.” To be presented at the *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. 2012. "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**

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- 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**

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Disciplinary Service

2022 –	Associate Editor, <i>Emerging Adulthood</i>
2019 –	Editorial Board Member, <i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i>
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 <i>Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood</i> , San Diego, California
2022	Organizer and Presider, Life Course regular session, “Adversity and health across the life course.” <i>American Sociological Association</i> , Los Angeles, California
2021	Presider, Sociology of Family section: Family Life and Health Outcomes. <i>American Sociological Association</i> , virtual meeting
2019	Member, ASA Family Section Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee
2017	Presider, Children, Youth, & Adolescents regular session, “Institutions and the State.” <i>American Sociological Association</i> , Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Ad hoc Reviewer

<i>American Sociological Review</i>	<i>PLOS One</i>
<i>Criminology</i>	<i>Population Research and Policy Review</i>
<i>Emerging Adulthood</i>	<i>Qualitative Sociology</i>
<i>Gender and Education</i>	<i>Russell Sage Foundation</i>
<i>Health, Risk, and Society</i>	<i>Sociological Forum</i>
<i>Journal of Family Issues</i>	<i>Sociology of Education</i>
<i>Journal of Family Psychology</i>	<i>Social Currents</i>
<i>Journal of Health and Social Behavior</i>	<i>Social Forces</i>
<i>Journal of Marriage and Family</i>	<i>Social Problems</i>
<i>Journal of Research on Adolescence</i>	<i>Social Science and Medicine</i>
<i>Journal of School Violence</i>	<i>Social Science Research</i>
<i>Justice Quarterly</i>	<i>Society and Mental Health</i>
<i>Journal of Youth Studies</i>	<i>The Sociological Quarterly</i>
<i>Learning and Individual Differences</i>	<i>Social Psychology Quarterly</i>
<i>Personal Relationships</i>	

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
2025	Panelist. “Career Design Center Faculty Champion Panel Discussion.” University at Buffalo.
2025	Presenter. “What Do We Know about System-Impacted Students?” <i>You Belong</i> planning meeting.
2024	Panelist. “Mentoring System-Impacted Graduate Students.” <i>The Network for Enriched Academic Relationships (NEAR)</i> . University at Buffalo.
2024	Panelist for “The Road to Academia - The Academic Job Search.” <i>PhD Career Pathways Conference</i> , 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

2024 – Present      Mentor, American Sociological Association Family Section

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

*Experiential Learning Mentorship*

2024 – Present      Community Engagement digital badge. “[Teach others about the sociological imagination.](#)” University at Buffalo Experiential Learning Network.

2022 – Present      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*

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

(2026)      Fairbanks, Chandler. “Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Family and Romantic Relationships”

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)      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). Title TBD.
- (2026) Rex, Maggie. "Ties and Binds: Extremism Through the Eyes of Friends and Family."
- (2025) Wang, Zhe. "Rural-to-Urban Migration Decision Making among Workers and Families in China"
- (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

- (2026) Kaur, Sirat. Title TBD.
- 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 Blook as Normal Blood: A Policy Brief Addressing Stigmatization of Homosexual Males as a Results 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."

(Note: Master's committees not shown)

#### 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**

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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 Court Design, 2018

*University at Buffalo College of Arts and Sciences*

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## **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