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EDUCATION

PhD	Sociology, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York	Expected 2027
MA	Sociology, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York	2023
BA	Psychology, Mathematics State University of New York (SUNY) at Geneseo, Geneseo, New York <i>Cum Laude</i>	2019

PUBLICATIONS

Sementilli, Grace C. 2026. "Symbolic Violence in the Privatization of U.S. Public Housing." Chapter 9 in *Urban Violence Volume 1: Theoretical and Methodological Approaches* edited by Fernando Carrión and Emilia Silva Arias. Springer Nature. Forthcoming.

Dwyer Emory, Allison, and **Sementilli, Grace C.** 2025. "Surveilling System Exposure and Parental Institutional Disengagement." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 87(5):1925-1946.

Sementilli, Grace C., and Robert M. Adelman. 2025. "Building Communities: Exploring the Interplay Between Immigration and Neighborhood Dynamics." Chapter 10 in *Taking Root: Cosmopolitan Perspectives on Migrations* edited by Deirdre A. Oakley. Dubuque, Iowa: Kendall Hunt.

Sementilli, Grace C., Nancy Kleniewski, Alexander R. Thomas, & Gregory M. Fulkerson. 2024. *Instructor Materials for Cities, Change and Conflict, 6th Edition*. New York: Routledge.

POLICY REPORTS

Creighton, Cathy, Steve Peraza, Rusty Weaver, Lou Jean Fleron, Sam Magavern, Jonas Adams, J Coley, Julia Schoonover, and **Grace Sementilli**. 2024. [*The Status of Childcare in New York State*](#). Cornell University ILR Buffalo Co-Lab.

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant , Dr. Cathy Creighton Cornell University ILR Buffalo Co-Lab, Buffalo, NY	2023
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Laboratory Technician, Dr. Melissa Sturge-Apple
University of Rochester, Department of Psychology, Rochester New York
Project Families Learning, Integrating, and Growing Healthy Together

2019 – 2021

WORKING PAPERS

Sementilli, Grace C., Robert M. Adelman, and Christopher R. Dennison. “Layers of Vulnerability: Nativity, Citizenship, and the Eviction Experience in the United States.” Revision invited by *Social Currents*.

Sementilli, Grace C. “Above the Law and Under the Lease: Power and Relational Legal Consciousness Formation.” Revision invited by *Law & Society Review*.

Sementilli, Grace C. “Eviction Tactics and the Landlord-Tenant Policy Environment During COVID-19.” Under journal review.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Meetings

2026

Sementilli, Grace C. “Selling Subsidies: Assessing the Organizational Messaging of U.S. Public Housing Authorities.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York City, New York.

Sementilli, Grace C. “Symbolic Violence in the Privatization of U.S. Public Housing.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. New York City, New York.

2025

Sementilli, Grace C. “Contracts and Conflicts: Legal Consciousness Constructions on Reddit.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.

Sementilli, Grace C., and Robert M. Adelman: “Housing Precarity in the American City: Comparing Risks Across Nativity and Citizenship.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.

Sementilli, Grace C. “Contracts and Conflicts: Eviction Law and Landlord Tenant Interaction.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.

2024

Sementilli, Grace C., and Robert M. Adelman. “Locked Down and Locked Out: Eviction Outcomes by Foreign-Born Status, Citizenship, and Race in the COVID-19 Era.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Dwyer Emory, Allison, and **Grace C. Sementilli**. “Surveilling System Contact and Parents’ Institutional Avoidance.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Columbus, Ohio.

2023

Dwyer Emory, Allison, and **Grace C. Sementilli**. “Surveilling System Contact and Parents’ Institutional Disengagement.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Sementilli, Grace C. “Immigration, Race, and Eviction: A Household- and Metropolitan-Level Approach.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dwyer Emory, Allison, and **Grace C. Sementilli**. “Parental Institutional Disengagement and Adolescent’s Institutional Bonds.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana.

Departmental Talks

2024

Sementilli, Grace C. and Robert M. Adelman. “Locked Down and Locked Out: Eviction Outcomes by Foreign-Born Status, Citizenship, and Race in the COVID-19 Era.” Perspectives on Urban Life, Society, and Environment Works-In-Progress Group. University at Buffalo.

2023

Sementilli, Grace C. “Immigration, Race, and Eviction: A Household- and Metropolitan-Level Approach.” Graduate Student Symposium. University at Buffalo.

2022

Dwyer Emory, Allison, **Grace C. Sementilli**. “Parental Incarceration, System Avoidance, and Adolescent’s Institutional Bonds.” Family, Life Course, and Sociology of Health Works-In-Progress Group. University at Buffalo.

2019

Sementilli, Grace C. “Quality of Social Engagement Between 4-Year-Old Siblings and Friends.” Geneseo Recognizing Excellence, Achievement, and Talent Day. SUNY Geneseo.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Adeline Gordon Levine Excellence in Teaching Award University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology and Criminology	2026
Graduate Student Paper Award “Symbolic Violence in the Privatization of U.S. Public Housing.” Society for the Study of Social Problems	2026
Future of Families Summer Data Workshop Columbia University, Columbia Population Research Center	2025
Good Citizen Award University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology and Criminology	2024
Cornell ILR Buffalo Co-Lab Childcare Research Fellowship University at Buffalo, Research Foundation	2023
Social Impact Fellowship University at Buffalo	2023
Graduate Fellowship University at Buffalo, Office of the Registrar	2021 – 2024
Bronze Leadership Certificate SUNY Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership Development (GOLD)	2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Communities & Crime
Criminal Justice Systems
Sociology of Immigration
Introduction to Sociology
Basic Statistics for Social Sciences

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Social Research Methods
Urban Sociology
Communities & Crime
Urban Schools & Communities

SUNY Geneseo

Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology
Psychology of Personality

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology
Sociology of Families

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology and Criminology, 2025
Professionalization Seminar
Panel Member

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
Session Organizer & Presider – *Urban Mobility* 2025
Roundtable Presider – *Organizations, Occupations, and Work* 2026

City & Community 2025
Graduate Editorial Assistant

University at Buffalo, Community Deliberative Forum 2024
Moderator – *Welcoming New Arrivals to Western New York*

University at Buffalo Sociology Graduate Student Association
Secretary 2023-2025

Occasional Manuscript Reviewer
Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Sociology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 2026
Law & Society Association (LSA) 2024–2026
American Sociological Association (ASA) 2022 – Present
Psi Chi (ΨΧ) National Honor Society 2017 – Present