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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024 - CURRENT	Instructor , Department of Anthropology, History, Political Science, & Sociology, Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY
2023 - CURRENT	Instructor , Education Opportunity Program, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY
2023 - CURRENT	Instructor , Department of Sociology and Criminology University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY
2021 - 2023	Teaching Assistant , Department of Sociology and Criminology University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

EDUCATION

PhD in Sociology	Aug 2025
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York (SUNY), Buffalo, NY.	
<i>Dissertation Title:</i> "Health Insurance Across the Transition to Adulthood"	
<i>Committee:</i> Ashley Barr, Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk, and Debi Street	
MA in Sociology	Jun 2023
University at Buffalo, The State University of New York (SUNY), Buffalo, NY.	
BA in Sociology, Minor in Psychology	May 2021
St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY.	
BA in Public Health, Minor Gerontology	May 2021
St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY.	
AS in Psychology	Dec 2019
Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY.	
AAS in General Science	Dec 2019
Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY.	

HONORS AND AWARDS

2024	Good Citizen Award, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2023	Student Forum Paper Award, American Sociological Association
2023	ASA Student Travel Award, American Sociological Association
2021	Trustees Ranking Scholar Award, St. John Fisher University
2021	Citizen Scholar Award in Sociology, St. John Fisher University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE*Courses Taught (*asynchronous)*

SOC101 EOP-	Introduction to Sociology: SU23, SPR24, SU24 (2 classes), FA24, SU25
SOC101 -	Introduction to Sociology: W24*, SPR25*
SOC345 -	Sociology of Deviance: FA23, SPR24, SU24*, FA24
SOC102 -	Social Problems: FA24*, SPR25*, FA25*

SOC296- Basic Statistics for the Social Sciences: SU25*

SOC304- Sociology of Aging: FA25

ADVISING AND MENTORING

Teaching Assistants (* graduate student)

2023 — CURRENT Nour Jaber

2024 Reference of Nour Jaber, Academic Integrity Award Winner.

[<https://www.law.buffalo.edu/links/2024-May/nour-jaber.html>]

2024 Daniel Cummings*, Rebecca Eimer, Genelly Nunez, Mahnoor Ahmed

2023 Maria LoBalsamo*, Tucker Reyes*

Graduate Student Mentoring

2025 — CURRENT KRD Mentee Meetings

Undergraduate Student Mentoring

Organizer, (Mar 2025). “Leveraging University Resources for the Graduate School Application Process.”

Organizer, (Feb 2024). “Overcoming the Hidden Curriculum, Leveraging Course Learning Objectives for Your Resume.”

Organizer, (Nov 2024). “Tips for Applying to Graduate School.”

INVITED TALKS

Presenter, (Apr 2025). “Turning Experience into Action: My Academic Journey and Research Story” *St. John Fisher University*, Rochester, NY.

Presenter, (Apr 2025). “Making Learning Accessible” *UB TaLCK Spring 2025*, Buffalo, NY.

Presenter (Apr 2025), “Cultivating Community in the Classroom at MCC” *Teaching and Creativity Center*, Rochester, NY.

Presenter, (Mar 2025). “Making Learning Accessible at MCC” *Teaching and Creativity Center*, Rochester, NY.

Guest, (Mar 2025). “AI at UB Forum” *Center for the Arts*, Buffalo, NY.

Presenter, (Feb 2025). “Maintaining Student Motivation” *UB TaLCK Spring 2025*, Buffalo, NY.

Presenter, (Feb 2025) “Empowering our Classroom through Engagement at MCC” *Teaching and Creativity Center*, Rochester, NY.

[[https://www.monroecc.edu/webdbs/mccCal.nsf/Events+Lookup/02-26-](https://www.monroecc.edu/webdbs/mccCal.nsf/Events+Lookup/02-26-2025_tcc_empowering_our_classroom_through_engagement_at_mcc_(online_workshop)?OpenDocument)

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Presenter, (Jan 2025). “Addressing Skills and Knowledge Gaps” *UB TaLCK Spring 2025*, Buffalo, NY. [<https://www.buffalo.edu/catt/opportunities/ub-talck.html>]

Presenter, (Aug 2024) “Effective Interaction with UB Students” *2024 New TA Orientation annual orientation*, Buffalo, NY. [<https://www.buffalo.edu/catt/opportunities/events/ta-orientation.html>]

Guest, (Nov 2024) Teaching Table Podcast, 2024. “Reaching Today’s Students.”

[<https://www.buffalo.edu/catt/teach/podcast/engaging-todays-learners-ep-8.html>]

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Insurance; Health; Life course; Transition to adulthood; Deviance; Quantitative Methods

WORKING PAPERS

D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Health Insurance Patterns and Health in Young Adulthood."
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Describing Patterns of Health Insurance in Young Adulthood."
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "The Long Arm of Health Insurance Coverage."
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Do Health Insurance, Citizenship, and Nativity Matter for Health?"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. (Aug 2025). "Health Insurance Patterns and Health in Young Adulthood." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. (Jun 2025). "Describing Patterns of Health Insurance in Emerging Adulthood." *Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood*, Charleston, SC.
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. (Jun 2025). "Refining Library Research through AI: An Introduction to Approaching AI Integration for Undergraduate Students." *Teaching and Learning Conference*. Rochester, NY.
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. (Aug 2024). "The Long Arm of Health Insurance Coverage." *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, QC.
D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. (Aug 2023). "Does Health Insurance Matter?" *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.
Welch, Ayrlia, D'Alfonso, Kathleen, Williams, Michelle. (Aug 2023). "Affordability, Access, and Allowance: Reproductive Freedom and the Entitlement of Purchased Family." *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2024 – CURRENT	UB Teaching and Learning Community of Knowledge
2024 – CURRENT	Teaching and Creativity Center
2024 – CURRENT	Adjunct Faculty Professional Development Program
2025	Fostering International Grad Student Success
2025	Accessibility Resources
2025	PhD Career Accelerator Certificate
2025	Faculty Consultant Training
2024	Scholarship of Teaching and Learning
2024	Teaching Institute
2024	TA Discovery Community
2023	Micro-credential Communicating to Broad Audiences
2023	Learning to Teach Online

SERVICE

Professional Service

2023 **Reviewer.** Medical Sociology 15e Textbook

Departmental Service

2024 - CURRENT **Session Organizer**, Sociology and Criminology Writing Retreat Organizer and Host. *Sociology and Criminology Department*. University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
2022 – CURRENT **Recruitment Support**. Department of Sociology PhD program.
2022 - CURRENT **President**, "UB Academic Resources Available to Graduate Students" UB Lockwood Library. Buffalo, NY.

2022 - 2024 **Panelist**, UB Sociology and Criminology Proseminar
 2022 - 2023 **International Grading Assistant**. UB Graduate School.
Community Involvement
 2022 - 2024 Team Sociology. *“Out of the Darkness” Community Walk*. Buffalo, NY.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2025 – CURRENT Sociologists Teaching in Carceral Settings
 2024 – CURRENT Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood
 2024 – CURRENT Aging and the Life Course Member, American Sociological Association
 2024 – CURRENT Medical Sociology Member, American Sociological Association
 2023 – CURRENT Sigma Alpha Pi (National Society of Leadership and Success)
 2019 – CURRENT Phi Theta Kappa