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EDUCATION

Jun 2025	PhD in Sociology , 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
Jun 2023	MA in Sociology , University at Buffalo, The State University of New York (SUNY), Buffalo, NY.
May 2021	BA in Sociology, Psychology , St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY.
May 2021	BA in Public Health, Minor Gerontology , St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY.
Dec 2019	AS in Psychology , Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY.
Dec 2019	AAS in General Sciences , Monroe Community College, Rochester, NY.

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	Graduate Teaching Assistant , Department of Sociology and Criminology University at Buffalo, Buffalo, NY

TEACHING EXPERIENCECourses Taught (*asynchronous)

Introduction to Sociology EOP:	SU23, SPR24, SU24 (2 classes), FA24, SU25, FA25
Introduction to Sociology:	W24*, SPR25*, FA25*
Sociology of Deviance:	FA23, SPR24, SU24*, FA24, SPR26
Social Problems:	FA24*, SPR25*, FA25*
Basic Statistics for Social Sciences:	SU25*
Sociology of Aging:	FA25

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Insurance; Teaching and Research Specializations; Health; Life course; Transition to adulthood; Deviance; Quantitative Methods

ADVISING AND MENTORINGTeaching Assistants, Supervised (* graduate student)

2024 - CURRENT	Nour Jaber (2024-PRESENT)
2024	Daniel Cummings*, Rebecca Eimer, Genelly Nunez, Mahnoor Ahmed
2023	Maria LoBalsamo*, Tucker Reyes*

Graduate Students, Mentor

2023 - CURRENT Millicent Ngwu

Undergraduate Student, Advising

Mar 2025 “Leveraging University Resources for the Graduate School Application Process.”
Feb 2024 “Overcoming the Hidden Curriculum, Leveraging Course Learning Objectives for Your Resume.”
Nov 2024 “Tips for Applying to Graduate School.”

INVITED TALKS

Presenter, (Apr 2025). “How to create a custom GPT and use ChatGPT to develop teaching resources” *UB TaLCK Spring 2025*, Buffalo, NY.
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.
Presenter, (Jan 2025). “Addressing Skills and Knowledge Gaps” *UB TaLCK Spring 2025*, Buffalo, NY.
Presenter, (Aug 2024) “Effective Interaction with UB Students” *2024 New TA Orientation annual orientation*, Buffalo, NY.
Guest, (Nov 2024) Teaching Table Podcast, 2024. “Reaching Today’s Students.”

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. (2025, Aug). Health insurance patterns and health in young adulthood. *American Sociological Association 2025*, Chicago, IL.
D’Alfonso, Kathleen R. (2025, Jun). *Describing patterns of health insurance in emerging adulthood*. Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood 2025, Charleston, SC.
D’Alfonso, Kathleen R. (2025, Jun). *Refining Library Research through AI: An Introduction to Approaching AI Integration for Undergraduate Students*. Teaching and Learning Conference 2025. Rochester, NY.
D’Alfonso, Kathleen R. (2024, Aug). *The Long Arm of Health Insurance Coverage*. American Sociological Association 2024, Montreal, QC.

- D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. (2023, Aug). *Does Health Insurance Matter?* American Sociological Association 2023, Philadelphia, PA.
- D'Alfonso, Kathleen, Welch, A, Williams, M. (2023, Aug). Affordability, Access, and Allowance: Reproductive Freedom and the Entitlement of Purchased Family. *American Sociological Association 2023*, 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

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	2025 Nathalie Devine Howe Award for Outstanding Teaching
2025	Good Citizen Award, University at Buffalo, SUNY
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

SERVICE

Professional Service

2024	Reviewer: Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities
2023	Reviewer: Medical Sociology 15e Textbook

Departmental Service

2024 - CURRENT	Session Organizer , Sociology and Criminology Writing Retreat Organizer and Host. <i>Sociology and Criminology Department</i> . 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.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

ASA Sections

Sociologists Teaching in Carceral Settings

Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood
Aging and the Life Course Member, American Sociological Association
Medical Sociology Member, American Sociological Association
Academic Honor Societies
Sigma Alpha Pi (National Society of Leadership and Success)
Phi Theta Kappa