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EDUCATION

PhD	Sociology, University at Buffalo, Buffalo, New York	2027 (Expected)
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

Dwyer Emory, Allison, and **Sementilli, Grace C.** 2025. "Surveilling System Exposure and Parental Institutional Disengagement." *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 1–22.

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.

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

Laboratory Technician, Dr. Melissa Sturge-Apple 2019 – 2021
University of Rochester, Department of Psychology, Rochester New York
Project Families Learning, Integrating, and Growing Healthy Together (FLIGHT)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University at Buffalo

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Communities & Crime (Fall 2024)
Sociology of Immigration (Spring 2025)
Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2025)

Basic Statistics for Social Sciences (Fall 2025)
Criminology (Winter 2026)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Social Research Methods (Fall 2022, Fall 2023)
Urban Sociology (Spring 2023, Spring 2024)
Communities & Crime (Fall 2023)
Urban Schools & Communities (Spring 2024)

Undergraduate Students Advised

Eleanor White, “Literature Review: Eviction in U.S. Urban and Suburban Neighborhoods”

Graduate Students Peer-Mentored

Nikki Kaur, Department of Sociology and Criminology
Sirat Kaur, Department of Sociology and Criminology

SUNY Geneseo

Teaching Assistant, Department of Psychology
Psychology of Personality (Spring 2019)

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology
Sociology of Families (Fall 2018)

WORKING PAPERS

Sementilli, Grace C. “A Lease on Expertise: Relational Legal Consciousness Constructions on Reddit.”

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.”

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Professional Meetings

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.

Invited and 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. “Using Sociology in Real Life.” SOC 101 (Introduction to Sociology, Invited Lecture). University at Buffalo.

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

Sementilli, Grace C. “Urban Unrest and Social Control.” SOC 348 (Urban Sociology, Invited Lecture). University at Buffalo.

Sementilli, Grace C. “The Sociology of Eviction.” SOC 348 (Urban Sociology, Invited Lecture). University at Buffalo.

Sementilli, Grace C. “The Sociology of Residential Segregation.” SOC 348 (Urban Sociology, Invited Lecture).

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 (GREAT) Day. SUNY Geneseo.

HONORS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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 (\$5,000)	2023
Social Impact Fellowship University at Buffalo (\$5,000)	2023
Graduate Assistantship University at Buffalo, Office of the Registrar (\$20,000/year)	2021 – 2024
Bronze Leadership Certificate SUNY Geneseo Opportunities for Leadership Development (GOLD)	2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA) <i>Section membership: Community and Urban Sociology</i> <i>Section membership: International Migration</i>	2022 – Present
Psi Chi (ΨΧ) National Honor Society	2017 – Present

SERVICE

Professional

University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Professionalization Seminar Panel Member	2025
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting Session Organizer & Presider – Urban Mobility	2025
City & Community, Graduate Editorial Assistant Program	2025
University at Buffalo, Community Deliberative Forum Moderator – <i>Welcoming New Arrivals to Western New York</i>	2024
University at Buffalo Sociology Graduate Student Association Secretary	2023-Present
SUNY Geneseo Office of Admissions Lead Campus Tour Guide	2018 – 19
Campus Tour Guide	2016 – 19

Community

Hospice Palliative Care Community Volunteer, Buffalo NY	2011 – Present
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