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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. University at Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology and Criminology. Expected 2025.
Dissertation Title: "Health Insurance Across the Transition to Adulthood"
Committee: Ashley Barr, Hanna Grol-Prokopczyk and Debi Street
- M.A. University at Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology. 2023.
- B.A. St. John Fisher University, Sociology (Minor in Gerontology). 2021.
- B.A. St. John Fisher University, Public Health (Minor in Psychology). 2021.
- A.S. Monroe Community College, Psychology. 2019.
- A.A.S. Monroe Community College, General Studies. 2019.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Health	Aging and the Life Course	Sociology of Healthcare
Sociology of Deviance	Teaching Sociology	Quantitative Methods

UNDER REVIEW

D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Do Health Insurance, Citizenship, and Nativity Matter for Health?"

WORKING PAPERS

- D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "The Long Arm of Health Insurance Status." Full draft available.
- D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Health Insurance Patterns and the Transition to Adulthood." Full draft available.
- D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Health Insurance Patterns and Health in the Transition to Adulthood."

HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2025 | 2025 Nathalie Devine Howe Award for Outstanding Teaching |
| 2025 | Reyes Award for Department Engagement, 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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Health Insurance Patterns and Health in Young Adulthood." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL. August 8-12.
- 2025 D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Describing Patterns of Health Insurance in Emerging Adulthood." Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood annual meeting, Charleston, SC. June 4-6.
- 2025 D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Refining Library Research through AI: An Introduction to Approaching AI Integration for Undergraduate student Students." Teaching and Learning Conference, Rochester, NY. June 4-6.
- 2024 D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "The Long Arm of Health Insurance Status." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Montréal, Québec, Canada. August 9-13.
- 2023 D'Alfonso, Kathleen R. "Do Health Insurance, Citizenship, and Nativity Matter for Health?" American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.
- 2023 D'Alfonso, Kathleen R., Welch, A., and Williams, M. "Affordability, Access, and Allowance: Reproductive Freedom and the Entitlement of Purchased Family." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 "Open Educational Resources (OER) and Affordable Learning." Presentation at UB TaLCK Fall 2025, Buffalo, NY. December 3.
- 2025 "Teaching with Compassion: Supporting Student Well-Being and Success." Presentation at UB TaLCK Fall 2025, Buffalo, NY. November 5.
- 2025 "Beyond Accessibility: Creating Inclusive and Equitable Learning Experiences." Presentation at UB TaLCK Fall 2025, Buffalo, NY. October 1.
- 2025 "Teaching Students with their Varied and Particular Needs." Presentation at UB TaLCK Fall 2025, Buffalo, NY. September 10.
- 2025 "AI in Action: Teaching Tools and Ethical Use in Higher Education." Presentation at UB TaLCK Fall 2025, Buffalo, NY. September 3.
- 2025 "How to Create a Custom GPT and Use ChatGPT to Develop Teaching Resources." Presentation at UB TaLCK Spring 2025, Buffalo, NY. April 16.

- 2025 “Turning Experience into Action: My Academic Journey and Research Story.” Presentation at St. John Fisher University, Rochester, NY. April 9.
- 2025 “Making Learning Accessible.” Presentation at UB TaLCK Spring 2025, Buffalo, NY. April 23.
- 2025 “Cultivating Community in the Classroom at MCC.” Presentation at Teaching and Creativity Center, Rochester, NY. April 2.
- 2025 “Making Learning Accessible at MCC.” Presentation at Teaching and Creativity Center, Rochester, NY. March 26.
- 2025 “Maintaining Student Motivation.” Presentation at UB TaLCK Spring 2025, Buffalo, NY. February 25.
- 2025 “Empowering Our Classroom through Engagement at MCC.” Presentation at Teaching and Creativity Center, Rochester, NY. February 26.
- 2025 “Addressing Skills and Knowledge Gaps.” Presentation at UB TaLCK Spring 2025, Buffalo, NY. January 29.
- 2024 “Reaching Today’s Students.” Guest appearance on Teaching Table Podcast. December 17.

COURSES TAUGHT

Introduction to Sociology (in-person and online)

Sociology of Deviance (in-person and online)

Social Problems (in-person and online)

Basic Statistics for Social Sciences (online)

Sociology of Aging (in-person)

SERVICE

Professional Service: Leadership Positions

- 2025 - current Secretary, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.
- 2025 - current Experienced Fellow, SUNY Online Fellow, SUNY Online, Albany, NY.
- 2024 - current Organizer, Sociology Writing Retreat, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.
- 2024 - current Professional Collaborator, UB Teaching and Learning Community of Knowledge (UB TaLCK), University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.
- 2024 - current Council Member, Teaching and Creativity Center (TCC), Monroe Community College, SUNY, Rochester, NY.

2025 Chaperone, Canal Days, Education Opportunity Program, Buffalo, NY.

Professional Service: Conferences & Panels

2025 Presider, Health and Illness refereed roundtable, "Health Insurance Patterns and Health in Young Adulthood." American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

2023 - 25 Presider, Department of Sociology and Criminology Ph.D. Proseminar, "UB Academic Resources Available to Graduate Students." University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2023 Presider, Student Forum Paper Presentation regular session, "Do Health Insurance, Citizenship, and Nativity Matter for Health?" American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2022 - 25 Discussant, Department of Sociology and Criminology Ph.D. Panel, "Managing Coursework, Research, and TA Responsibilities." University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2022 - 25 Tour Guide, Department of Sociology and Criminology Ph.D. Recruitment, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

Professional Service: Services to Journals & Presses

2025 Reviewer, Textbook, Social Problems in the Real-World, W.W. Norton & Company.

2024 Reviewer, Article, Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities.

2023 Reviewer, Textbook, Medical Sociology 15e, Routledge Review.

University Service

2025 Panelist, "My TA Journey." Presentation at New TA Orientation, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2025 Guest, "AI at UB Forum." Center for the Arts, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2024 Presenter, "Effective Interaction with UB Students." New TA Orientation, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

Professional Affiliations

2024 - current Member, ASA Section on Sociologists Teaching in Carceral Settings

2021 - current Member, ASA Section on Society for the Study of Emerging Adulthood

2021 - current Member, ASA Section on Aging and the Life Course

2021 - current Member, ASA Medical Sociology Member

Other Professional Development

2025 The Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD), San Diego, CA.

2025 The SUNY Online Course Quality Review Rubric (OSCQR), SUNY Online Fellow, SUNY Online, Albany, NY.

2025 Fostering International Grad Student Success, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2025 Faculty Consultant Training, Teaching and Creativity Center, Monroe Community College, SUNY, Rochester, NY.

2025 Accessibility Resources, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Transformation, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2024 Ph.D. Career Accelerator Certificate, The Graduate School, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2023 Micro-credential Communicating to Broad Audiences, The Graduate School, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, NY.

2023 Learning to Teach Online (Coursera), University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW.

STUDENT ADVISING

Teaching Assistants

2024 - current Nour Jaber, Graduate student, University at Buffalo

2025 Ellen Croffie, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2025 Azaria Fulton, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2025 Ayush Jaiswal, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2024 Dan Cummings, Graduate student, University at Buffalo

2024 Rebecca Eimer, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2024 Genelly Nunez, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2024 Mahnoor Ahmed, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2024 Bucket Abdallah, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo

2023 Maria LoBalsamo, Graduate student, University at Buffalo

2023 Tucker Reyes, Graduate student, University at Buffalo

Mentees

2025 - current	Cara Michno, Undergraduate student, University at Buffalo
2023 - current	Millicent Ngwu, Graduate student, University at Buffalo
2024	Megan Hosfield, Graduate student, University at Buffalo

Undergraduate student Workshops

2025	“Pathways to Teaching Sociology,” University at Buffalo July 17.
2025	“Leveraging University Resources for the Graduate School Application Process,” University at Buffalo March 7.
2024	“Tips for Applying to Graduate School,” University at Buffalo November 12.
2024	“Overcoming the Hidden Curriculum: Leveraging Course Learning Objectives for Your Resume,” University at Buffalo February 19.