

**Laura Sills**  
Curriculum Vitae  
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**EDUCATION**

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Ph.D.     **Sociology**, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Expected 2028  
M.A.     **Sociology**, University at Buffalo, SUNY, 2025  
M.B.A.   **Data Analytics**, University of Southern Indiana, 2023  
B.S.     **Sociology and Anthropology**, *Summa Cum Laude*, University of Evansville, 2019

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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**Instructor**, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Basic Statistics for the Social Sciences  
Sociology of Race and Racism

**Teaching Assistant**, University at Buffalo, SUNY  
Multiple Linear Regression (Graduate)  
Introductory Statistics for the Social Sciences (Graduate)  
Medical Sociology  
Basic Statistics for Social Sciences  
Social Research Methods  
Cinematic Sociology  
Environment and Society  
Sociology of Punishment

**Instructor**, University of Evansville  
Introduction to Behavioral Statistics  
Social Research Methods  
Cultural Anthropology  
Professional Development in Sociology and Criminal Justice

**RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & PUBLICATIONS**

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**Peer-Reviewed Articles**

Sills, Laura. 2023. "Student Conceptions of Race and Racial Attitudes." *International Social Science Review* 99(2).

**In-Progress**

Lee, Kristen Schultz, Chris Dennison, Ashley Barr, Chandler Fairbanks, Sophia Olsinski, Laura Sills, and Zhe Zhang. "Rural-Urban Differences in the Effect of Adult Children's Education on Parental Cognitive Health." In preparation for *Demography*. Draft available.

Fairbanks, Chandler, Kristen Schultz Lee, Ashley Barr, Chris Dennison, Sophia Olsinski, Laura Sills, and Zhe Zhang. "Adult Offspring Caregiver Stress and Support Across Rural and Urban Contexts." In preparation.

Olsinski, Sophia, Ashley Barr, Kristen Schultz Lee, Chris Dennison, Chandler Fairbanks, , Laura Sills, and Zhe Zhang. "Childhood Adversity and Cognitive Health in Midlife: What Role Do Adult Offspring and Romantic Partners Play?" In preparation.

Sills, Laura, Zhe Zhang, Chris Dennison, Ashley Barr, Kristen Schultz, Chandler Fairbanks, Sophia Olsinski, and Laura Sills. "The Social Foreground and Parental Cognitive Health: The Role of Adult Offspring Substance Use and Emotional Distress." In preparation.

## **CONFERENCES & PRESENTATIONS**

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### **Presentations**

- 2019 Sills, Laura. "Student Perceptions of Race and Racial Attitudes." *Midwest Sociological Society*, Annual Meeting, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2019 Sills, Laura. "Student Perceptions of Race and Racial Attitudes." *University of Evansville*, Honors Research Symposium, Evansville, Indiana.

### **Roundtables**

- 2025 Sills, Laura. "Adult ADHD: Prevalence, Social Predictors, and Patterns in Treatment Use." *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, Chicago. Presider.
- 2024 Sills, Laura. "Geographic Variation in Reported ADHD Diagnoses among Adults." *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting, Montreal, Québec.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, & AWARDS**

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- 2023 – Present Presidential Fellow,  
University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2019 Hanns G. Pieper Outstanding Senior Research Award,  
Department of Law, Politics, & Society, University of Evansville
- 2018 Pi Gamma Mu, International Honor Society in Social Sciences,  
Indiana Alpha Chapter, University of Evansville
- 2015 Lilly Endowment Community Scholar,  
Blackford County Community Foundation

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY**

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### **Affiliations**

American Sociological Association  
Midwest Sociological Society

### **Service**

Member, Search Committee for Chief Data Officer, Office of the Provost,  
University of Southern Indiana

Non-voting Member, Institutional Review Board,  
University of Southern Indiana

Vice President, Sociology Programs Alumni Dedicated to Enduring Success (SPADES),  
University of Evansville

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

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- 2023 – **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology and Criminology,  
Present University at Buffalo, SUNY
- 2021 – **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences,  
Present University of Evansville
- 2021 – **Senior Research Associate**, Institutional Analytics Office,  
2023 University of Southern Indiana
- 2020 – **Senior Administrative Assistant**, Institutional Analytics Office,  
2021 University of Southern Indiana
- 2019 – **Administrative Assistant**, College of Liberal Arts,  
2020 University of Southern Indiana