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EDUCATION

2021 – Present	Ph.D. Candidate , Sociology, University of Michigan <i>Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society</i>
2025	M.S. , Epidemiology, University of Michigan
2024	M.A. , Sociology, University of Michigan
2020	B.A. , Sociology & Public Health, University of Iowa <i>Certificate in Social Science Analytics</i>

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Morality; Health & Disability; Science & Technology Studies; Sexuality; Qualitative & Historical Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Smith, A. A. (2025). “Not all Bathrooms are Created Equal”: Moral experiences of maneuvering in inaccessible infrastructure with physical disability. *SSM - Qualitative Research in Health*, 7, 100561. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmqr.2025.100561>

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Smith, A. A. More and Better Babies: The Moral Debate Over Eugenics in U.S. Pronatalism.
(*Dissertation project.*)

Smith, A. A. Public Scholars and Unreachable Publics: The Scarcity and Significance of "Survivors" in Social Movements to Redress Eugenics.

Smith, A. A. “Sterilized for the Good of the State”: Eugenics, Public Health, and the Risks of Appeals to the Common Good.

Seamster, L., Rhym, C., & **Smith, A. A.** Water Governance as Racial Politics: Implications for Health.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Awards, Fellowships, and Certifications

2026	Graduate Fellow , Sweetland Fellows Seminar <i>University of Michigan, Sweetland Writing Center</i>
2024	Awardee , Graduate Teaching Certificate <i>University of Michigan, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching</i> - Participated in advanced teaching skills courses, feedback sessions, and mentorship meetings.

Courses Taught

Spring 2026, Fall 2023	Graduate Student Instructor , Sociology Research Methods (Upper-Level Writing Requirement) <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
Fall 2025	Graduate Student Instructor , Introduction to Sociology <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
Spring 2024	Graduate Student Instructor , Sociological Theory <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>

Advising

Winter 2024 - Present	Graduate Student Advisor , “Uncovering Eugenics” Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity & Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (11 students) <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
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Guest Lectures

2025	“Eugenics and the Moral Politics of Whiteness,” History of Race and Sexuality <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
2023	“Coding Qualitative Data,” Sociology Research Methods <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
2021	“Symbolic Boundaries,” Applied Research <i>University of Iowa, Department of Sociology</i>

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Talks

2023	“Carceral Eugenics and Criminalized Deviance in 20th Century Iowa.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
2021	“Racial Politics, Water Governance and Health Outcomes,” American Sociological Association. Virtual.

Panels

2023	“Eugenics, Incarceration, and Reproductive Justice.” Plenary panel, Reproductive Ethics Conference. Galveston, TX.
2022	“The Limits of Consent and Patterns of Coercion in U.S. Histories of Eugenic Sterilization.” Panel, ELSIcon. Virtual.

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2023 **Awardee**, Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3,000)
University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School
- 2023-2024 **Research Fellow**, Program in Race, Law, and History (\$3,000)
University of Michigan, Law School
- 2021-2024 **Predoctoral Trainee**, Population Studies Center (\$81,432)
University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research
- 2020 **Summer Fellow**, Just Public Finance Program
University of California - Berkeley, Center for Othering and Belonging

INTERNSHIPS

- Summer 2025 **Public Health Archiving Intern**, Washtenaw County Health Department
University of Michigan, Ginsberg Center for Community Service
- Collated and summarized archival materials related to WCHD, creating institutional memory of the department's historical initiatives.

SERVICE

- 2025 - Present **Graduate Program Assistant** for Accessibility and Belonging
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
- 2025 - Present **Co-Chair**, Graduate Student Professionalization Team
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
- 2024 - Present **Founder & Co-Cordinator**, Sociologists with Disabilities
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
- 2024 - Present **Co-Coordinator**, Medicine, Aging, Science, and Health Workshop Group
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology