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EDUCATION

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

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Health & Disability; Morality; Qualitative & Historical Methods; Science & Technology; Law; Social Movements

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. Redressing Eugenics: The Politics of Public Acknowledgment for Eugenic Sterilizations. *Dissertation project*.

Smith, A. A., Avila, V., Thompson, D., & James, J. Policing the “Unfit”: A Genealogy of Carceral Eugenics.

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>

Courses Taught

Spring 2024	Graduate Student Instructor , Sociological Theory <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
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Fall 2023 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociology Research Methods
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

Advising

Winter 2024 - **Graduate Student Advisor**,
 Winter 2025 Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity (10 students)
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

Guest Lectures

2023 “Coding Qualitative Data,” Sociology Research Methods
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

2021 “Symbolic Boundaries,” Applied Research
University of Iowa, Department of Sociology

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 **Research Fellow**, Program in Race, Law, and History (\$3,000)
University of Michigan, Law School

2021 **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

- 2025 - Present **Visitation Specialist**, Hands Across the Water
- Facilitated visits between foster children and their biological parents
- 2025 **Public Health Archiving Intern**, Washtenaw County Health Department
- Collated materials related to WCPH's historical initiatives

SERVICE

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