

# Levity Smith

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## Education

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- 2021 – Present      **Ph.D. Candidate**, Sociology, University of Michigan  
*Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society*
- 2024                  **M.A.**, Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2024                  **M.S.**, Epidemiology, University of Michigan  
*Completed; awarded upon conferral of Ph.D.*
- 2020                  **B.A.**, Sociology & Public Health, University of Iowa  
*Certificate in Social Science Analytics*

## Teaching Experience

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### Teaching Awards and Certifications

- 2024                  Graduate Teaching Certificate  
*University of Michigan, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching*

### Courses Taught

- Spring 2024        **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociological Theory  
*University of Michigan, Department of Sociology*
- Fall 2023           **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociology Research Methods  
*University of Michigan, Department of Sociology*

### Advising

- Winter 2024 -  
Present              **Graduate Student Advisor**,  
Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity (9 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*

## Publications in Progress

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- Smith, L.** Making the Moral Brain: A History of “Moral Degeneracy” in American Eugenics.  
*Dissertation project.*
- Smith, L.** “Not All Bathrooms are Created Equal”: Moral Experiences of Maneuvering  
Inaccessible Infrastructure with Physical Disability.

**Smith, L.**, Avila, V. & James, J. Policing the “Unfit”: Carceral Eugenics in 20th Century Iowa.

**Smith, L.** & Novak, N. "Eugenical Aspects of Deportation" in California's 20th Century Mental Health Institutions.

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

### Conference Presentations

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#### **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.

#### **Posters & Roundtables**

2023 “Disabling Spaces: The Sociospatial Production of Impairment Among Midwestern Older Adults with Spinal Cord Injury,” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

2021 “Trends in Nationality and Deportations of Patients in 20th Century California Mental Health Institutions,” American Public Health Association. Denver, CO, 2021.

### Fellowships

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2023 **Research Fellow**, Program in Race, Law, and History  
*University of Michigan, Law School*

2021 **Predoctoral Trainee**, Population Studies Center  
*University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research*

2020 **Summer Fellow**, Just Public Finance Program  
*University of California - Berkeley, Center for Othering and Belonging*