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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Student**, Sociology, University of Michigan 2021 -
Certificate, Science, Technology, and Society
- B.A.**, Sociology & Public Health, University of Iowa 2020
Certificate, Social Science Analytics

TEACHING & ADVISING

GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

University of Michigan Department of Sociology

- Sociological Theory 2024
- Sociological Research Methods 2023

RESEARCH ADVISOR

University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Uncovering Eugenics: Documenting the History of Coerced Sterilizations in 20th Century America 2024

- Advised three undergraduate students in archival and sociolegal research

GUEST LECTURES

"Coding Qualitative Data," Sociological Research Methods 2023
University of Michigan Department of Sociology

"Symbolic Boundaries," Applied Research 2021
University of Iowa Department of Sociology

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

Smith, L. Embodying Degeneracy: How 20th Century State Eugenics Boards Measured Hereditary Moral Perversion.

Smith, L. Policing the Unfit: Eugenics, Crime, and Morality in 20th Century Iowa.

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

Smith, L. Kind Strangers and Carcass Boxes: Aging with Spinal Cord Injuries in Inaccessible Space.

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

TALKS

"Carceral Eugenics and Criminalized Deviance in 20th Century Iowa," American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

“Racial Politics, Water Governance and Health Outcomes,” American Sociological Association. Virtual, 2021.

PANELS

“Eugenics, Incarceration, and Reproductive Justice,” Reproductive Ethics Conference. Galveston, TX, 2023.

“The Limits of Consent and Patterns of Coercion in U.S. Histories of Eugenic Sterilization,” ELSIcon. Virtual, 2021.

POSTERS & ROUNDTABLES

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

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

AWARDS

Research Fellow , Program in Race, Law, and History <i>University of Michigan Law School</i>	2023
Predoctoral Trainee , Population Studies Center <i>University of Michigan Institute for Social Research</i>	2021
Summer Fellow , Just Public Finance Program <i>UC Berkeley Center for Othering and Belonging</i>	2020