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EDUCATION

2021 – Present	Ph.D. Candidate , Sociology, University of Michigan <i>Predoctoral Trainee, Population Studies Center</i> <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

Comparative & Historical Methods; Fertility; Morality; Qualitative Methods; Science & Technology Studies

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>

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Awards, Fellowships, and Certifications

2026	Graduate Fellow , Sweetland Fellows Seminar <i>University of Michigan, Sweetland Writing Center</i> - Developed, refined, and taught ENG 125 as instructor of record after attending a weekly colloquium on writing pedagogy.
2024	Awardee , Graduate Teaching Certificate <i>University of Michigan, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching</i> - Participated in advanced pedagogy courses, extra feedback sessions, and teaching mentorship meetings over the course of several semesters.

Courses Taught

Winter 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
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

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

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

2019 - Present

Graduate Researcher, Flint Email Lab
University of Iowa, Department of Sociology
- Assisted in creating and managing a research partnership with the Flint Democracy Defense League, collaboratively developing a report on water injustice in Flint.
- Researched and delivered a talk on best practices in community-engaged participatory research to a team of undergraduate, graduate, and faculty researchers, developing grant language around CBPR and its critiques.

Summer 2025

Public Health Archiving Intern, Washtenaw County Health Department
University of Michigan, Ginsberg Center for Community Service
- Collated materials related to WCHD’s historical initiatives, producing a 20-page summary of the Department’s activities from 1943 to 2020 designed to evaluate historical successes and shortcomings.

SERVICE (SELECT)

2025 - Present

Co-Chair, Graduate Student Professionalization Team
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

2024 - 2026

Co-Coordinator, Medicine, Aging, Science, and Health Workshop Group
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology