

# Levity Smith

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## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D. Candidate**, Sociology, University of Michigan ▪ **Ann Arbor, MI** Sep. 2021 – 2028 (exp.)  
*Graduate Certificate, Science, Technology, and Society* Completed, awarded with Ph.D.

**M.A.**, Sociology, University of Michigan ▪ **Ann Arbor, MI** May 2024

**M.S.**, Epidemiology, University of Michigan ▪ **Ann Arbor, MI** Completed, awarded with Ph.D.

**B.A.** with honors, Sociology & Public Health, University of Iowa ▪ **Iowa City, IA** May 2020  
*Certificate, Social Science Analytics* May 2020

## TEACHING & ADVISING

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**GRADUATE TEACHING CERTIFICATE** Winter 2024

### GRADUATE STUDENT INSTRUCTOR

*University of Michigan Department of Sociology ▪ Ann Arbor, MI*

- Sociological Theory Winter 2024
- Sociological Research Methods Fall 2023

### RESEARCH ADVISOR, SOCIOLOGY UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH OPPORTUNITY

*University of Michigan Department of Sociology ▪ Ann Arbor, MI*

Uncovering Eugenics: Documenting the History of Coerced Sterilizations in 20th Century America (4 students) Winter 2024 - Present

### GUEST LECTURES

“Coding Qualitative Data,” Sociological Research Methods Fall 2023  
*University of Michigan Department of Sociology ▪ Ann Arbor, MI*

“Symbolic Boundaries,” Applied Research Fall 2021  
*University of Iowa Department of Sociology ▪ Iowa City, IA*

### TEACHING INTERESTS

Theory, Comparative & Historical Methods, Science & Technology Studies, Health & Disability, Body & Embodiment, Law, Morality, Bioethics

## PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

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**Smith, L.** Making “Moral Degenerates and Sexual Perverts”: How 20th Century State Eugenics Boards Measured Hereditary Morality, 1907 – 1980. *Dissertation project.*

**Smith, L.,** Avila, V. & James, J. 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.** “Not All Bathrooms are Created Equal”: Moral Experiences of Maneuvering Inaccessible Infrastructure with Spinal Cord Injury.

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

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**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**


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**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.

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**AWARDS**


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