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EDUCATION

2021 – Present **Ph.D. Candidate**, Sociology, University of Michigan
Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society

2025 **M.S.**, Epidemiology, University of Michigan

2024 **M.A.**, Sociology, University of Michigan

2020 **B.A.**, Sociology & Public Health, University of Iowa
Certificate in Social Science Analytics

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Health & Disability; Morality; Qualitative & Historical Methods; Science & Technology; 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. The Moral Politics of Remedy: Constructing Justice in Social Movements to Redress U.S. Eugenics and Slavery. *Dissertation project*.

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

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

Smith, A. A. & Snyder, E. Teaching the Archive to Undergraduates: Insights from Case File Research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Awards, Fellowships, and Certifications

2026 **Graduate Fellow**, Sweetland Fellows Seminar
University of Michigan, Sweetland Writing Center
- Designed, received feedback on, and taught a course as instructor of record.

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

Courses Taught

Fall 2025	Graduate Student Instructor , Introduction to Sociology <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
Spring 2024	Graduate Student Instructor , Sociological Theory <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
Fall 2023	Graduate Student Instructor , Sociology Research Methods <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>

Advising

Winter 2024 - Winter 2025	Graduate Student Advisor , Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity (10 students) <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
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Guest Lectures

2023	“Coding Qualitative Data,” Sociology Research Methods <i>University of Michigan, Department of Sociology</i>
2021	“Symbolic Boundaries,” Applied Research <i>University of Iowa, Department of Sociology</i>

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) <i>University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School</i>
2023	Research Fellow , Program in Race, Law, and History (\$3,000) <i>University of Michigan, Law School</i>

- 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

- Summer 2025 **Public Health Archiving Intern**, Washtenaw County Health Department
University of Michigan, Ginsberg Center for Community Service
 - Collated and summarized archival materials related to WCHD, creating historical memory of the department's historical initiatives.

SERVICE

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