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EDUCATION

2021 – Present	Ph.D. Candidate , Sociology, University of Michigan <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

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Topics:	Body & Embodiment; Health, Illness, & Disability; Law & Governance; Morality; Science & Technology Studies
Methods:	Qualitative, Comparative, & Historical

JOURNAL 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. doi:10.1016/j.ssmqr.2025.100561

JOURNAL ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

Smith, A. A. Sterilizing the “Social Menace”: U.S. Eugenic Sterilization Professionals’ Negotiations of Morality, Body, and Society, 1922–1974. (*Dissertation project*).

Smith, A. A. Moral Capital in Social Movements to Recognize and Redress American Eugenics.

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

TEACHING

Teaching Awards

2026	Graduate Fellow , Sweetland Fellows Seminar <i>University of Michigan Sweetland Writing Center</i>
2024	Awardee , Graduate Teaching Certificate <i>University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching</i>

Courses Taught

Fall 2026	Instructor of Record , Writing the Body in Social Context (First-Year Writing Requirement) <i>University of Michigan Department of English Language and Literature</i>
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
University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Winter 2024 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociological Theory
University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Undergraduate Advising

Winter 2024 - **Graduate Student Advisor**, “Uncovering Eugenics”
 Fall 2025 Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity &
 Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (11 students)
University of Michigan Department of Sociology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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.

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

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS (SELECT)

2023 **Research Fellow**, Program in Race, Law, and History (\$3,000)
University of Michigan Law School

2021 **Predoctoral Trainee**, Population Studies Center (\$81,432)
 National Institute on Aging
University of Michigan Institute for Social Research

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Academic Workshop Coordination

Fall 2026 - **Coordinator**, Social Theory Workshop
 Present *University of Michigan Department of Sociology*

Winter 2025 - **Co-Coordinator**, Medicine, Aging, Science and Health Workshop
 Fall 2025 *University of Michigan Department of Sociology*

Graduate Student Belonging

Fall 2024 - **Founder and Co-Coordinator**, Sociologists with Disabilities
 Winter 2026 *University of Michigan Department of Sociology*

Fall 2025 - **Graduate Program Assistant**, Accessibility and Belonging
 Winter 2026 *University of Michigan Department of Sociology*

Fall 2025 - **Co-Chair**, Graduate Student Professionalization Team
 Winter 2026 *University of Michigan Department of Sociology*