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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2021 – **Ph.D. Candidate**, Sociology, University of Michigan
- Dissertation:** “Diagnosis: Moral Degeneracy”: Technologies of Classification in Three U.S. State Eugenics Programs, 1920s–1970s. (In progress).

Dissertation Committee: Dr. Roi Livne (chair), Dr. Rachel K. Best, Dr. Jonah Stuart Brundage, Dr. Anna Kirkland, Dr. Paige L. Sweet

Graduate Certificate in Science, Technology, and Society
- 2025 **M.S.**, Epidemiology, University of Michigan
- 2024 **M.A.**, Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2020 **B.A. (Honors)**, Sociology and Public Health, University of Iowa

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

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

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- 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.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Seamster, L., Rhym, C., & **Smith, A. A.** Water Governance as Racial Politics: Implications for Health.
- Smith, A. A.** Moral Capital in Social Movements for State Recognition of American Eugenics.
- Smith, A. A.** “Diagnosis: Moral Degeneracy”: Technologies of Classification in Three U.S. State Eugenics Programs, 1920s–1970s. (Dissertation project).

TEACHING

Teaching Awards

- 2026 **Graduate Fellow**, Sweetland Fellows Seminar
University of Michigan Sweetland Writing Center
- In recognition of advanced writing pedagogy training, collaborative course development, and delivery of ENG 125 first-year writing course.
- 2024 **Awardee**, Graduate Teaching Certificate
University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching

Courses Taught

Instructor of Record:

Fall 2026 **ENG 125: Writing the Body in Social Context**
 (First-Year Writing Requirement)
 University of Michigan Department of English Language and Literature

Graduate Student Instructor:

Winter 2026, **SOC 310: Sociology Research Methods**
 Fall 2023 (Upper-Level Writing Requirement)
 University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Fall 2025 **SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology**
 University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Winter 2024 **SOC 305: Sociological Theory**
 University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Undergraduate Advising

Winter 2024 - **Graduate Student Advisor**, “Uncovering Eugenics”
 Present 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.

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

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

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS (SELECT)

2025 **Awardee**, Candidate Graduate Student Research Grant (\$3,000)
University of Michigan Rackham Graduate School

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

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

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Academic **Coordinator**, Social Theory (Fall 2026 – Present),
Workshops: **Co-Coordinator**, Medicine, Aging, Science and Health (Winter 2025 – Fall 2025)

Student **Program Assistant** in Accessibility and Belonging (Fall 2025 – Winter 2025),
Belonging: **Co-Chair** of Graduate Student Professionalization (Fall 2025 – Winter 2026)