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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

Embodiment; Health & Disability; Morality; Qualitative & Historical Methods; Science & Technology; Sexuality

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. “Breeding Better Human Beings”: How Pronatalism Outlived Eugenics, 19th–21st Centuries U.S. (*Dissertation project.*)

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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Awards, Fellowships, and Certifications

2026 **Graduate Fellow**, Sweetland Fellows Seminar
University of Michigan, Sweetland Writing Center

2024 **Awardee**, Graduate Teaching Certificate
University of Michigan, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching
- Participated in advanced teaching skills courses, feedback sessions, and mentorship meetings.

Courses Taught

Fall 2025 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Introduction to Sociology
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

- Spring 2024 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociological Theory
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology
- Fall 2023 **Graduate Student Instructor**, Sociology Research Methods
 (Upper-Level Writing Requirement)
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

Advising

- Winter 2024 -
 Present **Graduate Student Advisor**, “Uncovering Eugenics”
 Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity &
 Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (11 students)
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

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)
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 (\$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 institutional memory of the department's historical initiatives.

SERVICE

2025 - Present **Graduate Program Assistant** for Accessibility and Belonging
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

2025 - Present **Co-Chair**, Graduate Student Professionalization Team
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

2024 - Present **Founder & Co-Cordinator**, Sociologists with Disabilities
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology

2024 - Present **Co-Coordinator**, Medicine, Aging, Science, and Health Workshop Group
University of Michigan, Department of Sociology