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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

2021 – **Ph.D. Candidate**, Sociology, University of Michigan

Dissertation: "Diagnosis: Moral Degeneracy": Evaluations of Morality, Body, and Society in Three State Eugenics Programs, 1920s–1970s.

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

Graduate Certificates in Science, Technology, and Society (complete) and Learning Experience Design (in progress)

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

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. (Under review at Urban Affairs Review).

Smith, A. A. Moral Capital in Social Movements for State Recognition of American Eugenics. (Planned submission to Social Problems).

Smith, A. A. Three Approaches to Theorizing the Materiality of Morality. (Planned submission to Sociological Theory).

Smith, A. A. Toward an Ethics of Care in the Classroom: Implications for Accessibility and Justice. (Planned submission to Teaching Sociology).

Smith, A. A. "Diagnosis: Moral Degeneracy": Evaluations of Morality, Body, and Society in Three State Eugenics Programs, 1920s–1970s. (Dissertation project).

TEACHING

Teaching Awards 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

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, Fall 2023	**SOC 310: Sociology Research Methods** (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 - Present	**Graduate Student Advisor,** "Uncovering Eugenics" Sociology Undergraduate Research Opportunity & Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders (13 students) University of Michigan Department of Sociology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2027	"Decency, Obscenity, and the Social Menace: Legal Interpretation and Gendered Regulation in Nineteenth- and Twentieth-Century North America." Panel, Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, Gender, and Sexualities. Minneapolis, MN.
2023	"Carceral Eugenics and Criminalized Deviance in 20th Century Iowa." American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
2023	"Eugenics, Incarceration, and Reproductive Justice." Panel, Reproductive Ethics Conference. Galveston, TX.
2021	"Racial Politics, Water Governance and Health Outcomes." American Sociological Association. Virtual.

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 (National Institute on Aging) ($81,432) University of Michigan Institute for Social Research

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2024 – Present	**Founder & Co-Chair,** Sociologists with Disabilities University of Michigan Department of Sociology
2026	**Coordinator**, Social Theory Workshop University of Michigan Department of Sociology
2025	**Co-Coordinator**, Medicine, Aging, Science and Health Workshop University of Michigan Department of Sociology
2025	**Program Assistant** in Accessibility and Belonging University of Michigan Department of Sociology
2025 – 2026	**Co-Chair** of Graduate Student Professionalization University of Michigan Department of Sociology

POSTGRADUATE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summer 2025	**Public Health Archiving Intern**, Washtenaw County Health Department University of Michigan Ginsberg Center for Community Service
2019 – 2024	**Graduate Researcher**, Flint Email Lab University of Iowa Department of Sociology
2018 – 2022	**Graduate Researcher**, Sterilization and Social Justice Lab University of Iowa Department of Epidemiology & University of Michigan Department of American Culture
2019 - 2021	**MPowerment HIV Prevention Coordinator,** Johnson County Public Health
Summer 2020	**Summer Fellow**, Othering and Belonging Institute University of California - Berkeley