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## EDUCATION

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- Expected 2025      Ph.D. Sociology, University of Michigan  
                            Dissertation: Data Values: Moral Entrepreneurship in Digital Health  
                            Committee: Jason Owen-Smith, Roi Livne, Renée Anspach, Greta Krippner, Mark Ackerman (School of Information)
- 2019                      M.A. Sociology, University of Michigan
- 2013                      B.A. Anthropology and Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies,  
                            Yale University  
                                    *Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*, distinction in both majors

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Economic sociology, medical sociology, mental health, technology, ethnography, morality

## PUBLICATIONS

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- 2024                      **Mira D. Vale**. "Moral Entrepreneurship and the Ethics of AI in Digital Psychiatry." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 10: 1-11.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241259641>
- 2022                      **Mira D. Vale** and Denise White Perkins. "Discuss and Remember: Clinician Strategies for Integrating Social Determinants of Health Data in Patient Records and Care." *Social Science & Medicine* 315: 115548.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115548>.  
                                    \**Donald W. Light Award for Applied Medical Sociology*, ASA  
                                    Section on Medical Sociology, 2024
- 2021                      Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli, Marcia C. Inhorn, **Mira D. Vale**, and Pasquale Patrizio. "Cryopreserving Jewish Motherhood: Egg Freezing in Israel and the United States." *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 35(3): 346–363.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12643>.

- 2021 William G. Axinn, **Mira D. Vale**, and Sarah R. Brauner-Otto. “Student Reports of Attendance at Programs to Reduce Campus Sexual Assault and Harassment.” *Journal of American College Health* 71(2): 543-553. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1898405>.
- 2020 **Mira D. Vale** and Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good. “Transcending the Profession: Psychiatric Patients’ Experiences of Trust in Clinicians.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 61(2): 208–222. [doi.org/10.1177/0022146520918559](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022146520918559).
- 2020 Marcia C. Inhorn, Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli, **Mira D. Vale**, and Pasquale Patrizio. “Abrahamic Traditions and Egg Freezing: Religious Women’s Experiences in Local Moral Worlds.” *Social Science & Medicine* 253: 112976. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.112976>.
- 2020 Patrick Kierkegaard, **Mira D. Vale**, Spencer Garrison, Brent K. Hollenbeck, John Malcolm Hollingsworth, and Jason Owen-Smith. “Mechanisms of decision-making in preoperative assessment for older adult prostate cancer patients – a qualitative study.” *Journal of Surgical Oncology* 121(3): 561–569. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jso.25819>.
- 2020 Sarah R. Lowe, Peter James, Mariana C. Arcaya, **Mira D. Vale**, Jean Rhodes, and Janet Rich Edwards, Andrea L. Roberts, Karestan Koenen. “Do Levels of Posttraumatic Growth Vary by the Type of Traumatic Event Experienced? An Analysis of the Nurses Health Study II.” *Psychological Trauma*. [ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7529660/pdf/nihms-1572587.pdf](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7529660/pdf/nihms-1572587.pdf).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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**Mira D. Vale.** “Algorithmic Affordances: The Relational Construction of the Electronic Health Record.” Under review.

\**Ronald Burt Best Student Paper Award*, ASA Section on Economic Sociology, 2023

\**Hacker-Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award*, ASA Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, 2023

\*Junior Theorists Symposium, ASA Section on Theory, 2024

**Mira D. Vale.** “Reflections on Fieldwork from Home.” In preparation.

**Mira D. Vale.** “Trust in Words: Large Language Models and the Production of Belief.” In preparation.

## OTHER WRITING

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- 2022 **Mira D. Vale.** Review of *Good Ethics, Bad Choices: The Relevance of Behavioral Economics for Medical Ethics*. H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews.
- 2016 **Mira Vale** and Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good. “Why Do People Kill? Why Do They Stop? A review of *Intimate Enemies: Violence and Reconciliation in Peru*.” *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 40(1): 144–146.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

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### External

- 2023 Hacker-Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section
- 2023 Ronald Burt Best Student Paper Award, ASA Economic Sociology Section
- 2022–2023 NSF/ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2022–2023 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018–2023 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2014 Fulbright Research Grant, Finalist

### Internal

- 2022–2023 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2019, 2022 Rackham Conference Travel Grant
- 2021–2023 Sociology Travel Grant
- 2021 Rackham Candidate Research Grant
- 2021 Sociology Dissertation Research Grant
- 2019 Sociology Publishable Paper Summer Funding Grant
- 2018 Rackham Pre-Candidate Research Grant
- 2018 Sociology Practicum Research Grant
- 2018 ISR-Rackham Summer Training Award
- 2017, 2018 Population Studies Center Conference Travel Grant
- 2016–2024 National Institute for Child Health and Development Predoctoral Traineeship

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2024 “Algorithmic Affordances: The Relational Construction of the Electronic Health Record.” Junior Theorists Symposium, August 2024.
- “Health and AI.” University of Lucerne, May 2024.

“Data Values: Behavioral Data and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry.”  
Department of Information Science, Cornell University, March 2024.

“Data Values: Behavioral Data and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry.”  
Microsoft Research, March 2024.

“Data Values: Behavioral Data and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry.”  
Friday Morning Seminar in Culture, Psychiatry, and Global Mental Health,  
Harvard University, February 2024.

2023 “Data Values: Behavioral Data and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry.”  
Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, November 2023.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2024 “Moral Entrepreneurship and the Ethics of AI in Digital Psychiatry.” Annual  
Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

“Algorithmic Affordances: The Relational Construction of the Electronic  
Health Record.” Junior Theorists Symposium.

2023 “Data Values: Digital Surveillance and the New Epistemology of  
Psychiatry.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

“Data Values: Digital Surveillance and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry.”  
Chicago Ethnography Conference.

2022 ““Creepy, But Cool””: How Digital Health Researchers Manufacture  
Morality.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

““Creepy, But Cool””: How Digital Health Researchers Manufacture  
Morality.” Chicago Ethnography Conference.

2021 “Moral Parameters of Digital Phenotyping in Psychiatry.” Annual Meeting of  
the American Sociological Association.

“Moral Parameters of Digital Phenotyping in Psychiatry.” Annual Meeting of  
the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.

2020 “Sticky Data: Organizational Effects of the Electronic Health Record.”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.

- “Sticky Data: Organizational Effects of the Electronic Health Record.”  
Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics.
- 2019 “Trust and Recognition: Experiences of Psychiatric Patients.” Annual  
Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- 2018 “Student Engagement in Programs to Reduce Campus Sexual Misconduct.”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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### **Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan**

- 2018 Death and Dying  
2017 Introduction to Sociological Theory

### **Preliminary Examination Mentor, University of Michigan**

- 2020 Social Demography  
2019 Health & Healthcare

### **Teaching Assistant, Harvard University**

- 2016 Sociology of Biomedicine and Global Health, Harvard College  
2016 Ethnographic Methods for Global Health Research, Harvard Medical School  
2015 Sociology of Biomedicine and Global Health, Harvard College

## **SERVICE**

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### **To the Discipline**

Reviewer for: *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Medical Decision Making*, *Gender and Society*

Student Representative, ASA Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, 2024–2025

### **At the University of Michigan**

- 2022 Dissertation Writing Group Leader, Sweetland Writing Center  
2020–2021 Advanced Ethnographic Methods Workshop Coordinator  
2018–2019 Medicine, Aging, Science & Health Workshop Coordinator  
2018–2019 Personnel Committee (New Faculty Hiring)  
2017–2018 Professionalization Chair