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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Utah
Affiliated Faculty, Health, Society & Policy (HSP) Program

EDUCATION

2023 **PhD**, Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington.

Dissertation: “Status and the Psyche: How Mental Health Paradoxes Challenge Theories of Inequality.” Committee: Brea L. Perry (chair), Jane D. McLeod, Anna S. Mueller, and Arthur S. Alderson

Qualifying Exam: Medical Sociology (passed in 2020)
PhD Minor: Social Science Research Methods

2018 **MS**, Sociology, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

Master’s Thesis: “Subjective Social Status and Major Depression: A Path Analysis of Biological and Psychosocial Mechanisms.” Committee: Pamela Herd (chair), Michal Engelman, and Marcia J. Carlson

Preliminary Exam: Social Psychology and Microsociology (passed in 2018)

2014 **BA**, Sociology, Oberlin College. *Highest Honors*.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology
Mental Health

Inequality/Stratification
Social Psychology

Culture
Theory

PUBLICATIONS (* denotes undergraduate coauthor)

In Print

Smith, Nicholas C., and **Max E. Coleman**. 2024. “Beyond Empathy: Familial Incarceration, Stress Proliferation, and Depressive Symptoms Among African Americans.” *Social Forces* (2024): soad151. doi.org/10.1093/sf/soad151.†

† Winner, Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Social Psychology Section

Coleman, Max E., and Matthew A. Andersson. 2023. “Hurt on Both Sides: Political Differences in Health and Well-Being during the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 2023:1–16. doi.org/10.1177/00221465231200500.

Perry, Brea L., Nicholas C. Smith, **Max E. Coleman**, and Bernice A. Pescosolido. 2023. “Social Networks, the COVID-19 Pandemic, and Mental Health: Resiliency Through Social Bonding and Cohesion.” *American Journal of Public Health* 2023:e1–e10. doi.org/10.2105/AJPH.2023.307426.

Hamilton, Lucas J., **Max E. Coleman**, and Anne C. Krendl. 2023. “Contact Reduces Substance Use Stigma through Bad Character Attributions, Especially for US Health Care Professionals.” *Psychology of Addictive Behaviors* 37(6):734–45.

Coleman, Max E., *Meghann E. H. Roessler, Siyun Peng, Adam R. Roth, Shannon L. Risacher, Andrew J. Saykin, Liana G. Apostolova, and Brea L. Perry. 2023. “Social Enrichment on the Job: How Complex Work with People Preserves Cognitive Function, Promotes Brain Reserve, and Reduces the Risk of Dementia.” *Alzheimer’s & Dementia* 2023:1–11. doi.org/10.1002/alz.13035.

Coleman, Max E., *Mohit K. Manchella, Adam R. Roth, Siyun Peng, and Brea L. Perry. 2022. “What Kinds of Social Networks Protect Older Adults’ Health During a Pandemic? The Tradeoff Between Preventing Infection and Promoting Mental Health.” *Social Networks* 70(2022): 393–402.

Coleman, Max E. 2022. “Mental Health in the College Classroom: Best Practices for Instructors.” *Teaching Sociology* 50(2):168–82. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0092055X221080433>.† ‡

† In the top 5% of all publications [scored by Altmetric](#), a measure of the “attention surrounding scholarly content.” Top-scoring of all publications in *Teaching Sociology* (#2 of 552 as of February 2024).

‡ Invited to write a guest post at *The Conversation* (March 14, 2022): “5 Ways College Instructors Can Help Students Take Care of Their Mental Health.” <https://theconversation.com/5-ways-college-instructors-can-help-students-take-care-of-their-mental-health-178757>. Cross-posted at [35 news outlets](#).

Roth, Adam R., Siyun Peng, **Max E. Coleman**, Liana G. Apostolova, and Brea L. Perry. 2022. “Do Subjective or Objective Cognitive Measures Better Predict Social Network Type Among Older Adults?” *Biodemography and Social Biology*, 67(1):84–97.

McLeod, Jane D. and **Max E. Coleman**. 2021. “Mental Health Inequalities.” Pp. 113–23 in *The Routledge Handbook of Contemporary Inequalities and the Life Course*, edited by Magda Nico and Gary Pollock. London: Routledge.

Perry, Brea L., Will R. McConnell, **Max E. Coleman**, Adam R. Roth, Siyun Peng, and Liana G. Apostolova. 2021. “Why the Cognitive ‘Fountain of Youth’ May Be Upstream: Pathways to

Dementia Risk and Resilience Through Social Connectedness.” *Alzheimer’s & Dementia* 18(5):934–41. <https://doi.org/10.1002/alz.12443>

Perry, Brea L, William R McConnell, Siyun Peng, Adam Roth, **Max Coleman**, *Mohit Manchella, *Meghann Roessler, Heather Francis, Hope Sheean, and Liana Apostolova. 2021. “Social Networks and Cognitive Function: An Evaluation of Social Bridging and Bonding Mechanisms.” *The Gerontologist*, 62(6):865–75. <https://doi.org/10.1093/geront/gnab112>.

Roth, Adam R., Siyun Peng, **Max E. Coleman**, Evan Finley, and Brea L. Perry. 2020. “Network Recall among Older Adults with Cognitive Impairments.” *Social Networks* 64(2021):99–108.

Under Review

Hamilton, Lucas J., Siyun Peng, **Max E. Coleman**, Liana G. Apostolova, Anne C. Krendl, and Brea L. Perry. “Distinct Characteristics of Social Networks Promote Cognitive Versus Psychological Health in Older Adults.” (Under review at *Alzheimer’s & Dementia*.)

In Progress

Coleman, Max E. “The Healthy Immigrant Paradox Reconsidered: Testing Differential Exposure and Vulnerability to Stressors.”

*McEneaney, Finnean R., and **Max E. Coleman**. “Subjective Social Status and Mental Health: The Confounding Role of Polygenic Risk Scores.”

Andersson, Matthew A., and **Max E. Coleman**. “Political Ideology Predicts Stigmatizing Attitudes Toward Individuals with Mental Illness.”

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE & FUNDING

2024– “Virtual Coaching to Maximize Dementia Caregivers’ Respite Time-Use: A Stage 1 Pilot Test for Feasibility and Efficacy.” (PI Utz, R01-AG061946). Role: Co-Investigator.

2023– “Testing of an Indoor Climbing Program to Promote Physical, Mental and Social Well-Being for College Students.” (PI Kamimura). 1U4U Innovation Funding. Role: Collaborator.

2019–2023 “Leveraging Neuroimaging Biomarkers to Understand the Role of Social Networks in Alzheimer’s Disease” (PI Perry, R01-AG057739). Role: Research Assistant.

2019 Social Research Practicum, Dr. Jessica Calarco, Indiana University Bloomington: “Social Networks and Parenting” (SNAP).

2019 Research Assistant for Dr. Jane McLeod, Indiana University Bloomington: “Mental Health Inequalities Across Time and Place.”

2017-2018 Pre-Doctoral Trainee, National Institute on Aging (T32-AG000129). Supervised by Dr. Pamela Herd, University of Wisconsin–Madison.

2017–2018 Graduate Student Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology (CDE) and Center for Demography of Health and Aging (CDHA), University of Wisconsin–Madison.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Spring 2024 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Utah
• Health, Society & Policy Capstone: Wildfires – Impacts & Implications

Fall 2023 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Utah
• Social Epidemiology (cross-listed with Health, Society & Policy program)

Fall 2020 Instructor of Record, Indiana University Bloomington
• Sociology of Mental Illness (*300-level course for juniors and seniors*)

2018-2019 Graduate Assistant, Indiana University Bloomington
• Introduction to Sociology (*Responsible for grading & office hours*)
• Politics and Society (*Responsible for grading & office hours*)

2016-2017 Teaching Assistant, University of Wisconsin–Madison
• Marriage and the Family (*Responsible for 5 discussion sections of about 20 students each*)
• Survey of Sociology (*Responsible for 2 writing-intensive discussion sections of about 15 students each.*)

STUDENT TRAINING & MENTORING

Undergraduate Students

Honors Theses:

2024– Ashlyn M. Henriod. HSP 4999 (Honors Thesis): “Telehealth Policy in the United States.” (Role: Faculty mentor.)

Other Mentorship:

2024– Finnean R. McEneaney. BIOL 4965 (Independent Professional Internship): Biosociology and Gene–Environment Interactions. (Role: Faculty mentor and internship supervisor.)

Graduate Students

Dissertation Committees:

2024– Lauren E. Solkowski. “Death Investigation in the US: Suicide Death Determination.” (Role: Dissertation committee member.)

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 “Mental Health in the College Classroom: Best Practices for Instructors.” Coffee & Conversation Hosted by *Teaching Sociology*, February 27, 2022.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

- 2024 Session Organizer and Presider, “Inequality and Mental Health.” International Conference on Social Stress Research. (*Accepted for June 2024 conference.*)
- 2024 Session Organizer and Chair, “Health Paradoxes and Their Underlying Mechanisms” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. (*Accepted for April 2024 conference.*)
- 2024 Session Organizer, “The Healthy Immigrant Paradox.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. (*Accepted for April 2024 conference.*)
- 2022 Presenter, “Social Enrichment on the Job: How Complex Work with People Preserves Cognitive Function, Promotes Brain Reserve, and Reduces the Risk of Dementia.” Coauthors: Meghann Roessler, Siyun Peng, Adam R. Roth, Shannon L. Risacher, Andrew J. Saykin, Liana G. Apostolova, and Brea L. Perry. Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- 2021 Presenter, “Educational Disparities and Cognition in Later Life: The Role of Social Networks.” Coauthors: Siyun Peng, Adam Roth, Mohit Manchella, and Brea Perry. Population Association of America Annual Meeting.
- 2020 “Subjective Social Status and Major Depression: Applying the ‘Future Control’ Strategy to Address Unmeasured Confounding.” American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting.*
- 2020 “It’s Not What You Know: Educational Disparities and Cognitive Decline.” Coauthors: Siyun Peng, Adam Roth, Mohit Manchella, and Brea Perry. Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting.*
- 2019 Presenter, “The Non-Contractual Foundations of Contract: Declining Institutional Consensus in the Era of Donald Trump.” Indiana University Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference.
- 2018 Poster Session, “Subjective Social Status and Major Depression: A Path Analysis of Biological and Psychosocial Mechanisms.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting.

*Canceled due to COVID-19

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023** Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Social Psychology Section, for “Beyond Empathy: Familial Incarceration, Stress Proliferation, and Depressive Symptoms Among African Americans” (co-authored with Nicholas C. Smith).
- 2017** Phi Kappa Phi, University of Wisconsin–Madison. (Top 10% of graduate students.)
- 2015** University Fellowship, University of Wisconsin–Madison. “Awarded by the Graduate School to a few outstanding entering students and dissertators.”
- 2014** Phi Beta Kappa, Oberlin College
- 2014** Comfort Starr Prize in Sociology, Oberlin College
- 2014** Highest Honors in Sociology, Oberlin College

SERVICE

Professional

- 2024–** Editorial Board Member, *Society and Mental Health*
- 2021–2023** Scribe, Scientific Advisory Board of the General Social Survey
- 2020–2022** Student Representative, ASA Section on the Sociology of Mental Health
- Ad Hoc Rev. *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Health & Place, Journal of Classical Sociology, Sociological Inquiry, Teaching Sociology.*

Department or University Level

- 2023–** Graduate Committee Member, Sociology Department, University of Utah
- 2021–2023** Executive Committee Member, Sociology Department, Indiana University Bloomington
- 2021** Awards Committee Member, Sociology Department, Indiana University Bloomington
- 2020–2021** Secretary, Graduate Student Association (GSA), Sociology Department, Indiana University Bloomington
- 2019–2020** Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Member, Sociology Department, Indiana University Bloomington

2019–2020 Sociology Representative, IU Graduate and Professional Student Government

2019 Awards Committee Member, Sociology Department, Indiana University
Bloomington