

Anna Church

Curriculum vitae

The Ohio State University
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EDUCATION

- In Progress Ph.D., Sociology, The Ohio State University.
- 2019 M.A., Sociology, University of Memphis.
Thesis Title: "Racial Differences in the Social Determinants of Infant Mortality:
A County-Level Analysis."
Committee: Wesley James (chair), Joseph Lariscy, SunAh Laybourn
- 2017 B.A., **Major:** Sociology; **Minor:** Biology, University of Memphis.
Magna Cum Laude, University Honors with Thesis
Thesis Title: "An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County,
TN from 2007-2015"

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Demography; Reproductive Health; Inequality; Sociology of the Body; Race; Gender; Health Disparities

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2018 Church, Anna. "An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County, TN Women from 2007 to 2015." *Quaesitum: The Undergraduate Research Journal of the University of Memphis* 5:93-109.
https://www.memphis.edu/quaesitum/current_issue/18_06_church.pdf
*Winner of a *Quaesitum Outstanding Paper Award*
- 2018 James, Wesley, Karen Matthews, Peter Albrecht, **Anna Church**. "Improving the Health of Rural America's Chronically Ill: A Case Study of a Patient-Centered Medical Home Clinic in Mississippi." *Population Health Management* 21(1):83.
<https://doi.org/10.1089/pop.2017.0054>
- 2017 James, Wesley L., Karen C. Matthews, Peter A. Albrecht, Shelby Fox, **Anna Church**. "Evidence of a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Improving the Health of Chronically Ill Patients in the Mississippi Delta." *Journal of Preventive Medicine and Care* 1(4):8-16. doi:10.14302/issn.2474-3585.jpmmc-17-1449.

UNDER REVIEW

Church, Anna C. “Examining Racial Differences in U.S. County-Level Determinants of Infant Mortality, 2012-2015.” *Under Review*.

PAPERS IN PREPERATION

King, Chris N., **Anna C. Church**, Wesley L. James, Rhonda G. Okoth, Karen C. Matthews. “Birth weight outcomes among non-Hispanic black participants in a home visiting program in the rural South.” (*draft available*)

Bennett, Jonathan, Pete Albrecht, Chris King, **Anna Church**, Wesley James, Karin Scott, Karen Matthews. “Can Place-Based Initiatives Improve Educational Outcomes? Evidence from a Mississippi Promise Neighborhood.” (*draft available*)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

2019 University Fellowship, Graduate School, The Ohio State University (\$26,316)

2019 Morton Thesis Award, Graduate School, University of Memphis (\$500)

2018 Outstanding Paper Award for “An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County Women from 2007 to 2015,” *Quaesitum: The Undergraduate Research Journal of the University of Memphis* (\$375)

2017 The University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Award (\$250)

PRESENTATIONS

2019 ““It Can Be Done Anywhere, Anytime.” Public Breastfeeding and Social Media Resistance.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. Anna Claire Church.

2019 “The Incidence of Low Birth Weight among Non-Hispanic Black Births in a Home Visiting Program in the Mississippi Delta.” Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association 50th Anniversary Conference. Starkville, MS. **Anna Church**, Chris King, Wesley L. James.

2018 “The Politics of Health Disparities: Breaking Down Traditional Geographic Boundaries to Explain Policy Diffusion in the 21st Century.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Durham, NC. Dallas Breen, Sean C. Conner, Wesley L. James, **Anna C. Church**.

- 2018 “Racial Differences in the Social Determinants of Infant Mortality: A County-Level Analysis.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Durham, NC. Anna C. Church.
- 2018 “Dealing with Boobs: Discursive Constraint and Resistance in the Narrated Identities of those who Publicly Breastfeed.” International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Urbana-Champaign, Illinois. Anna Church.
- 2018 “Sociodemographic Predictors of Infant Mortality: An Analysis of Race- and Place-Based Disparities.” Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. Anna Church.
- 2017 “An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County, TN Mothers from 2007-2015.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Morgantown, WV. Anna Church.
- 2017 “Breastfeeding Attitudes and Experiences in the Memphis, TN Community.” National Conference of Undergraduate Research. Memphis, TN. Anna Church.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2017-2019 Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology. University of Memphis.
Faculty Advisor: Wesley James, Ph.D.
- 2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Worker, University of Memphis.
Grant Title: “Addressing Disparities in the Mississippi Delta” (\$299,760)
Principal Investigator: Wesley James, Ph.D.
Funding Source: Delta Health Alliance

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology. University of Memphis.
Advisor: Wesley James, Ph.D.
Course: Senior Thesis Seminar
- 2018-2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology. University of Memphis.
Advisor: Kendra Murphy, M.A., Undergraduate Advisor
Courses: Introduction to Sociology; Rise of Sociological Theory; Sociology of Deviant Behavior; Sociology of Gender; Methods of Social Research; Racial/Ethnic Minorities

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Discipline

2019 Chair of Panel, "Grad Student Information Session: Grad Students Speak from Experience." Alabama-Mississippi Sociological Association Conference. Starkville, MS.

Departmental and University

2019 Panelist, "The Path to Graduate School." Sociology Department, The Ohio State University.

2019 Mentoring Committee Member, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University.

2019 Student Research Forum Committee Member, Graduate Student Association, University of Memphis.

2019 University of Memphis Sociology Department Representative at the Graduate Student Information Fair.

2019 Alpha Kappa Delta (AKD)-Gamma Chapter Administrative Assistant, University of Memphis.

2018-2019 Representative of the College of Arts and Sciences, General Assembly of the Graduate Student Association, University of Memphis.

2018 Graduate Travel Finance Committee Member, Graduate Student Association, University of Memphis.

2018 University of Memphis Sociology Department Representative at 'Discover Your Major Day.'

Community

2018-2019 Member of the Shelby County Health Department Infant Mortality Reduction Initiative Collective Impact Community Action Network and Project- a group dedicated to reducing infant mortality and improving maternal and child health.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/ HONOR SOCIETIES

Student Affiliate with the Institute of Population Research at The Ohio State University
Phi Kappa Phi-University of Memphis
Sociologists for Women in Society – South
Southern Sociological Society
Southern Demographic Association
Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society- Gamma Chapter