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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Population Health
NYU Grossman School of Medicine, New York, NY

07/2023 - Present

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology
Columbia University, New York, NY, conferred October 2023

- Dissertation: *States, Selves, & Social Welfare: The American Therapeutic State in Comparative Perspective*
- Committee: Adam Reich (chair), Gil Eyal, Bruce Western, Michelle Phelps, Gerard Torrats-Espinosa

Master of Philosophy, Sociology
Columbia University, New York, NY, conferred October 2022

Master of Arts, Sociology
Columbia University, New York, NY, conferred May 2019

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology
Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, conferred May 2014

RESEARCH & TEACHING

Social Epidemiology and Medicine, Comparative Social Policy, Inequality

PUBLICATIONS

Aleksanyan, Josh, Ichiro Kawachi, Sugy Choi. 2024. "Reproductive Rights at the U.S. State Level and Medication Access for Pregnant Women with Opioid Use." *Social Science & Medicine*, 117630.

Aleksanyan, Josh, Sugy Choi, Patricia Lincourt, Constance Burke, Kelly Ramsey, Shazia Hussain, Ashly Jordan, Maria Morris, Thomas D'Aunno, Sherry Glied, et al. 2023. "Lost in Transition: A Protocol for a Retrospective, Longitudinal Cohort Study for Addressing Challenges in Opioid Treatment for Transition-Age Adults." *PLoS ONE* 19(8):1-16.

Aleksanyan, Josh. 2022. "Governing Beyond the Closet: Remaking Stigma, Identity, and Sexual Behavior in a Post-Disciplinary Rehab." *Ethnography* 23(4):516-538.

UNDER REVIEW

Aleksanyan, Josh, Zobaida Maria, Diego Renteria, Adetayo Fawole, Ashly Jordan, Sueun Hong, Sugy Choi, and Charles Neighbors. 2024. "A Mixed Methods Qualitative Study on Perspectives of Treatment Providers Overseeing Transition-Age Adults, 18-25, with Substance Use Disorder" (under review).

IN PROGRESS	Welfare, Punishment, and the Social Policy of Therapeutic Governance.	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2023 Winner of the Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drinking and Drugs Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP). 	
	Substance Use Treatment Patterns among Pregnant and non-Pregnant Women in a Fractured Post-Dobbs Landscape (with Shayna Mazel, Sugy Choi).	
	Effect of TRAP Laws and Reproductive Policy Contexts on Prenatal and Postnatal Overdose Mortality (with Emilie Bruzelius, Shayna Mazel, Sugy Choi).	
	Understanding Medication for Opioid Use Disorder Prescribing Decisions for Young Adults with Opioid Use Disorder: A Qualitative Study (with Diego Renteria, Adetayo Fawole).	
	Perspectives on Treatment and Recovery Among Young Adults with Substance Use Disorders (with Haley Allen, Charles Neighbors).	
	A Descriptive Analysis of Transition-Age Adults in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Using New York State Treatment Registry Data (2019–2022) (with Vanessa Drury, Nithya Narayanan, Charles Neighbors).	
	The Determinants and Outcomes of Toxicology Screenings in Substance Use Disorder Treatment Among Transition-Age Adults (with Sugy Choi, Charles Neighbors).	
	Polysubstance Use Patterns at the U.S. State Level and Receipt of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder (with William Yang).	
	Organizational Factors Associated with Quality of Care for Opioid Use Disorders Among Transition-Age Adults in Medicaid (with Charles Neighbors).	
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Virtually Neurodivergent: An Online Ethnography of a Classification Struggle (with Lee Gensler).	
	Locked In: Mental Health, Status Anxiety, and Upward Mobility Among Adults with ADHD.	
	Graduate Teaching Fellow	09/2018 - 05/2023
	Department of Sociology, Columbia University, New York, NY	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed lesson plans and facilitated weekly student discussion groups for undergraduate courses: <i>Introduction to Sociology</i>, <i>Sociological Theory</i>, <i>Global Urbanism</i>, and <i>Research Methods</i>. • Held weekly office hours, graded over 150 undergraduate students total, provided recommendation letters. 	
RELEVANT COURSEWORK	<i>Multilevel and Mixed Models, Regression Analysis,</i>	
	<i>Longitudinal Analysis, Causal Inference</i>	
SKILLS	<i>Natural and Programming Languages:</i> English (native), Russian (passive), R, LaTeX	
FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS	2023. Postdoctoral Fellowship, NYU Grossman School of Medicine	
	2023. Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)	

2022. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences Matching Travel Award, Columbia University
 2018. Spivack Travel Award, Columbia University
 2017. Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship, Columbia University
 2020. Interdisciplinary Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics (INCITE) Grant, Columbia University
 2019. Department Grant, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
 2014. Dean Stuart Stritzler-Levine Seniors-to-Seniors Scholarship, Bard College
 2010. Education Opportunity Program (Full-tuition scholarship), Bard College

TALKS

“Reproductive Rights and Opioid Use Disorder Treatment During Pregnancy.” Department of Population Health Research Seminar, Emerging Leaders in Research Lecture Series. New York University Grossman School of Medicine. November 2024. New York, NY.

“If You Just Give Them a Handbook... You’ve Lost Them’: Perspectives of Treatment Providers Who Oversee Transition-Age Adults, 18-25, with Substance Use Disorder.” Addiction Health Services Research Conference. October 2024. San Francisco, CA.

“Reproductive Rights at the U.S. State Level and Medication Access for Pregnant Women with Opioid Use.” Addiction Health Services Research Conference. October 2024. San Francisco, CA.

“Reproductive Rights Medication for pregnant clients with opioid use disorder: A multilevel approach.” Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program on Substance Use and HIV (CJRT). New York University Grossman School of Medicine. March, 2024. New York, NY.

“Medication for pregnant clients with opioid use disorder: A multilevel approach.” Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program on Substance Use and HIV (CJRT). March, 2024. New York, NY.

“Latino Trajectories in the New York State Substance Use Treatment System.” Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program on Substance Use and HIV (CJRT). New York University Grossman School of Medicine. February, 2024. New York, NY.

“Welfare, Punishment, and the Social Policy of Addiction Treatment.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Regular Session on Drug Research and the Challenges of Working within the System. August, 2023. Philadelphia, PA.

“Welfare, Punishment, and the Social Policy of Therapeutic Governance.” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Regular Session on Social Determinants of Health and Well-being among People who Use Drugs. August 2022. Los Angeles, CA.

“From ‘Gay Addicts’ to ‘Sexually Compulsive’: Governing Sexual Marginality in the Age of the New Brain Sciences.” Gender and Sexuality Workshop, Columbia University. October, 2018. New York, NY.

“Nothing is straightforward around here, excuse the pun’: How Healthcare Staff Govern Gay Addicts by Governing Each Other,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Regular Session on Organizations and Inequality. February, 2018.

Baltimore, MD.

“LGBT Addiction Treatment & Neoliberal Affect,” Dean of Studies & Lifetime Learning Institute, Annual Presentations. May, 2014. Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.

“Men, ‘Gut-check’ and ‘Show Your Strength’: Governing ‘Healthy Masculinity’ Through Men Can Stop Rape Movement,” American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Undergraduate Honors Program. August, 2013. New York, NY.

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Trainee, Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program on Substance Use and HIV, 2024

Panelist, Addiction Health Services Research Conference, 2024

Member, American Sociological Association, 2014-Present

Member, Eastern Sociological Society, 2018-Present

Co-Coordinator, Gender and Sexuality Workshop, Columbia University, 2021

Founding Editor, Dishrag Magazine, 2019-2020

Volunteer, The Osborne Association, 2018-2020

Elected Chair, Multicultural and Diversity Committee, Bard College, 2013-14

Elected Chair, Education Policy Committee, Bard College, 2012-13

Founder, Sociology Lab, Bard College, 2012-14

Journal Reviewer for: *PloS ONE*, *Social Science & Medicine*