

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

Dec 2019

MA Sociology.

Master Thesis Committee: Reanne Frank (Chair), Cynthia Colen, Kristi Williams. Thesis Title: “*Countervailing Effects? Remittance Sending and the Physical and Mental Health of Migrants*”

Estimated Ph.D. Completion: 2024

Relevant Coursework:

SOC-6655 Social Research Methods

SOC-7753 Intro to Demographic Analysis

SOC-8802 Stratification

SOC-7790 Social Organization of the Community.

SOC-7756 Immigration

SOC-6650 Categorical Data Analysis

SOC-7780 Racial and Ethnic Differences

SOC7758- Population Health and the Lifecourse

Furman University, Greenville, SC

May 2016

B.A., Biology and Sociology.

Relevant Coursework:

SOC-232 01 Sociology of Contemporary Families

SOC-251 01 Social Movements and Collective Behavior

SOC-242 01 Sociology of Gender

MAYX Design for Social Change

BIO-222 01 Research and Analysis

BIO-221 03 Genetics

BIO-322 02 Human Physiology

BIO-475 Independent Research

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES/INTERESTS

Measure, analyze, situate, and grapple with health, race, and immigration both as individual arenas and at their intersection. An overarching theme for my career is discovering and informing both health and migration policy changes and decisions with an eye to vulnerable minority populations.

Areas of Interest: Health Immigration Race Social Demography Racial and Ethnic Inequality

HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America, Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.	2019
Travel Grant to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America, Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.	2018
University Fellowship The Ohio State University, \$24,000.	2017-2018
James Dan Cover Award for Best University Research Furman University.	2016
James Buchanan Duke Scholar Award Furman University	2012-2016
Dean's List Honor Furman University	2012-2016

RESEARCH AND LABORATORY EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant

Fall 2019- Present

Departmental Research assistant interviewing, outlining, and leading research working with Professor Emeritus Joan Huber towards compiling her biography as one of the powerhouse women in the field of Sociology.

Research Assistant Summer 2019- Present
Graduate Research Assistant working broadly on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY)-Young Adult sample. Concentration on race variables in the longitudinal form, compiling 2018 survey in the field and post data collection, cleaning and restructuring data all under Dr. Elizabeth Cooksey, and Dr. Canada Keck.

Research Assistant Spring 2018
A semester long research project editing a volume (selection authors, curating the organization) and writing an introduction for a special edition on health and immigration under Dr. Reanne Frank.

Research Assistant Spring 2018
Graduate Research Assistant working on three health and biomarker research projects (the first family focused, the second biology and neurology focused, a third review centered) under Dr. Kammi Schmeer at Ohio State.

General Research Spring 2016- Spring 2017
Two multi strand qualitative research projects concentrated on racial and gender inequality under Dr. Claire W

General Research Spring 2015- Spring 2016
Research experience designing own quantitative research project, collecting own data and analyzing data for project on Socioeconomic Status and deviant behaviors of college students that led to major departmental award and conference presentation under Dr. Joseph Merry.

Research Assistant Fall 2015- Spring 2016
Biology laboratory experience in endocrinology, with concentrations on estrogen hormone use in a lab setting that led to publication under Dr. Allison Roark.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Sociology 1101: Introduction to Sociology. 427 student course, for Dr. Vincent Roscigno, The Ohio State University Spring 2019.

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Basic Demographic Analysis
Work with Vulnerable Populations
Software Proficiency: STATA, SAS, NVivo, Qualtrics

PUBLICATIONS

Frank, Reanne, Erick Axxe, Coralia Balasca, and Melissa Rodriguez. “**Advancing the Field of Immigration and Health.**” Immigration and Health (Advances in Medical Sociology).Emerald Publishing Limited. 19(1-14).

Edwards, Thea, Howard Morgan, Coralia Balasca, Naveen Chalasani, Lauren Yam, and Allision Roark. 2018. “**Detecting Estrogenic Ligands in Personal Care Products using a Yeast Estrogen Screen Optimized for the Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory.**” Journal of Visualized Experiments (131):e55754.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Balasca, Coralia. Countervailing Effects? **Remittance Sending and the Physical and Mental Health of Migrants.** (*In Progress*)

Balasca, Coralia, and Christina Bijou. **Lingering Questions: Race, Health, and the Role of NGOs in Ohio.** (*In Progress*)

Schmeer, Kammi and Coralia Balasca. **Stress and Biomarkers: A Comprehensive Review.** (*In Progress*)

Schmeer, Kammi and Coralia Balasca. **Acculturation and Telomeres: Telomeres in a Mexican Population.** (*In Progress*)

Schmeer, Kammi and Coralia Balasca. **Marriage, Race and Telomere Length: Unexpected Findings.** (*In Progress.*)

REPORTS

Balasca, Coralia, Christina Bijou, and Davon Norris. 2018. **“Mental Health, Addiction, and Trauma: Stigma, Studies, & Statistics.”** Report prepared for the P.E.E.R. Center Columbus, OH.

Balasca, Coralia, Christina Bijou, and Davon Norris. 2018. **“Addressing Community Opposition: Strategies to Combat NYMBYism.”** Report prepared for the P.E.E.R. Center Columbus, OH.

PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

Balasca, Coralia and Christina Bijou. 2019. **“Lingering Questions: Race, Health, and the Role of NGOs in Columbus.”** The Population Association of America, 2019 Annual Meeting Austin, TX.

Balasca, Coralia and Mary Kate Buchanan. 2017. **“Dollars and Daiquiris, Bucks and Booze: A Study of Parental SES and its Effects on Undergraduate Children’s Alcohol Use.”** The Southern Sociological Society, 2017 Annual Meeting Greenville, SC.

Balasca, Coralia. 2016. **“Optimization of Yeast Reporter Assay and Student Learning Gains.”** Furman Engaged Annual Undergraduate Research Conference Greenville, SC

Balasca, Coralia. 2016. **“Dollars and Daiquiris, Bucks and Booze a Study of Parental SES and its Effects on Undergraduate Children’s Alcohol Use.”** Quantitative Research presented at Furman Engaged Annual Undergraduate Research Conference Greenville, SC.

Balasca, Coralia. 2016. **“Women’s Experience post Integration of Greenville Women’s College and Furman University: Women on a Men’s Campus.”** Qualitative Research presented at the Furman Engaged Annual Undergraduate Research Conference Greenville, SC

COMMUNITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

Sociology Graduate Student Association VP of Communications	2019 - Present
Romanian Club at Ohio State VP of Community Outreach	2019 - Present
Migration and Global Mediterranean Forum VP of Curation	2019 - Present
Sociology Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member	2019 - Present
Sociology Graduate Student Association Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member	2018 - Present
Sociology Graduate Student Association Mentorship Committee Member	2018- Present
Sociology Graduate Student Research Committee Member	2018-2019
Peers Enriching Each Other’s Recover (PEER) Center Affiliate	2018- Present
- Compiled a report on state an national level mental health research, with particular attention to addiction.	
- Compiled a report on subverting NYMBY community reactions to non-profit organizations.	
Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Volunteer	2018
Southern Sociological Society Session Chair- “Social Movements”	2018
Sociology Graduate Student Association Office Assignment Committee Member	2017-2018
Sociology Graduate Student Association Cohort Representative	2016-2017
Project H.O.P.E Autism Volunteer	2016
Student Government Religious Life Representative	2014 – 2015
- Joined student life conversations and decisions, including financial allotments and new organization establishments.	
Furman University Relay for Life Chair	2013 – 2014
- Organized and delegated every aspect of cancer fundraising event, in totality raising over \$65,000.	
Furman University Orthodox Christian Fellowship Treasurer and Secretary	2012 – 2016
Furman University Religious Council Orthodox Christian Fellowship Representative	2012 –2014
Furman University Religious Council President	2014 – 2015

- Led diversity initiatives, religious collaboration, event planning/marketing, and budgeting. Counseled campus on religious concerns and facilitated discussion.	
Furman Creative Collaborative Development Chair	2013 – 2014
- Spearheaded fundraising and allotment of money and materials for yearly events and conferences such as TedX.	
Furman University People of Poinsett Co-President	2012 – 2014
Furman University Duke Scholarship Search Committee Double Interviewer	2012 – 2016
Recea Middle School Volunteer Teacher (Brasov County, RO)	Summer 2014
- Worked with English teacher to teach English to Middle School Children in Romania	
Sercaia Canaan Center for Recuperation and Rehabilitation of Disabled Persons (RO)	Summer 2014
- Worked with psychologist to counsel, teach, and care for disabled children at children's home.	
TedXFurmanU Sponsorship Chair	2013 – 2015

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OR MEMBERSHIPS

Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science (IAPHS)	Member since 2018
Bowling Green/Ohio State Graduate Student Population Conference	Member since 2017
Population Association of America (PAA)	Member since 2016
American Sociological Association (ASA)	Member since 2016
Tri Beta	Member since 2014
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)	Member since 2015
Sociology Honor Society	Member since 2013
Duke Scholar Program	Member since 2012
Watson Brown Scholar Program	Member since 2012