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## Education

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Ph.D. in Sociology, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania Expected May 2023  
Institute of Education Sciences Predoctoral Fellow, 2021-2023  
Dissertation: "Three Chapters on Master's Education and Social Stratification"

M.A. in Sociology, School of Arts and Sciences, University of Pennsylvania May 2020  
Thesis: My debt? Our debt? Class Differences in Family Financial Assistance for Graduate School

B.A. in Sociology, Cum Laude, Smith College May 2015  
Undergraduate certificate in Culture, Health, and Science

## Research and Teaching Interests

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Social Stratification, Higher Education, Transition to Adulthood, Social Class, Wealth, Research Methods

## Publications and Works in Progress

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- 2022 **Bryer, Ellen.** "My debt? Our debt? Class Differences in Family Financial Assistance for Graduate School." Forthcoming in *Sociological Forum*, V37, N3, September 2022
- 2022 **Bryer, Ellen.** "'Not Nearly as Bad': Social Comparisons and the Debt Experience." Under Review.
- 2022 Adames, Alexander and **Bryer, Ellen.** "Hispanic-White Differences in Wealth Trajectories in Early Adulthood." Work in Progress
- 2022 **Bryer, Ellen,** Gross, N., Jacobs, C. "This school is not the American boarding school that it was founded to be": Gender and conservatism at elite high schools." Work in Progress.
- 2013 Gockel, A., Burton, D., James, S., and **Bryer, E.** "Introducing Mindfulness as a Self-Care and Clinical Training Strategy for Beginning Social Work Students." *Mindfulness* 4(4)

## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

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- 2022 SAS Conference Travel Award
- 2022 Sociology of Education SIG travel award, American Educational Research Association
- 2021 Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education. 2020. University of Pennsylvania predoctoral training program in interdisciplinary methods for field-based research in education. Fellow (IES Predoctoral Training Program), with R. Maynard (PI) and A. B. Bowden (Co-PI).
- 2021 Sociology of Education SIG travel award, American Educational Research Association
- 2020 Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania
- 2018 Benjamin Franklin Fellow, University of Pennsylvania (5 years)
- 2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2016 AmeriCorps Segal Education Award
- 2015 Parsons Prize for outstanding paper in sociological theory, Smith College
- 2011 STRIDE Research Fellowship, Smith College

## Teaching Experience

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- 2021 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociological Research
- 2020 Teaching Assistant, Medical Sociology
- 2019-20 Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology

## Research Presentations

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- 2022 Presentation: “Not Nearly as Bad”: Social Comparisons and Responsibility in Debt Management.” American Educational Research Association Conference. San Diego, CA
- 2022 Poster: “Student loan debt and gender segregation by graduate field of study.” Association for Education Finance and Policy. Denver, CO.
- 2021 Presentation: “Hispanic-White Differences in Wealth Trajectories in Early Adulthood.” With Alexander Adames. American Sociological Association Conference, Virtual
- 2021 Roundtable: “My debt? Our debt? Class Differences in Family Financial Assistance for Graduate School.” At American Educational Research Association Conference. Virtual.
- 2020 Roundtable: “‘This school is not the American boarding school that it was founded to be’: Gender and conservatism at elite high schools.” At American Sociological Association Conference. Virtual.
- 2019 Workshop: “Examining the Role of Master’s Degree Debt in Young Adulthood.” At University of Pennsylvania Education and Inequality Workshop.

## Other Professional Experience

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- 2021-2022 Predoctoral Research Fellow, Research for Action, Philadelphia PA
- 2019-Present Survey Coordinator, School Participatory Action Research Collective, Philadelphia, PA
- 2016-2018 Research Assistant, Public Health Management Corporation, Philadelphia PA
- 2015-2016 College and Career Counselor, Mayor’s Office for Community Empowerment and Opportunity, Philadelphia PA
- 2014 Health and Wellness Intern, Pride Center of Vermont, Burlington, VT
- 2011-2013 Research Fellow, Smith College, Dr. Annemarie Gockel

## University and Community Service

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- 2019-2021 Faculty Student Liaison, Sociology Graduate Student Society, University of Pennsylvania
- 2019 Presider, Education and Gender in Young Adulthood Conference, University of Pennsylvania

## Professional Memberships

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| Student Member, AEFPP  | 2021-present |
| Student Member, American Educational Research Association                    | 2021-present |
| Student Member, American Sociological Association                            | 2018-present |
| Sociology of Education section and Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section |              |
| Student Member, Eastern Sociological Association                             | 2020-present |