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Education

Duke University, Department of Sociology	*Durham, North Carolina*
PhD Candidate	*2022 - Present*
Duke University, Department of Sociology	*Durham, North Carolina*
PhD Student	*2019 - 2022*
Bowdoin College	*Brunswick, Maine*
Bachelor of Arts	*2010 - 2015*

Research Interests

Medical Sociology | Network Science | Computational Social Science

Research

2024

Undiagnosed: Relational characteristics of mental health self-labeling — *Social Science and Medicine (R&R)*
Varela

Network determinants of relationship influence on HIV prevention decision-making among people in the social networks of women who have experienced incarceration in the US — *PLOS ONE*
Knittel, Varela, Ferguson, Hulshult, Jackson, Moody, Adimora

Considerations for Social Networks and Health Data Sharing: An Overview — *Annals of Epidemiology*
Pasquale, Wolff, Varela, Adams, Mucha, Perry, Valente, Moody

Studying Systematic Deviations from Cultural Consensus about Occupations: The Duality of Occupation Meanings and Americans' Meaning Communities — *Social Networks (R&R)*
Combs, Varela, Robinson, Smith-Lovin, Vaisey

Malcontented ministers: Political mismatch and occupational distress among United Methodist Clergy — *Politics and Religion (Under review)*
Varela, Eagle, Hess, King

2023

Pathways from peers to mental health: Adolescent networks, role attainment, and adult depressive symptoms — *Social Science and Medicine*
Copeland, Kamis, Varela

Perceived Gender and Political Persuasion: A Field Experiment during the 2020 Democratic National Primary — *Nature Scientific Reports*
Combs, Tierney, Alqabandi, Cornell, Varela, Araújo, Argyle, Bail, Volfovsky

2022

Visualizing COVID Restrictions: Activity Patterns Before, During, and After COVID-19 Lockdowns in Uttar Pradesh, India — *Socius*
Varela, Swanson, Pasquale, Mohanan, Moody

In progress

Brokered Psychiatry: Core Networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis *Presented at SSS 2024, Sunbelt 2024*
and ASA 2024

VARELA

IDEANet: Integrating Data Exchange and Analysis for Networks *Presented at Sunbelt 2023*

WOLFF, MORGAN, **VARELA**, PASQUALE, MOODY, MUCHA

Balancing Accessibility and Familiarity with Technological Tools in the Introduction of
Network Analysis to Undergraduates *In progress*

WOLFF, EASTWOOD, **VARELA**

Sleep Chronotype and Duration Clustering among College Students *In progress*

VARELA, ROBBINS

Teaching and mentorship

Networks and Management *Duke University*

TEACHING ASSISTANT *Spring 2024, Spring 2025*

Bass Connections Mentorship Awards *Duke University*

FINALIST *April 2023*

Politics & Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations *Bass Connections*

TEACHING ASSISTANT *September 2022 - May 2023*

Mentor Matching Engine *ISTI*

MENTOR *September 2020 - April 2021*

Mapping Controversies *Sciences-Po Paris*

TEACHING ASSISTANT *October 2015 – April 2016*

Talks

ORGANIZED

Social Networks & Health *Duke University*

ORGANIZED THROUGH THE DUKE NETWORK ANALYSIS CENTER *Spring 2024*

Social Networks & Health *Duke University*

ORGANIZED THROUGH THE DUKE NETWORK ANALYSIS CENTER *Spring 2023*

Social Networks & Health *Duke University*

ORGANIZED THROUGH THE DUKE NETWORK ANALYSIS CENTER *Spring 2022*

Computational Social-Science Speaker Series *Duke University*

FUNDED BY DUKE'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT GRANT *Spring 2021 | Fall 2021*

PRESENTED

Brokered Psychiatry: Core networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis *Montreal, Canada*

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION *Summer 2024*

Brokered Psychiatry: Core networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis *Edinburgh, Scotland*

SUNBELT *Summer 2024*

VaryCSS: Workshop on Diversity in Computational Social Science *Cornell University*

VARYCSS *Spring 2024*

Brokered Psychiatry: Core networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis *New Orleans*

SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY *Spring 2024*

Undiagnosed: Relational Characteristics of Disability Identification *Philadelphia*

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION *Summer 2023*

IDEANet: Integrating Data Exchange and Analysis for Networks *Portland, Oregon*

SUNBELT *Summer 2023*

IDEANet: Integrating Data Exchange and Analysis for Networks *Northwestern University*

INSTITUTE FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING *Summer 2023*

Undiagnosed: Relational Characteristics of Disability Identification *Myrtle Beach*

SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY *Spring 2023*

VaryCSS: Introduction *Howard University*

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE *Summer 2022*

Collective Speech Among Addiction Treatment Organizations *Duke University*

JENSEN SERIES *Spring 2021*

Collective Speech Among Addiction Treatment Organizations *University of California - Berkeley*

TEXTXD: TEXT ANALYSIS ACROSS DOMAINS *Fall 2021*

Grants and Fellowships

Aleane Webb Dissertation Research Fellowship | Spring 2024

Department of Sociology Research Grant | Spring 2024

Max Planck IMPRS-PHDS Fellow | Fall 2023 - Fall 2025

Professional Development Grant | Spring 2022 - Fall 2022

Professional Development Grant | Spring 2022 - Fall 2022

Professional Development Grant | Spring 2021 - Fall 2021

Summer Research Fellowship for First and Second Year Ph.D. Students | Summer 2021

Summer Research Fellowship for First and Second Year Ph.D. Students | Summer 2020