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Education

Duke University, Department of Sociology

PHD CANDIDATE

Durham, North Carolina

2022 - Present

Duke University, Department of Sociology

PHD STUDENT

Durham, North Carolina

2019 - 2022

Bowdoin College

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Brunswick, Maine

2010 - 2015

Research Interests

Medical Sociology | Network Science | Computational Social Science

Research

2024

Undiagnosed: Relational characteristics of mental health self-labeling

VARELA

Social Science and Medicine (R&R)

Malcontented ministers: Political mismatch and occupational distress among United Methodist Clergy

VARELA, EAGLE, HESS, KING

Politics and Religion (Under review)

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

KNITTEL, VARELA, FERGUSON, HULSHULT, JACKSON, MOODY, ADIMORA

PLOS ONE (R&R)

Studying Systematic Deviations from Cultural Consensus about Occupations: The Duality of Occupation Meanings and Americans' Meaning Communities

COMBS, VARELA, ROBINSON, SMITH-LOVIN, VAISEY

Social Networks (Under review)

2023

Pathways from peers to mental health: Adolescent networks, role attainment, and adult depressive symptoms

COPELAND, KAMIS, VARELA

Social Science and Medicine

Perceived Gender and Political Persuasion: A Field Experiment during the 2020 Democratic National Primary

COMBS, TIERNEY, ALQABANDI, CORNELL, VARELA, ARAÚJO, ARGYLE, BAIL, VOLFOVSKY

Nature Scientific Reports

2022

Visualizing COVID Restrictions: Activity Patterns Before, During, and After COVID-19 Lockdowns in Uttar Pradesh, India

VARELA, SWANSON, PASQUALE, MOHANAN, MOODY

Socius

IN PROGRESS

Brokered Psychiatry: Core Networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis

VARELA

Presented at SSS 2024, Sunbelt 2024 and ASA 2024

IDEANet: Integrating Data Exchange and Analysis for Networks

WOLFF, MORGAN, VARELA, PASQUALE, MOODY, MUCHA

Presented at Sunbelt 2023

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

WOLFF, EASTWOOD, VARELA

In progress

Sleep Chronotype and Duration Clustering among College Students

VARELA, ROBBINS

In progress

Teaching and mentorship

Networks and Management

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Duke University

Spring 2024

Bass Connections Mentorship Awards

FINALIST

Duke University

April 2023

Politics & Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Bass Connections

September 2022 - May 2023

Mentor Matching Engine

MENTOR

ISTI

September 2020 - April 2021

Mapping Controversies

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Sciences-Po Paris

October 2015 - April 2016

Talks

ORGANIZED

Social Networks & Health

ORGANIZED THROUGH THE DUKE NETWORK ANALYSIS CENTER

Duke University

Spring 2024

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Spring 2022

Computational Social-Science Speaker Series

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Duke University

Spring 2021 | Fall 2021

PRESENTED

Brokered Psychiatry: Core networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Montreal, Canada

Summer 2024

Brokered Psychiatry: Core networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis

SUNBELT

Edinburgh, Scotland

Summer 2024

VaryCSS: Workshop on Diversity in Computational Social Science

VARYCSS

Cornell University

Spring 2024

Brokered Psychiatry: Core networks and Psychiatric Self-Diagnosis

SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

New Orleans

Spring 2024

Undiagnosed: Relational Characteristics of Disability Identification

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Philadelphia

Summer 2023

IDEANet: Integrating Data Exchange and Analysis for Networks

SUNBELT

Portland, Oregon

Summer 2023

IDEANet: Integrating Data Exchange and Analysis for Networks

INSTITUTE FOR SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Northwestern University

Summer 2023

Undiagnosed: Relational Characteristics of Disability Identification

SOUTHERN SOCIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Myrtle Beach

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