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Education

Duke University, Department of Sociology

PHD CANDIDATE

Duke University, Department of Sociology

PHD STUDENT

Bowdoin College

BACHELOR OF ARTS

Durham, North Carolina

2022 - Present

Durham, North Carolina

2019 - 2022

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)

Politics and Religion (Under review)

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

VARELA, EAGLE, HESS, KING

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 (R&R)

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

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

Social Science and Medicine

Nature Scientific Reports

COPELAND, KAMIS, VARELA

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

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

Bass Connections Mentorship Awards

Duke University

FINALIST

Mentor Matching Engine

Bass Connections

April 2023

Politics & Polarization in Mainline Protestant Congregations

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TEACHING ASSISTANT September 2022 - May 2023

MENTOR September 2020 - April 2021

Mapping Controversies Sciences-Po Paris

TEACHING ASSISTANT October 2015 – April 2016

Talks

ORGANIZED

Social Network & Health

Duke University

Organized through the Duke Network Analysis Center Spring 2024

Social Network & Health Duke University

Organized through the Duke Network Analysis Center Spring 2023

Social Network & 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

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

SUMMER INSTITUTE IN COMPUTATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE

Collective Speech Among Addiction Treatment Organizations

JENSEN SERIES

Collective Speech Among Addiction Treatment Organizations

TEXTXD: TEXT ANALYSIS ACROSS DOMAINS

Howard University
Summer 2022

Duke University Spring 2021

University of California - Berkeley

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