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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology  
University of Toronto - St. George Campus  
August 2022 — present

**PREVIOUS ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT**

Assistant Professor of Sociology  
Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law  
University of Florida  
Gainesville, FL 32611  
August 2019 — August 2022

**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Central Florida, 2019  
Health Policy Research Scholar Predoctoral Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation  
M.A. Sociology, Lehigh University, 2016  
B.A. Sociology, West Chester University of Pennsylvania, 2014

**PRIMARY RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS**

Substance use behaviors	Health disparities
Racialization	Interracial attitudes
Social determinants of health	Mental health and well-being

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Olawatobi Alawode and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Health Literacy and Uptake of Annual Physical Checkups among Emerging Adults Aged 18-29 in the United States: Findings from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. (accepted). *Sociology Compass*.

Nicholson Jr, Harvey L. and Mei, D. (2022). Predicting group consciousness among Asian Americans: Considering commonalities, shared interests, panethnic group identification, and linked fate. *Sociology Compass*, e13051.

Hill, Terrance D., Jason A. Ford, and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (in press). Education and Pharm-Accumulation: A National Study of Race/Ethnic Variations. *Social Science Quarterly*.

**Nicholson Jr, Harvey L.** (2022). "I am African American": Racial-ethnic self-designation, self-concept, and major depression among African Americans. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry*, 00207640221114744.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.**, Paris B. Wheeler, Nicholas C. Smith, and Olawatobi Alawode. (2022). Discrimination and Prescription Drug Misuse: Findings from the National Survey of Black Americans. *Substance Use & Misuse*. 57(7), 1014-1021.

**Nicholson Jr, Harvey L.** (2022). Social Determinants of Opioid Use Behaviors among Adults in the United States. *Journal of Substance Use*, 1-8.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** (2021). Feelings of Closeness Towards Asian Americans: An Analysis of African Americans and Black Caribbeans. *Sociological Spectrum*.

Assari, Shervin, Shanika Boyce, Ritesh Mistry, Alvin Thomas, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Ryon Cobb, Darrell Hudson, Adolfo G. Cuevas, Daniel B Lee, Moshen Bazargan, Cleopatra H. Caldwell, Tommy J. Curry, and Marc A. Zimmermam. (2021). Parents' Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Children's Cognitive Performance: Complexities by Race, Ethnicity, and Cognitive Domain. *Urban Science*.

Assari, Shervin, Shanika Boyce, Moshen Bazargan, Alvin Thomas, Ryon Cobb, Darrell Hudson, Tommy J. Curry, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Adolfo G. Cuevas, Ritesh Mistry, Tabbye M, Chavous, Cleopatra H. Caldwell, and Marc A. Zimmermam. (2021). Parental Educational Attainment, Superior Temporal Cortical Surface Area, and Reading Ability among American Children: A Test of Marginalization-Related Diminished Returns. *Children*.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.**, Zobayer Ahmmad, Andrew Anderson, and Tran Doan\* (2021). Unequal Returns of Employment on Self-Rated Health: Asian-White Differences. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** and Zobayer Ahmmad (2021). Everyday and Major Discrimination and Self-Rated Health across Ten Asian Ethnic Subgroups. *Annals of Epidemiology* 59, 5-9.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** and Khary Rigg. (2021). Prescription Opioid Misuse among Blacks and Whites during Older Adulthood. *Addiction Research & Theory*.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** and Paris B. Wheeler. (2021). Prescription Drug Misuse among African Americans and Afro-Caribbeans: Results from the National Survey of American life. *Substance Use & Misuse* 56(7), 962-970.

Oh, Hans and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2021). Perceived Skin Tone Discrimination and Suicide risk among Black Americans: Findings from the National Survey of American Life. *Journal of Affective Disorders* 284(1), 143-148.

Li, Yao and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2021). When "Model Minorities" Become "Yellow Peril"—Othering and the Racialization of Asian Americans in the COVID-19 Pandemic. *Sociology Compass* 15(2).

**\*\*Named one of the most cited articles in Sociology Compass in 2020-2021\*\***

Smith, Nicholas C. and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2020). Perceived Discrimination and Mental Health among African American and Caribbean Black Adolescents: Ethnic Differences in Processes and Effects. *Ethnicity & Health* 1-18.

Oh, Hans, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Ai Koyanagi, Louis Jacob, and Joe Glass. (2020). Urban Upbringing and Psychiatric Disorders in the United States: A Racial Comparison. *International Journal of Social Psychiatry* 67 (4), 307-314.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** and Di Mei. (2020). Racial Microaggressions and Self-Rated Health among Asians and Asian Americans. *Race and Social Problems* 12, 209-218.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** (2020). Socioeconomic Status, Fundamental Cause Theory, and Prescription Opioid Use Behaviors. A Theoretical Examination. *Sociological Spectrum* 40(1), 1-32.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** (2020). Associations between Major and Everyday Discrimination and Self-Rated Health among U.S. Asians and Asian Americans. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* (7), 262-268.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.**, James S. Carter, and Arjee Restar. (2020). Strength in Numbers: Perceptions of Political Commonality with African Americans among Asians and Asian Americans in the United States. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 6(1), 107-122.

Rigg, Khary and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2019). Prescription Opioid Misuse among African American Adults: A Rural-Urban Comparison of Prevalence and Risk. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 197, 191-196.

**Nicholson Jr. Harvey L.** and Jolene Vincent. (2019). Gender Differences in Prescription Opioid Misuse among U.S. Black Adults. *Substance Use & Misuse* 54(5), 639-650.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** and Jason A. Ford. (2019). Socioeconomic, Neighborhood, Psychosocial, and Substance Use Correlates of Cocaine Use among Black Adults: Findings from a Pooled Analysis of National Data. *Addictive Behaviors* 88, 182-186.

Donley, Amy and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2019). Comparing the Health of Relocated Public Housing Residents and Current Residents of a Historically Black Community: The Moderating Role of Social Cohesion. *Journal of Black Studies* 50, 26-44.

Ford, Jason A., Melanie Sberna Hinojosa, and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2018). Disability status and Prescription Drug Misuse among U.S. Adults. *Addictive Behaviors* 85, 65-69.

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** and J. A. Ford. (2018). Correlates of Prescription Opioid Misuse among Black Adults: Findings from the 2015 National Survey on Drug Use and Health. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 186, 264-267.

#### **UNDER REVIEW/REVISE & RESUBMIT/WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**Nicholson Jr., Harvey L.** Pan-African Identity, Psychological Well-being, and Mental Health among African Americans. *Identities*. (revise and resubmit).

**Nicholson Jr. Harvey L.** Exploring Your Roots: Can Exploring One's Family Roots Affect Psychological Well-Being among African Americans? *Annals of Epidemiology*. (under review)

Olawatobi Alawode and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Gender, Perceived Peer Norms, and Prescription Opioid Misuse among Adolescents. *Journal of Drug Issues*. (under review)

**Nicholson Jr. Harvey L.** Racial Identity and Exploring One's Family Roots among African Americans (in progress)

## **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

**Role: co-investigator.** ABRA (Asian and Black Americans, Racism, and Allyship) Project at New York University. (2022-present).

- National sample of 1078 Asian American and 367 Black/African American adults in May 2022 amid Covid-19.

## **GRANT, AWARD, and FELLOWSHIP ACTIVITY**

### **Research Grants (external)**

**Role: Consultant.** "Biopsychosocial mechanisms underlying the impact of structural racism and discrimination on chronic pain in Black or African American Adults." (2021). National Institute of Health (NIH). Percent effort: 10%. Total requested: TBA. **Status: in process.**

### **Research Grants (internal)**

**Role: co-investigator.** "Collegiate and national investigation of factors contributing to the lack of Black representation at all levels in veterinary medicine: Measure perceptions on mattering, sense of belonging, college involvement, and socio-academic integrative experiences in order to better understand the experiences of Black veterinary students and our perceived commitment to them." (2020). UF Research 2020 Call for Proposals: Advancing Racial Justice through Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access at the University of Florida." Total requested: \$15,000. 2020. **Status: funded.**

**Role: co-investigator.** "Racial Discrimination and Racialized Experiences among Hard-to-Reach Populations via New Survey Data." (2020). Total Award: \$11,000. 2020. **Status: funded.**

### **Fellowships**

"Health Policy Research Scholars." Funder: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Predoctoral Fellowship: Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. Total Award: \$120,000. 2017-2019. **Status: funded.**

### **Awards**

Teaching Award Nomination. College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. University of Florida. (2021-2022).

NIH Early-Stage Investigator Paper Competition: NIH Matilda White Riley Behavioral and Social Sciences Honors. Paper submitted for review: Nicholson (2020). Socioeconomic Status, Fundamental Cause Theory, and Prescription Opioid Use Behaviors: A Theoretical Examination. *Sociological Spectrum*. 40(1), 1-32. **Status: not awarded.**

## **INVITED TALKS/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Nicholson Jr., Harvey L. Discrimination and Self-rated Health across Asian and Asian American Subgroups. October 19-21, 2020. International Association for Population Health. Virtual due to Covid-19.

Ford, Jason A., Melanie Sberna Hinojosa, and Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. Disability Status and Prescription Drug misuse among U.S. adults. 2018. Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.

Restar, Arjee, Kenneth Pass, Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. Grant W. Harper., and Don A. Operario. systematic review of HIV research targeting men who are intimate with transgender women (MITW) in the United States: An emerging field of study. 2017. American Public Health Association. Atlanta, GA.

Nicholson Jr., Harvey L. (presider) and Amy Donley. "Do Perceptions of Neighborhood Safety, Social Cohesion, and Infrastructural Quality Among Relocated Public-Housing Residents and Current Residents within a Historically Black Community Affect Residents' Physical and Mental Health Status?" 2017. Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, CA.

Nicholson Jr., Harvey L. and Angela Vergara. "Factors Affecting Telemedicine Provision in Mental Health Facilities." Graduate Research Symposium, 2017. University of Central Florida, Orlando FL.

Nicholson Jr., Harvey L. "Environmental Inequalities within Low-Income and Minority Neighborhoods." Eastern Sociological Conference. 2014. Baltimore, MD.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

*University of Florida*

SYD 3700 Sociology of Race and Racism in the U.S. (undergraduate)

SYO 4400 Medical Sociology (undergraduate)

*University of Toronto*

SOC 394 Social Determinants of Health (undergraduate)

SOC 352 Ethnoracial Inequalities in Health (undergraduate)

## **SERVICE**

### **Departmental Service**

*University of Florida*

- Graduate Faculty Member (August 2019-August 2022)
- Criminology Graduate Committee Member (2020-2021)
- Graduate Professional Development Seminar – Stephen Perz (September 2020)
- Graduate Population Seminar – Tanya Koropecj-Cox (September 2021)
- Graduate Publishing Seminar – Chuck Peek and Abby Fagan (April 2021)
- Graduate Student Mentor – Oluwatobi A. Alawode (January 2021 -August 2022)
- AI and Race Search Committee for African American Studies Program (March 2021 – April 2021)
- Graduate Student Mentor- Jiahui Lyu (August 2021 – January 2022)
- AI and Computational Social Science Search Committee (August 2021 -April 2022)

### **University and College Service**

*University of Florida*

- Faculty Advisor, Health Educational Literacy Association (2020-2021)
- Faculty Marshal, Winter Graduation (2019)

### **Service to the Discipline**

Peer-Reviewed Journal Editorial Board Member

- *Sociological Spectrum* (2021-2024)
- *Society and Mental Health* (2022-2025)

## **Journal Reviewer**

- *Addictive Behaviors*
- *Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse*
- *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*
- *Substance Use & Misuse*
- *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*
- *Social Work in Public Health*
- *Sociological Forum*
- *Population Research and Policy Review*
- *Social Science & Medicine*
- *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*
- *Social Sciences*
- *Society and Mental Health*
- *Asian Journal of Criminology*
- *Social Problems*
- *The Anthropocene Review*
- *American Sociological Review*

## **THESIS AND DISSERTATION COMMITTEES**

### **Ph.D. Students**

*University of Florida*

Alyssa Nunez

Role: Committee Member

### **M.A. Students**

*University of Florida*

Sierra Plotner

Role: Chair

University of Florida

Luis Gonzalez-Diaz

Role: Committee Member

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member

- American Sociological Association (2020-)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section (2020-)
- American Sociological Association, Asia and Asian America Section (2020-)

## **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

- Available upon request