
Harvey L. Nicholson Jr., PhD

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Curriculum Vitae

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Harvey L. Nicholson Jr., Ph.D., a sociologist focusing on addiction, medical sociology/epidemiology, and race/ethnicity, is currently an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Florida. His research explores topics related to substance use and racial-ethnic health disparities, the social determinants of health, inter-minority attitudes, and the experiences of racialized minority populations. His work is published in top-ranked journals such as *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, *Annals of Epidemiology*, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, *Addictive Behaviors*, *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*, *Sociology Compass*, and several other high-quality peer-reviewed outlets.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law, University of Florida

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2019 Ph.D. Sociology University of Central Florida

Dissertation: Socioeconomic Status and Prescription Opioid Use Behaviors among U.S. Adults: A Test of the Fundamental Cause Theory Framework
Concentration: Health, Families and Communities
Chair: Jason A. Ford

2017-2019 Predoctoral Fellow Health Policy Research Scholars, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

2016 M.A. Sociology Lehigh University

2014 B.A. Sociology West Chester University of Pennsylvania

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (*student co-author)

1. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Jason 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. [Doi: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.12.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.12.006) **IF: 3.95**
Drug and Alcohol Dependence ranked #2 in Addiction research in 2018.

2. Jason A. Ford, Melanie Sberna Hinojosa, and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2018) Disability Status and Prescription Drug Misuse among US Adults. *Addictive Behaviors*. 85, 64-69. [Doi: https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.05.019](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.05.019) **IF: 3.65**
Addictive Behaviors ranked #5 in Addiction research in 2018.

3. Amy Donley 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. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/0021934718799029> **IF: 0.62**
4. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Jason A. Ford. (2019) Sociodemographic, 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. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.addbeh.2018.08.042> **IF: 3.65**
Addictive Behaviors ranked #5 in Addiction research in 2019.
5. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Jolene Vincent. (2019) Gender Differences in Prescription Opioid Misuse among US Black Adults. *Substance Use & Misuse*, 54(4), 639-650. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2018.1531427> **IF: 1.50**
Substance Use & Misuse ranked #14 in Addiction research in 2019.
6. Khary Rigg 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. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2019.01.023>. **IF: 3.95**
Drug and Alcohol Dependence ranked #2 in Addiction research in 2019.
7. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, James Scott 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. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649218785648>. **IF: 1.97**
American Sociology Association's (ASA) Official Section for Racial and Ethnic Minorities.
8. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2020) Associations between Major and Everyday Discrimination and Self-Rated Health among US Asians and Asian Americans. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. (7), 262-268. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-019-00654-0>. **IF: 1.66**
9. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** (2020) Socioeconomic Status, Fundamental Cause Theory, and Prescription Opioid Use Behaviors: A Theoretical Examination. *Sociological Spectrum*. 40(1), 1-32. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/02732173.2019.1707138>. **IF: 0.63**
10. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Di Mei* (2020) Racial Microaggressions and Self-Rated Health among Asians and Asian Americans. *Race and Social Problems*. 12, 209-218. Doi: [10.1007/s12552-020-09293-1](https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-020-09293-1) **IF: 1.04**

11. Hans Oh, **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*. Doi:10.1080/13557858.2020.1814998 **IF: 1.44**

12. Nicholas Smith* 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*. Doi: 10.1177/0020764020950781. **IF: 2.55**

13. Yao Li 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*. Doi:10.1111/soc4.12849. **IF: 1.23**

14. Hans Oh 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*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2021.02.023>. **IF: 3.89**
Journal of Affective Disorders ranked #6 in Psychiatry in 2021.

15. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** 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*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2021.1901928>. **IF: 1.50**
Substance Use & Misuse ranked #14 in Addiction in 2021.

16. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Khary Rigg. (2021). Prescription Opioid misuse among Blacks and Whites during Older Adulthood. *Addiction Research & Theory*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1080/16066359.2021.1902508>. **IF: 2.22**

17. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Zobayer Ahmmad (2021). Everyday and Major Discrimination and Self-Rated Health across Ten Asian Ethnic Subgroups. *Annals of Epidemiology*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.annepidem.2021.03.011>. **IF: 2.57**
Annals of Epidemiology ranked #16 in Epidemiology in 2021.

18. **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, 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*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-021-01050-3>. **IF: 1.66**

19. Shervin Assari, 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. Parental Educational Attainment, Superior Temporal Cortical Surface Area, and Reading Ability among American Children: A Test of Marginalization-Related Diminished Returns. (2021). *Children*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.3390/children8050412>. IF: 2.08

20. Shervin Assari, 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. Parents' Perceived Neighborhood Safety and Children's Cognitive Performance: Complexities by Race, Ethnicity, and Cognitive Domain (2021). *Urban Science*. Doi: <https://doi.org/10.3390/urbansci5020046>. IF: N/A

PRESS

The AAPI Covid-19 Project: Research Report & Resources for Disentangling Anti-Asian Violence March (2021)
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5e796f78a90d43267d2dbd38/t/605aedd0a239b4815f07ad0/1616571923874/ACP+Report+and+Anti-Asian+Violence+Resource+Guide_Mar2021.pdf

90.7 WMFE: "UCF researchers look at opioid abuse in black adults" (2018)
<http://www.wmfe.org/ucf-researchers-look-at-opioid-abuse-in-black-adults/85024>

UCF Today: "Opioid Misuse Isn't White or Black Issue" (2018)
<https://today.ucf.edu/opioid-misuse-isnt-white-black-issue/>

REVISE AND RESUBMIT (*student co-author)

Harvey L. Nicholson Jr., Paris B. Wheeler*, and Nicholas C. Smith*. Discrimination and Prescription Drug Misuse: Findings from the National Survey of American Life. *Substance Use & Misuse*.

Substance Use & Misuse ranked #14 in Addiction at time of submission.

Terrence D. Hill, Jason A. Ford, and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Education and Pharm-Accumulation: A National Study of Race/Ethnic Variations. *Social Problems*.

UNDER REVIEW

Melanie Hinojosa-Sberna, Ramon Hinojosa, and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Identifying Barriers to College Success among College Student Caregivers. *Research in Higher Education*.

Di Mei, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, and Minzhi Ye. Intermarriage, Pan-ethnicity, Gender, and Assimilation of Asian Americans. *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. Social Determinants of Opioid Misuse. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*.

Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. Black-Asian Attitudes: Black Americans' Feelings of Closeness toward Asians in the United States. *Sociological Spectrum*.

IN PROGRESS

Hans Oh, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Kyle Waldman, Louis Jacob, and Lee Smith. Discrimination and 12-month headaches and backpain among Black Americans: Findings from the National Survey of American Life.

Stacey Diane Aranez Litam, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Tianyuan Tang, and Terrence Michael Aranez. Impact of Everyday Discrimination on Chronic Conditions, Mental Health Distress, and Suicide among Asian American Women

GRANT AND AWARD ACTIVITY

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

"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"; UF Research 2020 Call for Proposals: Advancing Racial Justice through Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access at the University of Florida." Michael Bowie, Lisa Farina, Brittany Southern, Christopher Adin, Candice Stefanou, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Total requested: \$15,000. 2020. **Status: funded.**

"Racial Discrimination and Racialized Experiences among Hard-to-Reach Populations via New Survey Data. (Collaborative Multiracial Post-Election Survey [CMPS])." Funder: College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Nicholas Vargas, Nicole Jones, and **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Total Award: \$11,000. 2020. **Status: funded.**

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

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. 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.

Jason A. Ford, 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.

Arjee Restar, 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.

Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. (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

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

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

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

SYD 3700 Minorities in American Society

- Online and face-to-face

SYO 4400 Medical Sociology

- Online

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT

TBA

SERVICE

Departmental Service

- Graduate Faculty Member (2019-present)
- Criminology Graduate Committee Member (2020-Present)
- AI and Race Search Committee for African American Studies Program (March – April, 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-present)

University Service

Faculty Advisor for Undergraduate Student Organization at the University of Florida

- Health Education Literacy Association (2020-Present)

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Service

Faculty Marshal/Department Representative

- Winter Graduation (2019)

Service to the Discipline

Editorial Board Member

- Society and Mental Health (2022-2025)

Journal Reviewer

- Addictive Behaviors (January 2019 - April, 2019)
- Journal of Ethnicity in Substance Abuse (September, 2019 - October, 2019)
- Drug & Alcohol Dependence (July, 2019 - August, 2019)
- Substance Use & Misuse (March, 2020 - April, 2020)
- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (August, 2020 - October, 2020)
- Social Work in Public Health (August, 2020-September, 2020)
- Sociological Forum (September, 2020 - October, 2020)
- Population Research and Policy Review (December, 2020 - January, 2021)
- Social Science & Medicine (February, 2021 – March, 2021)
- Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities (April, 2021 – May, 2021)

STUDENT RESEARCH

Doctoral Students

Committee Member

Alyssa Nunez (TBA)

- Title: (TBA)

Masters Students

Chair, Thesis

Sierra Plotner (TBA)

- Title: Health Effects of Parents' Conversations about Race with Their Children

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- American Sociological Association

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

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