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**ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

2019-present Assistant Professor of Sociology, 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: Medical Sociology

Chair: Jason A. Ford

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

2016      M.A. Sociology      Lehigh University

2014      B.A. Sociology      West Chester University of Pennsylvania

**AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

Addiction

Medical Sociology/Social Epidemiology

Race & Ethnicity

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

*# of publications: 17*

*# of solo authored papers: 2*

*# of first authored papers: 8*

*# of publications in top 20 journals: 9*

**Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Zubi Ahmmad (accepted). Everyday and Major Discrimination and Self-Rated Health across Ten Asian Ethnic Subgroups. *Annals of Epidemiology*. **IF: 2.57**

*Annals of Epidemiology* ranked #16 in Epidemiology research in 2021.

**Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** and Khary Rigg. (Accepted). Prescription Opioid misuse among Blacks and Whites during Older Adulthood. *Addiction Research & Theory*. **IF: 2.22**

**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.

*Paris B. Wheeler was a Ph.D. student in Counseling Psychology at the University Of Kentucky.*

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 Addictive Disorders* ranked #6 in Psychiatry in 2021.

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**

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**

*Smith was a Ph.D. student in Sociology at Indiana-Bloomington University*

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**

**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**

*Mei was a Ph.D. student in Sociology at the University of Hong Kong.*

**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**

**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**

**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.*

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.

**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.

**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.

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**

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> **IF: 3.65**  
*Addictive Behaviors* ranked #5 in Addiction research in 2018.

**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> **IF: 3.95**  
*Drug and Alcohol Dependence* ranked #2 in Addiction research in 2018.

Press:

90.7 WMFE: "UCF researchers look at opioid abuse in black adults"

<http://www.wmfe.org/ucf-researchers-look-at-opioid-abuse-in-black-adults/85024>

March 2018

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

### **REVISE AND RESUBMIT**

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

**Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Zubi Ahmmad, Andrew Anderson, and Tran Doan. Diminished Returns of Employment Status on Self-Rated Health among Asians and Asian Americans. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

### **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*.

**Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.** Discrimination and Prescription Drug Misuse: Findings from the National Survey of American Life. *Substance Use & Misuse*.

Shervin Assari, Ritesh Mistry, Shanika Boyce, Alvin Thomas, Mohsen Bazargan, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Ryon J. Cobb, Adolfo G. Cuevas, Daniel B. Lee, Cleopatra H. Caldwell, Marc A. Zimmermam, and Tommy Curry. Low Neighborhood Safety Correlates with Low Children's Cognitive Performance in Some but not All Domains. *Urban Science*.

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

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.** Black-Asian Attitudes: Black American's Feelings of Closeness toward Asians in the United States. *Socius*.

## **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.

Shervin Assari and **Harvey L Nicholson Jr.** Money is a Better Equalizer than Education: Race, Socioeconomic Status, and Total Brain Volume of 9 and 10-Year-Old American Children

Shervin Assari, Ritesh Mistry, Shanika Boyce, Alvin Thomas, Mohsen Bazargan, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Ryon J. Cobb, Adolfo G. Cuevas, Daniel B. Lee, Cleopatra H. Caldwell, Marc A. Zimmermam, and Tommy Curry. Low Neighborhood Safety Correlates with Low Children's Cognitive Performance in Some but not All Domains.

Shervin Assari, Ritesh Mistry, Shanika Boyce, Aziza Locas-Wright, Mohsen Bazargan, Alvin Thomas, Ryon J. Cobb, Darnell Hudson, Tommy Curry, **Harvey L. Nicholson Jr.**, Adolfo G. Cuevas, Ritesh Mistry, Cleopatra H. Caldwell, Marc A. Zimmermam, William A. Darity, and Kimberly Noble. Low Neighborhood Safety Correlates with Low Children's Cognitive Performance in Some but not All Domains.

## **GRANT ACTIVITY**

“Collegiate and National Investigation of Factors Contributing to the Lack of Black Representation at All Levels in Veterinary Medicine to 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***

Committees in the Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law

- Criminology Graduate Committee Member (2020-Present)
- AI and Race Search Committee (March 2021)

#### ***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***

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)

**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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