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EDUCATION

2019 M.A., Sociology, The University of Memphis. In Progress.

2017 B.A., **Major:** Sociology; **Minor:** Biology, The University of Memphis,
Magna Cum Laude, University Honors with Thesis
Thesis Title: "An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County, TN from 2007-2015"

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Forthcoming James, Wesley L., Karen Matthews, Peter Albrecht, **Anna Church**. "Improving the Health of Rural America's Chronically Ill: A Case Study of a PCMH Clinic in Mississippi." *Population Health Management*.

2016 James, Wesley L., Karen C. Matthews, Peter A. Albrecht, Shelby Fox, **Anna Church**. "Evidence of a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH) Improving the Health of Chronically Ill Patients in the Mississippi Delta." *Journal of Preventive Medicine and Care*. Vol. 1 (4): 8-16.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2017- Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Sociology. The University of Memphis.

Faculty Advisor: Wesley James, Ph.D.

Summer 2017 Freelance Research Coordinator, Mortimer and Mimi Levitt Foundation.

Duties of Position: I oversaw a five-person survey collection team where I was responsible for all survey materials, collection, shipping, and acting as a liaison between the survey location site and the Foundation.

Summer 2017 Student Intern, Delta Health Alliance.

Duties of Position: I wrote summaries of literature, portions of manuscripts for publications and portions of grant applications. I also created handouts for the organization's annual board meeting.

2016-2017 Undergraduate Student Worker, The University of Memphis.
Grant Title: “Addressing Disparities in the Mississippi Delta” (\$299,760)
Principal Investigator: Wesley James, Ph.D.
Funding Source: Delta Health Alliance
Role on Project: I was responsible for conducting extensive literature reviews, contributing to manuscript writing, analyzing descriptive statistics for program projects and publications, and coding survey data for later analysis in SPSS.

Summer 2016 Freelance Researcher, Mortimer and Mimi Levitt Foundation.

Duties of Position: I distributed and collected surveys from Levitt Shell concert visitors following a specific dissemination protocol.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

James, Wesley, Karen Matthews, **Anna Church**, Pete Albrecht. “Implementation of an Electronic Health Record System in Rural Mississippi Hospitals: Is it Helping Diabetes Patients?” Under Review at *Journal for Healthcare of the Poor and Underserved*. Submitted June 2017.

King, Christopher, **Anna Church**, Wesley James, Rhonda Okoth, Karen Matthews. “Bigger Delta Babies: Home Visiting’s Association with Better Birth Weight Outcomes in the ‘Most Southern Place on Earth.’” Under Review at *Maternal Child Health Journal*. Submitted October 2017.

Church, Anna. “An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County, TN Women from 2007 to 2015.” Under Review at *QuaesitUM*. Submitted January 2018.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Albrecht, Peter, Jonathan Bennett, **Anna Church**, Wesley James, Chris King, Karen Matthews, Karin Scott. “The Power of Promise Neighborhoods to Promote Literacy Skills: A Field Report from Indianola.”

PRESENTATIONS

2017 “An Analysis of Breastfeeding Initiation Trends of Shelby County, TN Mothers from 2007-2015.” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Morgantown, WV.
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2017 “Breastfeeding Attitudes and Experiences in the Memphis, TN Community.” National Conference of Undergraduate Research. Memphis, TN. **Anna Church**

2017 “A Survey of Breastfeeding Attitudes and Experiences of Women in the Memphis, TN Community.” Student Research Forum. Memphis, TN. **Anna Church**

HONORS AND AWARDS

2017 The University of Memphis College of Arts and Sciences Travel Enrichment Award (\$250)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2018 Graduate Travel Finance Committee Member, Graduate Student Association, The University of Memphis

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society

Southern Demographic Association

Southern Sociological Society