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EDUCATION

Apr. 2022-Present Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, The Ohio State University
Dec. 2020 M.A., Sociology, The Ohio State University
May 2018 B.A., Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 B.A., Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Phi Beta Kappa, summa cum laude, honors in sociology

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Inequality; credit, wealth, and debt; work; education; rural and urban sociology; aging and life course.

AWARDS AND HONORS

2022 Financial Planning Paper Award, American Council on Consumer Interests
2021 Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society
2020 Graduate Research Fellowship (Honorable Mention), National Science Foundation
2019-2020 Sociology Stipend Supplement Award, The Ohio State University
2018-2019 University Fellowship, The Ohio State University
2018 Blair C. Currie Prize in Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
 Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society in Economics
2015-2018 John Visger van Ingen Named Scholar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
2014-2015 Hobart Heritage Scholar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

PUBLICATIONS

2021 Loibl, Căzilia, **Alec P. Rhodes**, Stephanie Moulton, Donald Haurin, and Chrisse Edmunds. "Food Insecurity among Older Adults in the U.S.: The Role of Mortgage Borrowing." *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy* 44(2):549-574.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/aepp.13219>

Rhodes, Alec P. "Student Debt and Geographic Disadvantage: Disparities by Urban, Suburban, and Rural Background." *Rural Sociology* 87(1):231-263.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/ruso.12403>

- Olaf Larson Graduate Student Paper Award, Rural Sociological Society

- Featured in [The Rural Review](#), [The Daily Yonder](#), Consortium for Policy Research in Education's *Research Minutes* podcast

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

2021 Phillips, Lora and **Alec P. Rhodes**. "Late Career Precarious Work and Racial-Ethnic Inequalities in Later Life Poverty." (R&R at *Social Forces*)

Moulton, Stephanie, **Alec P. Rhodes**, Donald Haurin, and Căzilia Loibl. "Managing a Health Shock in Older Age: Housing Wealth, Mortgage Borrowing, and Medication Adherence." (R&R at *Social Science & Medicine*)

- Financial Planning Paper Award, American Council on Consumer Interests

Alec P. Rhodes and Simon Kolbeck. "The Incarceration Wage Ceiling: Heterogeneous Effects of Incarceration on Wage Inequality in Young Adulthood."

Rhodes, Alec P. "Platforms for Opportunity or Institutional Traps? Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials and Financial Security in Young Adulthood."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

2022 **Alec P. Rhodes** and Rachel E. Dwyer. "Labor Unions, Debt, and Financial Inclusion in Young Adulthood"

Lawrence Berger, Meta Brown, J. Michael Collins, Rachel E. Dwyer, Jason Houle, Stephanie Moulton, Davon Norris, and **Alec P. Rhodes**. "On the Edge: Unemployment Generosity and High Cost Borrowing during the COVID Pandemic"

Alec P. Rhodes. "Class-Stratified Effects of Labor Unions on Wealth Inequality in the United States, 1985-2016"

Stephanie Moulton, **Alec P. Rhodes**, Donald Haurin, Căzilia Loibl, and Joshua Joseph. "Home Equity Borrowing and Health Outcomes in Older Age"

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND REPORTS

2022 Loibl, Căzilia, Donald Haurin, Stephanie Moulton, **Alec P. Rhodes**, and Chrisse Edmunds. ["Food Insecurity among Older Adults in the US: The Role of](#)

[Mortgage Borrowing.](#) *University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Discussion Paper Series, DP2022-01.*

- 2021 **Rhodes, Alec P.** (September 9). [“Geographic Disparities in Student Debt by Rural, Suburban, and Urban Background.”](#) Work in Progress: Sociology on the Economy, Work and Inequality.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

- 2022 **Alec P. Rhodes** and Rachel E. Dwyer. “Labor Unions, Debt, and Financial Inclusion in Young Adulthood.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 5-9.
- Alec P. Rhodes** and Simon Kolbeck. “Who Suffers Most from Prison? Heterogeneous Effects of Incarceration on Wage Inequality.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 5-9.
- Phillips, Lora A. and **Alec P. Rhodes.** “Late Career Precarious Work and Racial-Ethnic Poverty Gaps in Later Life.” Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Atlanta, April 9-6.
- 2021 Phillips, Lora A. and **Alec P. Rhodes.** “Precarious Employment and Late Life Poverty among Older Workers.” Presented at the Virtual Engagement Event of the American Sociological Association, August 6-10.
- Loibl, Căzilia, **Alec P. Rhodes**, Stephanie Moulton, Donald Haurin, and Chrisse Edmunds. Food insecurity among older adults in the U.S.: The role of mortgage borrowing. Presented at the 2021 IAREP-SABE Virtual Conference, June 11, <https://sabeconomics.org/iarep-sabe-2021/>
- Rhodes, Alec P.** “Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials and Economic Inequality in Young Adulthood.” Presented at the Virtual Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, May 5-8.
- 2020 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Student Debt and the Reproduction of Geographic Disadvantage: Disparities by Rural, Suburban, and Urban Background.” Presented at the Virtual Engagement Event of the American Sociological Association, August 8-11.
- 2019 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Exploring Urban-Suburban-Rural Disparities in Student Debt.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Richmond, VA, August 9.
- 2018 **Rhodes, Alec P.** and Ervin Kosta. “Local Identity, Global Context: Symbolic Ethnicity and Barriers to Collective Refugee Action.” Annual Meetings of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD, February 23.

- 2017 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Bolstering Women’s Employment and Increasing Men’s Care through Parental Leave Policy Reform.” Annual Meetings of the New York State Sociological Association, Rochester, NY, October 20.
- Rhodes, Alec P.** “The Syrian Community in Geneva: Past and Present.” Annual Undergraduate Research Conference of the New York Six Liberal Arts Consortium (NY6), Saratoga Springs, NY, September 23.

WORKSHOP AND SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Who Suffers Most from Prison? Heterogeneous Effects of Incarceration on Wage Inequality in Young Adulthood.” SocPIE Working Group, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 11.
- 2021 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Platforms for Opportunity or Institutional Traps? Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials and Financial Security in Young Adulthood.” SocPIE Working Group, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, February 26.
- 2020 Zhang, Runtian, Căzilia Loibl, Stephanie Moulton, Don Haurin, and **Alec P. Rhodes.** “Housing Wealth and Economic Security in Retirement: Does Borrowing from Home Equity Increase Adherence to Prescription Drugs?” Consumer Sciences Seminar, College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 30.
- 2019 Loibl, Căzilia., Donald Haurin, Stephanie Moulton, **Alec P. Rhodes**, and Chrisse Edmunds. “Food Insecurity among Older Adults: The Role of Mortgage Borrowing.” Presented at World Food Day at The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, October 17.
- 2018 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Student Loan Debt and Post-College Earnings.” Senior Symposium, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, April 20.

RESEARCH AND TRAINEE EXPERIENCE

- 2021-Present *John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University*
 Role: Graduate Research Associate
 Team: Stephanie Moulton (PI), Donald Haurin, Căzilia Loibl, and Joshua Joseph
 “Economic Security in Retirement: Does Borrowing from Home Equity Moderate the Impact of a Health Shock on Health Outcomes?” Funding agency: Social Security Administration Retirement and Disability Consortium, Center for Financial Security, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020 *Ohio Department of Aging and Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, Ohio Scholars in Aging Program*

Role: Fellow and Trainee

2019-2020 *College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University*
Role: Graduate Research Associate, College of Education and Human Ecology,
Team: Căzilia Loibl (PI), Donald Haurin, and Stephanie Moulton
“Food Insecurity among Older Adults in the U.S.: The Role of Mortgage
Borrowing” Funding agency: United States Department of Agriculture Food and
Nutrition Service, University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research

2017 *Department of Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges*
Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant
Team: Ervin Kosta (PI)
“Local Ethic Identity, Institutional Change, and Global Ties”
Funding agency: Mellon Foundation

Department of Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant
Team: Joshua Greenstein (PI)
Funding agency: Department Seed Grant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2017-2018 Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
2015-2016 Writing Colleague, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2021-2022 President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University
2019-2020 Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association,
The Ohio State University

DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

2021 Presider of Markets, Policy, and Economics Roundtable, BGSU-OSU Graduate
Student Conference, Columbus, OH, October 29.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2021-present Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, Graduate Affiliate
2020-Present Population Association of America, member

2019-Present	Rural Sociological Society, member
2018-Present	American Sociological Association, member Sections: Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Economic Sociology

REFERENCES

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