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## EDUCATION

- 2023 Ph.D., Sociology, The Ohio State University  
 Dissertation: “Three Studies of Inequality and the Returns to Worker Power in the United States”  
 Committee: Rachel Dwyer (Chair), Stephanie Moulton, Vincent Roscigno, Mike Vuolo.
- 2020 M.A., Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 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

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2023-Present Postdoctoral Scholar, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, Wisconsin

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality, poverty, and mobility; economic sociology; credit, wealth, and debt; work and labor markets; rural and urban sociology; demography; aging and life course; health and illness.

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Moulton, Stephanie, **Alec P. Rhodes**, Donald Haurin, and Cäzilia Loibl. “Managing the Onset of a New Disease in Older Age: Housing Wealth, Mortgage Borrowing, and Medication Adherence.” Forthcoming in *Social Science & Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115437>
  - Financial Planning Paper Award, American Council on Consumer Interests
- 2021 Loibl, Cäzilia, **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/aapp.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

Moulton, Stephanie, **Alec P. Rhodes**, Cäzilia Loibl, Joshua Joseph, and Donald Haurin. "Housing Wealth, Mortgage Borrowing, and Health Outcomes in Older Age: Evidence from Biomarker Data."

- Academic Research Colloquium Best Paper Award, Certified Financial Planner Board

Berger, Lawrence., Meta Brown, J. Michael Collins, Rachel E. Dwyer, Jason Houle, Stephanie Moulton, Davon Norris, and **Alec P. Rhodes**. "State Unemployment Generosity and High Cost Borrowing during the COVID Pandemic." (R&R at *Nature Human Behavior*)

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

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

Phillips, Lora and **Alec P. Rhodes**. "Racial-Ethnic Poverty Gaps in Later Life: A Role for Late Career Employment Quality." (Equal authorship)

**Rhodes, Alec P.** "Labor Market Inequality, Debt, and the Consequences of Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials in Young Adulthood." (R&R at *The Sociological Quarterly*)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

2023 Travel Award, RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological Association

2022 Academic Research Colloquium Best Paper Award, Certified Financial Planner Board

	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
2015-2018	Omicron Delta Epsilon, International Honors Society in Economics John Visger van Ingen Named Scholar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
2014-2015	Hobart Heritage Scholar, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND REPORTS

2022	Loibl, Cäzilia, Donald Haurin, Stephanie Moulton, <b>Alec P. Rhodes</b> , and Chrisse Edmunds. " <a href="#">Food Insecurity among Older Adults in the US: The Role of Mortgage Borrowing.</a> " <i>University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research Discussion Paper Series</i> , DP2022-01.
2021	<b>Rhodes, Alec P.</b> (September 9). " <a href="#">Geographic Disparities in Student Debt by Rural, Suburban, and Urban Background.</a> " Work in Progress: Sociology on the Economy, Work and Inequality.

## PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCES

2023	Berger, Lawrence M., Sarah Bruch, J. Michael Collins, Rachel E. Dwyer, Jason Houle, Stephanie Moulton, and <b>Alec P. Rhodes</b> . "Do State Social Welfare Policies Influence Consumer Debt Holdings? Evidence from National Credit Report Data." Accepted for presentation at the Fall Research Conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Atlanta, Nov. 9-11.
	Norris, Davon and <b>Alec P. Rhodes</b> , and Rachel E. Dwyer. "Of Distribution and Translation: Credit Scores and Economic Mobility in the U.S." Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Aug. 17-21.
	<b>Rhodes, Alec P.</b> "Right to Work Laws, Marketplace Power, and Worker Compensation" Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Aug. 17-21
	<b>Rhodes, Alec P.</b> "Labor Unions and Wealth Inequality in the United States, 1985-2016." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 12-15.

- 2022                   **Rhodes, Alec P.** and Rachel E. Dwyer. "Labor Unions, Debt, and Financial Inclusion in Young Adulthood." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, August 5-9.
- Rhodes, Alec P.** and Simon Kolbeck. "Who Suffers Most from Prison? Heterogeneous Effects of Incarceration on Wage Inequality." Presented 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." Presented 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, Cäzilia, **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.

## WORKSHOP AND SYMPOSIUM PRESENTATIONS

- 2022           **Rhodes, Alec P.** "Labor Unions and Wealth Inequality in the United States, 1985-2016." Graduate Flash Session, Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH, September 27.
- Kolbeck, Simon and **Alec P. Rhodes**. "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, Cäzilia 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.

## RESEARCH AND TRAINEE EXPERIENCE

- 2023           *Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University*  
Role: Graduate Research Associate  
Team: Rachel Dwyer and Jason Houle  
"Debt and Insecurity among Vulnerable Communities during the COVID-19 Crisis." Funding agency: National Science Foundation.
- 2021-2022      *Department of Sociology and John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University*  
Role: Graduate Research Associate  
Team: Lawrence Berger, Meta Brown, J. Michael Collins, Rachel Dwyer, Jason Houle, and Stephanie Moulton  
"Inequalities in Financial Coping During the COVID-19 Crisis: New Insights from Linked Credit Report, Alternative Financial Service, and State Administrative Data." Funding agency: Russell Sage Foundation.
- 2020-2021      *John Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University*  
Role: Graduate Research Associate

Team: Stephanie Moulton (PI), Donald Haurin, Cäzilia 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  
Team: Cäzilia 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

## 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

2022                  Organizer, Mentoring Committee, Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section, American Sociological Association  
2021                  Presider of Markets, Policy, and Economics Roundtable, BGSU-OSU Graduate Student Conference, Columbus, OH, October 29.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, Graduate Affiliate

Population Association of America, member

American Sociological Association, member

Sections: Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Economic Sociology; Organizations, Occupations, and Work.

RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological Association, member

Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, member

## REVIEWER

*Journal of Consumer Affairs, Human Geography, Social Currents, Social Science Research*

## REFERENCES

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