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EDUCATION

- Jan. 2021-Present Ph.D. Student, 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

- 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

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- 2021 **Rhodes, Alec P.** “Student Debt and Geographic Disadvantage: Disparities by Urban, Suburban, and Rural Background.” (R&R at *Rural Sociology*)
- 2020 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.” (R&R at *Applied Economic Perspectives & Policy*)

EXAMPLES OF PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials and Financial Security

This project examines the implications of pursuing a sub-baccalaureate credential for the financial security of young adults in the U.S., with attention to variation by for-profit college attendance. I use data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth to estimate the employment, earnings, and student debt outcomes of sub-bac credential seekers. This project received an Honorable Mention from the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program competition.

Precarious Employment and Late Life Poverty

In collaboration with Arizona State University Postdoctoral Research Scholar Lora Phillips, this project aims to understand the implications of precarious work for late life poverty among older workers in the U.S. We use data from the Health and Retirement Study to assess inequalities in late-career exposure to precarious work by race, class, and gender, as well as the relationship between precarious work and late life poverty.

The Geography of Student Debt

This project investigates the geographic dimensions of student loan debt. In collaboration with Ohio State sociology faculty Rachel Dwyer, we use data from the National longitudinal Survey of Youth to examine the effects of student debt on rural youth outmigration and the debt outcomes of youth that reside in areas with few educational opportunities.

Predictors of Food Insecurity in Late Life

Funded by the University of Kentucky Center for Poverty Research, this research investigates food insecurity as an indicator of financial hardship in old age with data from the Health and Retirement Study. Working with Ohio State consumer sciences faculty Cäzilia Loibl, public policy faculty Stephanie Moulton, and economist Don Haurin, we examine whether borrowing against home equity lowers food insecurity among older adults.

The Role of Wealth for Health

Funded by the Social Security Administration's Retirement and Disability Research Centers, this project examines the mechanisms that link housing wealth to health outcomes. In collaboration with Ohio State public policy faculty Stephanie Moulton, economist Don Haurin, consumer sciences faculty Cäzilia Loibl, and medical faculty Joshua Joseph, we use the Health and Retirement Study to assess whether access to home equity buffers the deleterious effects of a health shock.

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES

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| 2021 | Rhodes, Alec P. "Sub-Baccalaureate Credentials and Economic Inequality in Young Adulthood." Accepted for presentation 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.** “Student Loan Debt and Post-College Earnings.” Senior Symposium, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, Geneva, NY, April 20.
- Rhodes, Alec P.** (presenter) 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.

WORKSHOPS AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 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.
- 2019 Loibl, Cäzilia., 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.

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, 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	<i>Ohio Department of Aging and Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, Ohio Scholars in Aging Program</i> Role: Fellow and Trainee
2019-2020	<i>College of Education and Human Ecology, The Ohio State University</i> Role: Graduate Research Associate, College of Education and Human Ecology, 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
2017	<i>Department of Sociology, Hobart and William Smith Colleges</i> Role: Undergraduate Research Assistant Team: Ervin Kosta (PI) “Local Ethic Identity, Institutional Change, and Global Ties” Funding agency: Mellon Foundation
	<i>Department of Economics, Hobart and William Smith Colleges</i> 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-present	President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University
2019-2020	Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2020-Present	Population Association of America, member
2018-Present	American Sociological Association, member Sections: Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Economic Sociology

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