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POSITIONS

Current **Research Director**
Section of Hospital Medicine
The University of Chicago

EDUCATION & TRAINING

2018-2020 **NIH TL1 Postdoctoral Fellow, The University of Chicago**
Center for Health and the Social Sciences
PI: David O. Meltzer, MD, PhD

2018 **PhD, University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Sociology
Dissertation title: “The Interactional Negotiation of Complex Treatment: Physician authority and patient agency in cancer care”
Committee members: Tanya Stivers, PhD (Chair), Patricia Ganz, MD, John Heritage, PhD, Stefan Timmermans, PhD

2016 **C. Phil, University of California, Los Angeles**
Exams in Medical Sociology (2) & Conversation Analysis (2)

2014 **MA, University of California, Los Angeles**
Title: “How Mental Health Presentations Condition Physician Uptake”
Co-Chairs: John Heritage, PhD & Tanya Stivers, PhD

2010 **BA, Northwestern University**
Sociology with honors, Thesis supervisor: Monica Prasad, PhD

CURRENT FUNDING

2023- A Long-Term Follow Up Platform and Data Commons for Survivors of Childhood Cancer (PI: Volchenboun). (Role: Co-Investigator)

2022-2024 Understanding the Relatives’ Experience of Organ Donation Request for Brain Dead Patients and the Family-Clinician Communication Process in the Neuro ICU. (PI: Goldenberg). Gift of Hope. (Role: Co-Investigator).

2022-2027 Investigators Advancing via Coaching at the Transition to Independence: A Value-Adding Team Experience. (PI: Volerman) National Institute of General Medical Sciences. (Role: Co-Investigator).

2022- National Institute on Aging P30 Center on Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations (CHABLIS) at the University of Chicago. (Role: Research Director)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Decision-making, medical sociology, end-of-life, aging, the doctor-patient relationship, health disparities, mixed-methods

PUBLICATIONS

- Minor revisions** Molitch-Hou, E., Zhang, H., Gala, P., and **Tate, A.** "Impact of the COVID-19 public health crisis and a structured COVID Unit on physician behaviors in code status ordering." *Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*.
- Forthcoming** **Tate A. and Spencer, K.L.** "High Stakes Treatment Negotiations Gone Awry: The importance of interactions for understanding treatment advocacy and patient resistance." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2023** **Stivers, S. and Tate, A.** "The Role of Healthcare Communication in Treatment Outcomes" *Annual Review of Linguistics*. 9. 233-252.
- 2022** **Tate, A.** "Death and the Treatment Imperative: Decision-making in late-stage cancer." *Social Science and Medicine*. 306. 115129.
- 2021** Lazaridis, C., Goldenberg, F., Mansour, A., Kramer, C. and **Tate, A.** "What Does Coma Mean? Implications for Shared Decision Making in Acute Brain Injury." *World Neurosurgery*. 158: e377-e385.
- 2020** **Tate, A.** "Invoking Death: How oncologists discuss a deadly outcome." *Social Science and Medicine*. 246. 112672.
- 2020** **Tate, A. & B.J. Rimel.** "The Duality of Option-Listing in Cancer Care." *Patient Education and Counseling*. 103(1) 71-76.
- 2020** **Tate, A.** "Matter Over Mind: How mental health symptom presentations shape diagnostic outcomes." *Health*. 24(6), 755-772.
- 2019** **Tate, A.** "Treatment Recommendations in Oncology Visits: Implications for patient agency and physician authority." *Health Communication*. 34(13): 1597–1607.
- 2018** Snyder, K.A, **A. Tate** & E. Roubenoff. "Young Women with Breast Cancer and Treatment Decision-Making: Rethinking patient involvement and empowerment." In Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld (ed.) *Gender, Women's Health Care Concerns and Other Social Factors in Health and Health Care: Research in the Sociology of Health Care, Vol. 36*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.37 – 58.
- 2016** Robinson, J.D., **A. Tate** & J. Heritage. "Agenda-Setting Revisited: When and how do primary care physicians solicit patients' additional concerns?" *Patient Education and Counseling*. 99(5): 718-723.

- 2014** Snyder, K.A. & **A. Tate** “Cancer-Related Infertility and Young Women: Strategies for discussing fertility preservation,” in *Oncofertility Communication: Sharing information and Building Relationships Across Disciplines*, ed. Theresa Woodruff et al. New York: Springer Press. 49-60.
- 2013** Snyder, K.A. & **A. Tate**. “What To Do Now? How Women with Breast Cancer Make Fertility Preservation Decisions.” *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*. 39(1): 172-178.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“Using Clinical (Un)Certainty in Complex Decisions about Cancer Care.”

“Collusion in the clinic: How doctors and patients construct an imperative to treat.” (with Tanya Stivers)

“Using Machine Learning to Measure Advance Care Planning in the Electronic Health Record” (with Tomasz Oliwa)

PAST FUNDING

- 2020-2022** National Institute on Aging Loan Repayment Award
- 2021-2022** COVID-19 Innovation Grant, Center for Healthcare Delivery, Science and Innovation, the University of Chicago
- 2021** Core Subsidy Award, Institute for Translational Medicine, the University of Chicago

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2023** Negotiations Gone Awry: High-Stakes Decision-Making with an Engaged Patient. (with Karen Lutfey Spencer). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2022** The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Code Status Orders at an Academic Hospital. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
- Death and the Treatment Imperative: Decision-Making in Late-Stage Cancer. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
- 2021** “The Cultural Lag of End-of-Life Care: Evidence from the Cancer Clinic.” Co-Sponsored by the Center for Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation and the Center for Health and the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago.
- “Avoidance of End-of-Life Discussions Among Stage IV Cancer Patients.” Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA.

- 2020** “Use of Machine Learning to Measure Advance Care Planning in the Electronic Health Record: The case of the Comprehensive Care Program” Outcomes Research Workshop, The University of Chicago.
- 2019** “A Methodological Case for Analyzing Medical Certainty in Interaction” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- “How Physicians Communicate Patient Involvement in Decision Making: Evidence from oncology clinics.” University of Chicago and Northwestern (UCANU) Research Seminar.
- 2018** “Invoking Death: What happens when patients resist treatment in Oncology.” Outcomes Research Workshop, University of Chicago Center for Health and the Social Sciences.
- “The Duality of Option-Listing In Oncology.” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
- “The ‘Elasticity’ of Medical Certainty in Oncology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Talking Death: How oncologists discuss an emotional outcome.” International Conference on Conversation Analysis, Loughborough, UK.
- “Leveraging Medical (Un)Certainty for Treatment Advocacy.” Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA.
- 2017** “Mobilizing Certainty in Medicine to Secure Treatment Acceptance.” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- “Treatment Recommendations in Oncology Visits: Implications for patient agency and physician authority.” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- “Invocations of Death: A resource for negotiating treatment compliance in cancer care.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.
- 2016** “Treatment Recommendations in Oncology: A conversation analytic approach.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- “Option-Listing and Physician Bias in Cancer Care.” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- “The Interactional Negotiation of Cancer Treatment.” Center for Language Interaction and Culture (CLIC), UCLA
- 2015** “Younger Women with Breast Cancer and Treatment Decision-Making: Rethinking patient involvement and empowerment,” with Karrie Ann Snyder, PhD. Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.
- “Treatment Recommendations in Oncology: A conversation analytic approach.” Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA.

“Putting Agenda Setting on the Agenda,” with Jeffrey Robinson, PhD and John Heritage, PhD. National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

“The Role of Patient Symptom Presentation in Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment in Primary Care.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2014 “Mindful Medicine: Mental health symptoms and patterns of uptake.”
Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA.

“Solidarity and Affiliative Disagreement in the Focus Group Setting: A Case Study of Female Cancer Survivors.” International Conference on Conversation Analysis, Los Angeles, CA.

2010 “Breast Cancer and Parenting: How Breast Cancer Impacts the Parenting Goals of Younger Women.” Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.

AWARDS, OTHER SCIENTIFIC APPOINTMENTS, AND HONORS

2024- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, an American Sociological Association Journal.

2020- Scholar, Center for Healthcare Delivery, Science and Innovation, University of Chicago

2020-2022 Awardee, National Institute on Aging Loan Repayment Award

2019 Top Paper Panel, Language and Social Interaction Section of the National Communication Association

Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis

2017-2018 Dorothy L. Meier Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA

2017 Top Paper Panel, Language and Social Interaction Section of the National Communication Association

2014-2015 UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award

2014 Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA

UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award

2013 UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award

Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2010 Senior Thesis with Distinction, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

Departmental Honors, Department of Sociology, Northwestern

University

2009 Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University

ACADEMIC SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

2022 Member, American Sociological Association

Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine
Reviewer, Health Communication
Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling
Reviewer, Sociology of Health & Illness

2021 Member, Advance Care Planning Idea Incubator, HDSI, The University of Chicago

Lecturer, Summer Programs in Outcomes Research Training, The University of Chicago

Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine
Reviewer, Sociology of Health & Illness
Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling
Reviewer, Health Communication

2020 Lecturer, Summer Programs in Outcomes Research Training, The University of Chicago

Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine
Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling
Reviewer, Journal of Health and Social Behavior

2019 Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine
Reviewer, Sociology of Health & Illness
Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling
Reviewer, Journal of Health and Social Behavior

2018 Reviewer, Journal of Palliative Medicine
Reviewer, Sociology of Health & Illness

2017 Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine
Reviewer, Journal of Health & Social Behavior
Reviewer, The Agenda Setting Journal

2016-present Member, National Communication Association

2014-2016 Co-Coordinator, Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA

2014 Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology

2011-present Member, American Sociological Association

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021-current	Lecturer, Introduction to Health and Society, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago
2018	Instructor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program, Temple University
2017	Instructor, Department of Sociology, Temple University Instructor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program, Temple University TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. William Roy, UCLA
2016	TA, Death, Suicide & Trauma, Prof. Stefan Timmermans, UCLA TA, Talk & Social Institutions, Profs. John Heritage & Steven Clayman, UCLA TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. William Roy, UCLA
2014	TA, The Self & Society, Prof. Jack Katz, UCLA TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Darnell Hunt, UCLA
2013	TA, Human Biology & Society, Prof. Hannah Landecker, UCLA