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**POSITIONS**

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**Current**

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

**Lecturer**  
Department of Comparative Human Development  
The University of Chicago

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

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**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**

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**2022-2023**      The effect of defragmented care and the doctor-patient relationship on advance care planning and end of life care” (Role: PI). National Institute on Aging P30 Center on Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations (CHABLIS) at the University of Chicago.

**2022-2023**      Understanding the Relatives’ Experience of Organ Donation Request for Brain Dead Patients and the Family-Clinician Communication Process in the Neuro ICU. Gift of Hope.

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).

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Under review**      **Tate, A.** "The Elasticity of Certainty in Delicate Decision-Making."
- In press**      **Stivers, S. and Tate, A.** "The Role of Healthcare Communication in Treatment Outcomes" *Annual Review of Linguistics*.
- 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

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- "Negotiating High-Stakes Treatment in the Context of the Engaged Patient: A single case study" (with Karen Lutfey Spencer)
- "The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on End-of-Life Care and Related Spillover Effects" (with Ethan Molitch-Hou)
- "Using Machine Learning to Measure Advance Care Planning in the Electronic Health Record" (with Tomasz Oliwa)

## PAST FUNDING

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- 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

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- 2022** The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Code Status Orders at an Academic Hospital. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- Death and the Treatment Imperative: Decision-Making in Late-Stage Cancer. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 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**

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- 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**

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- 2022 Member, American Sociological Association

	<p>Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine</p> <p>Reviewer, Health Communication</p> <p>Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling</p> <p>Reviewer, Sociology of Health &amp; Illness</p>
<b>2021</b>	<p>Member, Advance Care Planning Idea Incubator, HDSI, The University of Chicago</p> <p>Lecturer, Summer Programs in Outcomes Research Training, The University of Chicago</p> <p>Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine</p> <p>Reviewer, Sociology of Health &amp; Illness</p> <p>Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling</p> <p>Reviewer, Health Communication</p>
<b>2020</b>	<p>Lecturer, Summer Programs in Outcomes Research Training, The University of Chicago</p> <p>Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine</p> <p>Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling</p> <p>Reviewer, Journal of Health and Social Behavior</p>
<b>2019</b>	<p>Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine</p> <p>Reviewer, Sociology of Health &amp; Illness</p> <p>Reviewer, Patient Education and Counseling</p> <p>Reviewer, Journal of Health and Social Behavior</p>
<b>2018</b>	<p>Reviewer, Journal of Palliative Medicine</p> <p>Reviewer, Sociology of Health &amp; Illness</p>
<b>2017</b>	<p>Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine</p> <p>Reviewer, Journal of Health &amp; Social Behavior</p> <p>Reviewer, The Agenda Setting Journal</p>
<b>2016-present</b>	Member, National Communication Association
<b>2014-2016</b>	Co-Coordinator, Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA
<b>2014</b>	Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology
<b>2011-present</b>	Member, American Sociological Association

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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<b>2021-2022</b>	Lecturer, Introduction to Health and Society, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago
<b>2018</b>	Instructor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program, Temple University
<b>2017</b>	Instructor, Department of Sociology, Temple University

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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