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Education

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology (PhD Candidate)

University of Maryland, College Park
Specialization: Social Psychology
Post-candidacy; dissertation in progress
Expected 2028

Master of Arts in Sociology | 2025

University of Maryland, College Park
Specialty: Social Psychology

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology | 2009

University of Maryland, College Park
Concentration: Family/Demography

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology | 2006

Syracuse University

Research Interests

- Identity, identity non-verification, and meaning making
- Sociological social psychology and group processes
- Collective behavior and social response to disruption
- Measurement, construct validity, and analytic logic
- Mixed methods research and survey methodology

Publications

Branigan, Amelia R., Beverly G. Bolster, Alina R. Khan, Mustafa Khalid, Jesse Martin, Jose M. Puente Puente, **Laura R. Schneider**, Beatriz Vasquez Lopez, and Yasmine Zouhairi. 2025. "Development of a Search and Matching Protocol for Respondent Tracing on Social Media." *Survey Practice* 18.

Research Experience

Research Assistant | 2025 – present

Supervisor: Long Doan, PhD

LASSR (Laboratory for Applied Social Science Research)

- Conduct data cleaning, variable construction, and replication analyses using Stata.
- Translate existing analytic workflows to COVID-19 survey data.
- Perform exploratory analyses to support development of an independent research.

Research Assistant | 2025 - present

Supervisor: Amelia Branigan, PhD

NYU-WTC Health and Wellbeing Study

- Assist with respondent tracing.
- Contribute to protocol refinement and data-validation procedures.

Research Assistant | 2024

Supervisor: Kris Marsh, PhD

Mpower Shock Trauma Center Research Initiative

- Contributed to literature review research on community-provider relations, implicit bias and medical decision making.

Research Assistant | 2023

Supervisor: Ariana Gard, PhD and Collin Mueller, PhD

RARE Project - Recruitment of diverse community members in biosocial research

- Conducted qualitative coding of interview transcripts using Dedoose.

Research Assistant | 2022

Supervisor: Kris Marsh, PhD

- Assisted with fact checking and source verification for a book manuscript.

Research Assistant | 2007 – 2008

Supervisor: Jeff Lucas, PhD

- Administered in-lab experimental sessions following established research protocols.

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology | Spring 2023; Fall 2023; Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant, Researching Race, Gender, Class and Sport | Fall 2022, Spring 2026

Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Research Methods in Sociology | Spring 2024; Fall 2025

Teaching Assistant, Sociological Social Psychology | Spring 2025

Teaching Assistant, Inequality in American Society | Fall 2024

Professional and Graduate Student Service

Equity and Justice Committee (2025-2026); University Senate Student Conduct Committee (2025-2026); Graduate Student Council (2024-2025); Dean's Graduate Student Advisory Council (2023–2024)

Skills and Certifications

Data analysis: Stata, R, SPSS; Qualitative analysis; Dedoose; Mixed methods research; CITI Certification

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA); Population Association of America (PAA); Maryland Population Research Center (MPRC), Student Affiliate; Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society); Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society

Government and Policy Experience

Congressional Intern

Office of Senator Angela Alsobrooks (District Office), U.S. Senate | Summer 2025

- Conducted policy research and prepared internal memos on immigration and federal agency issues
- Assisted with constituent services casework and documentation
- Managed case tracking and correspondence using Excel and Leidos IQ