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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park
Affiliate Faculty, Maryland Population Research Center

EDUCATION

2023 Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University
Dissertation: “Sick by Structure: Residential Segregation, Social Networks, and Black-White Disparities in Health”
Committee: Brea L. Perry, Bernice A. Pescosolido, Andrew Halpern-Manners, and Pamela Braboy Jackson

2018 M.A., Sociology, Indiana University

2016 B.A., Sociology and Communication, University of Maryland, College Park

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology, Race-ethnicity, Neighborhoods, Social Networks, Quantitative Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Perry, Brea L., **Nicholas C. Smith**, Max E. Coleman, and Bernice A. Pescosolido. Forthcoming. “Social Networks, the COVID-Pandemic, and Emerging Adults’ Mental Health: Resiliency through Social Bonding and Cohesion.” *American Journal of Public Health*

Melissa J. García, Caroline V. Brooks, Denise Ambriz, Emily A. Ekl, **Nicholas C. Smith**, Gerardo Maupomé, and Brea L. Perry. 2023. “Pandemic Precarity: COVID-19’s Impact on Mexican and Central American Immigrant Families.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* Online First
<https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12930>

Smith, Nicholas C., Caroline V. Brooks, Emily A. Ekl, Denise Ambriz, Melissa J. García, Gerardo Maupomé, and Brea L. Perry. 2023. “The Informal Safety Net: Social Network Activation among Hispanic Immigrants during COVID-19.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* Online First
<https://doi.org/10.1177/233264922311623>

Nicholson Jr., Harvey L., Paris B. Wheeler, **Nicholas C. Smith**, and Oluwatobi A. Alawode A. 2022. “Examining the Relationship between Discrimination and Prescription Drug Misuse: Findings from a National Survey of Black Americans.” *Substance Use and Misuse* 57(7):1014-1021.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10826084.2022.2052096>

Smith, Nicholas C. and Harvey L. Nicholson Jr. 2022. “Perceived Discrimination and Mental Health among

African American and Caribbean Black Adolescents: Ethnic Differences in Processes and Effects.” *Ethnicity and Health* 27(3):687-704. <https://doi.org/10.1080/13557858.2020.1814998>

Smith, Nicholas C. 2021. “Black-White Disparities in Women’s Physical Health: The Role of Socioeconomic Status and Racism-related Stressors.” *Social Science Research Online* First <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102593>

- *Co-winner of the Devon T. Wade Graduate Student Paper Award, Association of Black Sociologists*

Smith, Nicholas C. 2020. “How can Stigma Contribute to our Understanding of the Formation and Mobilization of Collective Identities in Health Social Movements?” *Sociology Compass* 14(6):1-11. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12796>

Smith, Nicholas C. 2020. “Differential Vulnerability to Perceived Discrimination between African American and Caribbean Black Adolescents: The Role of Parental Nativity Status.” *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* 7(3):428-435. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-019-00671-z>

IN PROGRESS

Smith, Nicholas C. and Max E. Coleman. “Beyond Empathy: Familial Incarceration, Stress Proliferation, and Depressive Symptoms among African Americans.” (Revise and resubmit at *Social Forces*).

- *Winner of the Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association*

Ambriz, Denise, Caroline V. Brooks, Emily A. Ekl, Melissa J. García, **Nicholas C. Smith**, Gerardo Maupomé, and Brea L. Perry. “The Effect of Context of Exit on Latinx Immigrants’ Well-being during COVID-19.” (Revise and resubmit at *International Migration Review*).

Smith, Nicholas C. “Residential Segregation and Black-White Differences in Physical and Mental Health: Evidence of a Health Paradox?” (Under review).

Ekl, Emily A., Melissa J. García, Caroline V. Brooks, **Nicholas C. Smith**, Denise Ambriz, Brea L. Perry, and Gerardo Maupomé. “Trusted Sources of COVID-19 Information and Preventive Health Behaviors among Hispanic Immigrants: The Role of Gender.” (Full draft available).

Smith, Nicholas C. “Sick by Structure: Residential Segregation, Social Networks, and Black-White Disparities in Health” (Full draft available)

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

2023	Graduate Student Paper Award Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association
2022	Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy Dissertation Grant (award amount: \$7,500) Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy
2022	Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (award amount: \$28,000) The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
2021	Devon T. Wade Graduate Student Paper Award Association of Black Sociologists

- 2021 Conference Travel Award (award amount: \$1,215) (canceled due to COVID-19)
Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2021 Alternate: Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine
- 2021 Lindesmith-Mullins Dissertation Fellowship (award amount: \$10,000)
Indiana University, Department of Sociology
- 2020 Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award (award amount: \$500)
American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section
- 2019 Culture of Health Award
Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2017 – 2021 Health Policy Research Scholars Program (award amount: \$120,000)
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- 2017 Shining Soul Award
Indiana University, Department of Sociology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Smith, Nicholas C.** 2023. “Residential Segregation and Black-White Differences in Physical and Mental Health: Evidence of a Health Paradox?” *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Smith, Nicholas C.** and Max E. Coleman. 2023. “Beyond Empathy: Familial Incarceration, Stress Proliferation, and Depressive Symptoms among African Americans.” *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Smith, Nicholas C.,** Caroline V. Brooks, Emily A. Ekl, Denise Ambriz, Melissa J. García, Gerardo Maupomé, and Brea L. Perry. 2022. “The Informal Safety Net: Social Network Activation among Hispanic Immigrants During COVID-19.” *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, California.
- Smith, Nicholas C.** 2021. “Black-White Disparities in Women’s Physical Health: The Role of Socioeconomic Status and Racism-related Stressors.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science*. Virtual due to COVID-19.
- Smith, Nicholas C.** 2021. “The Cost of Caring: Familial Incarceration, Stress Proliferation, and Mental Health among African Americans.” *American Sociological Association*. Virtual due to COVID-19.
- Smith, Nicholas C.** and Max Coleman. 2020. “Becoming Black American: Internalized Racism and Mental Health among Afro-Caribbeans in the U.S.” *The Society for the Study of Social Problems*. San Francisco, California (canceled due to COVID-19).
- Pullen, Erin, **Nicholas C. Smith**, Joanna Lara, and Elaine Hernandez. 2018. “Stress Exposure and Prenatal Depression: The Role of Pregnancy Discussion and Advice Networks.” *Sunbelt Social Network Analysis Conference*. Utrecht, Netherlands.
- Smith, Nicholas C.** 2018. “Psychosocial Mechanisms Linking Perceived Discrimination and Health among African American and Caribbean Black Adolescents.” *CRRES Graduate Symposium*. Bloomington, Indiana.

Smith, Nicholas C. 2017. "Support from Similar Others as Optimal? An Empirical Test of Theory Using the Case of Black Youth who Experience Discrimination." *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

The Brookings Institution		
April 2020 – April 2021	Research assistant	Project: <i>Emerging Micro-industries in Lower-income Communities</i> Primary investigator: Dr. Makada Henry-Nickie
Indiana University		
June 2021 – July 2022	Research assistant	Project: <i>VidaSana Study</i> Primary investigator: Dr. Gerardo Maupomé
December 2020 – Present	Research assistant	Project: <i>IU Social Empathy</i> Primary investigator: Dr. Pamela Braboy Jackson
August 2016 – August 2017	Research assistant	Project: <i>Experiences of College Students with Autism Spectrum Disorders</i> Primary investigator: Dr. Jane McLeod
August 2017 – August 2018	Research assistant	Project: <i>Obstetrics and Mental Health Study</i> Primary investigator: Dr. Elaine Hernandez

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Indiana University, Instructor of Record		
<i>Full responsibility for course design, instruction, and grading</i>		
Summer 2022	Introduction to Sociology (Online, asynchronous)	
Fall 2021	Introduction to Sociology	
Indiana University, Graduate Teaching Assistant		
Spring 2017	Gender Studies: Core Concepts and Key Debates	
Spring 2017	Introduction to Sociology	
Spring 2017	Social Problems and Policies: Sex, Gender, and the Law	
Fall 2016	Social Problems and Policies: Medicine in America	

SERVICE

American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section		
2018 – 2019	Chair, Graduate Student Advisory Committee	
2017 – 2018	Member, Graduate Student Advisory Committee	
Indiana University, Departmental Service		
2021 – 2022	KSISR Assistant, Indiana University Department of Sociology	
2021 – 2022	Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Graduate Student Association	
2021 – 2022	Graduate Student Mentor, Indiana University Department of Sociology	
2020 – 2021	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Graduate Student Association	

2019 – 2020	President, Graduate Student Association
2017 – 2019	Recruitment Committee, Graduate Student Association
2017 – 2018	Treasurer and Graduate Student Mentor, WOKE (Undergraduate Sociology Club)
2017 – 2018	Assistant Coordinator, Indiana University SHeL (Social Psychology, Health, and the Life Course) Workshop
2018 – 2019	Graduate Student Mentor

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociology Association
 Medical Sociology
 Social Psychology
 Mental Health

Association of Black Sociologists

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science