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## EDUCATION

In Progress	<b>PhD in Sociology</b> University of New Mexico
Aug 2023	<b>MA in Sociology</b> University of New Mexico Thesis: <i>Why It's More Than Just an Upset Stomach: A Systematic Review of Patient Experiences with Chronic Gastrointestinal Disease and Comorbid Mental Distress</i>
May 2020	<b>BA in Sociology</b> The University of Alabama at Birmingham <i>Magna Cum Laude</i>

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology, Political Sociology, Gender, Qualitative Methods

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Jan 2025-Current	<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> <i>NM CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics) Demonstration Grant</i> UNM Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Community Behavior Health Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5-year federally funded SAMHSA grant addressing the need for greater access and comprehensive approaches to behavioral healthcare, supporting the rollout of the CCBHCs in New Mexico</li><li>Ensure successful continued coordination and planning with NM state partners (BHSD, HCA, MAD, ITD, CYFD), independent contractors and consulting agencies, and UNM evaluation team</li><li>Integral member of the NM CCBHC Certification Review Team, reviewing clinical sites' documentation surrounding policies and procedures, attestations, and accreditations for clinical service provision and adherence to federal SAMHSA CCBHC guidance</li></ul>
Aug-Dec 2021	<b>Project Assistant</b> UNM Institute for Social Research <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Engaged in evaluation research of academic, community, and city programs</li><li>Assigned to evaluation of LEAD, a law enforcement assisted diversion and social referral program to aid Albuquerque's population with houselessness, addiction, and recidivism into criminal justice system through community reinforcement interventions</li><li>Conducted stakeholder interviews and surveys, compile and analyze results, and maintain collaboration with community partners and organizations throughout evaluation research process</li></ul>

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## TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Fall 2025	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 2210: Sociology of Deviance Professor Assisted: Dr. Andrea Román Alfaro
Spr 2025	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 418: Juries: Sociology of Law Professor Assisted: Dr. Colin Olson
Spr 2025	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 42: Sociology of Madness Professor Assisted: Dr. Kristin Barker

Spr 2023	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 1110: Introduction to Sociology Professor Assisted: Dr. Diana Torrez
Spr 2023	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 310: Sociology of Aging and the Aged Professor Assisted: Dr. Kiwoong Park
Fall 2022	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 1110: Introduction to Sociology Professor Assisted: Dr. Diana Torrez
Fall 2022	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 305: Environmental Sociology Professor Assisted: Dr. Maricarmen Hernández
Fall 2021	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 380: Intro. to Research Methods Professor Assisted: Dr. Colin Olsen
Fall 2021	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 412: Sociology of Police and Social Control Professor Assisted: Dr. Colin Olsen
Fall 2020-Spr 2021	<b>Graduate Assistant</b>   University of New Mexico Course: SOC 427: The Sociology of Madness Professor Assisted: Dr. Kristin Barker
Fall 2017	<b>Undergraduate Teaching Assistant</b>   University of Alabama at Birmingham, Honors College Course: HC 118: All Your Faves are Problematic: Critical Thinking, Power, and Perspective Professor Assisted: Dr. Michelle Cook

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## FEDERAL GRANT EXPERIENCE

May 2023-Jan 2025	<b>Program Coordinator</b> <i>NM CCBHC (Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics) Planning Grant 2023-2024</i> UNM Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Community Behavior Health Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1-year federally funded SAMHSA planning grant addressing the need for greater access and comprehensive approaches to behavioral healthcare through the CCBHC initiative</li> <li>Member of grant writing team for New Mexico's successful application for the 5-year SAMHSA CCBHC Demonstration Grant (start date of 1/1/25)</li> <li>Integral member of New Mexico's CCBHC certification review team for Demonstration Year 1, reviewing all documentation surrounding policies and procedures, attestations, and accreditations of clinical sites</li> <li>Coordinate with NM state partners (BHSD, HCA, MAD, ITD, CYFD), consultants and consulting agencies, and UNM evaluation team on planning grant initiative</li> <li>Crosswalk Medicaid billing codebooks with proposed CCBHC project billing codes, manage and update official grant documents, draft template used for quarterly reporting and update each quarter according to federal deadlines</li> <li>Assisted writing for other grant application opportunities as a result of this project</li> <li>No-cost extension implemented through June 2025</li> </ul>
May 2023-Jan 2025	<b>Program Coordinator</b> <i>Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)</i> UNM Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Community Behavior Health Division <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-year federally funded SAMHSA grant providing school-aged youth access to mental health services in Santa Fe, Socorro, and Roswell school districts</li> </ul>

- Manage intersecting federal reporting deadlines, project data reporting, site meetings, academic and community presentations, and overall day-to-day operations
- Oversee quarterly reports, quality control data collection and database management, organization and management of sensitive information
- Coordinate ongoing and upcoming tasks for evaluation team of 10 people, including undergraduate student assistants, graduate research assistants, external evaluators, consultants, supporting faculty, and project PI
- Collaborate with site and program staff, and state partners with NM CYFD and NM PED

May 2022-May 2023

**External Evaluator**

*Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education)*

UNM Dept. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Community Behavior Health Division

- Primary contact and data collector for the Socorro site
- Generate quarterly reports used to analyze and present collected evaluation data to sites and state partners at NM CYFD (Children, Youth, and Families Department) and NM PED (Public Education Department)
- Created workflow documents, procedural checklists, evaluation codebooks, data collection and management systems, grant documents and related materials

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## CONFERENCES AND PRESENTATIONS

“Project AWARE: Socorro.” July 2024. SCOPE Health Council Data Luncheon for Socorro Teachers. Socorro, NM.

“Project AWARE Third Year Successes: Improvements in Overall Mental Health, Everyday Life, and Social Connectedness.” March 2024. UNM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Research Showcase. Albuquerque, NM. *Voted Best Poster Presentation with data.*

“Project AWARE Second Year Successes: Improvements in Everyday Life and Social Connectedness.” September 2023. UNM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Brain and Behavioral Research Day. Albuquerque, NM.

“September 2023 Santa Fe Data Presentation.” September 2023. Santa Fe Board of Education Superintendent and High School Principals, and other teaching staff. Santa Fe, NM.

“September 2023 Socorro Data Presentation.” September 2023. Socorro County Data Forum by SCOPE Health Council. Socorro, NM.

“March 2023 Evaluation Data Presentation.” March 2023. NM Statewide Project AWARE Collaborative. Albuquerque, NM.

“New Mexico Project AWARE.” October 2022. New Mexico Behavioral Health Collaborative. Santa Fe, NM.

“Project AWARE First Year Insights: Grant Narrative, Referral and Access, and Looking to the Future.” September 2022. UNM Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Research Showcase. Albuquerque, NM. *3<sup>rd</sup> place award for poster presentation with data.*

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## TECHNICAL REPORTS

*Final Progress Report (FPR) for New Mexico CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant.* To Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Submitted July 2025 following the conclusion of the No Cost Extension period in June 2025.

*\*Data Report for FY3 Q3 April 2024 – June 2024: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Soñá Saiz (PED) and Rosella McCaffrey (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*\*site-specific reports were completed for Santa Fe and Socorro.*

*Progress Report for January 2024 – March 2024: State of New Mexico CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant.* To Leah Compton, SAMHSA GPO for the CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant Initiative.

*Data Report for FY3 Q2 January 2024 – March 2024: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Allen Thomas (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*Progress Report for October 2023 – December 2023: State of New Mexico CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant.* To Leah Compton, SAMHSA GPO for the CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant Initiative.

*Data Report for FY3 Q1 October 2023 – December 2023: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Allen Thomas (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*Progress Report for July 2023 – September 2023: State of New Mexico CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant.* To Leah Compton, SAMHSA GPO for the CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant Initiative.

*Data Report for FY2 Q4 July 2023 – September 2023: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Allen Thomas (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*Quarterly Progress Report for April 2023 – June 2023: State of New Mexico CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant.* To Leah Compton, SAMHSA GPO for the CCBHC 2023 Planning Grant Initiative.

*\*Data Report for FY2 Q3 April 2023 – June 2023: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Allen Thomas (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.  
*\*site-specific reports for Santa Fe, Socorro, and Farmington were completed in addition to the aggregate report for FY2 Q3.*

*Data Report for FY2 Q2 January 2023 – March 2023: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Leslie Kelly (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*Data Report for FY2 Q1 October 2022 – December 2022: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Leslie Kelly (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*Data Report for Q4 July 2022 – September 2022: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education); FY1 Report.* To Michelle Katz (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

*Data Report for Q3 April 2022 – June 2022: Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resiliency in Education).* To Michelle Katz (PED) and Nicole Lewis (CYFD), Program Managers for the Project AWARE SAMHSA Grant Initiative.

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## UNIVERSITY LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE

Aug 2022-May 2023

### **Co-President**

Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), UNM Dept. of Sociology

- Serve as official spokesperson for the SGSA, liaison between students and faculty
- Monthly meetings with the department Graduate Director to discuss ongoing department actions and decisions, gauge overall health of graduate student body, and upcoming events
- Preside over meetings, coordinate with other officers, and engage graduate students through social connection events as well as academic and professional development opportunities

Aug-Dec 2021

### **Graduate Representative**

Sociology Graduate Student Association (SGSA), UNM Dept. of Sociology

- Assist with incoming cohorts upon acceptance to UNM Sociology Graduate Program through official department activities
- Collaborate with Graduate Director to ensure successful transition into graduate school and overall department, touch-base with new cohort every month, attune to general needs and desires of new students

Oct 2020-Dec 2021

### **Graduate Fellow**

Scholars Strategy Network of New Mexico

- Support the New Mexico chapter with recruitment efforts, event planning, distribution of information and opportunities for academic, professional, and community engagement
- Promote and aid in collaboration efforts between scholars, local media, political stakeholders, and professionals

May-Aug 2019

### **Student Assistant**

*All of Us* Research Program, Southern Network

- Independently manage and organize mailing distribution list of over 1,000+ participants
- Lead coordination with partner sites, labs, and engagement teams for community outreach, campaigning, and marketing
- Ensure successful operation and administrative management of the program

Mar 2018-Apr 2020

**President, Vice President of Philanthropy**

Delta Alpha Pi International Honors Society, UAB

- Founding member of Delta Alpha Pi (DAPi) under UAB Disability Support Services (DSS)
- Pioneered mentoring program between DAPi members and UAB DSS students to aid in navigating campus and college resources to ensure a positive collegiate experience and academic success

Feb 2017-June 2019

**Student Assistant**

UAB Honors College

- Provide administrative and operational support for Honors College, including management of multifaceted student recruitment, retention, and engagement events
- Work independently to create multi-media publication and promotional materials used for events and professional public-facing program advertising
- Research other honors colleges in the US to analyze competing branding techniques to aid in efforts to increase enrollment in the UAB Honors College

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Aug 2019-May 2020

**Reading Tutor**

STAIR (Start the Adventure in Reading) Birmingham  
Birmingham, AL

- Tutor 3 hours per week with 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students in the Birmingham City Schools District
- Focus on reading comprehension and fluency while maintaining a personal connection and outlet for support

June 2019

**Cabin Counselor**

Camp Oasis, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation  
Winder, GA

- Lead and mentor young girls with IBD from June 15-June 19, 2019
- Positively contribute to IBD community through support and encouragement in character-building camp activities

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## HONORS AND AWARDS

Fall 2020-Fall 2021

Graduate Fellow | Scholars Strategy Network of New Mexico

Spr 2020

High Distinction in Honors | UAB Honors College

Spr 2020

Departmental Honors | UAB Dept. of Sociology

Fall 2019-Spr 2020

Sexton Honors Scholarship Endowment | UAB Honors College

Fall 2018-Spr 2019

Women's Clubhouse Endowed Scholarship | UAB Honors College

Fall 2016-Spr 2018

Presidential Honors, Dean's List | UAB

Fall 2016-Spr 2020

Collegiate Honors Scholarship | UAB

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## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Aug-Dec 2024

Geographic Information Systems Certificate Program, UNM Continuing Education

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## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA)

Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Member, Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

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## PROGRAMS AND RELEVANT SKILLS

**Data Collection:** Redcap (Intermediate), Qualtrics (Expert)

**Systematic Reviews:** Covidence (Expert)

**Qualitative Analysis:** NVivo (Intermediate)

**Statistical Analysis:** Stata (Intermediate), R (Novice)