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Academic positions

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology (July 2023 – present)
Community Faculty, School of Medicine (June 2021 – present)
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (January 2018 – June 2023)
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Education and training

Postdoctoral Scholar, Carolina Population Center (August 2015 – December 2017)
University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill

- NICHD T32 fellowship (August 2015 – August 2016)
- NICHD F32 NRSA fellowship (August 2016 – December 2017)

Ph.D., Sociology (2015)
University of Colorado Boulder

M.A., Sociology (2012)
University of Colorado Boulder

B.A., Philosophy (2002)
University of Notre Dame

Peer-reviewed publications

Dennis, Alexis, Iliya Gutin, and Elizabeth Lawrence. 2026. "The Ethnoracial Patterning of Depression and Loneliness: New Evidence from a Diverse Cohort of US Midlife Adults." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. Forthcoming.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard G. Rogers, Laura L. Loehr, and Eric A. Whitsel. 2026. "Family and Neighborhood Environments in Adolescence and Subsequent Mortality." *Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. Forthcoming.

Moeller, Stacey, Nanako Hawley, Marta Meana, Brenna Renn, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Samantha John. 2026. "Multiracial Perspectives on Ethnoracial Categorization in Alzheimer's Disease Research." *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Behavior & Socioeconomics of Aging* 2(3):e70097.

Moeller, Stacey, Katie Singsank, Grace Goodwin, Denise Lafont-Tanner, Elizabeth Lawrence, Brenna Renn, and Samantha John. 2026. "Multiracial Participants in Alzheimer's Research: Scoping Review and Recommendations." *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Translational Research & Clinical Interventions* 12:e70276.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Erika Marquez, Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Courtney Coughenour, and Selam Ayele. 2026. "Household Insecticide Use and Pyrethroid Levels in the United States." *Journal of Public Health Research* 15(1).

Zajacova, Anna, Samuel Fishman, and Elizabeth Lawrence. 2025. "Educational Attainment and Cardiovascular Disease Symptoms among Americans Entering Mid-Adulthood." *Socius* 11.

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Lawrence, Elizabeth, Elyssa A. Trani, Kurtis M. Anthony, Robert A. Hummer, Tiffany Jensen, Sylvie Tuder, Laura R. Loehr, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Eric A. Whitsel. 2024. "Data Resource Profile: Add Health Mortality Outcomes Surveillance." *International Journal of Epidemiology* 53(5):dyae121.

Burdette, Amy, Elizabeth Lawrence, Terrence Hill, Miles Taylor, Benjamin Dowd-Arrow. 2024. "Do Men and Women Integrate Guns into Risky Health Lifestyles?" *Sociological Inquiry* 94(1):290-307.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Samantha John, and Tirth Bhatta. 2023. "Urbanicity and Cognitive Functioning in Later Life." *Alzheimer's & Dementia: Diagnosis, Assessment & Disease Monitoring*. 15(2):e12429.

Habashy, Jessica, Stephen Benning, Brenna Renn, Nicholas Borgogna, Elizabeth Lawrence, Shane Kraus. 2023. "Psychometric Properties of the Eating Disorder Examination Questionnaire: Factor Analysis and Measurement Invariance by the Intersection of Race and Gender." *Eating Behaviors* 48:101696.

Woo, Juhee, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Stefanie Mollborn. 2022. "Racial/Ethnic and Gender Differences in Smoking in Early Middle Adulthood." *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 18:101119.

Clark, Shelley, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Shannon Monnat. 2022. "Support from Adult Children and Parental Health in Rural America." *Journal of Rural Social Sciences* 37(1):Article 2.

adams, jimi, Joshua Goode, Elizabeth Lawrence, Stefanie Mollborn, and David Schaefer. 2022. "Peer Network Processes of Adolescents' Health Lifestyles." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 63(1):125-141.

Zajacova, Anna and Elizabeth Lawrence. 2021. "Postsecondary Educational Attainment and Health among Younger US Adults in the "College-for-All" Era." *Socius* 7:1-13.

Mollborn, Stefanie, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Jarron Saint Onge. 2021. "Contributions and Challenges in Health Lifestyles Research." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 62(3):388-403.

Mollborn, Stefanie, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Patrick Krueger. 2021. "Developing Health Lifestyle Pathways and Social Inequalities across Early Childhood." *Population Research and Policy Review* 40:1085-1117.

Mollborn, Stefanie, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Robert A. Hummer. 2020. "A Gender Framework for Understanding Health Lifestyles." *Social Science & Medicine* 265:113182.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Stefanie Mollborn, Joshua Goode, and Fred Pampel. 2020. "Health Lifestyles and the Transition to Adulthood." *Socius* 6:1-17.

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Dollar, Nathan T., Iliya Gutin, Elizabeth Lawrence, David Braudt, Samuel Fishman, Richard Rogers, Robert Hummer. 2020. "The Persistent Southern Disadvantage in U.S. Early Life Mortality, 1965-2014." *Demographic Research* 42(11):343-382.

Lawrence, Elizabeth M., Richard G. Rogers, and Robert A. Hummer. 2020. "Maternal Educational Attainment and Child Health in the United States." *American Journal of Health Promotion* 34(3):303-306.

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Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard G. Rogers, Anna Zajacova, and Tim Wadsworth. 2019. "Marital Happiness, Marital Status, Health, and Longevity." *Journal of Happiness Studies* 20(5):1539-1561.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Robert A. Hummer, Benjamin Domingue, and Kathleen Mullan Harris. 2018. "Wide Educational Disparities in Young Adult Cardiovascular Health." *Social Science & Medicine – Population Health* 5:249-256.

Zajacova, Anna and Elizabeth Lawrence. 2018. "The Relationship between Education and Health: Reducing Disparities through a Contextual Approach." *Annual Review of Public Health* 39:273-289.

Mollborn, Stefanie, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Elisabeth Dowling Root. 2018. "Residential Mobility across Early Childhood and Children's Kindergarten Readiness." *Demography* 55(2):485-510.

Mollborn, Stefanie and Elizabeth Lawrence. 2018. "Family, Peer, and School Influences on Children's Developing Health Lifestyles." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 59(1):133-150.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Stefanie Mollborn, and Robert A. Hummer. 2017. "Health Lifestyles across the Transition to Adulthood: Implications for Health." *Social Science & Medicine* 193:23-32.

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Stefanie Mollborn. 2017. "Racial/Ethnic Patterns of Kindergarten School Enrollment in the United States." *Sociological Forum* 32(3):635-658.

Rogers, Richard G., Elizabeth M. Lawrence, Robert A. Hummer, and Andrea Tilstra. 2017. "Race/Ethnic Differences in Early Life Mortality in the United States." *Biodemography and Social Biology* 63(3):189-205.

Lawrence, Elizabeth M., Robert A. Hummer, and Kathleen Mullan Harris. 2017. "The Cardiovascular Health of Young Adults: Disparities along the Urban-Rural Continuum." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 672(1):257-81.

Lawrence, Elizabeth M. 2017. "Why Do College Graduates Behave More Healthfully Than Those Who Are Less Educated?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 58(3):291-306.

Rogers, Richard G. Elizabeth M. Lawrence, and Jennifer Karas Montez. 2016. "Alcohol's Collateral Damage: Childhood Exposure to Problem Drinking and Subsequent Adult Mortality Risk." *Social Forces* 95(2):809-36.

Lawrence, Elizabeth M., Richard G. Rogers, and Anna Zajacova. 2016. "Educational Attainment and Mortality in the United States: Effects of Degrees, Years of Schooling, and Certification." *Population Research and Policy Review* 35(4):501-525.

Lawrence, Elizabeth M., Stefanie Mollborn, and Fernando Riosmena. 2016. "Early Childhood Disadvantage for Sons of Mexican Immigrants: Body-Mass Index Across Ages 2-5." *American Journal of Health Promotion* 30(7):545-553.

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Lawrence, Elizabeth M. 2015. "The Family-School Interaction: School Composition and Parental Educational Expectations." *British Educational Research Journal* 41(2):183-209.

Mollborn, Stefanie, Laurie Hawkins, Elizabeth M. Lawrence, and Paula Fomby. 2014. "Health Lifestyles in Early Childhood." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 55(4):386-402.

Lawrence, Elizabeth M., Fred Pampel, and Stefanie Mollborn. 2014. "Life Course Transitions and Racial and Ethnic Differences in Smoking Prevalence." *Advances in Life Course Research* 22:27-40.

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Other publications

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Lawrence, Elizabeth, Stefanie Mollborn, and Juhee Woo. 2026. "A Social Approach to Gender and Health Behavior." *The Handbook of Social Epidemiology*, edited by Terrence Hill, Tarani Chandola, and Ginny Garcia-Alexander. De Gruyter.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Izuchukwu Chikeluba, and Jay Parikh. 2025. "Injury- Related Mortality in Nevada." In *The Social Health of Nevada: Leading Indicators and Quality of Life in the Silver*

State, edited by Dmitri N. Shalin. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Center for Democratic Culture, http://cdclv.unlv.edu

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Trani, Elyssa A., Mary Jane Hill, Elizabeth M. Lawrence, Laura R. Loehr, Robert A. Hummer, Eric A. Whitsel. *Add Health Wave V Documentation: Mortality Outcomes Surveillance, Part I: Ascertaining Decedents (2022 Update); 2024*. Available from: https://doi.org/10.17615/8s1b-qd86

Rogers, Richard G., Robert A. Hummer, Elizabeth Lawrence, Samuel Fishman, and Trent Davidson*. 2022. "Dying Young in the United States." *Population Research Bulletin* 76(2). https://www.prb.org/resources/dying-young-in-the-united-states/

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Current research

Lawrence, Elizabeth. "Adolescent Origins of Educational Patterns in Mortality."

Tilstra, Andrea, Elizabeth Lawrence, and Nicole Kapelle. "Health Lifestyles and Marital Status."

Raquib, Rafeya V., Robert A. Hummer, Elizabeth M. Lawrence, Laura R. Loehr, Elyssa A. Trani, Eric A. Whitsel, Andrew C. Stokes. "Adolescent Predictors of Midlife Mortality: A Machine Learning Survival Analysis of Wave I of the National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health."

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Stefanie Mollborn, and Matthew Andersson. "Solidifying Class Privilege through Socioeconomic Attainment, Marriage, and Health Lifestyles."

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Anna Zajacova. "Diverging Trends in Obesity for Working-Aged Americans with and without College Degrees."

Tilstra, Andrea and Elizabeth Lawrence. "The Role of Health Behaviors in the Education-Health Relationship."

Andersson, Matthew, Elizabeth Lawrence, Isaac Sasson, and Bruce Link. "Losing the College Game: A Meritocratic Theory of Educational Health Disparities."

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Ephraim Nwokporo. "Health Behaviors across the Rural-Urban Continuum."

Research funding

PI/Co-PI

Alzheimer's-focused Administrative Supplement for the Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America. Syracuse University (Prime: National Institutes of Health). "Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias across the Rural-Urban Continuum." Funded: $45,000. Role: PI. (04/01/2021 – 06/30/2023).

UNLV College of Liberal Arts Summer Research Award. Funded: $7,500. Role: PI. (05/2022-08/2022)

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship F32 HD 085599. "Transitions to Adulthood and Health Risk Among U.S. Young Adults." Funded: $84,000. Role: PI. (8/17/16 – 12/31/2017)

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant SES 1423524. "Does Education Equalize or Reproduce Inequality? Conditional Effects of College Degrees on Health Behaviors." Funded: $6,429. PI: Fred Pampel. Role: Co-PI. (8/1/14 – 7/31/15)

Consultant

International Gaming Institute. "Nevada Problem Gaming," (2026 – present). PI: Andrea Dassopoulos. Role: Consultant.

NIA, NICHD, NIMHD, OD/NIH. U01 AG071448. Wave VII, National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health." (2026 – present). PI: Robert Hummer. Role: Consultant for Mortality Outcomes Surveillance Study.

NIA, NICHD, NIMHD, OD/NIH. U01 AG071448. Wave VI, National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent to Adult Health." (2023 – 2026). PIs: Robert Hummer and Allison Aiello. Role: Consultant for Mortality Outcomes Surveillance Study.

NIA 5R03AG050130-02 "Anomaly in the Gradient: Health of U.S. Adults with Subbaccalaureate Education." (2016 – 2019) PI: Anna Zajacova. Role: Consultant.

NICHD 1R01HD082106-01A1. "Early Life Mortality in the United States." (9/1/15 – 12/31/18). PI: Richard G. Rogers; co-PI: Robert A. Hummer. Role: Consultant.

Conference presentations (last five years)

Tilstra, Andrea and Elizabeth Lawrence (Co-presenters). "The Role of Health Behaviors in the Education-Health Relationship." October 2026, Austin, TX.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard G. Rogers, Laura L. Loehr, Eric A. Whitsel. "Adolescent Socioeconomic Status, Neighborhood Context, and Mortality." Population Association of America annual meeting, May 2026, St. Louis, MO.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard Rogers, and Robert Hummer. "Adolescent Socioeconomic Status and Subsequent Mortality Risk Across 25 Years of Follow-Up." Southern Demographic Association annual meeting, October 2025, Lexington, KY.

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Anna Zajacova. "Diverging Trends in Cardiometabolic Health for Americans with and without College Degrees." Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2025. Washington, DC. (Poster)

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Anna Zajacova. "Diverging Trends in Cardiometabolic Health for Americans with and without College Degrees." Southwest Social Science Association annual meeting, April 2025, Las Vegas, NV.

Lawrence, E. M., Kinney, J. W., Fonseca, J., John, S., Renn, B., Flatt, J., Blasco, D., Cummings, J. L. "UNLV Interdisciplinary Aging and Health Disparities Research Collaborative." UNLV Interdisciplinary Research Symposium. October 2024. Las Vegas, NV: UNLV Research.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Kurtis M. Anthony, Carlyn Graham, Robert A. Hummer, Tiffany Jensen, Sylvie Tuder, Laura R. Loehr, Richard G. Rogers, Elyssa A. Trani, Eric A. Whitsel. "Adolescent Health Behaviors and Subsequent Mortality Risk Across 25 Years of Follow-Up." Southern Demographic Association annual meeting, October 2024. Savannah, Georgia.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard G. Rogers, and Robert Hummer. "The Brutish and Short Arm of Adolescence: Sex Differences in U.S. Adolescent and Young Adult Mortality." European Population Conference annual meeting, June 2024. Edinburgh, Scotland. (Poster)

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Robert A. Hummer, Laura R. Loehr, Elyssa Trani, Kurtis M. Anthony, Kathleen Mullan Harris, Eric A. Whitsel. "Research Data Resource: Add Health Mortality Outcomes Surveillance." Flash session. Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2024. Columbus, OH.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard G. Rogers, and Robert Hummer. "Sex Differences in Adolescent and Young Adult Mortality" October 2023. Southern Demographic Association annual meeting, San Antonio, TX.

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Stefanie Mollborn. "Solidifying Class Privilege through Socioeconomic Attainment, Marriage, and Health Lifestyles" Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2023. New Orleans, LA.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Richard G. Rogers, and Robert Hummer. "Sex Differences in Adolescent and Young Adult Mortality" Population Association of America annual meeting, April 2023. New Orleans, LA.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Erika Marquez, Amanda Haboush-Deloye, Courtney Coughenour. October 2022. "Measuring Pesticide Exposure in Pregnant Southern Nevadans." Southern Nevada Diversity Summit. Las Vegas, NV.

Lawrence, Elizabeth and Robert Hummer. October 2022. Adolescent Scholastic Profiles and Midlife Health. Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

Lawrence, Elizabeth, Tirth Bhatta, and Samantha John. April 2022. "Rural-Urban Patterns in Older Adult Cognitive Functioning." Population Association of America annual meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Invited presentations

Lawrence, Elizabeth. "Adolescent Origins of the Education-Mortality Relationship." Frontiers in Mortality Workshop. May 2026, St. Louis, MO. Invited presentation, sponsored by University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Lawrence, Elizabeth. "Health Behaviors and Health Lifestyles over the Life Course." MORTAL conference, June 2024. Oxford, England.

Lawrence, Elizabeth. Health Lifestyles across Place among U.S. Adults in Early Midlife. Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America meeting, April 2023, New Orleans, LA.

"Rural-Urban Patterns in Older Adult Cognitive Functioning." Presented to Internal Science Council, Nevada Alzheimer's Research Council, Cleveland Clinic. January 2022.

"Education and Health." Co-presented to Brown School of Public Health with Anna Zajacova. Sponsored by Community Service and Engagement Committee of the Brown University School of Public Health Graduate Student Council. October 2021.

"Health in Middle Childhood: Social and Spatial Contexts over the Life Course." Presented to NIH Strategies to Enrich Inclusion and Achieve Equity. August 2021.

"Health Lifestyles and the Transition to Adulthood." Presented at Soka University. Sponsored by the Public Health Speaker Series. September 2019.

"Education and Young Adult Health: Additional Insights from Adolescence." Presented at University of South Carolina, Consortium on Health, Inequalities, and Population (CHIP) Research group. November 2016.

"Beyond Reading, Writing, and Arithmetic: Education's Effects on Health." Presented at Communicating Complex Ideas event, sponsored by the Graduate Teacher Program of the University of Colorado. April 2014.

"Propensity Score Matching from a Potential Outcomes Framework." Presented to Institute of Behavioral Science, sponsored by University of Colorado Population Center and Institute of Behavioral Science Computing and Research Services. November 2012.

Teaching

UNLV Department of Sociology
SOC 403/603 Techniques of Social Research
SOC 457/657 Society and Health
- Course creation and added to undergraduate course catalog

SOC 456 Life, Death, and Sex: Social Demography
- Online master course created

SOC 101 Principles of Sociology
SOC 795 Social Inequalities in Health
SOC 702 Quantitative Research Methods
SOC 707 Professionalization Seminar
SOC 708 Professionalization Seminar II

English Department: Zhanjiang Normal College, Guangdong, China (as Instructor)

Student Mentoring

Doctoral Committee Chair
- Ephraim Nwokporo (PhD Chair 2026 – present)
- Vincent Fuentes (PhD: Committee member 2022 – 2024; Chair 2024 – present)
- Izuchukwu Chikeluba (MA/PhD chair 2024 – present)
- Celene Fuller, UNLV Sociology (PhD: committee member: 2020 – 2023; co-Chair 2023-2025, Chair 2026 – present)

Doctoral committee member
- Jared Weissman, UNLV Sociology (2020 – present)
- Drue Sahuc, UNLV Sociology (2022 – present)

Committee Member, Graduate College Representative/Outside Member
- Sawsan Al Rshaideh, UNLV Public Health (MPH: 2025 – present)
- Orjola Merkaj, UNLV Public Health (MPH: 2025 – present)

- Megan McDonough, UNLV Public Health (PhD: 2025 – present)
- Selam Ayele, UNLV School of Public Health (MA: 2022 – present)

Completed student committees

- Camisha Fagan, UNLV Sociology (Comp exam committee member: 2022 – 2026)
- Torisha Khonach, UNLV Sociology (PhD Chair: 2020- – 024)
- Chris Wakefield, UNLV Sociology (PhD committee member 2020 – 2023)
- Mary Underwood Hood, UNLV Sociology (Comp exam committee member: 2021 – 2023; Prospectus chair: 2023 – 2025)
- Katie Singsank, UNLV Psychology (MA committee member: 2024 – 2025)
- Stacey Moeller Juthapan, UNLV Psychology (PhD committee member: 2023 – 2025)
- Ananda Liz Peixoto Couto, UNLV Psychology (MA committee member: 2023 – 2025)
- Lourdes Jamison, UNLV Nursing (PhD committee member: 2022 – 2025)
- Kristen Childress, UNLV School of Public Health (MPH committee member: 2023 – 2024)
- Jessica Habashy, UNLV Psychology (MA and PhD committee member: 2020 – 2023)
- Summer Holloway, UNLV School of Public Health (MA committee member: 2022 – 2023)
- Frank Akpati, UNLV Nursing (PhD committee member: 2020 – 2021)
- Juhee Woo, CU Boulder Sociology (PhD committee member: 2018 – 2020)
- Chloe Bombara, UNLV Sociology (Honors thesis committee chair: 2023 – 2024)
- Phuong Le, UNLV Economics (Honors thesis committee member: 2020 – 2021)

Professional service

Appointments and leadership

Member, Add Health Ancillary Studies Review Committee (2026 – present)
Editorial board member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* (2020 – 2022, 2027 – 2029)
Board member, Southern Demographic Association (2025 – 2028)
Program committee member, Population Association of America annual meeting (2020, 2025)
Program committee member, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science annual meeting (2018, 2024)
Co-organizer, Advancing Health Lifestyles Research Mini-Conference (February 2021)

Disciplinary service

Session organizer at professional meetings: Population Association of America (2020, 2025)
Session chair at professional meetings: Population Association of America (2018, 2022); Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (2018, 2020, 2022); Southern Demographic Association (2013, 2014, 2024), Southwest Social Science Association (2025)
- 2018 IAPHS Session described in blog post: https://iaphs.org/conference-report-educational-differences-health/

Discussant at professional meetings: American Sociological Association (2021), Population Association of America (2026)
Poster judge: Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (2019), Population Association of America annual meeting (2017, 2024, 2026)
Abstract reviewer, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science annual meeting (2020, 2022, 2023, 2024)
Mentor, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (2018 – 2020)

Ad hoc reviewer for sociology, health, and education journals such as *American Sociological Review, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Demography, Population Research and Policy Review, International Journal of Epidemiology, Population and Development Review* (2012 – present)

University leadership and service

Academic leadership and governance
Personnel committee, UNLV Sociology Department (2026 – present)
Board member, UNLV Institutional Review Board (2026 – present)
Director of Graduate Studies, UNLV Sociology Department (2023 – 2026)
Executive committee member, UNLV Sociology Department (2023 – 2026)
Graduate Council member, UNLV Graduate College (2023 – 2026)

Departmental service
Graduate committee member, UNLV Sociology Department (2018 – 2026)
Events committee member, UNLV Sociology Department (2019 – 2023)
Search committee member for Inequalities, UNLV Sociology Department (2022)
Search committee member for Crime, Law, and Social Control, UNLV Sociology Department (2021)

College and University Service
Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine interview reviewer (2021 – present)
Postdoc Advisory Board, Graduate College (2024 – 2026)
Bylaws committee member, College of Liberal Arts (2020 – 2022)
Tenure and promotion committee, Brain Health, School of Medicine (2025)
Graduate Academy Advisory Board, Graduate College (2023 – 2024)
Executive Working Committee on Interdisciplinary Scholarship, UNLV (2021 – 2022)
Search committee member, Program Coordinator Nevada Population Health & Health Equity (2019)
Search committee member, Director for Health for Nevada (2018 – 2019)
Search committee member, School of Allied Health Sciences (2018 – 2019)

Community engagement

Guest speaker for Healthcare Day at Leadership Las Vegas (January 2025, January 2026)

Professional Associations

Population Association of America (PAA)
Southern Demographic Association (SDA)
Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America (NLCHDD)
European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)
American Sociological Association (ASA)