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## **EDUCATION**

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- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University  
Dissertation: “Changing Minds: A Study on Patterns of Cognitive Change and their Social Determinants among Older Adults in the Health and Retirement Study, 1998-2012”  
(Co-Chairs: David R. Johnson and Steven A. Haas, PhD)
- 2015 M.A., Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2011 B.S., Human Development and Family Studies, Minor in Gerontology, Cornell University

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2017- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Missouri State University

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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- Aging and the Life Course
- Disparities in Health and Aging
- Gender, Family, & Healthy Time Use
- Social Demography
- Intersectionality
- Survey Methodology

## **PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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Pudrovska, Tetyana, Eric Reither, \*Ellis Logan, and \***Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. 2014.  
“Gender and Reinforcing Associations between Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Body Mass over the Life Course.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* PubMed ID: 25138198  
\*Denotes equal contribution  
*-Article featured in various news and media outlets including The Atlantic and the Huffington Post.*

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Life Course Patterns of Inequality in Cognitive Aging: An Integrated Variable-Centered and Person Centered Approach.”

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Disparities in Trajectories of Cognitive Change: An Intersectionality Approach.”

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “The Effect of Work and Parental Role Occupancy and Role Performance on Sport/Exercise Participation among U.S. Adults: Results from the American Time Use Survey.”

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Disparities in Time for Sleep: An Application of Intersectionality Theory.”  
Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., Brianne Pragg, and Jonathan M. Reader. “Time Spent in Interactive Parenting Across Family Forms: Does Family Complexity Matter?”

## **FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

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2017 Population Research Bureau Travel Fellowship (~\$2,000)  
2016 U.S. Policy Communication Training Fellow, Population Reference Bureau  
2016 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Penn State (\$1,500)  
2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Penn State (\$820)  
2013-2015 *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* NICHD Pre-Doctoral Traineeship (T-32HD007514),  
Population Research Institute, Penn State (\$44,508)  
2013 Joan Huber and William Form Travel Grant, Penn State (\$300)  
2012-2013 Bunton Waller Graduate Fellowship, Penn State (\$22,425 plus cost of tuition)  
2007-2011 James Family Foundation Full Tuition Scholarship, Cornell University (\$260,000)

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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2016 National Academy of Sciences’ Ford Dissertation Fellowship (Honorable Mention)  
2015 Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$250)  
2013 Golden Key International Honor Society (Penn State Chapter)  
2013 SOLID Scholar Award for Undergraduate Advising, Penn State  
2012 College of Liberal Arts External Funding Incentive Award, Penn State  
2011 Outstanding Senior Award in Human Development, Cornell  
2011 Runner-Up Elsie Van Buren Rice Award in Public Speaking, Cornell  
2010 Winner Elsie Van Buren Rice Award in Public Speaking, Cornell

## **PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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2017 Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Mind the Gap: An Analysis of Early Life Adversity and Race Disparities in Cognitive Aging in the U.S. Context.” Paper to be presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population’s International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.

2017 Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Testing Life Course Patterns of Inequality in Cognitive Aging among Older Adults: An Integrated Person-Centered and Variable-Centered Approach.” Paper to be presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population’s International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.

2016 Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., Brianne Pragg, and Jonathan M. Reader. “Time Spent in Interactive Parenting Across Family Forms: Does Family Complexity Matter?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Center for Research on Families & Relationships International Conference, Edinburgh, Scotland, UK

- 2016 Monnat, Shannon M., Raeven F. Chandler, and Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins. “Associations between Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Health ARE Different for Whites Versus Blacks.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.
- 2015 Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “The Effect of Work and Parental Role Occupancy and Role Performance on Exercise Participation among U.S. Adults.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Monnat, Shannon M., Raeven F. Chandler, and Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins. “Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adult Health: Exploring Racially Heterogeneous Associations.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Alwin, Duane F., and Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins. “Changing Attitudes Toward Same-Sex Marriage in the United States: 1988-2014” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for Public Opinion Research, Hollywood, FL.
- 2015 Bleser, William K., Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins, and Yunfeng Shi. “Social Determinants of Influenza Vaccination Disparities: An Intersectionality Approach.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- 2014 Pudrovska, Tetyana and Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins. “Gender Ideology and Depressive Symptoms among Older Black and White Women.” Paper presented at The annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “The Lavender Lens: A Cross-Cohort Comparison of Variations in Women’s Weight Perceptions by Sexual Orientation.” Poster Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA.
- 2013 Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Vocational Tensions: Intellectual Politicians and Political Efficacy.” Paper presented at roundtable session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

## **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Quantitative Research Methods; Statistics for Social Science Research; Survey Research; Introductory Sociology, Sociology of Aging; Medical Sociology; Race and Ethnicity; Social Demography

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

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### At Missouri State University

SOC 150: Introduction to Society (2 sections)

### At Penn State

SOC 001: Introductory Sociology

SOC 119: Race and Ethnic Relations

SOC 470: Intermediate Social Statistics (Lab Instructor)

## **SPECIALIZED TRAINING**

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2017 U.S. Policy Communications Training, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C.  
2016 RAND Summer Institute's Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists  
2016 RAND Summer Institute's Demography, Economics, Psychology, and  
Epidemiology of Aging Workshop  
2016 Certificate in Quantitative Methodology, Penn State  
2015 Seminar in Teaching Sociology, Penn State  
2013 Summer Research Trainee, Fenway Center for Population Research in LGBT Health,  
Boston MA

## **UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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2016-2017 Chief Media Officer and Spokesperson, Coalition of Graduate Employees, Penn State  
2015-2017 Sociology Teaching Forum, Penn State  
2014-2017 Delegate, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Penn State  
2012-2017 Methods Workshop Committee (Co-Chair 2013-2017), Penn State  
2012-2017 Diversity Promotion Committee, Penn State  
2013-2015 Demography Graduate Student Advisory Council, Penn State  
2012-2015 Graduate Recruitment Committee (Chair, 2013), Penn State

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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2017 Discussant, LGBT Health Disparities, Population Association of America  
2014-2016 Membership Committee, Section on Aging and the Life Course,  
American Sociological Association  
2015 Discussant, LGBT Health Disparities, Population Association of America  
2015 Session Organizer, LGBT Health Disparities, Section on Population,  
American Sociological Association  
Occasional Reviewer for: *Social Science and Medicine*

## **METHODS AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS**

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Quantitative Methods: OLS and Categorical/Limited Response Variable Regression Models; Imputation Methods for Missing Data; Survey Methodology; Multilevel Modeling; Structural Equation Modeling, Growth Curve Analysis  
Statistical Packages: STATA (proficient), SPSS (proficient), HLM (basic), Mplus (basic) SAS (basic)

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association

*Sections: Aging and the Life Course; Methodology; Population; Sociological Practice and Public Sociology*

Population Association of America