

# Kira England

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## EDUCATION

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- Current            Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology and Demography (ABD)  
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA  
Graduation expected 2024
- Dec 2021           M.A. Sociology and Demography  
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA  
Thesis: Childhood ADHD Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Adult Well-Being: An Examination of Labeling Theory
- June 2019           M.S. Ed. Educational Policy  
University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, Philadelphia, PA  
Thesis: Early Child Care and Education in Rural Pennsylvania: Provider Type, Quality, and Access
- May 2018           M. Ed. Curriculum & Instruction  
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA  
Thesis: High-Stakes Standardized Testing in High School, Inquiry-Based Learning, and Inquiry-Based Attitudes: An Exploration of Bloomsburg University Students
- Dec 2015           B.S. Biology  
Summa Cum Laude  
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Medical sociology; high-risk drug use; mortality; geography

## EXPERIENCE

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- 08/20 - Present    **Graduate Research and Teaching Assistant**  
Lab of Dr. Liying Luo, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
- Conduct quantitative, spatial, and demographic analyses of health and mortality outcomes in the US; manuscript preparation; construction of large spatiotemporal contextual datasets
  - Assist in teaching, administration, and grading of coursework for Sociology 470: Intermediate Social Statistics; independently instruct lab sessions (Fall 2020)
- 08/19 - 08/20    **Graduate Research Assistant**  
Lab of Dr. Ashton Verdery, The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
- Conduct quantitative, spatial, and demographic analyses of illicit drug use in the US; manuscript preparation

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## EXPERIENCE (Cont'd)

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- 11/18 - 07/19      **Nutrition Education Fellow - Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative**  
University of Pennsylvania, Netter Center for Community Partnerships, Philadelphia, PA
- Assist with research: quantitative and qualitative data analysis, literature reviews, IRB submissions, survey development, manuscript preparation
- 01/17 – 07/17      **Graduate Assistant**  
Lab of Dr. Raymond Pastore, Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA
- Assisted in teaching, administration, and grading of coursework for: Educational Technology for Teaching and Learning, Web Construction for Teachers, Intro to K-12 Online Teaching

## PUBLICATIONS

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### *In Progress*

**England, K.** and Chapman, A. Gender, Marital Status, and High-Risk Polysubstance Use in the United States, 2002-2020

**England, K.** Childhood ADHD Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Adult Well-Being: An Examination of Labeling Theory.

Luo, L., Zang, E., **England, K.**, Shi, Y. The Concentration of Maternal Mortality among Disadvantaged Mothers, 1989-2017

**England, K.** Parental Death and Individual Engagement with Religion: The Roles of Prior Religious Engagement and Gender

**England, K.** Trends in Opioid Use Expectancy: Understanding the Epidemic Through Population-Level Differences In Overdose Risk Exposure

### *Revising & Resubmitting*

**England, K.**, Luo, L., Verdery, A., & Monnat, S. (Revise and Resubmit). Shifting Cohort Patterns in the Use of Drugs with Elevated Overdose Risk in the United States, 1979-2018. Reviewed for *Social Problems*.

### *Refereed*

Campbell, C., Pearlman, J., Verdery, A. M., & **England, K.** (2022). Community Lost? Changes and Stratification in Perceived Neighborhood Social Cohesion among Families with Children. *Socius*, 8, 2378023122107997.

Verdery, A. , **England, K.**, Chapman, A., Luo, L., McLean, K., & Monnat, S. (2020). Visualizing Age, Period, and Cohort Patterns of Substance Use in the US Opioid Crisis. *Socius*, 6, 2378023120906944.

### *Other*

**England, K.** (2022). Neighborhood Social Cohesion Not in Decline, But Concerning Disparities Persist. The Society Pages, Council on Contemporary Families Blog. <https://thesocietypages.org/ccf/>

## PRESENTATIONS

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2023                      England, Kira, Liying Luo, Ashton Verdery, and Shannon Monnat. Shifting Cohort Patterns in the Use of High-Risk Drugs in the United States. Orally presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association

2023                      England, Kira and Alexander Chapman. Gender, Marital Status, and High-Risk Polysubstance Use in the United States, 2002-2020. Orally presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) and PSU's "Mini-PAA" conference

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## PRESENTATIONS (Cont'd)

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- 2023 Luo, Liying, Emma Zang, Kira England, Yu Shi. The Concentration of Maternal Mortality among Disadvantaged Mothers, 1989-2017. Orally presented at PAA and PSU's Mini-PAA
- 2022 England, Kira. Childhood ADHD Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Adult Well-Being: An Examination of Labeling Theory. Orally presented at PAA and PSU's Mini-PAA
- 2021 England, Kira, Liying Luo, Ashton Verdery, and Shannon Monnat. Age, Period, and Cohort Patterns in the Use of Drugs with Elevated Overdose Risk in the United States, 1979-2018. Orally presented at PAA and PSU's Mini-PAA

## AWARDS

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- 2022 Honorable Mention, Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition (Working Paper Category). *Childhood ADHD Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Adult Well-Being: An Examination of Labeling Theory*
- 2015 – 16 Bloomsburg University's Phi Kappa Phi Chapter 202 National Fellowship Nominee
- 2015 Bloomsburg University's "Outstanding Senior" Nominee for the Pennsylvania State System for Higher Education's Syed R. Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2023 Instructor of Record, *Sociology 100: Introductory Sociology*. Undergraduate course. Online, asynchronous. The Pennsylvania State University.
- 2020 Teaching Assistant/Independent Lab Instructor, *Sociology 470: Intermediate Social Statistics*. Undergraduate course. Online, synchronous, two sections. Professor Liying Luo, The Pennsylvania State University.
- 2017 Teaching Assistant, *Educational Technology for Teaching and Learning*, *Web Construction for Teachers*, *Intro to K-12 Online Teaching*. Undergraduate courses. Professor Raymond Pastore, Bloomsburg University.
- 2017 Classroom Intern and Guest Instructor, *AP Biology*, *Honors Biology*, and *Introductory Biology*. High school courses. James Dodge, Bloomsburg High School.

## SERVICE

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- 2021 - 23 Member, Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition Committee  
Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2019 - 20 Member, Community Service Committee  
Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 President, Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development  
Bloomsburg University Chapter

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## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association. Sections: Medical Sociology; Drugs and Society

Population Association of America