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EDUCATION

- Exp. May 2025 Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology and Demography (ABD)
Quantitative Methods Certification
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
Dissertation: Pharmaceuticalization in the United States: Resources, Access, and Wellness
Comprehensive Exam Areas: demography, medical sociology, mortality & bereavement, quantitative methods
Committee: Ashton Verdery (Chair), Liying Luo, Jonathan Daw, Jessica Ho, Louisa Holmes
- 2021 M.A. Sociology and Demography
The Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
- 2019 M.S. Ed. Educational Policy
University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 M. Ed. Curriculum & Instruction
- 2015 B.S. Biology (Summa Cum Laude)
Bloomsburg University, Bloomsburg, PA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical sociology; high-risk drug use; health and mortality disparities; trends and social change; geography

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed

England, K., Luo, L., Verdery, A.M., & Monnat, S. (2024). Shifting Cohort Patterns in the Use of Drugs with Elevated Overdose Risk in the United States. *Social Problems*. spae013, <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spae013>

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, 23780231221079997.

Verdery, A.M., **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.

Submitted

England, K. and Chapman, A. Temporal Stability and Volatility in High-Risk Polysubstance Use by Gender and Marital Status in the United States. Under review at *Social Science & Medicine*

Luo, L., Zang, E., **England, K.** The Concentration of Maternal Mortality among Disadvantaged Mothers, 1989-2017. Under review at *Demography*.

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/>
Published in *Families as They Really Are*, 3rd edition. Eds: Rucker, V. E., Williams, K., Risman, B. J. W. W. Norton & Company: New York.

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In Progress

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

England, K. Medical Access, Health, and Pharmaceutical Use in the United States

England, K. Socioeconomic Resources and Associations with Prescription Drug Use, 1996-2021

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

England, K., Ryan-Claytor, C. (co-lead author), Luo, L., Xu, J., & Guerriero, J. Comparing Measures of State-Level Racial/Ethnic Inequality Over Time and Cross Domains

AWARDS

- 2024 Winner, Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition (Published Paper Category). *Shifting Cohort Patterns in the Use of Drugs with Elevated Overdose Risk in the United States*
- 2022 Honorable Mention, Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition (Working Paper Category). *Childhood ADHD Symptoms, Diagnosis, and Adult Well-Being: An Examination of Labeling Theory*
- 2016 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

PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 England, Kira. Medical Access, Health, and Pharmaceutical Use in the United States. Roundtable presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2024 Luo, Liying, Kira England*, Joseph Guerriero*, Min Kim*, Cayley Ryan-Claytor*, Jiahui Xu. Capturing a half-century of change: Trends in measures of U.S. state-level contextual racial inequality from 1977 to 2022. Orally presented to Penn State University's (PSU) Center for Social Data Analytics 'Brown Bag' Colloquium
- 2024 England, Kira. Trends in Opioid Misuse Expectancy: Understanding the Epidemic Through Population-Level Differences In Overdose Risk Exposure. Orally presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA) and PSU's "Mini-PAA" conference
- 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 ASA
- 2023 England, Kira* and Alexander Chapman. Gender, Marital Status, and High-Risk Polysubstance Use in the United States, 2002-2020. Orally presented at PAA and PSU's Mini-PAA
- 2023 Luo, Liying, Emma Zang, Kira England*. 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

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 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.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2018 - 2019 **Nutrition Education Fellow - Agatston Urban Nutrition Initiative**
University of Pennsylvania, Netter Center for Community Partnerships, Philadelphia, PA
- Assisted with research: interviewing, quantitative and qualitative data analysis, literature reviews, IRB submissions, survey development, manuscript preparation
- 2016 **Genetic Counseling Intern**
Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA
- Shadowed genetic counselors and assisted with research: interviewing, qualitative data analysis

SERVICE

- 2021 - 24 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

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

- Sections: Medical Sociology; Drugs and Society

Population Association of America

* indicates presenter for collaborative projects