

Evan Ferstl

Graduate Student in Sociology and Demography
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Education

Penn State University

May 2027

PhD in Sociology and Demography

M.A. in Sociology

Summer 2024

University of Minnesota – Twin Cities

Completed May 2021

B.A. in Sociology and Global Studies

Honorable Mention - Outstanding Undergraduate Research Paper | *Zoom and Dramaturgy: How do Video Calls Impact Social Rules and Norms?*

Research Interests

Urban and Community Sociology, Development Sociology, Social Movements, Political Sociology

Manuscripts in Progress

Ferstl, Evan. "Places for Public Discourse: Walkability and Protest in the United States." Revise and Resubmit at *City & Community*

Ferstl, Evan, John Iceland, and Eric Silver. "Race, Place, and Unsorted Americans: Does Belonging to a Political Minority Affect Racial Attitudes?"

Ferstl, Evan, and Julia Szabo. "Latino Suburbanization in the 2023 American Community Survey."

Conference Presentations

Ferstl, Evan. "Transportation in the Southern Megacity and Global Urban Paradigms: Can Political Economy and Postcolonial Approaches be Reconciled?" Presented at "London - Livable Cities A Conference on Issues Affecting Life in Cities" in collaboration with City University of London, June 26, 2024.

Ferstl, Evan. "Places for Public Discourse: Walkability and Protest in the United States" Presented in a roundtable session at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 11, 2024. Montreal, Quebec.

(Upcoming) **Ferstl, Evan.** "Race, Place, and Unsorted Americans: Does Belonging to a Political Minority Affect Racial Attitudes?" Presented for the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2025. Chicago, Illinois.

Research Experience

Independent Consultant

December 2020 – December 2022

Ivy Planning Group | Bethesda, MD (Remote)

- Coded qualitative focus group and interview data for clients
- Prepared diversity assessment reports for corporate clients based on content analysis
- Gained experience understanding and promoting workplace diversity, equity, and inclusion

Intern

Summer 2020

José Ortega y Gasset Foundation | Madrid, Spain (Remote)

- Prepared research papers analyzing the US the healthcare system, with a focus on global comparisons and the implementation of patient-centered care

Research Assistant

April-May 2020

University of Minnesota, Department of Sociology | Minneapolis, MN

- Collected and cross-checked data from newspaper archives related to city closures and reopenings during the 1918 flu pandemic

University Teaching

Teaching Assistant, Senior Research Seminar (SOC 400W)

Spring 2025

- Taught the lab section, giving lectures on R

Guest Lecturer, Social Problems (SOC 5)

March 2024

- Topic: Bridging Activist, Media, and Expert Claims

Academic Service

Member, Community Service Committee | Penn State University

2022-2023

Reviewer, Graduate Student Paper Competition | Penn State University

2024-2025

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

2024-2025