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EDUCATION

- PhD** University of South Carolina, Sociology (anticipated August 2026)
Dissertation: "What We Say in the Shadows: Whisper Networks among Women and Other Gender Minorities in STEM Workplaces"
Committee: Jaclyn Wong (co-chair), Andrea Henderson-Platt (co-chair), Brent Simpson, Kathleen Broussard, Kait Boyle
- MA** University of Texas at Arlington, Sociology May 2018
Thesis: "Nuns Making Fun: An Exploration of Humor among Women Religious"
Committee: Kelly Bergstrand (chair), Heather Jacobson, David Ardit
- MSW** University of Texas at Arlington, Social Work May 2017
- BA** University of Texas at Arlington, English May 2009
Minored in Philosophy

PUBLICATIONS

- Deflem, Mathieu, **Routh, Megan**, Hickey, Logan, and Brandii Brunson. 2023. "Celebrity Culture and Activism during and since COVID-19: A Sociological Model of Analysis for (Post-)Pandemic Times." *International Review of Modern Sociology* 49(1):25-48.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Assembly of the Order of the Octopus Annual Meeting August 2024
"Extraterrestrials and the People Who Love Them," with Dr. Nick Heiserman
- Southern Sociological Society April 2024
"What We Say in the Shadows"
- South Carolina Sociological Society February 2024
"What We Say in the Shadows"
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Collective Behavior and Social

Movements Roundtable

"Becoming a Mental Health Activist," with Mathieu Deflem

August 2023

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Sex and Gender Roundtable

"What We Say in the Shadows"

August 2023

Society for the Study of Social Problems

August 2023

"Racial Justice and Mental Health Activism among Black Women Athletes: The Case of Naomi Osaka," with Mathieu Deflem

South Carolina Sociological Society

February 2023

"Racial Justice and Mental Health Activism among Black Women Athletes: The Case of Naomi Osaka," with Mathieu Deflem

Poster Presentation

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Ideologies, Inequalities and Individual as well as Couple Strategies and Constraints at Work and at Home Section

"Dual-Career Couples' Career Trajectories," with Jaclyn Wong

August 2022

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Group Processes Section

"Nuns Making Fun: An Exploration of Humor among Women Religious"

August 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, University of South Carolina

October 2019 to May 2024

Department of Sociology

Principle Researcher: Dr. Jaclyn Wong

- Analyzed couple-level qualitative interview data
- Recruited participants; administered experimental procedures in the form of a survey

Thesis, University of Texas at Arlington

2018

"Nuns Making Fun: An Exploration of Humor among Women Religious"

Chair: Dr. Kelly Bergstrand

- Qualitative project addressing the role of humor in the lives of nuns and consecrated women with regards to identity and emotion management
- Semi-structured, open-ended interviews utilized
- Data analyzed in Atlas.ti

Research Assistant, University of Texas at Arlington

August 2017 to May 2018

Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Principle Researcher: Dr. Kelly Bergstrand

- Quantitative experiment regarding the effects of emotions on collective action and civic engagement
- Compiled articles for literature review

- Constructed survey in Qualtrics
- Recruited participants; administered experimental procedures in the form of a survey

GRANTS AND AWARDS

“What We Say in the Shadows.” University of South Carolina SPARC Grant (Total Grant: \$4,800) May 2022-May 2023

College of Liberal Arts Scholar, Sociology, University of Texas at Arlington April 2017

Dean’s List, Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington April 2017
Graduating student with 4.0 GPA

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology. 120 students. Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024, Spring 2025
Sociology 330: Sociology of the Paranormal. 40 students. Fall 2022, Spring 2024

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Southern Sociological Society, 2023-Present
Member

Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2023-Present
Member

South Carolina Sociological Society, 2023-Present
Member

American Sociological Association, 2018-Present
Member

Alpha Kappa Delta, 2018-Present
Member

Phi Alpha Honor Society, 2015-Present
Member