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EDUCATION

- 2022 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Georgia
(Expected) Committee: Paul M. Roman (chair), Lydia Aletraris, Mark Cooney
Comprehensive Exams: Medical Sociology
- 2018 M.A. Sociology, University of Georgia
Committee: Paul M. Roman (chair), Lydia Aletraris, James E.
Coverdill
Thesis: *Arthritis and Depression: Shifting Focus Away from
Depression Legitimacy to Address Issues with Symptom
Management*
- 2015 B.A. Sociology, Auburn University
Cum Laude
Minor in History; Minor in French

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology; Disability; Substance Abuse; Conflict and Conflict Management;

PRESENTATIONS

- McDonald, Heather Sue. 2020. "Tweeting Disability: Threads as Tools for Coping and Conflict Management Online." Accepted* for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Jacksonville, Florida.
- McDonald, Heather Sue**, Daniel J. Boches, and Jeffery Benjamin Patterson. 2020. "Changes to Social Status and Intimate Relations as Possible Predictors of Suicide Intention." Accepted* for presentation at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Jacksonville, Florida.
- McDonald, Heather Sue. 2018. "Labeling Theory and Differential Help-Seeking Behavior Among Opioid Users." Poster Session presented at the University of Georgia Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium in Athens, Georgia.

* Conference postponed due to COVID_19

McDonald, Heather Sue. 2018. "Depression in Individuals Diagnosed with Arthritis: Co-Occurring Disorder or Natural Response to Loss?" Paper session presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in New Orleans, Louisiana.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

McDonald, Heather Sue. "Arthritis, Depression, Age, and Symptom Management: A study of within-group variation among individuals identifying as disabled."

McDonald, Heather Sue, Daniel J. Boches, and Jeffery Benjamin Patterson. "Changes to Social Status and Intimate Relations as Possible Predictors of Suicide Intention."

INVITED TALKS / GUEST LECTURES

McDonald, Heather Sue. (October 2018). "Complex Health Care Needs in A Decentralized System." Guest Lecture for *Sociology of Healthcare (SOCI 3110)* at the University of Georgia. Instructor of Record: Jeff Shelton.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Georgia – Department of Sociology¹

Medical Sociology (SOC 3100) (3 Sections)

Social Problems (SOC 2600) (1 Section)

Research Methods for Criminal Justice (SOC 3700W)

Application of Sociological Theory (SOC 3220W)

Intro to Sociology (SOC 1101)

African American Society (AFAM/SOC 2020)

Instructor of Record

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Teaching Assistant

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Teaching Assistant

AWARDS/HONORS

University of Georgia – Department of Sociology

B.O. Williams Outstanding Graduate Student M.A. Award

2019

Auburn University

Dudley Academic Endowed Scholarship

2014

Dr. Pat H. Barnes Centennial of Women Endowed Scholarship

2013

Auburn Academic Heritage Scholarship

2011-2013

Additional Funding

Alabama Alliance for Students with Disabilities in STEM Scholarship

2011

¹ "W" indicates writing-intensive course, as specified by the Writing Intensive Program through Franklin College.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Sections: Medical Sociology;
Disability and Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

Sections: Health, Health
Policy, and Health Services;

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)

Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS)

American Association for Health and Disability (AAHD)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

The Classic Journal – University of Georgia

2018-present

Reviewer

University of Georgia – Department of Sociology

2018-2019

Teaching Assistant, Franklin College Writing Intensive Program

2018-2019

Colloquium Committee Member

Spring 2018

Graduate Assistant, Race and Diversity Workshop

University of Georgia – Sociology Graduate Student Society (SGSS)

2018-2019

Diversity and Inclusion Chair

2017-2018

Graduate Student Forum Chair

Spring 2016

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Chair

Discipline

2020*

Presider, Paper Session on LGBTQ Health, HIV/AIDS,
Stress and Suicide Intention at the annual meeting of the
Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, Florida.

* Conference postponed due to COVID_19