

# Rachael D. Weaver

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## EDUCATION

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B.S., Psychology, *magna cum laude* December 2023  
University of Georgia  
Area of Emphasis: Neuroscience  
Minor: Criminal Justice Studies  
Certificate in Legal Disparities and Equity

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Medical Sociology

## PUBLICATIONS

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Rigg, Khary K., **Rachael Weaver**, and Ethan Kusiak. 2023. "Attitudes toward Methadone Treatment among Black/African Americans: Implications for Engagement and Retention." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry* 93(6): 476–485. <https://doi.org/10.1037/ort0000692>.

*Under review*

Simons, Ronald L., Mei Ling Ong, Man-Kit Lei, Steven R.H. Beach, Yu-Wen Lu, **Rachael Weaver**, and Michelle M. Mielke. "Diabetes and Hypertension at Midlife Predict Increases in Biomarkers of Dementia among Black Americans."

## PRESENTATIONS

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University of Georgia December 2023  
*Cognitive Neuroscience Course*  
"Media Portrayals and Research: Stimulating the Dorsolateral Prefrontal Cortex to Moderate Aggressive Intentions"

University of Nebraska: Symposium on Substance Use Research November 2022  
*Rural Drug Addiction Resource Center*  
"Attitudes toward Methadone Maintenance Treatment among Black/African Americans"

University of South Florida: Summer Research Institute Symposium August 2022  
*Louis de la Parte Mental Health Institute*  
"Attitudes toward Methadone Maintenance Treatment among Black/African Americans"

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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National Cannabis Legalization Research Study (NCLRS) Lab December 2022 – July 2024  
*Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, University of Georgia*  
Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Lydia Aletraris)

University of South Florida: Summer Research Institute May – August 2022  
*Louis de la Parte Mental Health Institute*  
Research Assistant (PI: Dr. Khary Rigg)

Google: Computer Science Research Mentorship Program December 2020 – April 2021  
*Kennesaw State University*  
Research Assistant

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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Teaching Assistant  
*Department of Sociology, University of Georgia*  
The Science of Happiness (SOCI 3710) Fall 2024

## HONORS & AWARDS

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UGA Dean's List Fall 2021 – Spring 2022, Spring 2023

KSU President's List Fall 2020 – Spring 2021

KSU Dean's List Spring 2020

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

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Graduate Student Recruitment Committee 2024 – Present  
*Department of Sociology, University of Georgia*  
Member

Sociology Graduate Student Society 2024 – Present  
*Department of Sociology, University of Georgia*  
Member

American Society of Law, Medicine, & Ethics 2022 – 2023  
*University of Georgia*  
Social Media Manager/Co-Vice President

Students for Psychedelic Advocacy, Research, & Connection 2022 – 2023  
*University of Georgia*  
Member

Doctors Without Borders/Friends of MSF 2021 – 2022  
*University of Georgia*  
Member

Honors College 2019 – 2020  
*Kennesaw State University*  
Member

## **TRAINING**

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Elevate & Excite: Designing Meaningful Learning Experiences October 2024  
*Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Georgia*

Research Ethics & IRB Practices June 2022  
*University of South Florida*

Social & Behavioral Research June 2022  
*CITI Program*

## **SERVICE**

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Crisis Text Line 2021 – 2023  
Crisis Counselor