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### EDUCATION

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- Expected 2024 **PhD, Sociology Department**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA  
Dissertation: *Surviving Suicide*  
Committee: Mark C. Pachucki (co-chair), Kathryne M. Young (co-chair), Naomi Gerstel, Jennifer Lundquist, and Anna S. Mueller
- 2019 **MA, Sociology Department**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA
- 2016 **BA, Psychology Department**  
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH  
*High Honors in Psychology, cum laude*

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

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Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Law & Society, Social Class, Social Psychology, Research Methods, Culture, Stratification

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2022 **Billings, Katie R.** and Kathryne M. Young. “How cultural capital shapes mental health care seeking in college.” *Sociological Perspectives*, 65(4) 637–60.  
[doi.org/10.1177/07311214211042856](https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211042856)
- 2022 Statz, Michele, **Katie R. Billings**, Jordan Wolf. “Rurality as concordance: Mental health service delivery for rural survivors of intimate partner violence.” *Sociological Perspectives*, 65(3) 485–505.  
[doi.org/10.1177/07311214211019078](https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211019078)
- 2021 **Billings, Katie R.**, David A. Cort, Tannuja D. Rozario, and Derek P. Siegel. “Stigma beliefs in context: Country and regional variation in the effects of instrumental stigma beliefs on protective sexual behaviors in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Southern Africa.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 269(2021) 113565.  
[doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113565](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113565)
- 2021 **Billings, Katie R.** “Stigma in class: mental illness, social class, and tokenism in elite college culture.” *Sociological Perspectives*, 64(2) 238–57.  
[doi.org/10.1177/0731121420921878](https://doi.org/10.1177/0731121420921878)

- 2020 Young, Kathryn M. and **Katie R. Billings**. “Legal consciousness and cultural capital.” *Law & Society Review*, 54(1) 33–65.  
[doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12455](https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12455)
- Featured in *JOTWELL; The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*, June 2020, Prof. Elizabeth Chambliss.
  - Awarded Wiley’s Top-Cited Article in 2020

### **ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

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- 2023 Young, Kathryn M. and **Katie R. Billings**. 2023. “An Intersectional Examination of U.S. Civil Justice Problems.” *Utah Law Review*, 2023(3).  
[doi.org/10.26054/0d-zv1c-rh2z](https://doi.org/10.26054/0d-zv1c-rh2z)
- Featured in *JOTWELL; The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*, July 2023, Prof. Seth Endo.
- 2023 **Billings, Katie R.** “Mental illness and culture.” [Forthcoming] Invited chapter in *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society*.
- 2019 **Billings, Katie R.** 2018. “Book review: ‘Navigating conflict: how youth handle trouble in a high-poverty school,’ by Calvin Morrill and Michael Musheno.” *Law & Society Review*, 52(2), 551–4.

### **WORKING PAPERS**

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#### **Under Review**

**Billings, Katie R.** “A survivor-centered definition of suicidality.” [R&R at *Social Forces*]

**Billings, Katie R.** “Does subjective social status predict suicidality beyond objective social status in the United States?” [Under review at *Social Psychology Quarterly*]

**Billings, Katie R.** and Kathryn M. Young. “Race, policing, and ‘colorblind’ legal standards.” [Under review at *Social Problems*]

#### **Manuscripts in Progress**

**Billings, Katie R.** “‘I don’t want a mouth, I want an ear:’ Suicide survival and narrative healing.” [Working paper]

**Billings, Katie R.** *Surviving Suicide*. [Book prospectus in preparation]

Pachucki, Mark and **Katie R. Billings**. “Social status in social networks: How various measures of social status predict signed tie formation in early adolescence.” [In preparation]

## GRANTS

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### National

- 2020–23 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant,  
National Science Foundation (\$15,986)
- 2020 Research Grant, Section on Culture, American Sociological  
Association (\$500)

### Institutional

- 2023 Anderson Graduate Enrichment Award for Research on Inequality (\$1,030)
- 2021 Graduate Return to Research Grant, UMass Graduate School (\$5,000)
- 2020 Dissertation Grant, UMass Sociology Department (\$3,500)
- 2019 Predissertation Graduate Research Grant, UMass Graduate School (\$520)
- 2017 Comprehensive Exam Grant, UMass Sociology Department (\$3,500)
- 2016 First-Year Summer Research Grant, UMass Sociology Department (\$2,000)

## OTHER AWARDS

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### University of Massachusetts, Amherst

- 2022 Graduate Fellow, Center for Justice, Law, & Societies
- 2022 Image of Research Contest Winner, UMass Graduate School
- 2019 Annual Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, UMass Sociology Department
- 2018 Annual Best Comprehensive Examination Paper Award, UMass Sociology  
Department
- 2018 Annual Best Teaching Assistant Award, UMass Sociology Department

### Dartmouth College

- 2016 Best Thesis Award, Dartmouth Psychological & Brain Sciences Department
- 2016 Rufus Choate Scholar – First Honor Group (top 5% of senior class)
- 2016 High Honors, Dartmouth Psychological & Brain Sciences Department

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 Presenter. “‘I don’t want a mouth, I want an ear’: Suicide survival, meaning making, and narrative healing.” *American Sociological Association*. August. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Presenter. “Using suicide survivors’ narratives to inform suicide prevention legislation.” *Law & Society Association*. June. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2023 Session Chair and Discussant. “Legal consciousness, class, and categorization.” *Law & Society Association*. June. San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2023 Presenter. “Suicide survival and suicide disclosure.” *UMass Power, Resistance, & Identity Graduate Conference*. May. Amherst, MA.
- 2023 Presider and Presenter. “‘I don’t want a mouth, I want an ear’: Suicide survival, meaning making, and narrative healing.” *Eastern Sociological Society*. February. Baltimore, MD.

- 2022 Presenter. “The Breadth of Suicide Experience.” *American Association of Suicidology*. April. Chicago, IL.
- 2022 Presider and Presenter. “Defining suicidality: What can suicide survivors’ experiences teach us about suicidality?” *Eastern Sociological Society*. March. Boston, MA.
- 2021 Invited Lecturer. “Legal consciousness and cultural capital.” Invited research seminar at California State University Sacramento, Criminal Justice. November. *Instructor: Nicole Fox*.
- 2021 Presenter. “How social movements shift legal consciousness.” September. UMass Center for Justice, Law, & Societies. Amherst, MA.
- 2021 Presenter. “How cultural capital shapes mental health care seeking in college.” August. Paper Session, *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL.
- 2021 Presenter. “Rurality as concordance: Mental health service delivery for rural survivors of intimate partner violence.” May. Paper Session, *Law & Society Association*. Chicago, IL.
- 2020 Presenter. “Suicide survival narratives: How class, race, gender, and LGBTQ+ status affect individuals’ cultural narratives of suicide.” February. *Eastern Sociological Society*. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2019 Organizer and Presenter. “Cultural capital and legal consciousness: A longitudinal examination.” June. Paper Session, *Law & Society Association*. Washington, D.C.
- 2019 Presenter. “Objective versus subjective measures of social status predicting suicidality.” March. *Eastern Sociological Society*. Boston, MA.
- 2018 Presenter. “Police-citizen encounters, legal consciousness, and the hidden role of cultural capital.” June. Paper Session, *Law & Society Association*. Toronto, ONT.
- 2017 Presenter. “Stigma in class: social class, mental illness stigma, and tokenism in elite college culture.” August. Roundtable, *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, QC.
- 2017 Invited Lecturer. “Social status and mental health in college.” Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 356, “Social Forces, Health, and the Life Course.” January. *Instructor: Professor Mark Pachucki*.

## **RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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2019–23 Editorial Assistant, *Law & Society Review*

2017–23 Research Assistant, *UMass Sociology Department*  
Amherst, MA

Project: Understanding access to justice: Social sources of variation in everyday relationships to law

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryn Young

Project: Cultural capital and access to justice

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryn Young

Project: Rights consciousness and police-citizen interactions

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryne Young

Project: Measuring social status in adolescence

Principal Investigator: Dr. Mark Pachucki

Project: Stigma beliefs in context: Country and regional variation in the effects of instrumental stigma beliefs on protective sexual behaviors in Latin America, the Caribbean, and Southern Africa

Principal Investigator: Dr. David Cort

2015–16

Research Assistant, *Dartmouth College Sociology Department*

Hanover, NH

Project: Why declining trust in medicine? An affect control theory perspective

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryn Lively

Project: The meaning of feminism

Principal Investigators: Dr. Kathryn Lively and Dr. Brian Powell

2014–16

Research Assistant, *Mood Disorders – Geisel School of Medicine*

Hanover, NH

Project: Deep brain stimulation for treatment-resistant depression

Principal Investigator: Dr. Paul Holtzheimer III

Project: Identifying biomarkers for treatment-resistant depression using resting state functional connectivity

Principal Investigator: Dr. Paul Holtzheimer III

2014

Research Assistant, *Bowdoin Children's Learning Laboratory*

Brunswick, ME

Project: Understanding how young children learn pro-social skills from television

Principal Investigator: Dr. Katherine O'Doherty

2013–14

Research Assistant, *Addiction Health – Geisel School of Medicine*

Lebanon, NH

Project: Behavioral treatment of adolescent marijuana use

Principal Investigators: Dr. Alan Budney and Dr. Catherine Stanger

Project: Incentives, cognitive training, and internet therapy for teens with poorly controlled type 1 diabetes

Principal Investigator: Dr. Catherine Stanger

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Teaching Associates, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

- Self & Society (Online, Summer 2023)
- Deviance & Social Order (In-person, Spring 2023)
- Conformity & Deviance (In-person, Fall 2022)

### *Teaching Assistantships, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

(\* denotes teaching a discussion section)

- Statistics (Spring 2020\*; Fall 2018\*)
- Self and Society, (Fall 2019, Fall 2016)
- The Family (Spring 2018\*)
- Race, Gender, Class, and Ethnicity (Fall 2017)
- Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017)

### *Guest Lectures, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

- Invited Lecturer. 2019. “The sociology of suicide.” Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 364, “Sociology of Mental Health.” September. *Instructor: Terra Steinkuehler.*
- Invited Lecturer. 2018. “Childhood socialization and social class. Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 222, “The Family.” April. *Instructor: Professor Naomi Gerstel.*
- Invited Lecturer. 2018. “Social relationships and health.” Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 356, “Social Forces, Health, and the Life Course.” February. *Instructor: Professor Mark Pachucki.*

### *Mentoring and Advising, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

- Annabel Mendum. Undergraduate Research Assistant. 2023. “Mental health providers and suicide care.”
- Alyssa Selverian. Undergraduate Research Assistant. 2023. “Mental health providers and suicide care.”
- Raphael Barglow. Honors Thesis Committee Member. 2022–2023. “Electronic monitoring: Constructing the new prison.”
- Sarah Lincoln. Undergraduate Research Assistant. 2022–2023. “Suicide survival narratives: How social class, race, gender, and LGBTQIA+ status affect survivors’ cultural narratives about suicide experiences.”
- Kiera Florance. Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. 2023. Sociology 342: Deviance & Social Order.
- Juliana Granville. Undergraduate Teaching Assistant. 2022. Sociology 248: Conformity & Deviance.
- Jennifer Garfield-Abrams. Graduate Research Assistant. 2021–2022. “Suicide survival narratives: How social class, race, gender, and LGBTQIA+ status affect survivors’ cultural narratives about suicide experiences.”
- Isabel Levin. Undergraduate Research Mentee. 2020–2022. “Understanding access to justice: Social sources of variation in everyday relationships to law.”
- Lane Mehlretter. Honors Thesis Committee Member. 2020–2021. “Graphic Memoir, Healing and Hope: Illness and Caregiving in Guts, Lighter Than My Shadow and Last Things.”

- Nicolas Asnes. Undergraduate Research Mentee. 2020. “Understanding Access to Justice: Social Sources of Variation in Everyday Relationships to Law.”
- Emma Aulenback. Undergraduate Research Mentee. 2020. “What’s wrong with UMass? A qualitative podcast series about students’ experiences at UMass.”
- Alexis Umeh. Undergraduate Research Mentee. 2018. “Rights consciousness and social class.”
- Emma Aulenback. Undergraduate Research Mentee. 2017–2018. “Rights consciousness and social class.”
- Kim Le. Undergraduate Research Mentee. 2017. “Perceived social status and suicide.”

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

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- 2023 Talk Saves Lives: Train the Trainer Program. April 3. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, online.
- 2022 Talk Saves Lives: An Introduction to Suicide Prevention. Dec. 1. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, online.
- 2022 Suicide Postvention Training. Nov. 29. Riverside Community Care. University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.
- 2021 Up and Running with MAXQDA. June 30 – July 1. Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.
- 2020 Qualtrics Workshop. June 29 – July 1. Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.
- 2019 Question, Persuade, Refer Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Training. May 9. QPR Institute, online.
- 2019 Qualitative Interviewing Workshop. June 13 – 14. Institute for Social Science Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.

### **Software Fluency**

ATLAS.ti, NVivo, STATA, MAXQDA, Qualtrics

## **SERVICE**

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### **Field/Discipline**

- 2022–present Committee Member. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Massachusetts Chapter Educational Programming Team.
- 2021–present Committee Member. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Massachusetts Chapter Advocacy Committee.
- 2019 Panel Organizer, Legal Consciousness Across Contexts Panel, *Law & Society Association*
- 2016–17 Communications Coordinator, Child and Youth Section, *American Sociological Association*
- 2015–16 Volunteer. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. Out of the Darkness Campus Walks for Suicide Prevention.

**Peer Reviewer**

<i>Adversity and Resilience Science</i>	<i>Law &amp; Human Behavior</i>
<i>Humanity &amp; Society</i>	<i>Law &amp; Social Inquiry</i>
<i>Social Forces</i>	<i>Law &amp; Society Review</i>
<i>Social Problems</i>	<i>Work and Occupations</i>
<i>Sociology of Education</i>	

**Institutional**

- *Co-Chair*, Sociology Colloquium and Special Events Committee 2022–23
- *Graduate Peer Mentor*, UMass Sociology Department 2023
- *Graduate Mentor*, The Stonewall Center 2018–19
- *Secretary*, Sociology Graduate Student Association 2016–18
- *First-Year Graduate Mentor*, UMass Sociology Department 2018

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Sociological Association (Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Culture, and Social Psychology)
- Eastern Sociological Society
- Law & Society Association
- American Association of Suicidology
- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

**REFERENCES**

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