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**EDUCATION**

Expected 2024 **PhD, Sociology Department**

University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Amherst, MA

Dissertation: *Suicide Survival Narratives – How Social Class, Gender, LGBTQ Status, and Race Affect Survivors’ Cultural Narratives about Suicide Experiences*

Committee: Mark Pachucki, Kathryne M. Young, 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*

2014 **Psychology Department**

Bowdoin College,Brunswick, ME

*The 12-College Exchange Program*

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS**

Mental Health, Social Class, Law, Medical Sociology, and Social Psychology

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

2021 **Billings, Katie R.** and Kathryne M. Young (2021). “How cultural capital shapes mental health care seeking in college.” ***Sociological Perspectives***.

https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211042856

Statz, Michele, **Katie R. Billings**, Jordan Wolf (2021). “Rurality as concordance: Mental health service delivery for rural survivors of intimate partner violence.” ***Sociological Perspectives***.

[https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211019078](https://doi.org/10.1177%2F07311214211019078)

2020 **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****.* <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113565>

Young, Kathryne M. and **Katie R. Billings**. “Cultural capital and legal consciousness. ***Law & Society Review***, *54*(1) 33–65.

**Billings, Katie R.** “Stigma in class: mental illness, social class, and tokenism in elite college culture.” ***Sociological Perspectives***, *64*(2) 238–57.

**UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION**

**Billings, Katie R.** (In Preparation). “Does status predict suicide? Subjective and objective social status predicting suicidality in the United States.”

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

**BOOK REVIEWS**

**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.

**GRANTS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

**National**

2020 National Science Foundation: Doctoral Dissertation

Research Improvement Grant ($15,986)

American Sociological Association

Culture Section Graduate Research Grant ($500)

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

2021 Center for Justice, Law, & Societies Graduate Fellow 2021-2022

Graduate Return to Research Grant ($5,000)

2019 Predissertation Graduate Research Grant ($520)

Annual Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award

2018 Annual Best Comprehensive Examination Paper Award

Annual Best Teaching Assistant Award

**Dartmouth College**

2016 Truxal Prize – Sociology Department Award ($1,000)

Psychology Department Thesis Award

Rufus Choate Scholar – First Honor Group (top 5% of senior class)

High Honors in Psychological Brain Sciences

Milham Grant ($100)

2015 Presidential Research Scholar ($1,700)

2012 Dartmouth General Scholarship ($210,119)

**PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES**

2021 “How social movements shift legal consciousness.” September. UMass Center for Justice, Law, & Societies. Amherst, MA.

“How cultural capital shapes mental health care seeking in college.” August. Paper Session, *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL.

“Rurality as concordance: Mental health service delivery for rural survivors of intimate partner violence.” May. Paper Session, *Law and Society Association*. Chicago, IL.

2020 “Suicide survival narratives: How class, race, gender, and LGBTQ status affect individuals’ cultural narratives of suicide.” February. *Eastern Sociological Society.* Philadelphia, PA.

2019 “The sociology of suicide.” Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 364, “Sociology of Mental Health.” September. *Instructor: Terra Steinkuehler*.

“Cultural capital and legal consciousness: A longitudinal examination.” June. Paper Session, *Law and Society Association*. Washington, D.C.

“Suicide and social status: Objective versus subjective measures of social status predicting suicidality.” March. *Eastern Sociological Society.* Boston, MA.

2018 “Police-citizen encounters, legal consciousness, and the hidden role of cultural capital.” June. Paper Session, *Law and Society Association*. Toronto, ONT.

“Childhood socialization and social class. Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 222, “The Family.” April. *Instructor: Professor Naomi Gerstel*.

“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*.

2017 “Stigma in class: social class, mental illness stigma, and tokenism in elite college culture.” August. Roundtable, *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, QC.

“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 EXPERIENCE**

2017 – present**UMass Amherst Sociology Department**, Amherst MA

*Research Assistant*

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

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryne Young

Project: Cultural capital and access to justice

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryne 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 – 2016 **Dartmouth College Sociology Department**, Hanover, NH

*Research Assistant*

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 – 2016 **Mood Disorders – Geisel School of Medicine**,Hanover, NH

*Research Assistant*

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 **Bowdoin Children’s Learning Laboratory**, Brunswick, ME

*Research Assistant*

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

Principal Investigator: Dr. Katherine O’Doherty

2013 – 2014 **Addiction Health Research – 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**

*Teaching Assistantships*

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

* Self and Society, Fall 2016, 148 students
* Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2017, 150 students
* Race, Gender, Class, and Ethnicity, Fall 2017, 150 students
* The Family, Spring 2018, 80 students (Discussion Leader)
* Statistics, Fall 2018, 60 students (Discussion Leader)
* Self and Society, Fall 2019, 300 students
* Statistics, Spring 2020, 40 students (Discussion Leader)

*Research Mentoring*

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

* Kim Le. “Perceived social status and suicide.” B.A. Research Mentor. 2017.
* Emma Aulenback. “Rights consciousness and social class.” B.A. Research Mentor. 2017-2018.
* Alexis Umeh. “Rights consciousness and social class.” B.A. Research Mentor. 2018.
* Emma Aulenback. “What’s wrong with UMass? A qualitative podcast series about students’ experiences at UMass.”B.A. Research Mentor. 2020.
* Nicolas Asnes. “Understanding Access to Justice: Social Sources of Variation in Everyday Relationships to Law.” B.A. Research Mentor. 2020.
* Lane Mehltretter. “Graphic Memoir, Healing and Hope: Illness and Caregiving in Guts, Lighter Than My Shadow and Last Things” B.A. Honors Thesis Committee Member. 2020-2021.
* Isabel Levin. “Understanding Access to Justice: Social Sources of Variation in Everyday Relationships to Law.” B.A. Research Mentor. 2020-current.

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

* *Stonewall Center Graduate Mentor* September 2018 – September 2019
* *Secretary*,Sociology Graduate Student Association September 2016 – May 2018
* *First-Year Graduate Mentor* January 2018 – May 2018

**PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

*Editorial Board*

* *Law & Society Review*, Editorial Assistant September 2019 – Present

*Professional Association*

* *Panel Organizer*, Legal Consciousness Across Contexts Panel June 2019

*Law and Society Association*

* *Communications Coordinator*, Child and Youth Section October 2016 – Present

*American Sociological Association*

*Reviewer*

* *Social Forces*
* *Sociology of Education*
* *Humanity & Society*
* The International Conference on Computational Social Science 2017

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

* Eastern Sociological Society
* Law and Society Association
* Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
* American Sociological Association

*Sections*: Medical Sociology, Sociology of Law, Sociology of Culture,

Social Psychology, and Children and Youth

**REFERENCES**

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