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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 (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*

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. “How cultural capital shapes mental health care seeking in college.” ***Sociological Perspectives***.

doi.org/10.1177/07311214211042856

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

[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****.* [doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113565](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.113565)

Young, Kathryne 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)

2019 **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%2F0731121420921878)

**MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

**Billings, Katie R.** “Does status predict suicide? Subjective and objective social status predicting suicidality in the United States.” [Under review at the *American Sociological Review*]

**Billings, Katie R.** and Kathryne M. Young. “The changing landscape of compliance with police: Race, class, and legitimacy.” [Under review at *Law & Human Behavior*]

**Billings, Katie R.** “Mental illness and culture.” [In preparation for invited chapter in *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society* due November 15, 2022]

**Billings, Katie R.** “Defining suicidality: What can suicide survivors’ experiences teach us about suicidality?” [Working paper]

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

**ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS**

2022 Young, Kathryne M. and **Katie R. Billings**. Forthcoming. “The justice gap landscape: Which Americans are at greatest risk for everyday civil justice problems? ***Utah Law Review***.

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.

**GRANTS**

**National**

2020 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant,

National Science Foundation ($15,986)

Research Grant, Section on Culture, American Sociological Association ($500)

**Institutional**

2021 Graduate Return to Research Grant, UMass Graduate School ($5,000)

2020 Dissertation Grant, UMass Sociology Department ($3500)

2019 Predissertation Graduate Research Grant, UMass Graduate School ($520)

2017 Comprehensive Exam Grant, UMass Sociology Department ($3500)

2016 First-Year Summer Research Grant, UMass Sociology Department ($2000)

**OTHER AWARDS**

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

2022Image of Research Contest Winner,UMass Graduate School

Graduate Fellow, Center for Justice, Law, & Societies

2019 Annual Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, UMass Sociology Department

2018 Annual Best Comprehensive Examination Paper Award, UMass Sociology Department

Annual Best Teaching Assistant Award, UMass Sociology Department

**Dartmouth College**

2016 Best Thesis Award, Dartmouth Psychological & Brain Sciences Department

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

High Honors, Dartmouth Psychological & Brain Sciences Department

**RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

2022 Presenter. “The Breadth of Suicide Experience.” *American Association of Suicidology*. April. Chicago, IL.

Presider & 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.*

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

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

Presenter. “Rurality as concordance: Mental health service delivery for rural survivors of intimate partner violence.” May. Paper Session, *Law and 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 & Presenter. “Cultural capital and legal consciousness: A longitudinal examination.” June. Paper Session, *Law and Society Association*. Washington, D.C.

Presenter. “Suicide and social status: 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 and 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.

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**

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

2017 – presentResearch Assistant, *UMass Sociology Department*

Amherst, MA

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 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 – 2016 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 – 2014 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**

*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*

* Jennifer Garfield-Abrams. Graduate Research Assistant. 2021–2022. “Suicide survival narratives: How social class, gender, LGBTQ status, and race 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 Mehltretter. 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**

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.

Qualitative Interviewing Workshop. June 13 – 14. Institute for Social Science

Research, University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Amherst, MA.

**SERVICE**

**Field/Discipline**

2022 – present Committee Member. American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

Massachusetts Chapter Advocacy Committee.

2019 Panel Organizer, Legal Consciousness Across Contexts Panel, *Law &*

*Society Association*

2016 – 2017 Communications Coordinator, Child and Youth Section, *American*

*Sociological Association*

**Occasional Reviewer**

*Social Forces, Law & Society Review*, *Sociology of Education*, *Humanity & Society, Law & Human Behavior*

**Institutional**

* *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 MEMBERSHIPS**

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

**REFERENCES**

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