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**EDUCATION**

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**

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

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

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

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%2F07311214211019078)

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%2F0731121420921878)

2020 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)

* 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**

2023 Young, Kathryne 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

* 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**

**Under Review**

**Billings, Katie R.** “A survivor-centered definition of suicidality.” [Under review at the *American Journal of Sociology*]

**Billings, Katie R.** “Can suicide narratives save lives?: First-hand suicide survival,

meaning-making, and suicide prevention.” [Under review at the *American*

*Sociological Review*]

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

**Manuscripts in Progress**

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

**Billings, Katie R.** “I’m going to do something violent to express these horrible feelings”:

Suicidal masculinities and masculine overcompensation.” [Working paper]

**Billings, Katie R.** and Kathryne M. Young. “Race, policing, and ‘colorblind’ legal standards.” [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.” [In preparation]

**GRANTS**

**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**

**University of Massachusetts, Amherst**

2022Graduate 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**

**Invited Lectures**

2023 “‘I’m going to do something violent to express these horrible feelings’: Thwarted

privilege and suicidal masculinities.” Suicide Cultures Seminar Series. University

of Edinburgh. Scheduled December 2023.

2023 “A survivor-centered definition of suicidality.” Sociology Department, Dartmouth

College. October 2023.

**Conference Presentations**

2023 Presenter. “Suicide disclosure as suicide prevention: how narrative translates to healing.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science.* October. Baltimore, MD.

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

2021 Presenter. “How cultural capital shapes mental health care seeking in college.” *American Sociological Association*. August. Chicago, IL.

2021 Presenter. “Rurality as concordance: Mental health service delivery for rural survivors of intimate partner violence.” *Law & Society Association*. May. Chicago, IL.

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

2019 Organizer and Presenter. “Cultural capital and legal consciousness: A longitudinal examination.” *Law & Society Association*. June. Washington, D.C.

2019 Presenter. “Objective versus subjective measures of social status predicting suicidality.” *Eastern Sociological Society.* March. Boston, MA.

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

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

**RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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

2017–23Research Assistant, *UMass Sociology Department*

Amherst, MA

Projects: Understanding access to justice: Social sources of variation in everyday relationships to law; Cultural capital and access to justice; 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; The meaning of feminism

Principal Investigator: Dr. Kathryn Lively

2014–16 Research Assistant, *Mood Disorders – Geisel School of Medicine*Hanover, NH

2014 Research Assistant, *Bowdoin Children’s Learning Laboratory* Brunswick, ME

2013–14 Research Assistant, *Addiction Health – Geisel School of Medicine*

Lebanon, NH

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

*Teaching Associates, University of Massachusetts, Amherst*

* The Family (In-person, Spring 2024)
* 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)

* The Family (Spring 2018\*, Fall 2023\*)
* Statistics (Spring 2020\*; Fall 2018\*)
* Self and Society, (Fall 2019, Fall 2016)
* Race, Gender, Class, and Ethnicity (Fall 2017)
* Introduction to Sociology (Spring 2017)

*Guest Lectures*

* Invited Lecturer. 2023. “Hookup Culture and Sexual Scripts.” Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 222, “The Family.” November. *Instructor: Ana Villalobos*.
* Invited Lecturer. 2023. “Hookup Culture and Sexual Scripts.” Invited lecture at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in Sociology 107, “Social Problems.” October. *Instructor: Ofer Sharone*.
* Invited Lecturer. 2023. “Social class and policing.” Invited research lecture at California State University Sacramento, Criminal Justice. October 2023. *Instructor: Nicole Fox*.
* Invited Lecturer. 2023. “Cultural capital, college context, and mental health care-seeking.” Dartmouth College. October 2023. *Instructor: Jason Houle*.
* Invited Lecturer. 2021. “Legal consciousness and cultural capital.” Invited research lecture at California State University Sacramento, Criminal Justice. November. *Instructor: Nicole Fox.*
* 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. Graduate 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 Assistant. 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 Assistant. 2020. “Understanding Access to Justice: Social Sources of Variation in Everyday Relationships to Law.”
* Emma Aulenback. Undergraduate Independent Study. 2020. “What’s wrong with UMass? A qualitative podcast series about students’ experiences at UMass.”
* Alexis Umeh. Undergraduate Research Assistant. 2018. “Rights consciousness and social class.”
* Emma Aulenback. Undergraduate Research Assistant. 2017–2018. “Rights consciousness and social class.”
* Kim Le. Undergraduate Independent Study. 2017. “Perceived social status and suicide.”

**ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION**

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**

**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**

*Adversity and Resilience Science Law & Human Behavior*

*Humanity & Society Law & Social Inquiry*

*Social Forces Law & Society Review*

*Social Problems Work and Occupations*

*Sociology of Education*

**Institutional**

* *Graduate Representative*, Undergraduate Program Committee 2023–24
* *Co-Chair*, Sociology Colloquium and Special Events Committee 2022–23
* *Graduate Peer Mentor,* UMass Sociology Department 2023
* *Graduate Mentor,* The Stonewall Center2018–19
* *Secretary*,Sociology Graduate Student Association 2016–18
* *First-Year Graduate Mentor*, UMass Sociology Department 2018

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

* 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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