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### EDUCATION

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- Expected 2025 **PhD, Sociology Department**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA  
Dissertation: *Surviving Suicide*  
Committee: Kathryne M. Young (co-chair), Mark C. Pachucki (co-chair), Naomi Gerstel, Jennifer Lundquist, and Anna S. Mueller
- 2019 **MA, Sociology Department**  
University of Massachusetts, 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

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## PEER-REVIEWED R&RS

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

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## ADDITIONAL PUBLICATIONS

- 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.

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## WORKING PAPERS

### Under Review

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

**Billings, Katie R.** “Can suicide narratives save lives?: First-hand suicide survival, meaning-making, and suicide prevention.” [Under review at *Social Forces*]

### 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”: Thwarted privilege and suicidal masculinities.” [Working paper]

**Billings, Katie R.** and Kathryn 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**

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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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### **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. December 2023.
- 2023      “A survivor-centered definition of suicidality.” Sociology Department, Dartmouth College. October 2023.

## Conference Presentations

- 2024 Presenter. "I'm Going to Do Something Violent to Express These Horrible Feelings." *Eastern Sociological Society*. March. Washington, D.C.
- 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

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- 2019–23 Editorial Assistant, *Law & Society Review*
- 2017–23 Research 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

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*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*

- Grace Bleakney. Honors Colloquium Advisor. 2024. "The Family."
- Fatima (Zahra) Marashi. Honors Colloquium Advisor. 2024. "The Family."
- 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 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 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**

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

### Peer Reviewer

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

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

## REFERENCES

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