

## COLLABORATIONS

Faculty and graduate students regularly work together on research projects. Joint publications in the past few years (students in red) include:

Bessett, Danielle and **Stef Murawsky**

"I guess I do have to take back what I said before, about television': Pregnant Women's Understandings and Use of Televisual Representations of Childbearing." *Sociology of Health & Illness*, 2018.

**Bommaraju, Aalap**, Jennifer Malat, Jennifer Mooney

"Reproductive Life Plan Counseling and Effective Contraceptive Use among Urban Women Utilizing Title X Services." *Women's Health Issues*, 2015.

**Daniels, Kalasia Shqueen** and Earl Wright, II

"An Earnest Desire for the Truth despite Its Possible Unpleasantness: A Comparative Analysis of the Atlanta University Publications and *American Journal of Sociology*, 1895 to 1917." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2017.

**Green, Aaryn** and Annulla Linders

"The Impact of Comedy on Racial and Ethnic Discourse." *Sociological Inquiry*, 2016.

Timberlake, Jeffrey M. and **Elaina Johns-Wolfe**

"Neighborhood Ethnoracial Composition and Gentrification in Chicago and New York, 1980 to 2010." *Urban Affairs Review*, 2017.

## FUNDING & SUPPORT

**Kunz Center for Social Research**

Research and travel funding for graduate students.

**Charles Phelps Taft Research Center**

Dissertation fellowships, summer funding, and money for research expenses.

**The Cincinnati Project**

Grants to graduate students for research benefitting disadvantaged Cincinnati communities.

**University Research Council**

Fellowships for summer research projects.

**Graduate School**

Dean's Fellowships to doctoral students.

**Graduate Student Governance Association**

Funding for travel to conferences.

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# The PhD Program in SOCIOLOGY

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# ABOUT

## The PhD Program

The Department of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati has a long track record of training graduate students for academic positions and research careers in the public, non-profit, and for-profit sectors. Our faculty have national reputations and records of award-winning publications, grants, and leadership positions in regional and national sociological associations. Bearcat Sociology is:

### Focused on social inequality.

Our primary concentrations are community and urban sociology and the sociology of health and medicine, with secondary specializations in race and ethnicity and gender and family. We encourage prospective students who are interested in these topics to join us!

### Urban.

We are located in the center of Cincinnati, a beautiful river city that combines the amenities of a major metropolis with a small town cost of living. Our urban location and proximity to six major hospitals make UC the ideal place to study urban and health issues.

### Diverse and inclusive.

One-third of our faculty are scholars of color and over half of our 50 graduate students are either international or members of underrepresented minority groups. We especially encourage prospective students of color to give us a long look, as we pride ourselves on training the next generation of scholars of color in a diverse and inclusive environment.

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# SPOTLIGHTS

## FACULTY



### Littisha A. Bates, PhD

Dr. Bates is a sociologist of education and early child development. Her current research examines changes in the magnet school enrollment processes in the City of Cincinnati, focusing on the impact of the change from first-come, first-served enrollment to a district-wide lottery.

*"Graduate students in the department of sociology have the opportunity to become experts in the study of social inequality in an urban environment under award-winning faculty, including many scholars of color. UC has made clear its commitment to diversity and excellence. What student wouldn't want to train in such an environment?"*



### Danielle Bessett, PhD

Dr. Bessett's research interests are in medical and family sociology, focusing on inequalities in reproduction. She co-leads the Ohio Policy Evaluation Network, which conducts rigorous, impactful, and forward-thinking social-science research on the reproductive health of Ohioans. Dr. Bessett's other projects focus on women's experiences of pregnancy in the U.S., abortion stigma, and disparities in infant mortality.

*"PhD students should come to UC because UC Sociology offers incredible opportunities to engage in cutting-edge, critical research with real-world implications for policy and practice."*

## STUDENTS



### Shaonta' Allen, MA

Shay's research agenda focuses on how resistance to racial oppression varies across social institutions. Her dissertation project, situated within the intersection of religion and politics, relies on qualitative interview data to determine how Black millennials' perceptions and responses to racial inequality are influenced by their Christian faith.

*"Bearcat Sociology is an excellent department for graduate studies! I've grown as a scholar from our exemplary methodological training, teaching opportunities, professional development seminars, and research apprenticeship program. Our faculty is comprised of notable scholars producing research on social inequality and their mentorship has been invaluable in shaping me into the scholar that I want to be."*



### Aalap Bommaraju, MPH

Aalap's research is about how people transform, interpret, implement, and experience reproductive health policy in the Midwest. Focusing on the passage and implementation of a 2017 legislative intervention to secure abortion access in the state of Illinois, their dissertation traces how ideas, institutions, and culture matter to contemporary American reproductive politics.

*"The UC sociology program provides valuable opportunities for students who are interested in doing public sociology. The department fosters close interaction between graduate students and faculty, encourages supportive relationships among graduate students, and emphasizes the importance of developing community when doing sociology."*

## Placement of Recent PhDs

**Kalasia Ojeh (2019)**  
Assistant Professor, University of Louisville (KY)

**Alan Grigsby (2018)**  
Assistant Professor, Curry College (MA)

**Ainsley Lambert-Swain (2018)**  
Assistant Professor, Bellarmine University (KY)

**Russell Spiker (2018)**  
Postdoc, Vanderbilt University (TN)

**Katherine Durante (2017)**  
Assistant Professor, Nevada State College

**Megan Underhill (2016)**  
Assistant Professor, University of North Carolina-Asheville