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EDUCATION

2017 Ph.D., Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University
2015 M.A., Sociology and Demography, The Pennsylvania State University
2011 B.S., Human Development and Family Studies, Minor in Gerontology, Cornell University

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2017-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Missouri State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Aging and the Life Course
- Disparities in Health and Aging
- Social Integration and Health
- Social Demography
- Intersectionality
- Survey Methodology

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. and Amy Thierry. 2019. "Education as the Great Equalizer?: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Returns of Education on Cognitive Functioning in Later Life." *Geriatrics* 4(51):1-13.

Alwin, Duane F., Jason R. Thomas, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. 2018. "Race, Social Relations and the Life Course." in *Social Networks and the Life Course*, edited by D. Alwin, D. Felmlee, and D. Kreager. New York, NY: Springer.

Pudrovska, Tetyana, Eric Reither, *Ellis Logan, and ***Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. 2014. "Gender and Reinforcing Associations between Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Body Mass over the Life Course." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* PubMed ID: 25138198

*Denotes equal contribution

-Article featured in various news and media outlets including *The Atlantic* and *the Huffington Post*.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

*indicates undergraduate student co-author

Perkins, Austin J.*, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. 2020. "Gender Differences in the Effects of Education and Income on Episodic Memory among Older Adults: Results from the Health and Retirement Study." *LOGOS: A Journal of Undergraduate Research*

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J., and Christina L. Ryder. 2018. Report for *Give 5 Program*, United Way of the Ozarks.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Social Integration and Cognitive Functioning among Community Dwelling Older Adults: A Latent Class Analysis.”

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Life Course Patterns of Inequality in Cognitive Aging: An Integrated Variable-Centered and Person-Centered Approach.”

Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J. “Disparities in Cognitive Impairment: An Intersectionality Approach.”

Lefkowitz, Eva S., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, and Kelly E. Cichy. “Gerolence: Rethinking the “Third Age” for the 21st Century.”

Thierry, Amy D., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, Marina Armendariz, and Heather Farmer. “Perceived Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning in Diverse Older Adults: An Intersectional Approach.”

Thierry, Amy D., Heather R. Farmer, Marina Armendariz, and Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins. “Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning in Diverse Older U.S. Adults: The Moderating Effect of C-Reactive Protein.”

TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Aging; Social Demography; Social Inequality in Health and Aging; Research Methods; Statistics for Social Science Research; Survey Research

COURSES TAUGHT

At Missouri State University

SOC 150: Introduction to Society

SOC 301: Research Methodology

SOC 302: Statistics for Social Research

SOC 305: Population Analysis

SOC 375: Social Forces and Aging

SOC 397: Social Inequality in Health & Aging

At Penn State

SOC 001: Introductory Sociology

SOC 119: Race and Ethnic Relations

SOC 470: Intermediate Social Statistics (Lab Instructor)

SELECT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**indicates undergraduate student co-author*

2020 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Matthew Cline,* Courtney Cooper,* and Ericka Youngquist.* “Religious Involvement and Risk of Cognitive Impairment among Older Adults: Variations across Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Cohort.” Paper accepted but not presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Omaha, NE, 2020 (meeting canceled due to COVID-19).

- 2020 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “Social Integration and Cognitive Functioning among Community Dwelling Older Adults: A Latent Class Analysis.” Paper accepted but not presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Omaha, NE 2020, 2020 (meeting canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Erica M. Houston.* “Depressive Symptom Trajectories Across Race and Gender: Patterns and Explanations.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, IL, April 2019
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Austin J. Perkins.* “Early Life Adversity and Later Life Cognitive Functioning: Do Race and Gender Matter?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society in Chicago, IL in April 2019.
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Amy D. Thierry. “Education as the Great Equalizer?: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Returns of Education on Cognitive Functioning in Later Life.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America in Austin, TX in April, 2019.
- 2018 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Erica M. Houston*, and Austin J. Perkins.* “The Future of The Quantitative Analysis of Health Stratification: The Case of Intersectionality.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Missouri Sociological Association, Jefferson City, MO.
- 2017 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “Mind the Gap: An Analysis of Early Life Adversity and Race Disparities in Cognitive Aging in the U.S. Context.” Paper presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population’s International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2017 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “Testing Life Course Patterns of Inequality in Cognitive Aging among Older Adults: An Integrated Person-Centered and Variable-Centered Approach.” Paper presented at the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population’s International Population Conference, Cape Town, South Africa.
- 2015 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** “The Effect of Work and Parental Role Occupancy and Role Performance on Exercise Participation among U.S. Adults.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Bleser, William K., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, and Yunfeng Shi. “Determinants of Influenza Vaccination Disparities: An Intersectionality Approach.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND COMPETITIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS

- 2020 National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (3U54MD007695-12S1) “Examining Associations between Neighborhood Conditions, C-Reactive Protein, and Psychosocial Resiliency Factors in Cognitive Impairment among Diverse US Older Adults.”
Role: Consultant, with Dr. Amy D. Thierry (PI)

- 2019 National Institute on Aging's Butler-Williams Program, National Institutes of Health
 2019 Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center Research Internship, Rush Alzheimer's Disease Center
- 2018 Forming Science-Industry Collaborations Training Program, Stanford University
 2017 Travel Fellowship (~\$2,000), Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C.
 2016 U.S. Policy Communication Training Fellow, Population Reference Bureau, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 RAND Summer Institute's Mini-Medical School for Social Scientists, San Diego, CA
 2016 RAND Summer Institute's Demography, Economics, Psychology, and Epidemiology of Aging Workshop, San Diego, CA
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Penn State (\$1,500)
 2015 Graduate Student Travel Grant, Penn State (\$820)
 2013-2015 *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* NICHD Pre-Doctoral Traineeship (T-32HD007514), Population Research Institute, Penn State (\$44,508)
- 2013 Summer Research Trainee, Fenway Center for Population Research in LGBT Health, Boston MA
- 2013 Joan Huber and William Form Travel Grant, Penn State (\$300)
 2012-2013 Bunton Waller Graduate Fellowship, Penn State (\$22,425 plus cost of tuition)
 2007-2011 James Family Foundation Full Tuition Scholarship, Cornell University (\$260,000)

HONORS, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATES

- 2019 Division of Student Affairs' Bridge Builder Award, Missouri State University
 2018 Master Advisor Certificate, Missouri State University
 2017 International Travel Award, Missouri State University
 2017 Diversity Scholar Award, Missouri State University
 2016 National Academy of Sciences' Ford Dissertation Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
 2016 Certificate in Quantitative Methodology, Penn State
 2015 Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$250)
 2013 Golden Key International Honor Society (Penn State Chapter)
 2013 SOLID Scholar Award for Undergraduate Advising, Penn State
 2012 College of Liberal Arts External Funding Incentive Award, Penn State
 2011 Outstanding Senior Award in Human Development, Cornell
 2011 Runner-Up Elsie Van Buren Rice Award in Public Speaking, Cornell
 2010 Winner Elsie Van Buren Rice Award in Public Speaking, Cornell

INVITED TALKS AND LECTURES

- 2020 "Incorporating Anti-racism into Advising Practice." Presentation to be given at October Academic Advising Forum, Missouri State University
- 2019 "Black-White Disparities in Physical and Mental Health." Guest lecture for AAS 100: Introduction to African American Studies Missouri State University
- 2018 Keynote Address delivered to Multicultural Services Fall Graduation Ceremony, Missouri State University
- 2018 "Advising Students of Color: Challenges and Opportunities." Presentation given at October Academic Advisor Forum, Missouri State University

2018 “Building a University Community in a Divided Nation.” Presentation given at Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning’s Diversity Lunch and Learn, Missouri State

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

2020-Present Faculty Senator for Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State
2019-Present Member, Provost’s Academic Advising Council, Missouri State
2017-Present Chair, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Diversity Committee, Missouri State
2017-Present Faculty Adviser for the Sociology Club, Missouri State
2017-Present Member, Sociology Programming Committee, Missouri State
2017-Present Member, Inclusive Excellence Scholarship Committee, Missouri State University
2018-Present Member, Black History Month Planning Committee, Missouri State
2018-Present Member, LGBTQ+ Heritage Month Planning Committee, Missouri State
2019 Member, Subcommittee on High Ability Student Recruitment, Missouri State
2019 Member, Search Committee for Director of the Advising Center, Missouri State
2019 Member, Search Committee for Director of Multicultural Programs, Missouri State
2016-2017 Chief Media Officer and Spokesperson, Coalition of Graduate Employees, Penn State
2015-2017 Member, Sociology Teaching Forum, Penn State
2014-2017 Delegate, Graduate and Professional Student Association, Penn State
2012-2017 Member, Methods Workshop Committee (Co-Chair 2013-2017), Penn State
2012-2017 Member, Diversity Promotion Committee, Penn State
2013-2015 Member, Demography Graduate Student Advisory Council, Penn State
2012-2015 Member, Graduate Recruitment Committee (Chair, 2013), Penn State

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-Present Co-President, GLO Center Board of Directors, Ozarks LGBTQ+ Community Center
2019-Present Board of Directors, PROMO, Missouri’s Statewide LGBTQ+ Advocacy Organization
2019-Present Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Population Association of America
2019-Present Member, Government and Public Affairs Committee, Population Association of America
2018-Present Congressional Lobbyist for PAA Advocacy Days, Population Association of America
Summer 2020 Working Group Leader, Policy Communications Training Program, Population Reference Bureau
2017 Discussant, LGBT Health Disparities, Population Association of America
2015 Discussant, LGBT Health Disparities, Population Association of America
2015 Session Organizer, LGBT Health Disparities, Section on Population, American Sociological Association

METHODS AND PROGRAMMING SKILLS

Quantitative Methods: OLS and Categorical/Limited Response Variable Regression Models; Imputation Methods for Missing Data; Survey Methodology; Growth Curve Analysis
Statistical Packages: STATA (proficient), SPSS (proficient), SAS (basic), R (basic)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Population Association of America
Gerontological Society of America
Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education
Midwest Sociological Society