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### EDUCATION

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- 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

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- 2017-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Missouri State University  
2017-Present Faculty Affiliate, Gerontology Program, Missouri State University

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Aging and the Life Course
- Disparities in Health and Aging
- Social Integration and Health
- College Student Health
- Intersectionality
- Cognitive Aging and Dementia

### GRANTS UNDER REVIEW

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- 2021 Prener, Christopher, Michael Esposito, Sarah Gebauer, Keon L. Gilbert, **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, and Jane Tucker. "Evaluating the Connections Between Historic Racism and Contemporary Health Care Utilization." National Institutes of Health (approximately \$1,200,000).

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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- 2021 Thierry, Amy D., **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**, Marina Armendariz, Allison Sullivan and Heather R. Farmer. "Perceived Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Functioning among Diverse Older Adults: An Intersectional Approach." *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18:1-14 doi: 10.3390/ijerph18052661.
- 2019 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** and Amy Thierry. "Education as the Great Equalizer?: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Returns of Education on Cognitive Functioning in Later Life." *Geriatrics* 4(51):1-13.
- 2018 Alwin, Duane F., Jason R. Thomas, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "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.
- 2014 Pudrovska, Tetyana, Eric Reither, \*Ellis Logan, and **\*Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Gender and Reinforcing Associations between Socioeconomic Disadvantage and Body Mass over the Life Course." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 55(3):283-301. Agi  
\*Denotes equal contribution

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

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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\*Indicates undergraduate student co-author

- 2020 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* 13:97-113.
- 2018 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, and Christina L. Ryder. Report for *Give 5 Program*, United Way of the Ozarks.

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW**

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Farmer, Heather R., Amy D. Thierry, Marina Armendariz, Sydney Kirven, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Psychosocial Resources in Relationship between Perceived Neighborhood Characteristics and Cognitive Impairment among Older Black Adults."

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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\*Indicates undergraduate student co-author

- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Amy D. Thierry, Sydney Kirven, and Heather R. Farmer. "Religiosity and Incidence of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia among Diverse Older Adults: An Intersectional Approach."
- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Brattin, Jarret,\* Matthew Dyck,\* and Austin Gomez\*. "Disparities in Time for Exercise and Sport among College Students at the Intersections of Race and Gender: Evidence from a National Time Diary Study."
- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Sophie Arnold,\* Jackson Bassford,\* Kayla Curry,\* and Mark Meads.\* "Daily Social Contact and Self-Rated Health among Older Adults: Does Race/Ethnicity and Gender Matter?: Results from a National Time Diary Study."
- 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."

## **MEDIA AND PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY**

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- 2021 "Missouri House Proposal Creates Guidelines for Sports Team Eligibility for Transgender Youth." Interview, *KY3*, March 3.
- 2021 "Springfield LGBTQ Activist Discusses Equality Act Recently Passed by House." Interview, *KY3*, February 28.
- 2021 "Missouri State Sociology Implements Anti-Racism Modules to Its Courses." Interview, *KY3*, January 29.
- 2021 "Grant Brings Anti-Racism Elements to Statistics Course." Interview, *Missouri State Journal Ozarks Public Radio*, January 26.
- 2020 "GLO Center Breaks Mental Health Stigma During National Suicide Prevention Week." Interview, *KY3*, September 12.
- 2020 "Local Black LGBTQ Members Share Experience with Racism." Interview, *OzarksFirst*, June 21.

- 2020 “GLO Center Calls U.S. Supreme Court’s Ruling on LGBTQ Workforce Discrimination ‘Monumental.’” June 15
- 2020 “Racism as a Public Health Crisis.” Presentation, Community Christian Church, Springfield, MO, June.
- 2020 “On Reparations.” Presentation, Community Christian Church in Springfield, April.
- 2020 “Remaining Connected While Distant.” Opinion, *Springfield News-Leader*, March 21.
- 2018 “Do You Control Your Health?” Interview, *Missouri State Journal Ozarks Public Radio*, November 27.

### **SELECT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2021 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.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Virtual 2021.
- 2021 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.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for Behavioral Medicine, Virtual 2021
- 2021 Templer Rodrigues, Abby, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. “Parenting and Artistic Career Pathways: A Life Course Approach to Tracing the Influence of Gender, Class, Relationship Status, and Age on the Career Paths of Parents in the Arts.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Virtual 2021.
- 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**

- 2021 Mellon Foundation Emerging Faculty Leaders Award, Institute for Citizens & Scholars (\$17,500)
- 2020 Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning’s Curriculum Innovation Grant, “Incorporating Anti-Racism into Undergraduate Methods and Statistics Courses in the Social Sciences.” Missouri State University; **Role:** Principal Investigator, with Dr. Catherine Hoegeman (Co-PI) (\$3,750)
- 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
- 2018 Forming Science-Industry Collaborations Training Program, Stanford University
- 2016 U.S. Policy Communication Training Fellow, PRB, 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
- 2013-2015 *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* NICHD Pre-Doctoral Traineeship (T-32HD007514), Population Research Institute, Penn State (\$44,508)
- 2013 Research Trainee, Fenway Center for Population Research in LGBT Health, MA
- 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**

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2021 Foundation Award for Excellence in Teaching, Missouri State University  
2021 Curtis P. Lawrence Award for Excellence in Advising, Missouri State University  
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)

### **TEACHING INTERESTS**

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

### **COURSES TAUGHT**

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#### At Missouri State University

GEP 101: First-Year Foundations

SOC 150: Introduction to Society

SOC 301: Research Methodology

SOC 302: Statistics for Social Research

SOC 375: Social Forces and Aging

SOC 450: Population, Society, and Public Policy

SOC 480: Health Inequities Across the Life Course

#### At Penn State

SOC 001: Introductory Sociology

SOC 119: Race and Ethnic Relations

SOC 470: Intermediate Social Statistics (Lab Instructor)

### **INVITED TALKS, LECTURES, AND PANELS**

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2021 "Critical Race Theory: What is It?" Panel organized by Drury University's Humanities & Ethic Center and the Department of Behavioral Sciences.  
2021 "Racism as a Public Health Crisis." Guest lecture for AAS 100: Introduction to African American Studies, Missouri State University  
2021 "Critical Race Theory- What is it? Why is Everyone Talking About it?" Presented to the Springfield Metropolitan Bar Association.  
2020 "Dissecting Discrimination: A Panel Discussion." Panel organized by MSU Association of Black Collegians, MSU NAACP, and others.  
2020 "Critical Conversations- After the Elections." Presenter and moderator for event organized by Missouri State University's Student Government Association.

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- 2020 “Racism as a Public Health Crisis.” Presentation gave at The Emerging Church
- 2020 “Incorporating Anti-racism into Advising Practice.” Presentation 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**

- 2019-Present Member, Provost’s Academic Advising Council, Missouri State
- 2017-Present Chair, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Diversity Council, Missouri State
- 2017-Present Member, Sociology Programming Committee, Missouri State
- 2020-2021 Faculty Senator for Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State 2
- 2018-2021 Member, Black History Month Planning Committee, Missouri State
- 2018-2021 Member, LGBTQ+ Heritage Month Planning Committee, Missouri State
- 2017-2021 Member, Inclusive Excellence Scholarship Committee, Missouri State University
- 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 AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

- 2022-Present Board of Directors, Missouri Foundation for Health, St. Louis, MO
- 2020-Present Board of Trustees, PRB, Washington, DC
- 2019-Present Board of Directors, PROMO, Missouri’s Statewide LGBTQ+ Advocacy Organization
- 2019-2021 Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Population Association of America

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- 2019-2021 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, PRB
- 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**

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