

SHAUNA LEAHY

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of Delaware, Sociology Expected May 2024
(in progress)
- M.A.** University of Delaware, Sociology May 2022
Thesis: Sandwich Generation Caregiving During the COVID-19 Pandemic
- B.S.** University of Scranton, Sociology May 2019
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Minored in Criminology and Philosophy
Honors Program: Special Jesuit Liberal Arts (SJLA)
- Study Abroad** Trinity College Dublin Jan to May 2018
Philosophy, Criminology, Sociology courses

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Member of Alpha Phi Sigma** 2019
Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honors Society, indicates excellence in the study of Criminal Justice
- Member of Alpha Kappa Delta** 2018
Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honors Society, indicates excellence in the study of Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Center for Drug and Health Studies**, Newark, DE Jan 2021 to Present
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Delaware
- Project: Evaluating the Lions Quest Virtual 12-Week Prevention Program, with Cheryl Ackerman as PI
 - Project: Planet Youth Coalition's Federal Prevention Grant, with M.J. Scales as PI
 - Assorted other projects: Delaware Department of Education Analysis to Action Professional Learning Series; Evaluation of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Program at University of Delaware
- Coursework**, Newark, DE Aug 2019 to May 2021
Graduate Student, University of Delaware
- SOCI606 Qualitative Methodology
 - SOCI605 Data Collection and Analysis – SPSS
 - SOCI614 Advanced Data Analysis – Stata
 - SOCI625 Advanced Social Statistics – Stata

The Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development,
Scranton, PA

Aug 2018 to May 2019

Research Intern, Wilkes University

- Collaborated on a project on Census 2020 education, Living Wage Study 2019, Wilkes University Housing Study 2019, student civic engagement poll report 2018
- Updated the Commission of Economic Opportunity (CEO) needs assessment 2018
- Analyzed the results of various small surveys for a number of The Institute's clients

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The family, the elderly, and caregiving
- Social capital, loneliness, and social isolation
- Disaster situations
 - Graduate student affiliate with the Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware

CITI PROGRAM TRAINING

University of Delaware

Human Subjects Protections – Social-Behavioral-Educational Focus – All UD Researchers/Faculty/Staff

- Completion Date: July 2022
- Expiration Date: July 2025

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

- Completion Date: January 2021
- Expiration Date: January 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Delaware, Online

Aug 2020 to May 2021

Lab Instructor, Sociology and Criminal Justice

- SOCI301 Introduction to Sociological Research Statistics lab (Fall 2020, responsible for 2 labs; Spring 2021, responsible for 4 labs)
- Instructed undergraduate students in a statistics lab once a week, created teaching content to complement lecture materials, generated and graded assignments, produced examples to teach in lab, and taught SPSS program and access to the VPN and VDI
- Material included research methods, questions and hypotheses, surveys, sampling, central tendency, dispersion, chi-square, t-tests, ANOVA, and regression (statistical analysis and interpretation of results)

University of Delaware, Online

Nov 2020

Guest Lecture, Anthropology

- 30-minute graduate student guest lecture on “Heat Waves and the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave” in ANTH640 course
- Topics included heat waves in general, the 1995 Chicago heat wave, and safety tips

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Aug 2019 to May 2020

Teaching Assistant, Sociology and Criminal Justice

- Have had a variety of responsibilities, including grading student assignments, creating quizzes/other assessments for students to take, and answering students' questions on course material
- SOCI312 Theories of Society, SOCI305 Social Class and Inequalities (Fall 2019); CRJU/SOCI302 Social Deviance, SOCI206 Women and Work (Spring 2020)

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Aug 2016 to May 2019

Student Tutor, Sociology and Criminal Justice

- Met with assigned students and performed various tutor duties, including answering questions, clarifying information, providing notes, proofreading papers, and aiding with study material
- Introductory level courses, Research Methods, Statistics, Crime Analysis, Social Stratification, Social Theory

PRESENTATIONS AND PROJECTS

Paper Presentation, "Systematic Social Media Recruitment for Disaster Research"

July 14, 2022

Researchers Meeting of the Natural Hazards Workshop, Online

Sarah DeYoung, Roni Fraser, Shauna Leahy

Evaluation Project, "Evaluating the Lions Quest Virtual 12-Week Prevention Program"

2021

Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

Cheryl M. Ackerman, M.J. Scales, Shauna Leahy

COMMUNITY SERVICE/POSITIONS

Graduate Student Council, Newark, DE

Feb 2021 to May 2022

Treasurer

- University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

United Neighborhood Centers (UNC), Scranton, PA

Feb to May 2019

Student Volunteer

- Assisted local low-income families with obtaining basic necessities, such as food and clothing, through Angel's Attic

Lackawanna Historical Society, Scranton, PA

Feb to May 2017

Student Volunteer

- Library cataloging as well as research of the local area/local families by request

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Basics of both SPSS and Stata (quantitative methodology)
- Basics of NVivo (qualitative methodology)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint