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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology - *University of Delaware, Newark, DE.* *Expected* JUNE 2026

M.A., Sociology - *University of Delaware, Newark, DE.* JUNE 2023

Thesis: The Lumbee Tribe & Narratives of Intergenerational Coping with Hazards.

B.A., Sociology - *Mount Royal University, Calgary, AB.* JUNE 2020

Research Interests: Sociology of Disasters, Trauma, Indigenous Rights, Psychosocial Therapeutic Interventions, Post-Colonial Theory, and Qualitative Methods.

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant - *University of Delaware.* AUGUST 2022 - PRESENT

- 20 hrs/week, 300 hrs/semester experience.
- Assisting in conducting research funded by Delaware Sea Grant in Southern Wilmington.
- Mixed-methods project containing surveys, qualitative interviews, and a photovoice component.
- Created a database of housing stock within the community.
- Created sampling frames and strategies to reach residents.
- Conducted in-person and online qualitative interviews.

Graduate Research Assistant - *CHEER Project.* JUNE 2023 - AUGUST 2023

- 20 hrs/week, 240 hrs total experience.
- Assisted Dr. Sarah DeYoung in summer research activities for the NSF-funded CHEER grant through the Disaster Research Center at the University of Delaware.
- Provided lectures and guidance to the CHEER summer scholars.
- Transcribed, coded, and analyzed Community Partner Interviews.
- Presented data from the Community Partner Interviews to the wider CHEER hub and the interviewees themselves.
- Conducted additional publication preparations and background research.

Graduate Teaching Assistant - *University of Delaware.*

AUGUST 2021 - MAY 2022

- Assisted in teaching for *Sociology 302: Social Deviance*, *Criminal Justice 344: Law, Policy, and Society*, *Sociology 201: Introduction to Sociology & Sociology 312: Theories of Society*.
- Graded discussion posts, quizzes, mid-term papers, final-term papers, and student presentations.
- Led student presentations and assisted in discussion sessions.
- Provided feedback and met with students weekly.

PUBLICATIONS

Dyck, S. (2020). *Only a Matter of Time: The Impacts of the Cascadia Subduction Zone and Colonialism on Indigenous Communities in Vancouver Island*. Natural Hazards Center.

https://hazards.colorado.edu/api/v2/uploads/images/dyck_undergrad_final-1594400247319.pdf

AWARDS

Corlett Nagel Family Disaster Research Center Enrichment Fund Fellow - *Colleen and Mark Nagel, Disaster Research Center*

JUNE 2022

- Award granted to support external internships pertaining to the field of emergency management and disaster research.
- This award supported a six-week internship at the Siegel Jewish Community Center in Wilmington, DE to assist with emergency planning, site assessment, and safety protocols.

Summer Research Travel Award - *Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology*

APRIL 2022

- Award granted to support summer research pertaining to master's thesis preliminary data collection.

Natural Hazards Center Undergraduate Student Paper Award - *University of Colorado Boulder*

JULY 2020

- Award granted recognizing emerging research within the disaster field internationally at the undergraduate level.

SERVICE

Secretary - Eleventh Street Bridge Community Long-Term Recovery Group, Wilmington, DE

FEBRUARY 2022 - PRESENT

- Serving on the board of directors for the Eleventh Street Bridge Community Long-Term Recovery Committee, which is the first long-term recovery group in the state of Delaware.
- Assisting in coordinating the establishment of this group as an incorporated non-profit organization to aid residents of Wilmington, Delaware who experienced flooding following Hurricane Ida in September 2021.
- Attending bi-monthly meetings, as well as intermittent Policy Committee meetings
- Helping create policies surrounding conduct within the group, position descriptions, and vulnerability assessments.
- Assisted in the establishment of the committee as a legally incorporated non-profit organization.

Vice President - International Association of Emergency Management, University of Delaware Chapter

APRIL 2023 - PRESENT

- Professional student organization to advance the field of emergency management through education, training, guest speakers, site visits, and networking opportunities.
- Organized field trips to Washington D.C., New York City, and Delaware's Emergency Management Offices.

Social Chair - University of Delaware Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Graduate Student Council

JANUARY 2023 - PRESENT

- Attend monthly meetings to discuss pressing issues among graduate students.
- Plan and organize social and professional development events for graduate students in the department.

Faculty Representative - University of Delaware Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Graduate Student Council

JANUARY 2022 - JANUARY 2023

- Attend monthly faculty meetings and act as a liaison between the graduate students and faculty.
- Present reports to the graduate student council following monthly faculty meetings with issues pertaining to graduate students.

Community Educator - CHILL/Emerge Free, Calgary AB.

JULY 2019 - MARCH 2020

- Volunteered in assisting in the education of 12-18-year-old students on the risks and realities of human trafficking.
- Responded to students' needs and inquiries pertaining to sensitive material.
- Presented concise and factual evidence in an engaging and accessible way.

WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

American Sociological Association - Philadelphia, PA

AUGUST 2023

- Attended conference and panel discussions.

Eighteenth Annual Southeast Indian Studies Conference - University of North Carolina at Pembroke

MARCH 2023

- Attended conference and panel discussions.

NEEDS - University of Copenhagen

NOVEMBER 2022

- Presented on the panel "Disaster Risk Reduction and Response: Law, Risk and Postcolonialism."
- Attended panel discussions and networking events.

Natural Hazards Workshop - University of Colorado, Boulder

JULY 2022

- Presented in the poster session with work titled “Disaster Capitalism and the Myth of Returning to Normal During COVID-19”.

Minority Mentor Lecture Series - *University of Delaware*

APRIL 2022

- Coordinated panel discussion titled “Collaborative Faculty and Student Research”.

Critical Race Education Association Conference - *University of Delaware*

OCTOBER 2021

- Attended conference and panel discussions.

Natural Hazards Workshop - *University of Colorado, Boulder*

JULY 2020

- Attended workshops and researcher’s meeting.