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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

- 2023-Present Associate Professor of Sociology, Missouri State University (effective August 14th)
2021-Present Director, Health Equity Research Collective (HERC), Missouri State University
2017-Present Faculty Affiliate, Gerontology Program, Missouri State University
2017-2023 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Missouri State University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 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.
*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*

- 2023 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, and Mackenzie Whitaker. 2023. "To Address the Black-White Health Gap in Missouri, Attention Must Be Paid to the Social Determinants of Health." Issue Brief, Ozarks Public Health Institute.
- 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

- Adkins-Jackson, Paris B....**Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, et al. "Hang Ups, Let Downs, Bad Breaks, and Setbacks?: Impact of Structural Socioeconomic Racism and Resilience on Cognitive Change over Time for Persons Racialized as Black."
- Farmer, Heather R., Amy D. Thierry, Marina Armendariz, and **Kyler J. Sherman-Wilkins**. "Exploring How Neighborhood Characteristics and Psychosocial Resilience Influence Cognitive Functioning among Older Black Adults."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

**Indicates undergraduate student co-author*

- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, and Catherine H. Hoegeman. "Statistics & Social Justice?: Challenges and Opportunities in Incorporating QuantCrit Perspectives into Intro Statistics Courses."
- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.** "Addressing the Sociology to Policy Gap Through a Policy Brief Writing Assignment."
- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Amy D. Thierry, and Heather R. Farmer. "Religiosity and Incidence of Cognitive Impairment and Dementia among Diverse Older Adults: An Intersectional Approach."
- Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Kayla L. Curry, Sophie Arnold, and Dominique Lowe. "Sleep Inequities among U.S. Women at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity, Class, Parenting and Marital Status."

SELECT PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

**indicates undergraduate student co-author*

- 2023 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Mark Meads, Jackson Bassford, Jarrett Brattin, and Mackenzie Whitaker. "Religiosity, Mastery, and Memory Declines among Older Adults: Results from the Health and Retirement Study." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2023 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Kayla L. Curry, Sophie Arnold, Alyssa Temple, and Dominique Lowe. "Sleep Inequities among U.S. Women at the Intersection of Race/Ethnicity, Class, Parenting and Marital Status." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Sophie Arnold,* 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." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.

- 2022 **Sherman-Wilkins, Kyler J.**, Jackson Bassford,* Jarrett Brattin,* and Austin Gomez.* “Disparities in Time for Exercise & Sport among College Students at the Intersection of Race & Gender: Results from a National Time Diary Study.” Paper presented at annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 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 annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND COMPETITIVE TRAINING PROGRAMS

- 2023 Missouri Foundation for Health Research Grant, “Exploring and Examining Firearm Violence in Missouri.” **Role: Consultant**, with Dr. Erin Kelly (PI) (\$199,987).
- 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)- Not Funded
- 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) (\$250,000)
- 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

- 2023 Foundation Award for Excellence in Service, Missouri State University
2022 W.E.B DuBois Education Award, NAACP-Springfield MO Chapter
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

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

- GEP 101: First-Year Foundations
SOC 150: Introduction to Society
SOC 301: Research Methodology
SOC 220: 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

- 2023 "Health Disparities Panel." Panel Organized by the Planning Committee for Missouri State University's Collaborative Diversity Conference.
2023 "Facts and Faux-Pas: Understanding the Dos and Do Nots of Communicating Scientific Research to Policymakers."

- 2022 “Early Career Research Panel.” Panel Organized by the Planning Committee for the Alzheimer’s Association’s Addressing Health Disparities Conference.
- 2022 “Data and Democracy in the Age of Disinformation.” Panel organized by PRB at the Population Association of America’s annual meeting.
- 2022 “Measurement Matters: Challenges and Opportunities for Eliminating Health Disparities.” Invited talk for the Ozarks Public Health Institute’s Health Disparities Summit.
- 2022 “Is Education the Great Equalizer?: Examining Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Returns of Education on Adult Health.” Invited talk for the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s Center for Demography of Health and Aging
- 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 “Numbers are not Neutral: How Journalists Can Detect Deep Bias & Avoid Hidden Traps.” Panel organized by the National Association of Science Writers
- 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.
- 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

- 2023-Present Certificate Coordinator, Social Science Research Certificate
- 2023-Present Course Coordinator, Introduction to Society
- 2022-Present Member, Provost’s Diversity Council

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2017-Present Member, Sociology Programming Committee, Missouri State
2021-Present Pre-Medical Committee, Missouri State University
2017-2023 Chair, College of Humanities and Public Affairs Diversity Council, Missouri State
2021-2022 Member, Provost's Academic Advising Council, Missouri State
2020-2021 Faculty Senator for Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Missouri State
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

2023-Present Secretary, Missouri Council on Aging
2023-Present Vice President, NAACP-Springfield Chapter
2023-Present Member, Health Equity Collaborative, Springfield-Greene County Health Department
2022-Present Board of Directors, Missouri Foundation for Health, St. Louis, MO
2022-Present President of the Board, GLO Center
2021-Present Nomination Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
2020-Present Board of Trustees, PRB, Washington, DC
2020-Present Working Group Leader, Policy Communications Training Program, PRB
2019-Present Board of Directors, PROMO, Missouri's Statewide LGBTQ+ Advocacy Organization
2022 Member, Springfield Public Schools Discipline Review Work Team
2019-2021 Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Population Association of America
2019-2021 Member, Government and Public Affairs Committee, Population Association of America
2018-Present Congressional Lobbyist for PAA Advocacy Days, Population Association of America

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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

JOURNAL EDITORIAL AND REVIEW SERVICES

2023-Present Editorial Board, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*

Ad-Hoc Journal Reviewer

The Gerontologist; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Social Science & Medicine

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

Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education

American Sociological Association

Gerontological Society of America

Midwest Sociological Society

Population Society of America

Society for the Study of Social Problems