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EDUCATION

- 2022 **PhD** **Sociology**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*
Dissertation: How Boarding Schools Are Like Neighborhoods
Kelley Sittner (chair), Tamara Mix, & Monica Whitham

Comprehensive Exams: Social Psychology & Social Inequality
- 2017 **MPH** **Public Health**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*
Thesis: Suicide and Rurality among American Indian Adolescents
Julie Croff (chair), Chandra Story, & Bridget Miller

Emphasis: Rural and underserved populations
- 2013 **BA** **Psychology**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*
- 2013 **BA** **Philosophy**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Social Inequality | Demography |
| Mental Health | Community Sociology |
| Public Health | Social Psychology |

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Teaching Assistant

2012-2013 Introduction to Psychology

Graduate Teaching Associate

2016-2017 Total Wellness

2018 Introduction to Sociology

2018 Sociology of Aging

2019 Social Problems

2020-2021 Social Psychology

Graduate Teaching Assistant

2017 Criminology

2017 Social Psychology

2018 Sociology of Gender

2018 Comparative Cultures

2019 Cultural Anthropology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2010-2021 Data Analyst/Research Assistant, **American Indian Research Group**

2018-2019 Graduate Research Assistant, **Department of Sociology**, *Oklahoma State University*
Principal Investigators: Dr. Andrew Fullerton, *Professor* & Dr. Michael Long, *Associate Professor*

- 2019 Graduate Research Assistant, **Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University**
Principal Investigator: Dr. Rachel Schmitz, *Assistant Professor*
- 2020 Graduate Research Assistant, **Department of Sociology, Oklahoma State University**
Principal Investigator: Dr. Heather McLaughlin, *Associate Professor*

PUBLICATIONS

- Sibley, Martha, **Christine Thomas**, and Jady Powell. "What Makes a Successful Anti-Nuclear Movement? Culture, Framing, Identity, and Narratives Surrounding Black Fox Nuclear and Diablo Canyon Power Plants." [Forthcoming]
- Thomas, Christine**. "Migration and Economic Outcomes on Reservations." [Forthcoming]
- Schmitz, Rachel M., Jonathan S. Coley, **Christine Thomas** and Anibal Ramirez. 2020. "The Cyber Power of Marginalized Identities: Intersecting Strategies of Online LGBTQ+ Latinx Activism." *Feminist Media Studies*. DOI: 10.1080/14680777.2020.1786430.
- McLaughlin, Heather and **Christine Thomas**. 2020. "Costs vs. Compensation: Legal and Policy Recommendations for Addressing Workplace Sexual Harassment." *Saint Louis University Journal of Health Law and Policy* 14:139-162.

RESEARCH & EVALUATION EXPERIENCE

Funded in collaboration with the American Indian Research Group (Total grant dollars awarded \$64.7 million)

Systems of Care, SAMHSA — *Data Analyst, Research Assistant*

Children's Mental Health Treatment

Data collection, statistical analysis, leading focus groups, & conducting key-informant interviews
\$12 million

Launch, SAMHSA — *Data Analyst, Research Assistant*

Children's Mental Health Treatment

Data collection, statistical analysis, leading focus groups, & providing training for leading focus groups.
\$4.25 million

GLS Suicide, SAMHSA — *Data Analyst, Research Assistant*

Suicide Prevention

Data collection, statistical analysis, and leading focus groups.
\$3.68 million (1st cohort) + \$3.68 million (2nd cohort) = \$7.36 million

Native Connections, SAMHSA — *Data Analyst, Research Assistant*

Suicide Prevention

Data collection and statistical analysis.
\$1 million (4 locations) = \$4 million

SBIRT, SAMHSA — *Research Assistant*

Substance Abuse Prevention

Data collection and data support.
\$8.3 million

MSPI, IHS — *Data Analyst, Research Assistant*

Suicide & Meth Prevention

Data collection and statistical analysis.
\$175K (5 years X 3 purpose areas) = \$2.6 million

State Youth Treatment, SAMHSA — *Data Analyst, Research Assistant*

Substance Abuse Treatment

Data collection and statistical analysis.
\$3.2 million

Circles of Care, SAMHSA — Research Assistant
Mental Health Treatment Planning
Data collection and data support.
\$500K

Access to Recovery, SAMHSA — Data Analyst, Research Assistant
Substance Abuse Treatment
Data collection and statistical analysis.
\$10.1 million

Strategic Prevention Framework, SAMHSA — Research Assistant
Substance Abuse Prevention
Data collection and data support.
\$9.2 million

PREP, HHS — Research Assistant
Teen Pregnancy Prevention
Data collection and data support.
\$1.8 million

State Youth Treatment Planning, SAMHSA — Data Analyst, Research Assistant
Substance Abuse Treatment Planning
Data collection and statistical analysis.
\$500K

MSI CBO, SAMHSA — Research Assistant
HIV and HCV Prevention
Data collection.
\$900K

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 **Native Connections Regional Conference, SAMHSA**
Practical Solutions for Common Problems
“Clueless: What Adults Just Don’t Understand about Facilitating Youth Focus Groups”
- 2018 **National Native American Boarding School Healing Conference, NABS**
Understanding and Addressing Our Historical Trauma
“Expanding the Circle: Reframing the Lifespan of Trauma from Childhood to Childhood”
- 2019 **National Native American Boarding School Healing Conference, NABS**
Honoring Native Survivance
“Colonization’s Enduring Influence and the Role of Intergenerational Trauma in Contemporary Boarding Schools”

PRESENTATIONS

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 **The Newberry Consortium, NCAIS**
Center for American Indian Studies
“More than Mechanisms: Colonization’s Enduring Influence on Indian Boarding Schools”
- 2019 **Oklahoma State University Research Week, OSU**
Sociology Research Symposium
“More than Mechanisms: Colonization’s Enduring Influence in Contemporary Indian Boarding Schools”
- 2019 **Southern Sociological Society, SSS**
Annual Meeting: The Challenge of Intersectionality: Who and What are Missing?

"Examining American Indian Boarding Schools through the Lens of TribalCrit"

- 2020 **Oklahoma State University Research Week, OSU**
Sociology Research Symposium
"The Intergenerational Transmission of Context in Indian Country"
- 2020 **Midwest Sociological Society, MSS**
Annual Meeting: Sustainable Sociology
"The Analysis of Ordinal Outcomes in Sociological Research"
Michael Long, Andrew Fullerton, Jamie Du, & Christine Thomas

GUEST LECTURES

- 2017 **Social Psychology**, Oklahoma State University
"The Relationship between Rurality, Suicide, and Race"
- 2018 **Introduction to Sociology**, Oklahoma State University
"Social Control and Deviance"
- 2019 **Introduction to Sociology**, Oklahoma State University
"Social Control and Surveillance"
- 2019 **Introduction to Sociology**, Oklahoma State University
"Intergenerational Trauma and Indian Boarding Schools"

SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2012 Volunteer, **Central State Philosophical Conference**, Oklahoma State University
- 2012-2013 Officer (Vice President), **Phi Sigma Tau**, Oklahoma State University
- 2012-2013 Officer (Treasurer), **Friends of Forms**, Oklahoma State University
- 2018-2019 Representative (Department of Sociology), **GPSGA**, Oklahoma State University
- 2018 Panel Member, **Graduate Panel for Applied Sociology**, Oklahoma State University
- 2018-2019 Panel Member, **Assoc. of Black Psychologists Grad Panel**, Oklahoma State University
- 2018-2019 Board Member, **Diversity Advisory Board**, Oklahoma State University
- 2019 Panel Member, **Graduate Panel for Applied Sociology**, Oklahoma State University

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2009-2010 Mentor, **McAlester Youth Shelter**
- 2010-2012 Mentor, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of America**
- 2012 Volunteer, **The Renaissance of Stillwater**
- 2012 Mentor/Event Coordinator, **Stillwater Youth Summer Sports Camp**
- 2012-2019 Research Volunteer, **Alzheimer's Prevention Registry**
- 2012-2020 Research Volunteer, **National Brain Health Registry**
- 2012-2020 Research Volunteer, **International Society to Advance Alzheimer's Research**
- 2013-2019 Volunteer, **Human Rights Campaign**
- 2018-2021 Advocate, **Alzheimer's Association**

2019 Campus Ambassador, **Indian Health Services**

HONORS & AWARDS

2010 Invitation to Dalai Lama 'Talk of Peace' Seminar
2011-2019 Invitation to National Systems of Care & Indian Health Service Conferences
2013 Nomination for Senior of Significance, *Oklahoma State University*
2017 Invitation to present at the National Suicide Prevention Conference

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member **American Psychological Association**, *professional Psychology organization*
Member **American Public Health Association**, *professional Public Health organization*
Member **American Sociological Association**, *professional Sociology organization*
Member **Council of State & Territorial Epidemiologists**, *professional Epidemiology organization*
Member **Phi Sigma Tau**, *International Philosophy Honor Society*
Member **Psi Chi**, *International Psychology Honor Society*
Member **National Congress of American Indians**, *non-profit advocacy organization*
Member **National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition**, *coalition*