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## EDUCATION

- 2022      **PhD**    **Sociology**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*  
Dissertation: "How Indian Boarding Schools Are Like Neighborhoods"  
Kelley Sittner (chair), Tamara Mix, Monica Whitham, Bridget Miller,  
& Christine Johnson  
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, & Kelley Sittner  
Emphasis: Rural and Underserved Populations
- 2013      **BA**      **Psychology**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*
- 2013      **BA**      **Philosophy**, Oklahoma State University, *Stillwater, OK*

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Mental Health                      Neighborhood Effects  
Public Health                        Social Psychology

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Primary Instructor		Co-Instructor	
2025	Divided Cities, Divided Lives	2024	USDA Justice Challenge Field Course
2024-2025	Cults in American Society	2024	Study Abroad in Central Mexico
2023-2024	Mapping Mental Illness		
2020-2024	Social Psychology		
2020	Social Problems		
2019	Sociology of Aging		
2018	Introduction to Sociology		
2016-2017	Total Wellness		

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2010-2022    Senior Research Associate, **American Indian Research Group**
- 2020          Graduate Research Assistant, **Department of Sociology**, *Oklahoma State University*  
Principal Investigator: Dr. Heather McLaughlin, *Associate Professor*

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

## PUBLICATIONS

- Thomas, Christine.** "How Indian Boarding Schools Are Like Neighborhoods." [Forthcoming]
- Sibley, Martha, **Christine Thomas**, and Jady Powell. "What Makes a Successful Anti-Nuclear Energy 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]
- 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 \$64.8 million)

### **Advanced Technological Education, NSF — Evaluator**

College of the Muscogee Nation Geospatial Technology Program  
Evaluation plan, collecting & analyzing data, assessing program performance, reporting findings  
\$349,913

### **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, managing data, 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, statistical analysis, and data management  
\$1 million (4 locations) = \$4 million

### **SBIRT, SAMHSA — Research Assistant**

Substance Abuse Prevention  
Data collection, supervising 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, data management, 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, supervising 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 and supervising data collection  
\$900K

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2019      **National Native American Boarding School Healing Conference, NABS**  
Honoring Native Survivance  
*"The Role of Intergenerational Trauma in Contemporary Boarding Schools"*
- 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"*

## PRESENTATIONS

### RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

- 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

- 2020 **Oklahoma State University Research Week, OSU**  
Sociology Research Symposium  
*"The Intergenerational Transmission of Context in Indian Country"*
- 2019 **The Newberry Consortium, NCAIS**  
Center for American Indian Studies  
*"Generational Trauma's Enduring Influence on Indian Boarding Schools"*
- 2019 **Oklahoma State University Research Week, OSU**  
Sociology Research Symposium  
*"Generational Trauma's Enduring Influence in Contemporary Indian Boarding Schools"*

## PANELS

- 2018-2019 **Graduate Panel for the Association of Black Psychologists, OSU**  
Student Organization  
*"Connecting Undergraduate Student Members with Graduate Students and Industry Professionals to Prepare for Graduate School"*
- 2018-2019 **Graduate Panel for Applied Sociology, OSU**  
Student Organization  
*"Preparing Undergraduate Students for the Next Step"*

## GUEST LECTURES

- 2022 **Social Problems, Oklahoma State University**  
*"Urbanization, Suburbanization, & Neighborhood Effects"*
- 2019 **Introduction to Sociology, Oklahoma State University**  
*"Intergenerational Trauma and Indian Boarding Schools"*
- 2019 **Introduction to Sociology, Oklahoma State University**  
*"Social Control and Surveillance"*
- 2018 **Introduction to Sociology, Oklahoma State University**  
*"Social Control and Deviance"*
- 2017 **Social Psychology, Oklahoma State University**  
*"The Relationship between Rurality, Suicide, and Race"*

## SERVICE

### SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

- 2023-2024 Judge, **Seniors of Significance, OSU Alumni Association**
- 2023-2024 Volunteer, **Cowboy Carrier, OSU Housing & Residential Life**
- 2023 Member, **Engaged Citizen Task Force for the Ideal Graduate, Oklahoma State University**
- 2022-2024 Judge, **Junior Science and Humanities Symposium (JSHS), OSU Honors College**
- 2022 Judge, **OSUTeach Student Presentations, Oklahoma State University**
- 2018-2019 Panel Member, **Assoc. of Black Psychologists Panel, OSU Department of Psychology**
- 2018-2019 Panel Member, **Graduate Panel for Applied Sociology, OSU Department of Sociology**
- 2018-2019 Representative, **GPSGA, OSU Department of Sociology**

- 2012-2013 Officer (Treasurer), **Friends of Forms**, *OSU Department of Philosophy*
- 2012-2013 Officer (Vice President), **Phi Sigma Tau**, *OSU Department of Philosophy*
- 2012 Volunteer, **Central State Philosophical Conference**, *OSU Department of Philosophy*

#### SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2024 Scientific Reviewer, **Oklahoma State Science & Engineering Fair**
- 2018-2024 Advocate, **Alzheimer’s Association**
- 2019 Campus Ambassador, **Indian Health Services**
- 2012-2020 Research Volunteer, **National Brain Health Registry**
- 2012-2020 Research Volunteer, **International Society to Advance Alzheimer’s Research**
- 2012-2019 Research Volunteer, **Alzheimer’s Prevention Registry**
- 2012 Mentor/Event Coordinator, **Stillwater Youth Summer Sports Camp**
- 2012 Volunteer, **The Renaissance of Stillwater**
- 2010-2012 Mentor, **Big Brothers Big Sisters of America**
- 2009-2010 Mentor, **McAlester Youth Shelter**

#### HONORS & AWARDS

- 2024 OSU STARS Above & Beyond Award, *OSU Staff Advisory Council*
- 2017 Invitation to present at the National Suicide Prevention Conference
- 2013 Nomination for Senior of Significance, *Oklahoma State University*
- 2011-2019 Invitation to National Systems of Care & Indian Health Service Conferences
- 2010 Invitation to Dalai Lama ‘Talk of Peace’ Seminar

#### 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*

#### CERTIFICATIONS

- 2022 **Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM)**, *suicide prevention training*
- 2022 **QPR Training**, *suicide prevention training*