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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
“Colonization’s Enduring Influence and 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
"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"

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**
- 2013-2019 Volunteer, **Human Rights Campaign**
- 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*