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### **Education**

- 2008 Ph.D. in Sociology, Florida State University.
- 2008 Certification in Aging Studies, Florida State University.
- 2005 M.S. in Sociology, Florida State University.
- 2002 B.A. in Sociology and Anthropology, Knox College.

### **Academic Positions**

- 2014 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Kent State University.
- 2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Kent State University.

### **Research, Teaching, and Service Interests**

Aging and Health

### **Honors and Awards**

- 2025 Outstanding Mentorship for Graduate Students Award, Department of Sociology and Criminology, Kent State University.
- 2023 Design Innovation Shared Faculty Studio ([Stories Connecting Generations](#) Project), Kent State University.
- 2022 College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Teacher Award (DTA), Kent State University.
- 2015 Alpha Kappa Delta Faculty Service Award, Department of Sociology, Kent State University.
- 2013 Faculty Recognition Certificate of Achievement, Kent State University.
- 2010 Teaching Scholars Program, Faculty Professional Development Center, Kent State University.
- 2008 Claude and Mildred Pepper Dissertation Fellowship, Florida State University.
- 2008 Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award Nominee, Department of Sociology, Florida State University.
- 2007 Graduate Student Mentorship Nominee, Department of Sociology, Florida State University.
- 2006 Allen-Klar Best Graduate Student Research Paper Award, Department of Sociology, Florida State University.

### **Peer Reviewed Publications**

(IF denotes 5-year impact factor based on JCR, Clarivate)  
(Google Scholar H-index – 15)

(\* denotes current or former student co-authors at or outside KSU)

- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, David Almeida, and Soomi Lee. (Forthcoming). Social and Physical Pain as Mechanisms Linking Sleep Problems to Physical Frailty in Older Adults. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. IF: 2.5
- Ha, Jung-Hwa and **Manacy Pai**. (Forthcoming). Anticipated Living Arrangements in Later Life: Interplay of Health, Income, and Childlessness in South Korea. *Social Science & Medicine*. IF: 5.4
- Ha, Jung-Hwa and **Manacy Pai**. (2026). [Does Experience of a Significant Other's Death Affect Korean Older Adults' End-of-life Care Planning by Encouraging Death Talks?](#) *BMC Palliative Care*. IF: 3.6.
- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, Muhammad Rishad, Ajay Murmu, K. Afsal, and Waad Ali. (2026). [Associations between Migrant Status, Social Isolation, and Loneliness among Older Adults in India](#). *BMC Geriatrics*. IF: 4.1.
- Pai, Manacy**, Muhammad T. and Adedayo Adeagbo\*. (2026). [Subjective Social Status, Hypertension, and Cardiovascular Disease among Older Adults in India: Roles of Depression, Insomnia, and Urban-Rural Differences](#). *Geriatric Nursing*. IF: 2.6.
- Adeagbo, Adedayo, T. Muhammad, and **Manacy Pai**. (2025). [Breathlessness and Beyond: Cross sectional Associations Between Physician-Diagnosed and Symptom-Based Asthma, Depression, Loneliness, and Sleep Difficulties in Older Indians](#). *Clinical Gerontologist*. 1–18. IF: 3.0
- Pai, Manacy**, T. Muhammad, and Waquar Ahmed. (2025). [Life Course Rural-Urban Residence and Multimorbidity in Later Life](#). *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics Plus*. 2(4), 100211.
- Pai, Manacy**, Muhammad T. Adedayo Adeagbo\*, and Waad Ali (2025). [Perceived Neighborhood Safety, Crime Exposure, and Chronic Diseases among Older Indians: The Role of Functional Disabilities](#). *PLOS Global Public Health*. IF: 2.5.
- Pai, Manacy** and Yan-Liang Yu. (2025). [Spousal Education and Epigenetic Age among Partnered Older Adults in the United States](#). *Experimental Aging Research*. IF: 1.8.
- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, Waad Ali, Boadi Agyekum, and Shobhit Srivastava. (2025) [From Breath to Strength: The Association between Mindfulness and Handgrip Strength among Older Adults in India: A Propensity Score Matching Approach](#). *Psychogeriatrics*. IF: 2.0.
- Pradhan, Jalandhar, **Manacy Pai**, Rinshu Dwivedi, Bijeta Mishra, Sasmita Behera, Tapas Bera,

- Rockli Kim, and S.V. Subramanian. (2025). [Burden of Non-Communicable Diseases in South Asia: A Decomposition Analysis.](#) *Journal of Health, Population, and Nutrition*. IF: 2.7
- Pai, Manacy** and Vishal Vennu. (2024). [Association Between Cardiovascular Disease and Handgrip Strength Risk in Community-Dwelling Older Adults in India.](#) *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. IF: 2.5
- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, and Waad Ali. (2024). [The Association between Pain and Physical Frailty among Older Adults in India: Depression and Insomnia as Mediators.](#) *Experimental Aging Research*. IF: 1.8
- T. Muhammad, Soomi Lee, **Manacy Pai**, and Bittu Mandal\*. (2024). [Association between Sleep Quality, Sleep Duration, and Physical Frailty among Adults Aged 50 Years and Older in India.](#) *BMC Public Health*. IF: 3.9.
- Pai, Manacy** and Muhammad. T. (2024). [Separate and Combined Associations of Cognitive Impairment and Body Pain with Functional and Mobility Disabilities among Older Women and Men in India.](#) *Geriatric Nursing*. IF: 2.6.
- T. V. Sekher, **Manacy Pai**, and Muhammad T. (2024). [Subjective Social Status and Perceptions of Everyday Discrimination among Older Adults in India.](#) *BMC Geriatrics*. IF: 4.1.
- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, Chanda Maurya, Shobhit Srivastava, and Manish Kumar (2024). [Natural and Human-Made Disasters and Associated Health Outcomes among Community-Dwelling Older Adults in India.](#) *PloS one*. IF: 3.3.
- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, Khusboo Ahire, and Madhurima Sharma\*. (2024). [Demographic, Socioeconomic, And Health Correlates of Sleep Quality and Sleep Duration among Community-Dwelling Older Adults in India.](#) *BMC Psychiatry*. IF: 4.2
- Pai, Manacy**, Chandan Kumar, Lucky Singh, and Prashant Kumar Singh. (2024). [Adult Children's Education and Older Parents' Cognitive Functioning in India.](#) *Educational Gerontology*. IF: 1.5.
- Pai, Manacy** and Muhammad, T. (2024). [Examining Factors Contributing to the Socioeconomic Inequalities in Handgrip Strength among Older Adults in India: A Decomposition Analysis.](#) *Scientific Reports*, 14, 442. IF: 4.3.
- Moorman, Sara and **Manacy Pai**. (2024). [Social Support From Family and Friends, Educational Attainment, and Cognitive Function.](#) *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. IF: 2.5.
- T. Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, A.H. Sruthi Anil Kumar, Lekshmi, P.R. and T. V. Sekher. (2024).

[Associations between neighbourhood safety, social cohesion, sleep quality and sleep duration among older adults in India: Findings from the Study on Global Aging and Adult Health \(WHO-SAGE\), 2015. \*Psychogeriatrics\*. IF: 2.0.](#)

**Pai, Manacy** and Muhammad T. (2023). [Subjective Social Status and Functional and Mobility Impairments among Older Adults: Life Satisfaction and Depression as Mediators and Moderators. \*BMC Geriatrics\*. IF: 4.1.](#)

T. Muhammad and **Manacy Pai**. (2023). [Subjective Social Status and Physical Frailty among Older Adults in India: Perceived Discrimination and Ill-Treatment as Mediators and Moderators. \*Aging Clinical and Experimental Research\*. IF: 3.5.](#)

**Pai, Manacy**, Wentian Lu, Miaoqi Chen\*, and Baowen Xue. (2023). [The Change Over Time from Subjective to Objective Cognitive Decline: Do Social Relationships Matter? \*Archives Gerontology & Geriatrics\*. IF: 3.5.](#)

Yunyun Guo\*, **Manacy Pai**, Baowen Xue, and Wentian Lu. (2023). [Bidirectional Relationship between Depressive Symptoms and Mild Cognitive Impairment over 20 years: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study in the United States. \*Journal of Affective Disorders\*. IF: 5.4.](#)

**Pai, Manacy**, Muhammad T, Adrita Bannerjee, Pradeep Kumar and Shobhit Srivastava. (2023). [Associations among Body Mass Index, Handgrip Strength, and Cognitive Impairment in Older Men and Women in India. \*Aging and Health Research\*. IF: 2.0.](#)

**Pai, Manacy**, Peter Barr, and Rusty Schnellinger\*. (2023). [Neighborhood Contexts, Family Characteristics, and Non Cognitive Skills among Adolescents. \*Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment\*. IF: 1.9.](#)

**Pai, Manacy**, Muhammad T, Sayani Das, Mamta Chaudhary, and Shobhit Srivastava. (2023). [Association between Physical Frailty and Life Satisfaction among Older Men and Women in India. \*Psychogeriatrics\*. IF: 2.0.](#)

Singh, Lucky, Rishita Chandra, **Manacy Pai**, Arpit Singh, Sumit Mazumdar, Yatan Pal Singh, and Prashant Kumar Singh. (2023). [The Effect of Tobacco on Cognitive Impairment among Older Adults in India? A Propensity Score Matching Analysis. \*Nicotine and Tobacco Research\*. IF: 3.4.](#)

Muneera, K, Muhammad T, **Manacy Pai**, Waquar Ahmed, and Althaf S. (2023). [Associations between Intrinsic Capacity, Functional Difficulty and Fall Outcomes among Older Adults in India. \*Scientific Reports\*, 13, 9829. IF: 4.3.](#)

Waquar, Ahmad, **Manacy Pai**, T. Muhammad, Chanda Maurya, and Parimala Mohanty. (2023).

[Early Life Factors Associated with Experiences of Pain in Later Life: Evidence from a Population Based Study in India](#). *BMC Public Health*, 23, 968. IF: 3.9.

T, Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, Priya Saravanakumar, K. Afsal, and C. V. Irshad. (2023). [The Association between Loneliness and life Satisfaction: Examining Spirituality, Religiosity, and Religious Participation as Moderators](#). *BMC Geriatrics*, 23, 301. IF: 4.1.

T, Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, Manish Kumar, and T. V. Sekher. (2023). [Multiple Socioeconomic Risks and Cognitive Impairment among Community-Dwelling Older Men and Women: Evidence from a Population-Based Survey in India](#). *Dialogues in Health*, 2, 110-119.

T, Muhammad, **Manacy Pai**, and Salmaan Ansari. (2023). [Gender Differences in the Association between Cardiovascular Diseases and Major Depressive Disorder among Older Adults in India](#). *Dialogues in Health*, 2, 100-107.

**Pai, Manacy**, Lu Wentian, and Baowen Xue. (2023). [Adult Children's Education and Trajectories of Episodic Memory among Older Parents in the United States of America](#). *Ageing and Society*, 43, 3, 598-624. IF: 2.5.

Kim, Joongbaeck and **Manacy Pai**. (2022). [Neighborhood Disadvantage and Self-Esteem: Do Socioeconomic and Relational Resources Matter?](#) *International Journal of Mental Health Promotion*, 24, 3, 311-329. IF: 1.0.

Xue, Baowen, **Manacy Pai**, and Minhao Luo\*. (2022). [Working Beyond State Pension Age and Its' Impact on Long-term Trajectories of Cognitive and Mental Health](#). *European Journal of Ageing*, 19, 423-436. IF: 3.7.

Lu, Wentian, **Manacy Pai**, Shaun Scholes, and Baowen, Xue. (2021). [Do Depressive Symptoms Link Chronic Diseases to Cognition among Older Adults? Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study in the United States](#). *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 294, 1357-365. IF: 5.4.

Reynolds, Victoria\* and **Manacy Pai** (2021). [Does Neighborhood Cohesion Moderate the Association between Cancer and Psychological Distress?](#) *Journal of Applied Social Science*, 16, 1.

**Pai, Manacy** and Joongbaeck Kim. (2021). [Formal Volunteering and Mental Health: Does Age Matter?](#) *International Journal of Mental Health Promotion*, 23, 1, 27-42. IF: 1.0

Stacey, Clare, **Manacy Pai**, Meghan Novisky\*, and Steven Radwany. (2019). [Revisiting 'Awareness Contexts' in the 21st Century Hospital: How Contemporary Medical Settings Shape Patients' Awareness of Dying](#). *Social Science & Medicine*, 220, 212- 218. IF: 5.4.

Ha, Jung-Hwa and **Manacy Pai**. (2018). [The Relationship between Subjective Memory and](#)

[Perceptions of Social Support from Family and Friends](#). *Research on Aging*, 40, 10, 987-1007. IF: 2.5.

**Pai, Manacy** and Joongbaeck Kim. (2017). [Neighborhood Physical Disorder and Psychological Distress: Does the Risk Increase with Age?](#) *The International Journal of Aging and Human Development*, 84, 4, 378 – 402. IF: 2.0.

Ghosh, Subharti, Jung-Hwa Ha, **Manacy Pai**, and Harper Essenfeld\*. (2016). [Impact of Mid-Life Symptoms of Alcoholism on the Health and Wellbeing of Aging Parents of Adults with Disabilities](#). *Journal of Gerontological Social Work*, 59, 56-72. IF: 2.3.

Gayman, Matt, **Manacy Pai**, Benjamin Kail, and Miles Taylor. (2013). [Reciprocity between Depressive Symptoms and Physical Limitations Pre- and Post-Retirement: Exploring` Racial Contrasts](#). *Journal of Aging and Health*, 25, 555-573. IF: 2.8.

Ha, Jung-Hwa and **Manacy Pai**. (2012). [Does Personality Moderate the Effect of Care Receipt on End-of-Life Care Planning?](#)\* *The Gerontologist*, 52, 759-769. \*(This paper was featured in Kent State University's 2013 Research on Life Report). IF: 5.0.

Barrett, Anne, **Manacy Pai**, and Rebecca Redmond\*. (2012). [‘It’s Your Badge of Inclusion’: The Red Hat Society as a Gendered Subculture of Aging](#). *Journal of Aging Studies*, 26, 527-538. IF: 2.8.

**Pai, Manacy** and Jung-Hwa Ha. (2012). [Impact of Widowhood on Parent-Child Relations: Does Parents’ Personality Matter?](#) *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 74, 494-509. IF: 5.1.

**Pai, Manacy** and Deborah Carr. (2010). [Do Personality Traits Moderate the Effects of Late-Life Spousal Loss on Psychological Adjustment?](#) *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 51, 183-199. IF: 7.2.

Kim, Joongbaeck and **Manacy Pai**. (2010). [Volunteering and Trajectories of Depression](#). *Journal of Aging and Health*, 22, 85- 105. IF: 2.8.

Gerend, Mary and **Manacy Pai**. (2008). [Social Determinants of Black-White Disparities in Breast Cancer Mortality](#). *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention*\*, 17, 2913-2923. \*(This paper was covered in BCN (Breast Cancer Net) News in November 2008). IF: 4.2.

Barrett, Anne and **Manacy Pai**. (2008). [Sketches in Cyberspace: Using Student Drawings in an Online Sociology of Aging Course](#). *Gerontology and Geriatrics Education*, 29, 84-103. IF: 1.3.

**Pai, Manacy** and Anne Barrett. (2007). [Long-Term Payoffs of Work? Women’s Paid Work Histories and Mental Health in Widowhood](#). *Research on Aging*, 29, 436-456. IF: 2.5.

## Book Chapters

Paul, Ronak, **Manacy Pai**, Muhammad T, and Shobhit Srivastava. (2024). [Differences in Life Satisfaction among Older Adults in India](#). In Helliwell, J.F., Layard, R., Sachs, J.D., De Neve, J-E., Aknin, L.B., & Wang, S (Eds.), *World Happiness Report 2024*. University of Oxford: Wellbeing Research Centre.

Natale, Ginny\* and **Manacy Pai**. (2024). [Spend Your Spoons Wisely: Conceptualizations of Time, Energy and Aging Invisibly with Crohn's Disease](#). *Aging Invisibly: Championing Diversity in Scholarship on Growing Older with Chronic Illness*, volume edited by Nowakowski, A. C. H., & Sumerau. J. E. Brill Publishers.

## External Research Grants/Awards

- 2011 National Science Foundation/American Sociological Association Faculty Advancement Grant with Clare Stacey, (\$7,000).
- 2010 Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Pilot Grant with Jung-Hwa Ha, (\$10,000).

## Internal Research Grants/Awards

- 2023 Research and Creativity Academic Leave Award, Kent State University.
- 2022 Healthy Communities Research Institute's Pilot Grant with Richard Adams, Kent State University (\$5,000).
- 2015 Summer Research and Creativity Award, Kent State University (\$6,500),
- 2013 Summer Research and Creativity Award, Kent State University (\$6,500).
- 2012 Research Resources Award with Clare Stacey, College of Arts & Sciences, Kent State University (\$6,499).
- 2010 Summer Research and Creativity Award, Kent State University (\$6,500).

## Unfunded Grant Proposals

“Bridging Borders: Exploring Aging Across Continents” (Proposal submitted for 2025-2026), Fulbright Scholars Program Semi-Finalist.

“Preventing and Reducing the Risk of Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Dementias using Digitalized CommunityBased Square Stepping Exercise Program with Wearable Sensors” (2024) (Alzheimer’s Research Program, Department of Defense) with Dr. JungYoon Kim (Computer Science, KSU) and Dr. YoungHee Ro (Professor at Institute of Future Welfare Convergence, Kangnam University, South Korea) (\$1,000,00).

Does Virtual Reality (VR) Improve the Efficacy of Reminiscence on Social Connectedness and Self-Continuity among Older Adults in Formal Care Institutions? (2023) (Retirement Research Foundation) (with Jennifer Stanley, Josh Pollock, and William Kalkhoff) (\$112,436).

“Learning by Doing”: Experiential Research Experience for the Next Generation of Aging Scholars.” (2015). The Spencer Foundation (with Richard Adams and Kelly Cichy). (\$25, 405).

“Age-Friendly Cities, Neighborhood Effects, and the Elderly: A collaborative initiative between Kent State University & the Cleveland Department of Aging.” (2014). The McGregor Foundation (with Richard Adams, Xinyue Ye and Nadia Greenhalgh- Stanley). (\$39, 251).

“Age-Friendly Cities, Neighborhood Effects, and the Elderly: A collaborative initiative between Kent State University & the Cleveland Department of Aging.” (2014). The George Gund Foundation (with Richard Adams, Xinyue Ye and Nadia Greenhalgh- Stanley). (\$97, 710).

“End-of-Life Care in the Intensive Care Unit: The Nature and Impact of the Pastoral Care and Palliative Care Partnership.” (2012). Health Care Chaplaincy and John Templeton Foundation Collaborative (with Steven Radwany, Reverend Deborah Damore, Terry Albanese, and Clare Stacey). (\$247,334).

### **Conference Presentations and Talks**

“From Traits to Sleep Patterns: Personality and Multidimensional Sleep Health Across Adulthood” (with Muhammad, T., Soomi Lee), SLEEP 2026, Abstract accepted for oral presentation. Baltimore, Maryland.

Interview on “Generations Connect” with Elliana Steiner from John Kroll’s Journalism Seminar, November 2025.

“Stories Connecting Generations.” Talk in John Kroll’s Journalism Seminar, October 2025.

“Not Just Biology: How Life Shapes Cognitive Aging.” Decoding Dementia: Research, Sociological Approach and Pathways. Mumbai, India, August 12. [Virtual]. *Press Coverage in Maharashtra Times, Fress Press Journal, and Navarashtra.*

“Balancing Innovation and Care: How Robotic Caregivers Impact Healthcare Workers and Quality of Care for Older Adults.” (with Adedayo Adeagbo). February 2025. [Virtual]. National Conference on Preserving the Dignity of Elderly, India.

“Shifting Preferences for Aging in Place: The Role of Health, Childlessness, and Income among Korean Older Adults.” (with Jung-Hwa Ha). Navigating Aging and Health with Limited Family Ties: Challenges, Opportunities, and Policy Responses, National University of Singapore, February 2025.

“Spousal Education and Epigenetic Age among Partnered Older Adults in the United States.” (with Yan-Liang Yu). American Sociological Association, August, 2024, Montreal, Quebec.

“Association of Sleep Quality and Sleep Duration with Physical Frailty among Older Adults in India.” Houston, TX (with Muhammad, T., Soomi Lee, Bittu Mandal). SLEEP 2024, Houston, TX.

“The Combined Effect of Cognitive Impairment and Pain on Functional and Mobility Disability among Older Adults in India.” (with Muhammad T.) The Alzheimer's Association International Conference. AAIC 2024. Philadelphia, PA. [Virtual].

“Social Support as a Resource for Later Life Cognition.” (with Sara Moorman). Gerontological Society of America, November 2022, Indianapolis, IN.

“Stories Connecting Generations.” Guest Speaker in Dr. Marina Vladova’s The Stories We Tell: Creative Writing in the Sphere of Public Health, NEOMFA internship seminar, October 2022.

“Does a Significant Other’s Death Affect One’s Thoughts and Planning of End-of-Life Care? Case of South Korea.” (with Jung-Hwa Ha). Korean Aging: Issues and Implications.” Summer 2022, Portland, Oregon.

“The long-term trajectories of cognitive and mental health of UK pensioners: The Impact of Work Status and Choices.” (with Baowen Xue and Minhao Luo). Society for Social Medicine (SSM) Health Virtual Annual Scientific Meeting, Oral presentation, Wednesday 15 September 2021, Session: Dementia Cognition & Ageing.

“Revisiting ‘Awareness Contexts’ in the 21st Century Hospital: How Contemporary Medical Settings Structure Patients’ Awareness of Dying.” (with Clare Stacey). Gerontological Society of America, November 2016, New Orleans, LA.

“The Role of Sociology in the Study of Aging.” Guest Lecture in Dr. Gregory Smith’s Graduate Interdisciplinary Seminar on Aging, Spring 2015.

“Responding to Journal Reviewers.” Brown Bag Panelist, Kent State University, Spring 2015. “How to teach Sociology to Undergraduates.” Brown Bag for SWS, University of Akron, Spring 2014.

“Hope and Resilience for Older Adults, Families, and Caregivers Facing Mental Health Challenges: Community Engagement to Support Wellness.” Discussion Facilitator, Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, March 2014, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.

“End-of-Life Care Implications of Caring for a Parent or Sibling with Alzheimer’s.” (with Jung-Hwa Ha). Alzheimer’s Association International Conference, July 2013, Boston, MA.

“The of Sociology in the Study of Aging.” Guest Lecture in Dr. Gregory Smith’s Graduate Interdisciplinary Seminar on Aging, Spring 2013.

“Does Personality Moderate the Effect of Care-Receiving on End-of-Life Care Planning?” (with Jung-Hwa Ha). Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 2011, Boston, MA.

“Does Personality Moderate the Effect of Care-Receiving on End-of-Life Care Planning?” (with Jung-Hwa Ha), Wisconsin Longitudinal Study Summer Workshop, Summer 2011, Madison, WI.

“Decoding Active Learning: What is this Thing Anyway?” (with Kent State Teaching Scholars). Decoding the Disciplines Workshop, Spring 2011, Kent, OH.

“The Effect of Late-Life Widowhood on Changes in Social Support: Do Personality Traits Matter.” (with Jung-Hwa Ha). Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Fall 2010, Atlanta, GA.

“An Examination of Self-enhancement through Involvement in the Red Hat Society.” (with Anne Barrett). Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 2009, Atlanta, GA.

“Later Life Informal Helping and Mental Health: Variations by Socioeconomic Status.” Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Fall 2008, Boston, MA.

“Do Personality Traits Moderate the Effects of Late-Life Spousal Loss on Psychological Adjustment?” (with Deborah Carr). Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Fall 2007, New York, NY.

“Social Determinants of Black-White Disparities in Breast Cancer Mortality.” (with Mary Gerend). Annual meeting of Society for Study of Social Sciences, Fall 2007, New York, NY.

“Work Status and Subjective Age: Do Retired People Feel Older than their Actual Age?” Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 2006, Dallas, TX.

“Long-term Payoffs of Work? Women’s Paid Work Histories and Mental Health in Widowhood” (with Anne Barrett). Annual meeting of the Gerontological Society of America, November 2005, Orlando, FL.

## **TEACHING**

### **Undergraduate**

Introduction to Sociology (Honors) (Face-to-Face)  
Aging in Society (Face-to-Face and Online)  
Sociology of Health and Health Care (Face-to-Face)  
Sociology of Families (Face-to-Face and Online)  
Glyphix: Visual Life Histories (Studio Class)  
First Year Experience (Face-to-Face)

Sexuality over the Life Course (Online Course developed)

### **Graduate**

Aging and the Life Course  
Sociology of Health and Illness  
Social Gerontology

### **Intergenerational Teaching Project**

Pai, Manacy and Jessica Barness. Visual Transformations of Older Adults' Life Stories, [Stories Generating Connections \(SCG\)](#) -- An Intergenerational Project\* Connecting Students from Visual Communication Design (VCD) and Older Adults in Local Senior Centers (pilot data collection). Featured on [WKSU's Sound of Ideas](#) (Segment starts at Minute 16:00)

### **Graduate and Undergraduate Advising**

#### **Dissertation Chair, Co-Chair**

Dissertation Chair, Adedayo Adeagbo\* (Sociology), In Progress.

\***2024-2025** Ohio Department of Aging Scholar

\***2024** 2<sup>nd</sup> place, Three Minutes Thesis Competition, Kent State University, USA

\***2023-2024 Internship:** Life Enrichment Assistant Director, Danbury Senior Living, Ohio.

Dissertation Chair, Victoria Reynolds (Sociology), Summer 2022 – Advanced Statistician, State Farm Insurance (2021-present).

Co-Chair, Ginny Natale (Sociology), Summer 2019 – Postdoctoral Researcher, Suny-Stony Brook Medicine (2019-2023).

Co-Chair, Jeannette Wade (Sociology, University of Akron), Fall 2017 – Associate Professor, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC (2018-present).

#### **Dissertation Committee Member**

Sarah Harvey (Sociology), In Progress

Tiah Wingate (Sociology), Fall 2025.

Samantha Nousak (Sociology), Spring 2023.

Scott Swatiek (Sociology, University of Akron), Spring 2021.

Marcella Mulhollem (Sociology, University of Akron), Spring 2021.

Corey Stevens (Sociology, University of Akron), Fall 2018.

Christi Gross (Sociology), Summer 2016.

Jamie Chapman (Sociology, University of Akron), Fall 2015.

Ying Lang (Sociology), Spring 2013.

#### **Dissertation Committee, Graduate Representative**

Tara Wixel (Psychological Sciences), Summer 2024

### **Advisor**

Ibukun Odejimi, In Progress

\***2025-2026** Most Outstanding Art Presentation, GSS Symposium, Kent State University

**Comprehensive Exam Chair**

Adedayo Adeagbo (Medical), Fall 2024

Victoria Reynolds (Medical/Mental), Fall 2018

**Comprehensive Exam Committee Member**

Sarah Harvey (Medical), Spring 2021

Tiah Wingate (Medical), Fall 2019

Erin Andro (Medical), Fall 2018

Paige Boisch (Medical), Spring 2018

Elena Fox (Social Psychology), Summer 2017

**Master's Thesis Chair, Co-Chair**

Chair, Adedayo Adeagbo, Summer 2024.

Co-Chair, Victoria Reynolds (Sociology), Fall 2017

Co-Chair, Alicia Krey (Sociology), Summer 2011

**Master's Thesis Committee Member**

Sarah Harvey (Sociology), Summer 2020

Scott Swiatek (Sociology), University of Akron, Spring 2018

Meredith Driscoll (Human Development and Family Studies), Spring 2011

**Master's Essay Committee Advisor & Chair, Liberal Studies Program**

Matthew Hathaway, Fall 2021

Kathryn Sutton, Summer 2018 (co-chair)

Richard Robertson, Summer 2018

Rebecca Rempe, Spring 2017

DWanna Douglas, Spring 2014

Elizabeth Driscoll, Spring 2013

Carol Briney, Summer 2013

Christine Cleary, Fall 2013

**Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Committee Member**

Lindsay Scott (Psychology), Spring 2023

Jessica Purdy (Human Development and Family Studies), Spring 2018

**SURE Fellowship**

Aubrey Gissinger, Summer 2016 (co-advisor)

Suhana Subedi, Summer 2026 (advisor)

**Individual Investigation Advisor**

Adedayo Adeagbo, Fall 2023

Melissa Anderson, (Liberal Studies Program), Fall 2023

Cynthia Smith (Liberal Studies Program), Fall 2022

Dr. Linda Hoeptner-Poling (Art Education), Summer 2016  
Elizabeth Sabo (Liberal Studies Program), Spring 2015

### **NEOUS Research Project Advisor**

Olivia Pilion, 2019 Neouss, Oberlin, Ohio (2nd Award in Poster Presentation)  
Tyler Coy, 2018 Neouss, Oberlin, Ohio

## **SERVICE**

### **Service to Department**

Undergraduate Coordinator, Sociology and Criminology, Fall 2025- Spring 2028.  
Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC), Elected Member, 2014-2016, 2018-2020, 2021-2022, 2023  
2025 (4 terms).  
Student Academic Complaint Committee (SACC), Chair, 2024-.  
Department Handbook Ad hoc Committee, 2022-2023.  
Recruitment and Retention in Lower Division Classes, Ad hoc Committee, Spring 2022.  
Graduate Education Committee (GEC), 2020-2022.  
Criminology Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2017.  
Curriculum and Undergraduate Studies Committee (CUSC), 2008-2010 and 2013-2014 (2 terms).  
Department Chair Review Committee, 2012.  
Research and Development Committee, 2011-2013 and 2016-2017 (2 terms).  
Medical Sociology Comprehensive Examination Committee, 2008-2015.  
Mental Health Comprehensive Examination Committee, 2008-2015. Website Committee, 2010  
2011.

### **Service to University**

College Curriculum Committee (CCC), 2025-2028.  
College Advisory Committee (CAC), 2019-2020 and 2021-2022 (2 one-year terms).  
Steering Committee, Healthy Communities Research Institute (HCRI), 2024-  
Students Rights and Standards Committee, 2021-2023.  
All University Hearing Board, Alternate Member, 2021-2022.  
Policy, Guidelines and Resources for Faculty Retention Committee, 2021-2022.  
Advisory Council for Graduate Certificate of Gerontology, 2021-.  
University Research Council Review Panel for Research and Creativity Grants, 2010 and 2018.  
LGBTQ Studies and Center, Affiliate Member, 2010-.  
BS/MD Program Interview Committee, 2011-2017.  
Distance Learning Planning Committee, 2008-2010.  
Undergraduate Research Symposium Judge, March 2017.  
Volunteer, International Friendship Program, 2018 and 2020.

### **Service to Discipline**

Editorial Board Member, BMC Geriatrics, spring 2024-  
Review Editor, Editorial Board Member, Aging and Public Health, Frontiers in Public Health, 2023-.  
Member, National Leadership/Advisory Council, SelfMade Health Network (SMHN), Centers for

Disease Control (CDC), 2022-.

Volunteer Mentor, Mental Health Mentor Match, American Sociological Association, Fall 2021 – Spring 2022.

Volunteer Mentoring Program, Gerontological Society of America, Fall 2021 – Present.

Associate Editor, Society and Mental Health, 2019-2021.

Abstract Reviewer, Ohio Association of Gerontology and Education, 2023.

Abstract Reviewer, Gerontological Society of America, 2021-Present.

Chair, Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium (NEOUSS), 2014-2015.

Planning Committee Member, Northeast Ohio Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, 2014-2019.

Ad Hoc Reviewer: Israel Science Foundation (ISF), Journal of Aging and Health, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journals of Gerontology, Journal of Marriage and Family, Psychogeriatrics, Educational Gerontology, BMC Geriatrics, BMC Psychiatry, BMC Public Health, Frontiers in Public Health, Frontiers in Psychology, Social Science and Medicine, International Journal of Mental Health Promotion, International Journal of Aging and Human Development, Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry, Scientific Reports, Journal of Advanced Nursing, Journal of Cross-Cultural Gerontology, Brain and Behavior.

### **Service to Community**

Volunteer, [Danbury Senior Living](#), 2023-.

Volunteer, [Grace House](#), 2022-.

Volunteer, [Be My Eyes: See the World Together](#), 2021-.

Founder and Facilitator, [Generations Connect](#), 2021- ([Kent State Today Story](#))

Founder and Facilitator, Generations Build, India, 2021-.

Private Free Tutoring for English, History, and Civics, 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade, Mumbai, India, Visiting summers 2005-present.

Project Fair Speed Mentoring for Science Fair, Hudson High School, November 2017.

Judge, Science Fair, Western Reserve District 5 Science Day, University of Akron, March 2017.

Strategic Planning Committee Member, Susan G. Komen for Cure, Ohio, 2011-2019.

Grant Review Committee Chair, Susan G. Komen for Cure, Ohio, 2012 and 2015.

Grant Review Panel Member, Susan G. Komen for Cure, Ohio, 2010-2012.

Volunteer, Transportation Services for Visiting Seniors from India, Cleveland, Ohio 2009-2013.