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Innovative, passionate, and diligent sociology PhD candidate with four years of experience executing both independent and collaborative qualitative research projects—from conception to analysis. Adept at forging trusting relationships with interviewees that stimulate rich conversations, then synthesizing data into key thematic areas utilizing Nvivo software. Organized and detail-oriented, with a passion for telling compelling stories in service of enacting positive social change.

QUALITATIVE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020 - 2021

LEAD RESEARCHER

PROJECT: MOTHERS RECEIVING DISABILITY BENEFITS

Via funding from the Social Security Administration's Small Grant Program, employed in-depth interviews with 32 current and former disability benefit recipients to explore the impact of children on women's workforce behaviors. The research report, entitled "My Hands are Really Tied in so Many Ways': How Children Both Constrain and Motivate the Labor Force Participation of Mothers with Disabilities" will be presented at the Work and Family Researcher's Network conference in June 2022, and the manuscript is currently submitted for publication.

2018 - 2019

LEAD RESEARCHER

PROJECT: "WORK LIKE A MOTHER" (MASTER'S THESIS)

Designed and fielded an online survey aimed at exploring the impact of motherhood on women's paid work that elicited responses from 1,776 women across all 50 states. To dig beneath the already-available statistics and hear from mothers in their own words, I conducted 42 complementary in-depth interviews, culminating in my master's thesis: "She Can't Always Get What She Wants: Aspirations versus Actualities for Combining Work and Motherhood."

2018 - 2019

RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO DR. KRISTIN HALTINNER

PROJECT: "TRAUMATIC CHILDBIRTH IN RURAL UNITED STATES"

Recruited participants; conducted semi-structured interviews; performed transcription, coding and analysis using Nvivo software. Co-wrote academic journal articles based on findings and contributed to the recently-published book: "[No Perfect Birth: Trauma and Obstetric Care in the Rural United States.](#)"

2013 - 2018

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

BEARMAN CONSULTING

Design surveys and conduct analysis of results for a facilitation, organization development, planning, and R&D firm specializing in grantmaking organizations. Played a key role in the Moscow Food Co-op's 2013 Strategic Plan, including interviewing stakeholders, surveying members, and drawing conclusions. Assistant researcher for [national scan of Giving Circles](#) charged with analyzing data, conducting interviews, and compiling results.

TECHNICAL SKILLS & TRAINING

- NVivo
- Statistical analysis (Stata)
- Graduate-level coursework in qualitative methods
- Microsoft Office 365 suite
- Survey design & methodology (Qualtrics)
- Grant writing

EDUCATION

MAY 2023 (EXPECTED)

PH.D., SOCIOLOGY, WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY

Research areas: Sociology of the Family; Gender; Labor Market Inequality; Qualitative and Survey Research Methods

MAY 2019

M.S., FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE, UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

JUNE 2003

B.A., SOCIOLOGY, WESTERN WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

ADDITIONAL RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2021 - CURRENTLY

SURVEY DESIGN CLINIC CONSULTANT

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC SURVEY RESEARCH CENTER

Advise clients with survey questionnaire design, sampling, and analysis.

2021

LEAD SURVEY RESEARCHER

PROJECT: COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT OF CHILDCARE NEED

Hired via a Washington State Department of Commerce Partnership Grant to design and field a survey for parents and care providers in Whitman County. Analyzed data and prepared formal report of findings.

2020 - 2021

RESEARCH ASSISTANT TO DR. MARI AMORIM

PROJECTS: FAMILY TRANSITIONS OVER THE LIFE COURSE; MULTIPLE PARTNER FERTILITY

Worked with PSID and NLSY datasets to create covariates and perform preliminary analysis, wrote literature review

2019 - 2020

LEAD SURVEY RESEARCHER

PROJECT: "PARENTS IN ACADEMIC SCIENCE"

Designed and fielded a survey to members of the Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology. Conducted analysis of data and created visual data presentations for inclusion in final manuscript, "[Parenting Through Academia as a SICB Member](#)."