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## Education

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**Cornell University**, Ithaca, NY

Ph.D. Candidate, Policy Analysis and Management  
*Concentration in Sociology, Minor in Demography*

2018 – present

*Dissertation: "Health Without Wealth: The Historical, Social, and Spatial Context of the Community Health Center Program"*

*Committee: Laura Tach (Chair), Vida Maralani, Sharon Sassler, Erin York Cornwell*

M.A., Policy Analysis and Management

2018

**American University**, Washington, D.C.

B.A. Sociology, *Magna Cum Laude*

2012

## Research Experience

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**Interests:** Social Policy, Health Disparities, Gender and Family, Spatial Demography

Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Laura Tach

Sept. 2018 – present

"Assessing the Impact of Place-Based and Place-Conscious Interventions on Economic Mobility", funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and Cornell's Center for the Study of Inequality.

Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Sharon Sassler

June 2016 – Sept. 2018

"Early Career Transitions into STEM Employment: Processes Shaping Retention and Satisfaction", funded by the National Science Foundation.

## Papers Under Review

"Plans for Marriage Among First-Time Cohabiters: Gender, Transitions, and Duration." *Revise and Resubmit.*

"Fatherhood and the Progression of Romantic Relationships." With Sharon Sassler and Laura Tach. *Revise and Resubmit.*

"Trash or Treasure? The Social Dimensions of Hoarding." *Under Review.*

"Early Transitions into the Work Force among Engineering Majors: Does Gender Matter?" With Sharon Sassler. *Under Review.*

"Spatial Variation in Access to the Health Care Safety Net for Hispanic Immigrants, 1970-2017." *Under Review.*

"The Place-Based Turn in Federal Policy, 1990-2015." With Laura Tach, Alexandra Cooperstock, and Sam Dodini. *Under Review.*

## Works in Progress

"Political Controversy, Partisanship, and Health Care for the Poor: A Comparative Analysis of U.S. Policies, 1965-1989." *Manuscript in preparation.*

"How the Community Health Center Program Addresses Poverty, Inequality, and Stigma." *Manuscript in preparation.*

"Do Federal Place-based Policies Improve Economic Opportunity in Rural Communities?" with Laura Tach and Cassandra Robertson. *Manuscript in preparation.*

"Historical Redlining and Contemporary Federal Place-Based Policy: A Case of Compensatory or Compounding Neighborhood Inequality?" With Laura Tach and Cassandra Robertson. *Manuscript in preparation.*

"How Housing and Labor Market Conditions Influence the Progression of Romantic Relationships." With Laura Tach, Sharon Sassler, and Mariana Amorim. *Manuscript in preparation.*

## Grants and Awards

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Fahs-Beck Scholar, Doctoral Dissertation Grant (2019): \$5,000

Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (2019): \$7,500

Engaged Cornell Graduate Student Grant (2019): \$15,000

Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality Graduate Student Seed Grant (2019): \$1,000

Cornell University American Studies Graduate Student Research Grant (2018): \$1,000

Cornell University Graduate School Research Travel Grant (2018): \$2,000

Conference Travel Grant, Cornell Population Center (2015-2019)

Conference Travel Grant, Cornell Graduate School (2015-2019)

## Presentations

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Cornell Population Center Graduate Training Seminar (2019), *Ithaca, NY*

"Mixed Methods and Qualitative Research in Demography", with Maureen Waller (Invited talk)

American Sociological Association (2019), *New York City, NY*

"Geographic Variation in Access to the Health Care Safety Net for Hispanic Immigrants in Established and New Destinations, 1970-2018"

"Early Transitions into the Work Force among Engineering Majors: Does Gender Matter?" with Sharon Sassler

"Historical Redlining and Contemporary Federal Place-Based Policy: A Case of Compensatory or Compounding Neighborhood Inequality" with Laura Tach and Cassandra Robertson.

Urban Affairs Association (2019), *Los Angeles, CA*

"The Place-Based Turn in Federal Policymaking, 1990-2015" with Laura Tach, Sam Dodini, and Alexandra Cooperstock

Population Association of America (2019), *Austin, TX*

"Spatial Variation in Access to the Health Care Safety Net for Hispanic Immigrants"

"How Housing and Labor Market Conditions Influence the Progression of Romantic Relationships" with Laura Tach, Sharon Sassler, and Mariana Amorim

"The Place-Based Turn in Federal Policymaking, 1990-2015" Poster with Laura Tach, Sam Dodini, and Alexandra Cooperstock

"Marital Plans and Relationship Tempo Among Cohabiters: Differences by Gender and Social Class" with Lauren Griffin

Population Association of America (2018), *Denver, CO*

"Plans for Marriage Among First-Time Cohabiters: Gender, Transitions, and Tempo"

"Early Transitions into the Workforce Among Engineering Majors: Does Gender Matter?" Poster with Sharon Sassler

American Sociology Association Annual Meeting (2017), *Montreal, QB*

"Gendered Attitudes and Plans for Marriage Upon Entering First Cohabitations"

"Fear in the Urban Activity Spaces of Older Adults: Crime, Policing, and Disorder" with Erin York Cornwell

"Fatherhood and the Progression of Romantic Relationships" with Sharon Sassler and Laura Tach

Population Association of America (2017) *Chicago, IL*

"Having a STEM Job by Spring: Feeding the Pipeline, or Leaking Away?"

"Fatherhood and the Progression of Romantic Relationships"

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2016) *Seattle, WA*

"Trash or Treasure: Hoarding Among Low-Income, Inner-City Elders."

Cornell University Department of Sociology Research Symposium (2016 and 2017), *Ithaca, NY*

## Teaching Experience

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Graduate Teaching Assistant, Population and Public Policy *Jan. - May 2016*

Graduate Teaching Assistant, U.S. Health Care System *Aug. - Dec. 2015*

## Service

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President, Graduate Students in Policy Analysis and Management *Aug. 2016 - July 2017*

Graduate Student Fellow, Scholars Strategy Network Finger Lakes Chapter *Aug. 2017 - May 2018*

Graduate Student Mentor, Cornell University Office of Academic Diversity and Inclusion *Sept. 2018 - Present*

Co-editor of the Medical Sociology Newsletter Student Section *Sept. 2019 - Present*

## Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, Scholars Strategy Network

## Professional Experience

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**New York State Health Foundation**, New York, NY *Oct. 2012 - June 2015*

*Senior Program Assistant* (October 2014 - June 2015); *Program Assistant* (October 2012 - October 2014)

- Research specializations in expanding health insurance coverage in New York; improving primary care access & capacity; and integration of health care with housing, mental health, and social services.
- Developed and managed a portfolio of \$5.2 million in grants addressing public health issues across New York State.

**AARP: Legal Counsel for the Elderly**, Washington, D.C.

*May 2010 - May 2012*

*Social Work Researcher*

- Conducted interviews with clients who were being evicted and wrote investigative reports on housing code violations for low-income elders used in housing court cases.