

SHAUNA LEAHY

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** University of Delaware, Sociology Expected May 2025
(*In progress*)
Comprehensive Exam areas: *Health and Disasters & Environmental Sociology*
- M.A.** University of Delaware, Sociology May 2022
Thesis: Sandwich Generation Caregiving During the COVID-19 Pandemic
Dr. Sarah DeYoung, committee chair
- B.S.** University of Scranton, Sociology May 2019
Graduated Summa Cum Laude
Minored in Criminology and Philosophy
Honors Program: Special Jesuit Liberal Arts (SJLA)
- Study Abroad** Trinity College Dublin Jan to May 2018
Philosophy, Criminology, Sociology courses

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Member of Alpha Phi Sigma** 2019
Membership in Alpha Phi Sigma, the National Criminal Justice Honors Society, indicates excellence in the study of Criminal Justice
- Member of Alpha Kappa Delta** 2018
Membership in Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honors Society, indicates excellence in the study of Sociology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Center for Drug and Health Studies**, Newark, DE Jan 2021 to Present
Graduate Research Assistant, University of Delaware
- Evaluation of the Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Program at University of Delaware, with Cheryl Ackerman as PI
 - Planet Youth Coalition's Federal Prevention Grant, with M.J. Scales as PI
 - 2022 Community Assessment Follow-Up: Perception of Risk Survey Report
 - Annual federal reporting
 - Evaluation of Lions Quest Virtual 12-Week Prevention Program, with Cheryl Ackerman as PI
 - Assorted other projects: Delaware Department of Education Analysis to Action Professional Learning Series; State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup 3D Webinar and Semi-Annual Meeting
- Research Fieldwork**, Fort Myers, FL Mar 10-12, 2023
Disaster Research Center Affiliate, University of Delaware

- In-person interviews and observations/ethnographic fieldwork on the Infant Feeding in Emergencies research project as related to Hurricane Ian impacts, under Dr. Sarah DeYoung

Coursework, Newark, DE

Aug 2019 to May 2021

Graduate Student, University of Delaware

- SOCI606 Qualitative Methodology
- SOCI605 Data Collection and Analysis – SPSS
- SOCI614 Advanced Data Analysis – Stata
- SOCI625 Advanced Social Statistics – Stata

The Institute for Public Policy and Economic Development,

Aug 2018 to May 2019

Scranton, PA

Research Intern, Wilkes University

- Collaborated on a project on Census 2020 education, Living Wage Study 2019, Wilkes University Housing Study 2019, student civic engagement poll report 2018
- Updated the Commission of Economic Opportunity (CEO) needs assessment 2018
- Analyzed the results of various small surveys for a number of The Institute’s clients

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- The family, the elderly, and caregiving
- Health and social isolation
- Disasters
 - Graduate student affiliate with the **Disaster Research Center** at the University of Delaware

CITI PROGRAM TRAINING

University of Delaware

Human Subjects Protections – Social-Behavioral-Educational Focus – All UD Researchers/Faculty/Staff

- Completion Date: July 2022
- Expiration Date: July 2025

Responsible Conduct of Research (RCR)

- Completion Date: January 2021
- Expiration Date: January 2025

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Delaware, Online

Aug 2020 to Jun 2021

Lab Instructor, Sociology and Criminal Justice

- SOCI301 Introduction to Sociological Research Statistics lab (Fall 2020, responsible for 2 labs; Spring 2021, responsible for 4 labs)
- Instructed undergraduate students in a statistics lab once a week, created teaching content to complement lecture materials, generated and graded assignments, produced examples to teach in lab, and taught SPSS program and access to the VPN and VDI

University of Delaware, Online

Nov 2020

Guest Lecture, Anthropology

- 30-minute graduate student guest lecture on “Heat Waves and the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave” in ANTH640 course
- Topics included heat waves in general, the 1995 Chicago heat wave, and safety tips

University of Delaware, Newark, DE

Aug 2019 to May 2020

Teaching Assistant, Sociology and Criminal Justice

- Have had a variety of responsibilities, including grading student assignments, creating assessments for students to take, and answering students’ questions on course material
- SOCI312 Theories of Society, SOCI305 Social Class and Inequalities (Fall 2019); CRJU/SOCI302 Social Deviance, SOCI206 Women and Work (Spring 2020)

University of Scranton, Scranton, PA

Aug 2016 to May 2019

Student Tutor, Sociology and Criminal Justice

- Met with assigned students and performed various tutor duties, including answering questions, clarifying information, providing notes, proofreading papers, and aiding with study material
- Introductory level courses in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Research Methods, Statistics, Crime Analysis, Social Stratification, Social Theory

PRESENTATIONS AND PROJECTS

Project, “State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW)”

Mar 2023 to Present

Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

M.J. Scales, Sharon Merriman-Nai, Dana Holz, Shauna Leahy, Emalie Rell

Evaluation Project, “Chemical & Biomolecular Engineering Graduate Program”

May 2022 to Present

Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

Cheryl M. Ackerman, Shauna Leahy

Evaluation Project, “Planet Youth Coalition’s Federal Prevention Grant”

Sept 2021 to Present

Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

M.J. Scales, Shauna Leahy

Poster Paper, “Maternal & Infant Support Policies in Hurricanes:
The Case Study of Hurricane Ian”

Nov 11, 2023

2023 Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Fall Research Conference

Sarah DeYoung, Roni Fraser, Shauna Leahy

Presentation, “Maternal & Infant Health Fieldwork After Hurricane Ian”

Oct 18, 2023

Disaster Research Center ‘Pop-Up’ Event, Online

Sarah DeYoung, Roni Fraser, Shauna Leahy, Eva Pumo

Paper Presentation, “Systematic Social Media Recruitment for Disaster Research”

Jul 14, 2022

Researchers Meeting of the Natural Hazards Workshop, Online

Sarah DeYoung, Roni Fraser, Shauna Leahy

Evaluation Project, “Evaluating the Lions Quest Virtual 12-Week Prevention Program”

Jan 2021 to Jan 2022

Center for Drug and Health Studies, University of Delaware

Cheryl M. Ackerman, M.J. Scales, Shauna Leahy

COMMUNITY SERVICE/POSITIONS

Graduate Student Council, Newark, DE

Feb 2021 to May 2022

Treasurer

- University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

United Neighborhood Centers (UNC), Scranton, PA

Feb to May 2019

Student Volunteer

- Assisted local low-income families with obtaining basic necessities, such as food and clothing, through Angel's Attic

Lackawanna Historical Society, Scranton, PA

Feb to May 2017

Student Volunteer

- Library cataloging as well as research of the local area/local families by request

COMPUTER SKILLS

- Basics of both SPSS and Stata (quantitative methodology)
- Basics of NVivo (qualitative methodology)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office: Word, Excel, PowerPoint