

Shauna Leahy

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Education

● **Ph.D., Sociology** ABD, expected 2025

University of Delaware | Newark, DE

Dissertation: Climate Change, Family, and Decision-Making: Through the Lens of Companion Animal Owners

Comprehensive Exam areas: Health and Disasters & Environmental Sociology

● **M.A., Sociology** 2022

University of Delaware | Newark, DE

Thesis: Sandwich Generation Caregiving During the COVID-19 Pandemic

● **B.S., Sociology** 2019

University of Scranton | Scranton, PA

Minors: Criminology and Philosophy
Summa Cum Laude; Special Jesuit Liberal Arts (SJLA) Honors Program

Study Abroad: Trinity College | Dublin, Ireland

Honors & Organizational Service

- Journal Reviewer: *Sociological Forum*
- Sociology & Criminal Justice Graduate Committee, University of Delaware: Treasurer, 2021-2022
- Alpha Phi Sigma, National Criminal Justice Honors Society, 2019
- Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honors Society, 2018

Profile

Dedicated social scientist with hands-on experience in both quantitative and qualitative research methodologies. Achievements that span diverse research projects, ranging from community substance use prevention to maternal and infant health in disasters. Proven ability to collaborate and take initiative.

Professional Experience

- **Graduate Research Assistant** Jan 2021 - Present
Center for Drug and Health Studies | Newark, DE
 - Dedicated 25+ hours per week, averaging 3 grants per year
 - Project Lead on Chemical and Biomolecular Graduate Program Evaluation
 - Worked with community partners to provide technical assistance, evaluate the implementation of federal grants, and develop and maintain effective data collection mechanisms
 - Disseminated data products and resources to community partners to inform prevention planning and policies
 - Collaborated on a yearly state epidemiological report on various behavioral health factors
 - Developed infographics, reports, literature reviews, and presentations
 - Assisted with the development and implementation of survey instruments and interview/focus group protocols
 - Submitted IRB applications on a variety of projects, including those with youth participation in research
 - Utilized SPSS, NVivo, and Microsoft Excel to analyze data
 - Mentored new team members on long-term projects
- **Graduate Student Affiliate** Sept 2020 - Present
Disaster Research Center | Newark, DE
 - Attended and presented at 2 conferences related to infant and maternal health in disasters research
 - Conducted quick response fieldwork, in-person interviews, and ethnographic observation
 - Collaborated on published work based on primary data collected
 - Provided a presentation to colleagues on experience and methods
- **Graduate Lab Instructor** Aug 2020 - Jun 2021
University of Delaware | Newark, DE
 - Independently taught 6 lab sections of Introduction to Sociological Research, virtually
 - Developed a syllabus, 10-11 lectures and assignments per semester related to SPSS and its application in social science research
- **Graduate Teaching Assistant** Aug 2019 - May 2020
University of Delaware | Newark, DE
 - Social Class and Inequalities; Theories of Society; Social Deviance; Women and Work
 - Provided support for students, developed assessments, and graded exams and papers in a timely manner
- **Research Intern** Aug 2018 - May 2019
The Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development | Scranton, PA
 - Collaborated on 5 projects over 2 semesters, related to civic engagement and Census education
 - Created reports, infographics, and needs assessments
 - Analyzed data and survey results for the Institute's clients within the community

Disaster Fieldwork

Disaster Research Center, Mar 10-12, 2023
University of Delaware

In-Person Interviews and Ethnographic
Observation after Hurricane Ian, Fort Myers, FL

Skills

Technical:

- SPSS and Stata; NVivo; Microsoft Office and Google; Venngage and Canva

Research:

- Survey and Interview Protocol Development; Interviewing (virtually and in-person); Focus Group Leading; Ethnographic Fieldwork (post-disaster setting); Program Evaluation; IRB Application Writing; Literature Review Development; Quantitative and Qualitative Analysis; Coding

Deliverables:

- Final Reports; Infographic Design; Data Visualizations; Presentations

Soft Skills:

- Time Management; Adaptability; Teamwork and Communication

CITI Training: Human Subjects Protections (Social-Behavioral-Educational Focus); Responsible Conduct of Research

References upon request

Publications

- Dyck, S., Fraser, R. J., DeYoung, S. E., **Leahy, S.**, & Pumo, E. (Forthcoming). "Including the maternal and infant needs in preparedness and sheltering: A case study emphasizing Hurricanes Ida and Ian." *Journal of Emergency Management*.

Manuscripts Under Review

- **Leahy, S.** "Exploring The Human-Animal Bond and Climate Risk: A Path Forward?" (book chapter)
- **Leahy, S.**, & DeYoung, S. E. "Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Sandwich Generation Caregivers"

Recent Presentations

- Scales, M., Merriman-Nai, S., **Leahy, S.**, & Rell, E. (Feb 20, 2025). "State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup Winter Semi-Annual Meeting." *Center for Drug and Health Studies, Virtual*.
- Scales, M., Merriman-Nai, S., **Leahy, S.**, & Rell, E. (Sept 19, 2024) "State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup Summer Semi-Annual Meeting." *Center for Drug and Health Studies, Virtual*.
- Scales, M., Merriman-Nai, S., **Leahy, S.**, & Rell, E. (Feb 13, 2024) "State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup Winter Semi-Annual Meeting." *Center for Drug and Health Studies, Virtual*.
- DeYoung, S. E., Fraser, R. J., **Leahy, S.**, & Pumo, E. (Nov 11, 2023). "Maternal and Infant Support Policies in Hurricanes: The Case Study of Hurricane Ian." *Poster presentation at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management 2023 Fall Research Conference, Atlanta, GA*.
- DeYoung, S. E., Fraser, R. J., **Leahy, S.**, & Pumo, E. (Oct 18, 2023). "Quick Response Fieldwork Overview: Maternal & Infant Health After Hurricane Ian." *International Association for Emergency Management, University of Delaware Chapter: Pop-Up Presentation, Virtual*.
- DeYoung, S. E. Fraser, R. J., & **Leahy, S.** (Jul 14, 2022) "Systematic Social Media Recruitment for Disaster Research." *Annual Natural Hazards Research and Applications Workshop & Researcher's Meeting, Virtual*.
- **Leahy, S.** (Nov 2020). "ANTH640: Heat Waves and the 1995 Chicago Heat Wave." *Guest Lecture, University of Delaware, Virtual*.

