

Education

M.A. University of Washington, Seattle. *Sociology* (Summer 2017)

B.A. University of California, Davis. *Sociology and History*

Graduated with Honors, 2011

Research Interests

- Sociology of Mental Health
- Social Determinants of Health (Disparities)
- Sociology of Science/Knowledge
- Social Stratification & Inequality
- Stigmatization, Embodiment, and Emotions
- Environmental Inequality

Published Papers

- **Sass, Victoria**, Sylvie Gadeyne. 2021. "Social Disparities in Survival from Head and Neck Cancers in Europe." In: Launoy, G., Zadnik, V., Coleman, M.P. (eds) *Social Environment and Cancer in Europe*. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-69329-9_10
- Rosskamp, Michael, Julie Verbeeck, **Victoria Sass**, Sylvie Gadeyne, Freija Verdoodt, and Harlinde De Schutter. 2021. "Social Inequalities in Cancer Survival in Belgium: A Population-Based Cohort Study." *Cancer Epidemiology Biomarkers & Prevention* 30(1):45. doi: 10.1158/1055-9965.EPI-20-0721.
- Bongki Woo, Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, **Victoria Sass**, Kyle Crowder, Samantha Teixeira, David Takeuchi. "Residential Segregation and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Ambient Air Pollution." *Race and Social Problems*, 11(1) 60-67 (October 2018).
- Stewart E. Tolnay, Woody E. Beck, **Victoria Sass**. "Migration and Protest in the Jim Crow South," *Social Science Research*, 73:13-30 (July 2018).

- **Victoria Sass**, Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, Steven M. Karceski, Anjum Hajat, Kyle Crowder, David Takeuchi. “The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress,” *Health and Place*, 48:72-79, (November 2017).
- Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, Kyle Crowder, Anjum Hajat, **Victoria Sass**. “The Long-Term Dynamics of Racial-Ethnic Inequality in Neighborhood Air Pollution Exposure, 1990-2009,” *Du Bois Review*, Volume 13 - Issue 2 (October 2016).

Papers/projects under review or in progress

- “Just Diet: The social and health implications of the medicalization of ‘obesity’” (*Dissertation*)
- “Decomposition of metro-level air pollution exposure, racial/ethnic, and individual-level variation”
- “Air pollution and Children’s Mental Health.”
- “How Family and Neighborhood Stressors Intensify the Long-Term Impact of Air Pollution on Health.”
- **Victoria Sass**. “The Great Decline: Toxic Air Pollution and Neighborhood Dynamics,” *Masters Thesis*.

Fellowships

- University of Washington eScience Institute’s Data Science for the Social Good Summer Fellowship Summer 2016
Seattle, WA

Awards

- Excellence in Teaching (Graduate Student) – UW Sociology Department Spring 2021
- Excellence in Teaching (Graduate Student) – UW Sociology Department Spring 2015

- Poster Session Winner: Migration, Urbanization, Population, Development, and Environment. *Population Association of America Annual Meeting.* March 31-April 2, 2016
Washington D.C.

Research & Teaching Experience:

Research:

- Research Assistant, Kyle Crowder Fall 2015 – present
- Research Assistant, Stewart Tolnay Summer 2015 – Fall 2015
- Research Assistant, Sam Clark Winter 2015 – Fall 2015

Teaching (as Graduate Student Instructor):

- Sociology 321: *Using Quantitative Data for Social Science Research* Fall 2017

Teaching (as Teaching Assistant):

- Sociology 506: *Methodology: Quantitative Techniques in Sociology* Spring 2021
- Sociology 505: *Applied Social Statistics* Winter 2021
- Sociology 504: *Applied Social Statistics* Fall 2020
- Statistics 220: *Principles of Statistical Reasoning* Summer 2015
- Sociology 270: *Social Problems* Spring 2015
- Sociology 201: *Surviving in South Africa: Contemporary Health & Population Issues* Winter 2015
- Sociology 300: *Foundations of Social Inquiry* Fall 2014

Professional Activities

- UW Social Determinants of Health Working Group, *Organizer* Fall 2022 - present
- UW Soc Sem!, *Graduate Student Organizer* Fall 2022 - present
- UW Sociology Graduate Student Association, *Representative to the Colloquium Committee* Fall 2021 - present
- UW Sociology Graduate Student Association, *Representative to the Chair* Fall 2017 – Spring 2018
- UW Sociology Graduate Student Association, *President* Fall 2016 – Spring 2017
- UW Sociology Graduate Student Association, *Faculty Meeting Representative* Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
- UW Sociology Graduate Student Association, *Social Committee* Fall 2014 – Fall 2015

Conference Participation

- Served as session chair for Session 32: The Environment and Population Health. *Population Association of America Annual Meeting.* April 6-9, 2021
Atlanta, GA
- Served as discussant for Session 262: Climate Change and Health. *Population Association of America Annual Meeting.* May 5-8, 2021
- “Socioeconomic inequalities in cancer mortality in Belgium.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting Paper Presentation.* October 1-4, 2019
Seattle, WA
- “Reframing ‘obesity’ research using a weight-neutral approach.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting Paper Presentation.* October 1-4, 2019
Seattle, WA
- “The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress.” *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting Paper Presentation.* November 10 – 14, 2018
Atlanta, GA

- “The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting Paper Presentation.* October 2-4, 2017
Austin, TX
- “The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting Poster Session.* April 27-29, 2017
Chicago, IL
- “The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress.” *111th ASA Annual Meeting: Population Roundtable Session.* August 20-23, 2016
Seattle, WA
- “The Long-Term Dynamics of Racial-Ethnic Inequality in Neighborhood Air Pollution Exposure, 1990-2009.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting.* Poster Session Winner: Migration, Urbanization, Population, Development, and Environment. March 31-April 2, 2016
Washington D.C.

Research Groups/Development

- Social Determinants of Health Working Group Spring 2022 - present
- “Weight Matters” Working Group (VA Puget Sound - invited to join by Katherine Hoerster, PhD, MPH) Fall 2020 - present
- UW Sociology Gender Working Group Winter 2021 - Spring 2022
- Washington State Environmental Justice Mapping Symposium February 21, 2018
(Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle)
- Partnership with King County Public Health’s Community Resilience + Equity Program November 2017 -
June 2018

- The Northwest Nature & Health Symposium
(Center for Urban Horticulture, University of Washington, Seattle) October 26, 2017
- CSDE Demographic Methods Graduate Certificate Received Spring 2017
- Graduate Student Research Symposium February 2016
April 2015
- Air pollution and health working group September 2015 - present
- Contexts Working Group Fall 2014 - present

Affiliations/Memberships

- American Sociological Association
- Population Association of America
- American Public Health Association
- Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science
- Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE) Trainee

Software/Programming Skills

- R / R Studio
- STATA
- QGIS
- Git / GitHub
- SQL
- LaTeX