

Misty L. Harris

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Education

West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Ph.D. Sociology, expected 2020

Certificate in University Education, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, M.P.H. Population Health, 2014

The University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS, B.A. Anthropology, 2005

Interests

My teaching interests include instruction in Sociology, Inequality and Health, and Social Science Research Methods to a diverse student body. I have a specific interest in teaching non-traditional and pre-medical, medical, community and public health, and allied health professions students. I focus on using a team-based learning pedagogy that incorporates team-based research projects investigating popular media and current social problems related to health and well-being. I would also like to further this pedagogy to extend its benefits to online learning environments.

My research interests involve developing a critical medical sociology that challenges assumptions about how health and longevity are defined, understood, and valued across time and place. I would like to develop an understanding of health disparities that move beyond individual behaviors and lifestyle choices – shifting the focus to the economic, political, and social powers that generate inequalities and how these inequalities effect health. My dissertation investigates the relationship between the fundamental social causes of class and stigma and spatial health inequalities using a mixed methods approach to understand associations at the structural and individual level.

Professional Experience

Graduate Research Assistant, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 05/2020 – 08/2020 [Dr. Chris P. Scheitle]

- Working on publication of results using data from National Science Foundation funded projects for which Dr. Chris Scheitle is the Primary Investigator.

Graduate Teaching Assistant, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 07/2019 – 05/2020

- Teaching two in-person sections of Introduction to Sociology using Team Based Learning
- Teaching two on-line sections of Introduction to Sociology (Blackboard)

Mountaineers of Excellence STEM Fellow, West Virginia University Office of Graduate Education and Life, Morgantown, WV, 05/2106 – 07/2019

- Focused on ethnographic portion of my dissertation, conducting observations, surveys, and interviews with an academic cohort of adolescents in southern West Virginia.

Graduate Research Assistant, West Virginia University/Health Sciences and Technology Academy, Morgantown, WV, 08/2015 – 07/2016 [Dr. Ann Chester]

- Provided analysis and publication support (SAS and STATA)
- Supported program and project evaluations (REDCap)

Professional Experiences continued

Graduate Research Assistant, Case Western Reserve University/MetroHealth System Center for Health Care Research and Policy, Cleveland, OH, 05/2013 – 03/2014

[Drs. Joseph J. Sudano and Adam T. Perzynski: AHRQ Grant #1R01HS020919: An Open-Source Public Domain Health Risk Assessment for Use in Primary Care]

- Developed survey instruments (REDCap)
- Surveyed, interviewed, and observed hospital faculty, staff, patients, and visitors.
- Assisted in coding qualitative data (NVivo)
- Assisted in analyses (SPSS and STATA) of quantitative project data and contributed to presentations and publications of results

Graduate Research Assistant/Graduate Fellow, Case Western Reserve University/Jewish Community Health Initiative, Cleveland, OH, 1/2011 – 9/2011 [Dr. Mendel E. Singer]

- Provided general research support.

Fulbright-Hayes Groups Projects Abroad Scholar, University of Dar es Salaam, Dar es Salaam, TZ, 6/2005 – 8/2005

- Worked with architectural students to propose redesign of an informal settlement on the outskirts of Dar es Salaam (Keko), focused on health and community features
- Observed use of community spaces and interviewed residents of Keko

Research Intern, the MetroHealth System Center for Health Care Research and Policy, Cleveland, OH, 3/2014 – 8/2015

- Assisted in data collection and analyses (REDCap, NVivo, SPSS, and STATA)
- Contributed to presentations and publications of results
- Assisted in hospital program evaluations and preparation of grant applications
- Updated technical documentation for software and processes
- Conducted testing and quality checks for risk prediction algorithms

Grant Writer/Systems Analyst, Health Care Access Clinic, Lawrence, KS, 8/2004 – 10/2010

- Wrote, managed, and reported for government and non-government grants
- Supervised and evaluated undergraduate students fulfilling practicums required for the University of Kansas Sports and Exercise Science bachelor's degree
- Analyzed service and outcome figures and reported to agency and funders
- Managed planning, implementation, and funding of Electronic Medical Records
- Supported staff and volunteers in development and evaluation of clinic programs

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association, 2015 – present

West Virginia Clinical and Translational Science Institute, 2016 – present

Rural Sociological Society, 2016 – present

National Rural Health Association, 2016 – present

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, 2017 – 2019

Southern Demographic Association, 2017

Population Association of America, 2017

North Central Sociological Association, 2015 – 2017

American Public Health Association, 2008 – 2017

Professional Service

Student Member, Graduate Sociology Association, West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Morgantown, WV, 8/2015 – 5/2017

Editorial Intern, Student Assembly Newsletter, American Public Health Association, 2/2014 – 10/2014

AmeriCorps Community HealthCorp Member, Kansas Department of Health and Environment and the Health Care Access Clinic, Lawrence, KS, 8/2003 – 8/2004

Publications

Chester, Ann, Sara Hanks, Summer Kuhn, Floyd Jones, Travis White, **Misty Harris**, Bethany Hornbeck, Sherron McKendall, Mary McMillion, Cathy Morton, Mallory Slusser, and R. Kyle Saunders. 2018. "Social Media Based STEM Enrichment Curriculum Positively Impacts Rural Adolescent Health Measures." *Journal of STEM Outreach* 1 (2): 1-12.

Presentations and Posters

Thorpe, Jr. Lee and **Misty L. Harris**. 2019. "Sexuality: An Intersectional Endeavor for LGBTQ Studies in Sociology." Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., Walter S. DeKeseredy, and **Misty L. Harris**. 2019. "Women Coping with Stigma: Intimate Partner Violence and the 'Misuse' of Prescription Medications." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. New York, NY.

Harris, Misty L. 2019. "The Relationship Between Health and Education During Adolescence in Rural Context." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Richmond, VA

DeKeseredy, Walter S., **Misty L. Harris**, and Jeralynn S. Cossmann. 2018. "From Boys Will Be Boys to Boys Will Be Men: Rural, Suburban, and Urban Variations in Male Peer Support and Violence Against Women." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., Walter S. DeKeseredy, and **Misty L. Harris**. 2018. "A Cause of Great Pain: The Relationship between Violence Against Women and Unprescribed Prescription Pain Medication Use." Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting. Washington, DC.

Harris, Misty L., Jeralynn S. Cossmann, and Walter S. DeKeseredy. 2018. "Rural Crime and Intimate Partner Violence in the United States from Adolescence to Young Adulthood." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Portland, OR.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., Julia K. Wolf, **Misty L. Harris**, Hannah DePoy, and Wesley James. 2018. Testing Place Effects for Spatial Mortality in the United States. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., **Misty L. Harris**, Julia K. Wolf, and Hannah DePoy. 2018. "Unravelling Time: An Examination of Race- and Sex-Specific Temporal Lags of Contextual Risk Factors for Heart Disease Mortality in the United States." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

Presentations and Posters continued

Harris, Misty L. 2018. "Constructing the Health of a City: Using a Political Ecology Framework to Investigate Health Inequalities." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Baltimore, MD.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., **Misty L. Harris**, Julia K. Wolf, and DePoy Hannah. 2017. "Paradoxes and Lag Selection Bias: Testing Lags in Predictors of Female Heart Disease Mortality in the U.S." Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science Annual Meeting. Austin, TX.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., Julia K. Wolf, and **Misty L. Harris**. 2017. "Testing Race- and Gender-Specific Lags in Predictors of Lung Cancer Mortality in the United States." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Morgantown, WV.

Cossmann, Jeralynn S., Julia K. Wolf, **Misty L. Harris**, and Hannah DePoy. 2017. "Testing a Social Progress Index for Spatial Mortality in the United States." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. Morgantown, WV.

Harris, Misty L. 2017. "How Place Matters: Contextualizing Morbidity and Mortality Disparities in West Virginia." Rural Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Columbus, OH.

Kuhn, Summer, Ann Chester, Sarah Hanks, Merge McMillion, Cathy Morton-McSwain, **Misty L. Harris**, Wayne Miller, H. Heinsberg. 2016. "The West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine and the Health Sciences and Technology Academy have partnered to train 11th and 12th grade students as Adolescent Health Advocates." American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.

Hanks, Sarah, Cathy Morton, Summer Kuhn, Merge McMillion, Floyd Jones, Travis White, **Misty L. Harris**, and Ann Chester. 2015. "Social Media Intervention for Adolescents to Improve Healthy Lifestyles." American Public Health Association. Chicago, IL.

Perzynski, Adam T., **Misty L. Harris**, and Joseph J. Sudano Jr. 2015. "Brief Measures for Evaluating Engagement and Perceived Usefulness of Health Apps for Patients." Society of General Internal Medicine. Toronto, ON Canada

Perzynski, Adam T., R. Williams, P. Murphy, R. Stoneking, M. **Harris**, A. Cembali, A. Zehnder, L. McVey, J. Coats, C. Hebert. 2015. Non-Immersive Virtual Reality Gaming to Promote Weight Loss Management amongst African-American Women in the Diabetes Prevention Program. Los Angeles, CA.

Harris, Misty L., Adam T. Perzynski, and Joseph J. Sudano Jr. 2015. "Estimating the Associations between Literacy, Numeracy, Income, and Composite Health Risks among Persons Taking a Health Risk Assessment." North Central Sociological Association (NCSA). Cleveland, OH.

Perzynski Adam T., **Misty L. Harris**, Gultekin Ozsoyoglu, Sandra Andrukut, and Joseph J. Sudano Jr. 2014. "Health Risk Assessment Software for Everyone: Testing the Association of Numeracy with Engagement, Perceived Usefulness, and Satisfaction." Society of Medical Decision Making. Miami, FL.

Presentations and Posters continued

Harris, Misty L., Joseph J. Sudano Jr., Adam T. Perzynski, Mendel E. Singer. 2014. "Health Risk Assessment Use in Primary Care: Providers' Knowledge, Perceptions, and Intentions to Use." MetroHealth Research Symposium. Cleveland, OH.

Harris, Misty L., Joseph J. Sudano Jr., Adam T. Perzynski, Mendel E. Singer. 2014. Health Risk Assessment Use in Primary Care: Providers' Knowledge, Perceptions, and Intentions to Use. Academy of Health. San Diego, CA.

Sudano, Joseph J. Jr., Adam T. Perzynski, **Misty L. Harris**, and Edwin B. Hutchins. 2014. "Development of the "Gold Standard" Health Risk Assessment for use in Primary Care: Making the Most of Affordable Care Act Opportunities." Academy of Health. San Diego, CA.

Perzynski, Adam T. and **Misty L. Harris**. 2014. "Use of REDCap Survey Development Software in Research." MetroHealth Center for Health Care Research and Policy Biostatistics Evaluation, Research, and Design (BERD) Core. Cleveland, OH.

Harris, Misty L. 2013. "Health Risk Assessment Use in Primary Care: Measuring Providers' Knowledge, Perceptions, and Intentions to Use." Innovations in Population Health Conference. Case Western Reserve. Cleveland, OH.

Harris, Misty L. 2003. "Study Abroad and Africa: Challenges and Perspectives." African Studies Brownbag Series. University of Kansas. Lawrence, KS.

Awards and Certifications

West Virginia University Department of Sociology and Anthropology Graduate Student Travel Award (\$300), 2017

Rural Sociological Society Dissertation Award (\$1300), 2017

Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society, 2017

CWRU Responsible Conduct of Research Certification (CREC), 2013

Fulbright-Hayes Groups Project Abroad Scholar, 2005

University of Kansas Global Awareness Program Certification, 2005

Jewish Vocational Services Cultural Competency Certification, 2004

Trainings and Workshops

Online Teaching Workshop. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, 2019.

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICSPR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Ann Arbor, MI, 2016.

Practice-based Research Festival 2.0, Independence, OH, 2013.

United Way Outcomes Model Grant Writing & Evaluation Workshop, Lawrence, KS, 2005/2006.

Kansas Non-Profit Association Successful Development Plans Workshop, Topeka, KS, 2005.

References

Ann Chester, Ph.D., Assistant Vice President for Education Partnerships, Director of Health Sciences and Technology Academy, Director of Health Careers Opportunity Program, West Virginia University. Morgantown, WV. (304) 293-1651. achester@hsc.wvu.edu.

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