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AREAS OF INTEREST

Medical Sociology; Urban Environment; Substance Use; Urban Planning Policy; Psychological Trauma; Community Engagement; Mixed Methods Research; Social Networks; Spatial Analysis

EDUCATION

- 2020 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
Ph.D. Dissertation: "Theater of crisis: A mixed methods examination of planning, power and penalty during the Flint Water Crisis." *Committee: Kristen Schilt (University of Chicago, Sociology, Co-Chair); Anna Mueller (Indiana University, Sociology, Co-Chair); and Bruce Link (University of California – Riverside, Sociology)*
- 2018 M.A., Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2010 M.P.H., Sociomedical Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY
M.P.H. Thesis Practicum: "A qualitative assessment of practices, barriers and recommendations around physical healthcare service integration and coordination for individuals with serious mental illness: How do we bridge the quality chasm?" *Advisor: Bruce Link (Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health, Epidemiology and Sociomedical Sciences)*
- 2008 B.A., Anthropology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

POST-GRADUATE EXPERIENCE

- 2024- Visiting Research Assistant Professor, *Section on Infectious Diseases and Global Health*, School of Medicine and Chicago Center for HIV Elimination at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2023-2024 Assistant Professor, *Center for Cultural Humility/Community Health Sciences* at the University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
Courses taught: 1) Place, Space, and Race (undergraduate/graduate) and 2) Doing Mixed Methods Research with Marginalized and Hidden Populations (graduate)
- 2020-2023 Assistant Professor, *General Internal Medicine/Africana Studies* at Cornell University/Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY
Courses taught: 1) Diasporic and Indigenous Health (undergraduate/graduate) and 2) Doing Mixed Methods Research with Marginalized and Hidden Populations (graduate)
- Joint graduate faculty field appointments: *Department of Sociology, American Studies, Brooks School of Public Policy, and City and Regional Planning*, at Cornell University
- 2021-current Executive Director, *Center for Cultural Humility* | www.humilitycenter.org
The Center for Cultural Humility (CHUM) is a training center focused on generating and disseminating best practices for culturally responsive practice, policy, and research. CHUM was established in 2021 and provides evidence-based trainings on cultural humility, trauma-informed practice, restorative justice, Community-Based Participatory Research, and citizen science around the world.
- 2020-current Executive Director, *ReLateral Lab* at University of Chicago, Chicago, IL | www.relateral.com
ReLateral Lab is an interdisciplinary research lab that focuses on providing graduate and undergraduate students with opportunities to conduct community-based research on health disparities. The lab was established in 2020 and currently employs a diverse, multidisciplinary mix of students who are conducting research and community engagement in California, New York, Washington DC, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Illinois.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2024 Consultant, *Infectious Diseases and Global Health*, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL
Leader of qualitative research core involved in participant recruitment, interview question guide development, interviewing, and coding and analysis.

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- 2017-2020 Research Coordinator, *Infectious Diseases and Global Health*, University of Chicago Medicine, Chicago, IL
Provided general research coordination for an NIH-funded study on nonmedical opioid use study, including leading the qualitative core, developing research protocols and IRB documentation, and analyzing collected data.
- 2017-2019 Program Evaluator, Umoja Student Development, Chicago, IL
Served as a technical resource for the evaluation of data from a restorative justice intervention at 10 public Chicago high schools, conducting interviews with school staff, managing databases, and assessing longitudinal performance metrics.
- 2013-2018 Program Evaluator, *Children's Trauma Assessment Center* at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI
Conducted semi-structured interviews with court officials and social workers and program evaluation services for a statewide, SAMHSA-funded child welfare intervention. Provided survey design and instrument validation, coordination of data collection, and analysis and interpretation of data in structured reports.
- 2016-2017 Research Coordinator, West Health Institute, San Diego, CA
Carried out semi-structured interviews with social services and healthcare professionals, addressing case management and care coordination practices for older adults. Provided general program coordination support and logistics management, including scheduling meetings and developing programming materials.
- 2015-2016 Grant and Program Administrator, *Sinai Urban Health Institute* at Mount Sinai Hospital, Chicago, IL
Developed and executed Institute's primary development and fundraising strategies, helping seek, write and review grant/funding applications. Facilitated *post* award processes, managing financial accounts and budget activities, and generated status reports for funders.
- 2011-2013 Epidemiologist, Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, MI
Created study protocol and managed data collection team in the recruitment and retention of study participants for NIH-funded research (P01, R01 and R21) addressing primary prevention and management of various chronic diseases. Produced empirical reports on research findings, and prepared and analyzed results for publication in peer-reviewed journals.
- 2010 Health Coordinator for *Street-to-Home Program*, Common Ground, New York, NY
Liaised with community health providers to create efficient provider referral systems for medically-vulnerable homeless individuals in need of primary and specialty care services. Developed, led and evaluated comprehensive health education seminars which addressed wellness promotion topics, including healthy eating, physical activity and preventive screening.
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant, NY State Psych Institute Center of Excellence for Cultural Competence, New York, NY
Assisted in overall research project development and Center expansion and promotion efforts through federal grant-writing initiatives and systematic literature reviews. Conducted semi-structured interviews and focus groups with racially and ethnically diverse consumers of mental health services and their healthcare and social services providers.
- 2009-2010 Research Consultant, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, New York, NY
Developed training materials for patient navigators at local public and private hospitals and created and executed an evaluation plan addressing program performance.

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2008-2009

Program Assistant, New Destiny Housing Corporation, New York, NY

Engaged and recruited prospective program advocates and donors, and supported coordination of organizational fundraising and sponsor appreciation events. Executed marketing campaign aimed at educating survivors of domestic violence on financial independence, creating informational materials to be distributed and discussed with these clients.

GRADUATE-LEVEL TEACHING EXPERIENCE (ALL AT UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO)

2020, Spring Quarter	<i>TA for Pandemics and Urban Space (Program in Global Environment)</i>
2020, Spring Quarter	<i>TA for Sustainable Urban Development (Program in Global Environment)</i>
2020, Winter Quarter	<i>TA for Sustainable Urban Development (Program in Global Environment)</i>
2019, Spring Quarter	<i>Preceptor for Public Policy BA Thesis Seminar (Public Policy Studies)</i>
2019, Spring Quarter	<i>TA for Qualitative Field Methods (Sociology)</i>
2019, Spring Quarter	<i>Independent Study w/Undergrad Student</i>
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2019, Winter Quarter	<i>TA for Policy Implementation (Public Policy Studies)</i>
2019, Winter Quarter	<i>Preceptor for Public Policy BA Thesis Seminar (Public Policy Studies)</i>
2018, Fall Quarter	<i>TA for Contemporary Issues in Human Rights (Human Rights)</i>
2018, Fall Quarter	<i>Preceptor for Public Policy BA Thesis Seminar (Public Policy Studies)</i>

DOCTORAL STUDENT DISSERTATION COMMITTEE SERVICE

1. Juan Carlos Bordes, Doctor of Public Health, Community Health Sciences, University of California, Berkeley, 2023-current – Committee Member
2. Emily Winer, Doctor of Public Health, Community Health Sciences, University of California, Berkeley, 2023-2024 – Committee Member
3. Ryan Karnoski, Doctor of Philosophy, Social Work, University of California Berkeley, 2023-2024 – Committee Member
4. Mike Bishop, Doctor of Philosophy, Development Sociology, Cornell University, 2022-2024 – Committee Member
5. Enoch Aboi, Doctor of Philosophy, Africana Studies, Cornell University, 2020-2022 – Committee Member

SELECTED MEDIA

"Weight loss from GLP-1s is leaving behind Black and Latino Californians" published in *The Los Angeles Times*
"Sex is good for you, actually" published in *Playboy*
"The psychedelic revolution is leaving behind people of color" published in *STAT News*
"Our K-12 School System Is Sending Us a Message: AI Tools Are for the Rich Kids" published in *Fortune*
"Trump's Actions in Venezuela Won't Halt the Fentanyl Crisis. Here's Why and What Could" published in *Newsweek*
"Internet Access is a Human Right" published in *The Los Angeles Times*
"AI Is Coming for Our Most Intimate Communications. Congress Must Act" published in *Newsweek*
"Is growing racism causing Black Americans to rethink becoming parents?" published in *The Guardian*
"What Flint Teaches About the Chances of Rust Belt Renewal in Trump 2.0" published in *POLITICO*
"Trump Is Gutting LGBTQ+ Research. It's Going to Cost Us All" published in *Slate*
"The One Area Where Trump's N.I.H. Cuts Might Actually Make Sense" published in *The New York Times*
"The scars from unrest can run deep, for protesters, residents and even authorities" published in *The Los Angeles Times*
"What It Will Take to Fulfill the Promise of Earth Day" published in *TIME Magazine*
"Black Communities Affected By Opioids Have Been Mostly Ignored in Settlement" published in *Scientific American*
"Climate disasters hit Black communities disproportionately hard. 'Bluelining' doesn't help" published in *Fortune Magazine*
"The Climate Crisis Is a Housing Crisis. Black Communities Are Paying the Biggest Price" published in *TIME Magazine*
"On homelessness, liberal California and the ultraconservative Supreme Court largely agree" published in *The Los Angeles Times*
"How Youth Climate Anxiety Became a Convenient Foil for the Right" published in *TIME Magazine*
"Fentanyl doesn't have to fuel another cycle of loss in L.A." published in *The Los Angeles Times*
"Biden Underestimates How Much Black Americans Care About This Issue" published in *The New York Times*
"California's New Plan to Treat the Mentally Ill May End Up Violating Their Rights" published in *TIME Magazine*
"Climate Disruptions Are Especially Dangerous for the Opioid Epidemic" published in *Scientific American*
"The Face Of Rural Addiction Is Not What You Think" published in *TIME Magazine*

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**Denotes a graduate student / ** denotes an undergraduate student*

1. Choi S, Park J, Kim WH, Beyene A, **Ezell JM**. Strong Teams, Strong Systems: Rethinking Aid for Global Surgery. *World Journal of Surgery*. 2026 Apr 25;50(6):1451.
2. **Ezell JM**, Choi S, Morales S, Bolinski R, Pho MT. [The Experiences and Attitudes of Rural Black People who Use Drugs](#). *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. 2026 Jan.
3. **Ezell JM**. [As Health Care AI Advances, Maintain Patient Protections](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*. 2025 Oct.
4. Jaiswal J, Griffin M, Meanley S, **Ezell JM**, et al. [PrEP-Related Medical, Structural and Institutional Mistrust among a Socioeconomically Diverse Sample of Black, Latine, Asian, and White Young Sexual Minority Men: Lived Experiences of Intersectional Inequity](#). *AIDS and Behavior*. 2025 Oct 6:1-4.
5. **Ezell JM**. [Understanding the Opioid Epidemic as an Environmental Injustice](#). *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2025 Aug.
6. **Ezell JM**, Choi S. [Opioid Settlements, Big Pharma, and Racial Disparities in the Opioid Epidemic](#). *Milbank Quarterly*. 2025 Jul.
7. **Ezell JM**, Choi S, Scales D. [Reimagining the Role of Communication in Medical Consensus to Address Medical Mistrust and Disinformation](#). *Science Communication*. 2025 May.
8. **Ezell JM**. [Property insurance bluelining as a social determinant of health](#). *The Lancet Planetary Health*. 2025 May.
9. Jenkins WD, Beach LB, Schneider J, Friedman SR, Pho MT, Walters S, **Ezell JM**, Young AM, Hennessy C, Miller W, Go VF. [Sexual identity, sexual behavior, and drug use behaviors among people who use drugs in the rural US](#). *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*. 2025 Jan 26:209629.
10. *Rains A, Augustine E, Miller K, Bresett J, Bolinski R, Thompson T, **Ajayi BP, Nicholson W, Fletcher S, Jenkins WD, Pho MT, **Ezell JM**. [‘I Don’t Want to Shoot up the Meth Anymore’: Pipe Distribution as a Harm Reduction Service for People Who Use Methamphetamine](#). *Substance Use & Misuse*. 2024 Dec 11:1-8.
11. **Ezell JM**, *Simek E, **Shetty N, Pho MT, Goddard-Eckrich DA, Bluthenthal RN, Choi S. [A Scoping Review of the Utilization of Opioid Use Treatment, Harm Reduction, and Culturally Tailored Interventions Among Racial/Ethnic Minorities in the United States](#). *International Journal of Mental Health and Addiction*. 2024 Sept.
12. **Ezell JM**. [Addressing The Politics Of The Rural LGBTQ+ Opioid Epidemic](#). *Health Affairs Forefront*. 2024 Aug.
13. Alter IL, Chadwick KA, Andreadis K, Coleman R, Pitti M, **Ezell JM**, Rameau A. [Developing a mobile application for gender-affirming voice training: A community-engaged approach](#). *Laryngoscope Investigative Otolaryngology*. 2024;9(6):e70043.
14. **Ezell JM**. [The Health Disparities Research Industrial Complex: Remastered](#). *Social Science & Medicine*. 2024 May.
15. **Ezell JM**, Rains AR*, Tapan P, Miller K, Ajayi BP**, Goddard-Eckrich DA, Scales D. [Drug Use and AI: Weighing Concerns and Possibilities](#). *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. 2024 Mar 1;66(3):568-72
16. Fredericksen RJ, Baker R, Sibley A, Estadt AT, Colston D, Mixson LS, Walters S, Bresett J, Levander XA, **Ezell JM**, Leichtling G, Davy-Mendez T. [Motivation and context of concurrent stimulant and opioid use among persons who use drugs in the rural United States: a multi-site qualitative inquiry](#). *Harm Reduction Journal*. 2024 Apr 1;21(1):74.

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17. Hascher K, Jaiswal J, LoSchiavo C, **Ezell JM**, Duffalo D, Greene RE, Cox A, Burton WM, Griffin M, John T, Grin B. [Lack of Informed and Affirming Healthcare for Sexual Minority Men: A Call for Patient-Centered Care](#). Journal of General Internal Medicine. 2024 Feb 2:1-0.
18. **Ezell JM**, Simek E*, Ajayi BP**, Walters SM, Pho MT. [Exploring strengths-based approaches in substance use research and practice: How do people who use drugs express their attributes and capacities?](#) Harm Reduction Journal. 2024 Feb.
19. **Ezell JM**. [Rethinking and Reinforcing Cultural Humility Against the Culture Wars: A Framework For Addressing Receptivity to Diversity Initiatives](#). Medical Education Online. 2024 Feb.
20. **Ezell JM**, Ajayi BP**, Rains AR*, Augustine E, Miller K, Kinnard E, Lofwall M. [A Social History of Opioids' Crimedical Cycle](#). Addiction Research & Theory. 2024 Jan 5:1-9.
21. **Ezell JM**, Goddard-Eckrich DA, Ajayi BP**, Pho MT, Bluthenthal R. [Opioid use, prescribing and fatal overdose patterns among racial/ethnic minorities in the United States: A scoping review and conceptual risk environment model](#). Drug and Alcohol Review. 2024 Jan.
22. **Ezell JM**. [The Health Disparities Research Industrial Complex](#). Social Science & Medicine. 2023 Oct 19:116251.
23. **Ezell JM**. [Opioid Use Among Rural Sexual and Gender Minorities: Current Knowledge and Future Directions](#). International Journal of Drug Policy. 2023 Oct 4;121:e104211-.
24. **Ezell JM**, Abouelrous N*, Ajayi BP**, Araia M, Green A*. [Black girls don't cry? Mental health, gender, and violence on the racialized periphery](#). Qualitative Psychology. 2023 Dec 21.
25. **Ezell JM**. [Moving Health Policy Research Toward A Community-Engaged Research Standard](#). Health Affairs Forefront. Sep 2023.
26. **Ezell JM**. [Climate Change and the Opioid Epidemic](#). Journal of Addiction Medicine. Sep 2023:10-97.
27. **Ezell JM**, Pho M, Jaiswal J, Ajayi BP**, Gosnell N**, Kay E, Eaton E, Bluthenthal R. [A Systematic Literature Review of Strengths-Based Approaches to Drug Use Management and Treatment](#). Clinical Social Work Journal. 2023 Sep;51(3):294-305.
28. Shelton J*, Chase EC*, Ajayi P**, Armstrong J**, **Ezell JM**. [The cultural dimensions of collective action during environmental hazards: Assessing race, gender, and social support network dynamics in the Flint Water Crisis](#). International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction. 2023 Feb 1.
29. **Ezell JM**, Araia M, Abouelrous N*, Van de Kieft A**, Borrero N, Olson B**. [Reconsidering the "violence-as-a-disease" model: Examining violence psychopathologies in urban adolescents](#). Psychology of Violence. 2022 Dec 22.
30. **Ezell JM**, Olson B**, Ghosh A, Chase EC*. [Theorizing on neo public assistance: How do race and class impact resource uptake following environmental disaster?](#) Social Science & Medicine. 2022 Nov.
31. **Ezell JM**, Chase EC*. [Forming a Critical Race Theory of Environmental Disaster: Understanding social meanings and health threat perception in the Flint Water Crisis](#). Journal of Environmental Management. 2022 Aug.
32. Stewart R*, **Ezell JM**. [Understanding Perceptions, Barriers, and Opportunities around Restorative Justice in Urban High Schools](#). Urban Education. 2022 Aug 9:00420859221119110
33. **Ezell JM**, Walters SM, Olson B**, Kaur A*, Jenkins WD, Schneider J, Pho MT. ["You're friends until everybody runs out of dope": A framework for understanding tie meaning, purpose, and value in social networks](#). Social Networks. 2022 Oct 1;71:115-30.
34. **Ezell JM**, Olson B**, Walters SM, Friedman SR, Ouellet LJ, Pho MT. [A Sociology of Empathy and Shared Understandings: Contextualizing Beliefs and Attitudes on Why People Use Opioids](#). Rural Sociology. 2022 Apr.

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35. Friedman SR, Williams LD, Jordan AE, Walters S, Perlman DC, Mateu-Gelabert P, Nikolopoulos GK, Khan MR, Peprah E, **Ezell JM**. Toward a theory of the underpinnings and vulnerabilities of structural racism: looking upstream from disease inequities among people who use drugs. *International journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. 2022 Jun 17;19(12):7453.
36. **Ezell JM**, Alsmadi I*, Gosnell N**, Kaur A*. The racial and cultural ecology of Home and Community-Based Services coordination for diverse homebound older adults. *Journal of Aging Studies*. 2022. 61,101023.
37. **Ezell JM**, Torres-Beltran A*, Hamdi S*. Defining and finding an endgame in education on race. *Power and Education*. 2022 Mar.
38. **Ezell JM**. The medicalization of freedom: how anti-science movements use the language of personal liberty and how we can address it. *Nature Medicine*. 2022; 28(2), 219.
39. **Ezell JM**, Bhardwaj S**, Chase EC*. Child lead screening behaviors and health outcomes following the Flint Water Crisis: A cross-sectional analysis. *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*. 2022 Jan.
40. Levander XA, Foot CA, Magnusson SL, Cook RR, **Ezell JM**, Feinberg J, Go VF, Lancaster KE, Salisbury-Afshar E, Smith GS, Westergaard RP. Contraception and Healthcare Utilization by Reproductive-Age Women Who Use Drugs in Rural Communities: a Cross-Sectional Survey. *Journal of General Internal Medicine*. 2022 Jun 15:1-9.
41. Friedman SR, Williams LD, Guarino H, Mateu-Gelabert P, Krawczyk N, Hamilton L, **Ezell JM**, Khan M, Dilorio J, Yang LH, Earnshaw VA. The stigma system: How sociopolitical domination, scapegoating, and stigma shape public health. *Journal of Community Psychology*. 2022 Jan. 50(1), 385-408.
42. **Ezell JM**. Environmental health capital: A paradigm for environmental injustice prevention and truth and reconciliation. *Local Environment*. 2022; 27(2), 131-141.
43. **Ezell JM**. "Trickle-Down" Racial Empathy in American Higher Education: Moving Beyond Performative Wokeness and Academic Panels to Spark Racial Equity. *Journal of Education*. 2021 Dec.
44. **Ezell JM**, Hamdi S*, Borrero N. Approaches to Addressing Nonmedical Services and Care Coordination Needs for Older Adults. *Research on Aging*. 2022; 44(3-4), 323-333.
45. **Ezell JM**, Griswold D*, Chase EC*, Carver E. The Blueprint of Disaster: COVID-19, The Flint Water Crisis, and Unequal Ecological Impacts. *The Lancet Planetary Health*. 2021; 5(5), e309-e319.
46. **Ezell JM**, Ompad D, Walters S. How Urban and Rural Built Environments Influence the Health Attitudes and Behaviors of People Who Use Drugs. *Health & Place*. 2021; 69, 102578.
47. **Ezell JM**, Chase EC*. A population-based assessment of physical symptoms and mental health outcomes among adults following the Flint Water Crisis. *Journal of Urban Health*. 2021; 98(5), 642-653.
48. **Ezell JM**, Salari S, Rooker C*, Chase EC*. Intersectional Trauma: COVID-19, the Psychosocial Contract, and America's Racialized Public Health Lineage. *Traumatology*. 2021; 27(1), 78-85.
49. **Ezell JM**. Empathy plasticity: decolonizing and reorganizing online spaces to address racial equity. *Ethnic and Racial Studies*. 2021; 44(8), 1324-1336.
50. Muncan B*, Walters SM, **Ezell JM**, Ompad DC. "They look at us like junkies": influences of drug use stigma on the healthcare engagement of people who inject drugs in New York City. *Harm Reduction Journal*. 2020 Dec;17(1):1-9.
51. Jenkins WD, Bolinski R, Bresett J, Van Ham B, Fletcher S, Walters S, Friedman SR, **Ezell JM**, Pho M, Schneider J, Ouellet L. COVID-19 During the Opioid Epidemic-Exacerbation of Stigma and Vulnerabilities. *The Journal of Rural Health*. 2020; 37(1), 172-174.

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52. Ellis K, Walters SM, Friedman SR, Ouellet LJ, **Ezell JM**, Rosentel K, Pho MT. Breaching trust: A qualitative study of healthcare experiences of people who use drugs in a rural setting. *Frontiers in Sociology*. 2020 Nov 5(98),593925.
53. **Ezell JM**, Walters SM, Friedman SR, Ouellet LJ, Jenkins WD, Link BG, Pho MT. Stigmatize the use, not the user? Attitudes on opioid use, drug injection, treatment, and overdose prevention in rural communities. *Social Science & Medicine*. 2020; 268, 113470.
54. **Ezell JM**. Understanding the situational context for interpersonal violence: A review of individual- level attitudes, attributions, and triggers. *Trauma, Violence, and Abuse*. 2019; 22(3), 571-587.
55. Bolinski RB, Ellis K, Zahnd WE, Walters S, McLuckie C, Schneider J, Rodriguez C, **Ezell JM**, et al. Social norms associated with nonmedical opioid use in rural communities: A systematic review. *Translational Behavioral Medicine*. 2019; 9(6), 1224-1235
56. **Ezell JM**, Pasquale D, Poudyal S, Azhar S, Monk E, Vidula M, Yeldandi V, Laumann E, Liao C, Schneider J. Are skin color and body mass index associated with social network structure? Findings from a male sex market study. *Ethnicity and Health*. 2019; 26(6), 863-878.
57. **Ezell JM**. First, do no harm to self: Perspectives around trauma-informed practice and secondary traumatic stress among rural child protective services workers. *Journal of Child Custody*. 2019; 16(4), 387-407.
58. **Ezell JM**, Ferreira MJ, Duncan DT, Schneider J. The sexual and social networks of Black transgender individuals: Results from a representative sample. *Transgender Health*. 2018; 3(1), 201-9.
59. **Ezell JM**, Richardson M, Salari S, Henry JA. Implementing trauma-informed practice in juvenile justice systems: What can courts learn from child welfare interventions? *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*. 2018; 11(4), 507-519.
60. **Ezell JM**, Choi CJ, Wall MM, Link BG. Measuring recurring stigma in the lives of individuals with mental illness. *Community Mental Health Journal*. 2017; 54(1), 27-32.
61. Joseph CL, Zoratti EM, Ownby DR, Havstad S, Nicholas C, Nageotte C, Misiak R, Enberg R, **Ezell JM**, et al. Exploring racial differences in IgE-mediated food allergy in the WHEALS birth cohort. *Annals of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology*. 2016; 116(3), 219-224.e1.
62. Joseph CL, Baxa D, Kaljee L, Brar I, Scott C, Dakki H, Lubetsky S, **Ezell JM**, Zhang L, Schultz L, Markowitz N. Communication patterns among juvenile detainees: A high-risk population for transmission of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and other sexually transmitted diseases. *Journal of Juvenile Justice*. 2015; 4(2), 27-36.
63. **Ezell JM**, Peters RM, Shill JE, Cassidy-Bushrow AE. Association between one-hour oral glucose tolerance test values and delivery mode in non-diabetic, pregnant Black women. *Journal of Pregnancy*. 2015; 2015, 835613.
64. **Ezell JM**, Ownby DR, et al. Using a physician panel to estimate food allergy prevalence in a racially diverse longitudinal birth cohort. *Annals of Epidemiology*. 2014; 24(7), 551-53.
65. Joseph CL, Havstad S, Bobbitt K, Woodcroft K, Zoratti EM, Nageotte C, Misiak R, Enberg R, Nicholas C, **Ezell JM**, et al. Transforming growth factor beta (TGFβ1) in breast milk and indicators of infant atopy in a birth cohort. *Pediatric Allergy and Immunology*. 2014; 25(3), 257–63.
66. **Ezell JM**, Cassidy-Bushrow AE, et al. Prenatal dog-keeping practices vary by race – Speculations on implications for disparities in childhood health and disease. *Ethnicity and Disease*. 2014; 24(1), 104-09.
67. **Ezell JM**, Wegienka G, et al. A cross sectional analysis of pet-specific IgE sensitization and allergic symptomatology and household exposure to pets in a birth cohort study. *Journal of Allergy and Asthma Proceedings*. 2013; 34(6), 504-10.

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68. **Ezell JM**, Siantz E, et al. Contours of usual care: Meeting the medical needs of diverse persons with serious mental illness. Journal of Health Care For The Poor And Underserved. 2013; 24(4), 1552-73.
69. **Ezell JM**, Saltzgaber J, et al. Reconnecting with urban youth enrolled in a randomized controlled trial and overdue for a 12-month follow-up survey. Clinical Trials. 2013 Oct;10(5), 775-82.
70. Havstad SL, Johnson CC, Zoratti EM, **Ezell JM**, et al. Tobacco smoke exposure and allergic sensitization in children: A propensity score analysis. Respiriology. 2012;17(7), 1068-72.
71. Cabassa LJ, **Ezell JM**, Fernandez R. Lifestyle interventions for adults with serious mental illness: A systematic literature review. Psychiatric Services. 2010 Aug;61(8), 774-82.

Selected ad hoc manuscript reviewer assignments

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; American Journal of Public Health; Drug and Alcohol Review; Child Abuse & Neglect; Ethnicity and Disease; Health and Place; Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma; Journal of Healthcare for the Poor and Underserved; Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment; PLoS One; Psychiatric Services; Psychological Medicine; Qualitative Health Research; Social Problems; Social Science and Medicine; Rural Sociology; Trauma, Violence, and Abuse

SELECTED INVITED TALKS/APPEARANCES

2026

- "The Importance of Trauma-Informed Care In K-8 Settings." San Francisco Unified School District. August 13, 2026.
- "Why a Health Equity Researcher Says His Field Is A Broken "Industrial Complex": A Conversation w Dr. Jerel Ezell" *Why Should I Trust You?* podcast. April 16, 2026
- "New ways of thinking about anti-racism and anti-oppression in legal contexts," National Lawyers Guild. Detroit, Michigan. April 11, 2026.
- "AI and Substance Use: Myth, Reality, and Everything In-Between." Center for Drug Use and HIV / HCV Research. April 8, 2026

2025

- "Cultural Humility and Indigenous Wellbeing in 2026 and Beyond." Northern Valley Indian Health. Chico, California. December 18, 2025.
- "Environmental trauma: The hidden effects on Black mental health." California Reducing Disparities Project. California Department of Public Health. December 18, 2025.
- "AI and Black Mental Health: Myth, Reality, and Everything In-Between." California Reducing Disparities Project. California Department of Public Health. October 15, 2025.
- "Academic Leadership and Teaching in Uncertain Times (i.e., Right about Now)." Georgetown University, Department of Climate, Environment, and Health. Washington DC. September 22, 2025.
- "Trump's NIH and the Health Disparities Research Industrial Complex." University of Chicago Comprehensive Cancer Center. Chicago, Illinois. July 21, 2025.
- "Cultural Humility (as opposed to Cultural Competency) in Child Welfare: Sharing Ideas and Practice from the USA." Practicing Intersectionality in Child Protection. Association of Child Protection Professionals. York, England. June 18, 2025.
- "Restorative Justice and Conflict Resolution in the Public Health Field." City of Austin Office of Equity and Inclusion. Austin, Texas. June 16, 2025.
- "DEI... and Public Health's Self-Care Elephant in the Room." New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Bureau of Primary Health Care. New York City, New York. June 11, 2025.
- "Community Engagement and Equity-Focused Research." Applied Survey Research. San Jose, California. May 20, 2025.
- "Trauma-Informed Care For and By Health Professionals." Samuel Merritt University. Oakland, California. February 3, 2025.
- "Community-Based Participatory Research and Health Inequities Research Under Trump 2.0: The Next Frontier... Or Not." Scholars Strategy Network/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Albuquerque, New Mexico. January 31, 2025.

2024

- "Quantity over quality? Where does social networks research on drug use and sexual health go from here (and where is 'here')?" Duke University, Department of Population Health Sciences. Durham, North Carolina. October 10, 2024.
- "Re-Centering and Amplifying Health Inequities Research Through Intentionality." Disrupting Research and Learning for Health Equity Meeting. World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland. September 27, 2024.

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- "The Health Disparities Research Industrial Complex." 2024 Annual Scientific Conference for the Society for Social Medicine & Population Health. Glasgow, Scotland. September 5, 2024.
- "Cultural Humility in California Healthcare Systems." Kaiser Permanente. July 17, 2024.
- "Inclusive Parenting Through the Lens of Self-aware, Trauma-informed Work." Cornell University Cooperative Extension. Ithaca, New York. June 25, 2024.
- "Climate Change and Polydrug Use in California." University of California Los Angeles. Los Angeles, California. April 12, 2024.
- "The Opioid Epidemic and Climate Change." San Francisco Department of Health. San Francisco, California. March 28, 2024.
- "Stigma 2.0: The Ongoing Evolution of Stigma Against People with HIV/AIDS." Northeast/Caribbean AIDS Education and Training Center. March 22, 2024.
- "Cultural Humility in HIV/AIDS Care." Brooklyn PATH. Brooklyn, New York. March 18, 2024.
- "Rethinking Health Equity Research and the 'Health Disparities Research Industrial Complex.'" Scholars Strategy Network. February 28, 2024
- "Cultural Humility in the Library Sciences: Community and Co-Design." Library Journal and School Library. February 21, 2024
- "Why haven't we successfully addressed disparities in mental health? (A.K.A. Understanding the myths, realities, and new opportunities around cultural competence)." New York State Office of Mental Health. February 14, 2024.
- "Cultural Humility's (Potential) Contributions to Health and Housing Policy for Immigrants." United States Department of Labor. January 11, 2024.

2023

- "'Nothing About Us Without Us': New Community Engagement Approaches in Public Health." Institute for Public Health Innovation. December 14, 2023
- "Is California's CARE Court Meaningful Mental Healthcare Policy or Just Another Shot in the Dark?" Families Advocating for the Mentally Ill. December 9, 2023.
- "Innovative but Disconnected: Into New York's Public Health Multiverse." New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. New York, New York. December 8, 2023.
- "Cultural Humility and Immigrant Sexual Health." AIDS Education and Training Center. November 1, 2023.
- "Community Outreach in the Election Protection Process." Scholars Strategy Network. October 11, 2023.
- "Advancing Cultural Humility in Social Services." Youth Advocate Programs. September 13, 2023.
- "Community Engagement and Cultural Humility in Public Health." New York State Department of Health, Bureau of Tobacco Control. Albany, New York. September 12, 2023.
- "The Swag Deficit: How and Why Public Health Sucks All the Fun Out of Everything." Region 2 Public Health Training Center. September 5, 2023.
- "Equity Clout and The Racial Stratification of Sexual Health." Atlanta, Georgia. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. August 10, 2023.
- "TIP of the ICEberg? De-Stigmatizing and De-Criminalizing Immigration." Office for New Americans. July 25, 2023.
- "The Ghosts of Systems Research Past, Present, and Future: Looking Back While Looking Ahead." Systems for Action/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. July 20, 2023.
- "Gender and Reproductive Justice... Meet Cultural Humility and Anti-Racism." New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. New York, New York. June 14, 2023.
- "Public Health's 'Equity Clout' Problem: What Is It And How Do We Address It To Achieve Structural and Cultural Humility?" Region 2 Public Health Training Center. June 6, 2023.
- "'There are white people in Flint, too.' A mixed methods contextualization of the social and racial dimensions of the water crisis in Flint, Michigan." University of California Berkeley. Berkeley, California. February 14, 2023.
- "Understanding the Complex Needs—and Expectations—of Racially Diverse People Who Use Drugs." ACR Health. March 9, 2023.
- "How Can We Better Support Refugee Populations through Cultural Humility?" Catholic Charities and Kansas Office for Refugees. March 7, 2023.
- "Conducting Culturally Humble, Anti-Racist Research: A Primer and Proposal." RELevent 2. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. February 22, 2023.
- "Engaging Researchers in Culturally Humble Research Practices." Scholars Strategy Network. January 23, 2023.

2022

- "The Cultural Epidemiology in Flint: What was, what is, and what could be." University of Southern California, Keck School of Medicine. Los Angeles, California. May 4, 2022.

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"A Sociomedical Autopsy of the Flint Water Crisis: Race, Class, and All of the Above." University of Missouri, Black Studies. Columbia, Missouri. February 16, 2022.

"Using Cultural Humility to Better Engage People Who Use Opioids." Southern Illinois University Medicine. Rural Opioid Prescribers Series. Carbondale, Illinois. January 13, 2022.

2021

"Creating Spaces for Youth in Our Work: Supporting Their Growth in Community Leadership." Waterway Stories: 2021 Conference. New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program. November 17, 2021. (Moderator)

"Negative Attitudes Toward Opioid Use and Drug Injection in Rural Communities: Is it Classic Stigma or Something More?" Maryland Rural Opioid Technical Assistance. July 13, 2021.

"Racism in America: Health." American Studies Program. Cornell University. March 29, 2021.

2019

"Theater of Crisis: A mixed methods examination of planning, power and penalty during the Flint Water Crisis." Future of Sociology Talk Series. University of Washington, Department of Sociology. Seattle, Washington. December 3, 2019.

"The networks of people who use opioids nonmedically: Reports from rural southern Illinois." Duke Social Networks and Health Workshop. Duke University, Department of Sociology. Durham, North Carolina. May 13, 2019.

"Adopting Cultural Sensitivity in Substance Use and Mental Health Programming." Invited Talk. Webinar delivered to the Florida Department of Children and Families on behalf of the Florida Drug and Alcohol Abuse Association. March 7, 2019.

2016

"Addressing the social needs of older homebound adults: A qualitative analysis of practices and barriers, as reported by medical and social services providers." Chicago Network & Learning Collaborative Meeting. Rush University Medical Center. Chicago, Illinois. September 29, 2016.

EXTERNAL GRANTS

2025-2027	Center Grant for Development and Technical Assistance Funder: Center for Cultural Humility – \$750,000
2022-2024	Ending transmission of HIV, HCV, and STDs and overdose in rural communities of people who inject drugs (ETHIC) Funder: NIDA (5UH3DA044829-04) Role: Co-I – \$90,000
2022-2023	Reducing stigma among emergency department clinicians who provide care for people who use drugs Funder: Mastercard Role: PI – \$50,000
2022-2023	Blight2Right: A Novel Community-Based Project Focusing on Eliminating Illegal Dumping in Flint, Michigan Funder: Atkinson Center for Sustainability Role: PI – \$150,000
2021-2022	Water Ways: New York City youths' water consumption behaviors and perceptions Funder: New York - State Water Resources Institute Role: PI – \$15,000
2020-2021	Visibly Invisible in Tompkins County: Black Drug Users On The Rural Fringes Funder: Mellon Foundation Role: PI – \$25,000

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2021-2022	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Scholars Network Fellowship
2019-2020	Fulbright scholarship for study in Port of Spain, Trinidad
2018-2019	Duke University Social Networks & Health Fellowship
2018	National Environment Justice Conference and Training Program Award
2018	Pozen Center for Human Rights Fellowship
2016	University of Chicago <i>Social Sciences Division Doctoral Fellowship</i>
2010	U.S. Office of Personnel Management <i>Presidential Management Fellowship</i> (Declined)
2008	Columbia University <i>Mailman School of Public Health Merit Scholarship</i>

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND HONORS

2017	University of Chicago Qualifying Exam for PhD in Sociology: <i>Pass Plus</i>
2010	Columbia University <i>Master's Thesis Award: Honorable Mention</i>
2008	University of Michigan - Ann Arbor: <i>University Honors (Academic)</i>
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SERVICE/ VOLUNTEER ENGAGEMENTS

2022-2023	Family and Children's Service of Ithaca
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- 2021-2022 Board Member
Cornell University
Faculty Search Committee for Africana Studies
Faculty Search Committee for Cornell Population Center
- 2017 Chicago Ethnography Conference
Served on the planning committee for designing and organizing the conference.
- 2015-2016 Chicago Youth Centers/ABC Polk
Tutored underserved youth between the ages of 13 and 18 in North Lawndale, Chicago, in math, science and English, and provided mentorship on college planning and the associated application processes.
- 2013 University of Michigan Ann Arbor
Provided general grant-writing assistance, social media strategy expertise, and website management for a Principal Investigator (Dr. Harold Neighbors) and his team in the *Department of Health Behavior and Health Education* on a web-based mental health intervention ("Man-Up/Man-Down") which aims to remove stigma around help-seeking among Black men.

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Formally accredited in delivering trainings on cultural humility, trauma-informed care, restorative justice, anti-racism, Community-Based Participatory Research, and citizen science
Trained in the organization and coding of qualitative data using MAXQDA, ATLAS.ti, and NVivo
Versed in multivariate data management and analysis using Stata and SPSS
Experienced in geographic mapping and spatial analysis using GIS (ArcGIS)
Skilled in the development and management of surveys and other quantitative instruments using Salesforce and REDCap
Proficient in social media marketing, website design and management (WordPress), and creation of marketing collateral

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

2019

"Stigma and Social Support Networks among Rural Individuals Who Use Opioids Nonmedically: A Descriptive Analysis." *Annual meeting of the American Public Health Association*. November 4, 2019. Philadelphia, PA.

(Presenting Abstract as First Author)

"Stigma around opioid use, treatment and overdose prevention among people who use drugs in rural communities." *Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association*. August 11, 2019. New York, NY.

(Roundtable)

"The social and sexual networks of Black transgender women and Black men who have sex with men: Results from a Representative sample." Poster Session. National Transgender Health Summit. April 13, 2019. San Francisco, CA. **(Presenting Abstract as First Author)**

"Planning, Power and Penalty: Environmental Justice Intersections and Gaps During The Flint Water Crisis." Poster Session. *National Environmental Justice Conference and Training Program*. March 12, 2019. Washington D.C. **(Presenting Abstract as First Author)**

2017

"Addressing the social needs of older homebound adults: A qualitative investigation." Presidential Poster Session. *Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Geriatrics Society*. May 19, 2017. San Antonio, TX. **(Presenting Abstract as First Author)**

2013

"Prevalence of milk, peanut and egg allergies in a socioeconomically diverse cohort of infants: Identifying cases of food allergy for field studies using an expert panel." *Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology*. February 23, 2013. San Antonio, TX. **(Presenting Abstract as the First Author)**