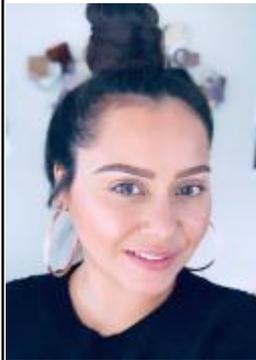


Current Sociology Students



Berty Arreguin

Key words: social inequalities in health, type II diabetes; socioeconomic status, race, sex/gender, and aging; theory, mixed research methods.

Read Bio

Berty Arreguin is a Mexican-American woman, a first-generation college graduate, and the first in her family to gain acceptance into a doctoral program. In past research, she analyzed variations in how people in California self-rate their health based on their socioeconomic status, education, race, sex, and age. She wants to expand this research to include chronic disease, specifically type II diabetes, in the San Joaquin Central Valley where she grew up. Although type II diabetes can affect many people, some groups face a higher risk?specifically Mexican-Americans women. She wants to investigate how this chronic disease affects the way Mexican-Americans women self-rate their health condition, and to understand whether they practice self-care after a diagnosis. If not, what prevents them from participating in self-care behaviors? She can be contacted at berty.arreguin@ucsf.edu [1].

Sarah Blake, MPH, MSc

Keywords: adolescence, sexual and reproductive health, health disparities, postcolonial feminist theory, critical global health, qualitative methods

Read Bio



Sarah's work focuses on the social and structural drivers of adolescent reproductive health in low resource contexts. She explores the interaction among global health and development discourse and practice, national policy, community social norms and processes, and programmatic interventions as they relate to adolescent girls' education and health. Sarah has more than a decade of professional experience in international and domestic sexual and reproductive health related research, programming and advocacy. She currently supports the Population Council's efforts to promote evidence-based, girl-centered programming in Sierra Leone, and with communities of practice working with and for girls affected by emergencies and economic inequity across various settings. Sarah holds a Master of Public Health (MPH), with a certificate in Sexuality, Sexual, and Reproductive Health from Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health; a Master of Science (MSc) in Gender, Development, and Globalization from the London School of Economics; and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Religious Studies from Pomona College. Email: Sarah.Blake@ucsf.edu [2]

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Keywords: Ethics, chronic illness, intersectionality, religion, spiritual care.

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Keywords: reproductive justice, abortion, contraception, respectful maternity care, health disparities, race/class/gender, intersectionality, and ethics.

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Nicole Foti

Keywords: politics of bioscience; sociology of scientific knowledge; gender/race/class; feminist theory; science, technology & medicine

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keywords: reproductive health, mental health, gender, biomedical ethics, qualitative methods

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Jhia Jackson

Keywords: youth, aging, chronic illness, communication practices, body politics

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Jhia's research interests stem from her experiences as a professional dance artist, a commitment to life-long learning, and her personal experiences. Her work routinely addresses questions such as: How do we know what we know? How do we communicate what we know? How are we understood by others? She enjoys hands-on opportunities to work with and among the very populations that inspire her, and she looks forward to delving deeper into research and program development for these communities.

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Keywords: modeling; measurement & standardization; biomedicine; science and technology studies; critical interdisciplinarity studies

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Mel Jeske's research focuses on models, standards, and measurement used in biomedical research. Broadly speaking, her work focuses on social dimensions of knowledge production about human health and wellbeing. Mel's dissertation uses ethnographic methods to examine how biomedical modeling practices have changed in the 20th and 21st centuries. She traces how laboratory practices are altered through the development and deployment of computational technologies. Her previous work analyzed the emergence of the obesity research enterprise and the use of standards and measurement in biomedical obesity research.

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Rashon Lane

Keywords: sociology of survivorship, chronic disease, critical global health, disaster response, health equity

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Rashon is a doctoral candidate interested in how structural inequalities in society disproportionately marginalizes social and economic opportunities for survivors of public health epidemics. Her research is centered in documenting survivor narratives and community trauma in vulnerable populations. Her current project includes documenting how communities experienced disaster capitalism after the 2014-16 West Africa Ebola outbreak. Since 2007, she has served as a Behavioral Scientist at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control in cardiovascular disease prevention. She holds a masters in social psychology and program evaluation from Claremont Graduate University, and a bachelors in psychology from Tuskegee University. She can be reached at rlane@cdc.gov [12] or rashonlane.com [13].

Mike Levesque

Maya Manian

Keywords: reproductive health care, health disparities, race/class/gender, intersectionality, law and society



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Maya's research focuses on access to reproductive health care and the relationship between reproductive rights and gender equality. She examines how the law resists reforms aimed at gender equality and how this resistance differentially impacts women along lines of race and class. She is interested in exploring how abortion laws and policies filter into clinicians' provision of women's health care. Maya is a Professor of Law at the University of San Francisco School of Law. She earned a B.A. in English Literature from the University of Michigan and a J.D. from Harvard Law School. Her USF Law School faculty website is <https://www.usfca.edu/law/faculty/maya-manian> ^[14]. She can be reached at Maya.Manian@ucsf.edu ^[15].

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Keywords: residential instability, gentrification and displacement, homelessness, food insecurity, chronic illness and comorbidity, structural violence, race/class/gender, US urban health safety net, qualitative methods



Read Bio

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Jeff Nicklas

Keywords: Biomedical knowledge, mental health, emerging technologies, new digital media, qualitative methods, ethnography, science & technology studies



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Jeff Nicklas earned his Master of Science in Medical Anthropology and Cross-Cultural Practice from the Boston University School of Medicine where studied forced migration and healthcare in the United States. Jeff has 3 years of qualitative and ethnographic research experience. Prior to joining the UCSF Sociology Doctoral program, Jeff supported multiple studies examining eHealth and chronic care management. Broadly, Jeff's research interests focus on how biomedical and scientific mental health knowledge is taken up within emerging and existing technologies. He is especially interested in the social and cultural implications of how biomedical and bioscientific knowledges are constructed, understood, and responded to within spaces of consumer technology and digital media. He currently supports the UCSF SocNet study (PI: Janet K. Shim) which is examining social networks and chronic care management within the US urban health safety net. Email: jeff.nicklas@ucsf.edu [17]

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Keywords: Sexual minority health; health disparities; racial/ethnic minorities; intersectionality; HIV prevention

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Ashley Perez is a Graduate Dean's Fellow and a doctoral student in sociology. Her primary research interest is sexual health and behavior among minority populations, particularly looking at the intersections of race/ethnicity, sexuality, and gender. Ashley has worked on HIV prevention projects in the U.S., China, and Brazil. Ashley holds a BA in Public Health and ScM in Social and Behavioral Health Sciences from Brown University. She can be contacted at ashley.perez@ucsf.edu [18].

Brittney Pond



Key words: Aging, Alzheimer's disease, emotion work, death and dying, caregiver trauma, qualitative methodologies, ethnography.

Read Bio

Brittney Pond is a Doctoral Student in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. She earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Psychology in 2018 and completed a thesis in which she used ethnographic methods to study formal caregivers working with people who have Alzheimer's disease. Currently, she is a Graduate Research Assistant for UCSF studying tobacco use and lung cancer. Her main research interests focus on perceptions of aging, "dying well," and elder agency, especially for those with Alzheimer's disease. She is engaged in questions regarding emotion work, caregiver burnout, and qualitative methodologies.

Zoe Samudzi, MSc

Keywords: biomedicalization and biopolitics; science and technology studies; coloniality and anti-blackness; photoethnography and visual anthropology; qualitative research methods

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Zoé's research work engages the colonization of South West Africa (now Namibia) and genocidal productions of African identities on the continent. She is the graduate student intern at both UCSF's Multicultural Resource Center and the LGBT Resource Center. Zoé received her MSc in Health, Community, and Development from the London School of Economics, and her B.A. in Political Science from the University of Pittsburgh. Her work seeks to merge political theory, visual studies, and critical approaches to science in service of a multidisciplinary means of articulating blackness(es)..

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Keywords: race/class/gender, body and embodiment, religion, eating disorders



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