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APPOINTMENTS

2023-Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

2022-2023 **NIA T32 Postdoctoral Trainee**, Center for Demography of Health and Aging, University of Wisconsin-Madison

EDUCATION

2022 **Ph.D. Sociology**, Duke University
Qualification Areas: Medical Sociology and Quantitative Methodology

2019 **M.A. Sociology**, Duke University

2015 **B.A. Sociology and Anthropology (Soc Emphasis)**, Washington and Lee University, With Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Life Course and Aging, Mental Health, Medical Sociology, Health Disparities, Demography

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (* denotes graduate student coauthor at time of publication)

Kamis, Christina, Scott M. Lynch, and William E. Copeland. 2023. "Associations between Configurations of Childhood Adversity and Adult Mental Health Disorder Outcomes." *Society and Mental Health* 21568693231197746. doi: [10.1177/21568693231197746](https://doi.org/10.1177/21568693231197746).

Xu, Wei, Megan Agnew, **Christina Kamis**, Amy Schultz, Sarah Salas, Kristen Malecki, and Michal Engelman. 2023. "Constructing Residential Histories in a General Population-Based Representative Sample." *American Journal of Epidemiology*. doi: [10.1093/aje/kwad188](https://doi.org/10.1093/aje/kwad188).

Copeland, Molly, **Christina Kamis**, and Jessica S. West. 2023. "To Make and Keep Friends: The Role of Health Status in Adolescent Network Tie Formation and Persistence." *Social Networks* 74:216–23. doi: [10.1016/j.socnet.2023.04.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socnet.2023.04.005).

Copeland, Molly, **Christina Kamis**, and Gabriel Varela*. 2023. "Pathways from Peers to Mental Health: Adolescent Networks, Role Attainment, and Adult Depressive Symptoms." *Social Science & Medicine* 324:115859. doi: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115859](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115859).

Brown, Tyson H., **Christina Kamis**, and Patricia Homan. 2022. "Empirical Evidence on Structural Racism as a Driver of Racial Inequities in COVID-19 Mortality." *Frontiers in Public Health* 10.

Copeland, Molly, and **Christina Kamis**. 2022. "Who Does Cohesion Benefit? Race, Gender, and Peer Networks Associated with Adolescent Depressive Symptoms." *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*. doi: [10.1007/s10964-022-01631-3](https://doi.org/10.1007/s10964-022-01631-3).

Kamis, Christina, Allison Stolte*, and Molly Copeland. 2022. "Parental Death and Mid-Adulthood Depressive Symptoms: The Importance of Life Course Stage and Parent's Gender." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 63(2):250–65. doi: [10.1177/00221465211061120](https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465211061120).

West, Jessica S., and **Christina Kamis**. 2022. "The Long-Term Impact of Childhood Disability on Mental Health Trajectories in Mid- to Late-Life." *Journal of Aging and Health* 34(6–8):818–30. doi: [10.1177/08982643211066184](https://doi.org/10.1177/08982643211066184).

Kamis, Christina, Allison Stolte*, Jessica S. West*, Samuel H. Fishman, Taylor Brown*, Tyson Brown, and Heather R. Farmer. 2021. "Overcrowding and COVID-19 Mortality across U.S. Counties: Are Disparities Growing over Time?" *SSM - Population Health* 15:100845. doi: [10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100845](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100845).

Kamis, Christina. 2021. "The Long-Term Impact of Parental Mental Health on Children's Distress Trajectories in Adulthood." *Society and Mental Health* 11(1):54–68. doi: [10.1177/2156869320912520](https://doi.org/10.1177/2156869320912520).

- 2021 most downloaded article in *Society and Mental Health*

Kamis, Christina, and Molly Copeland. 2020. "The Long Arm of Social Integration: Gender, Adolescent Social Networks, and Adult Depressive Symptom Trajectories." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 61(4):437–52. doi: [10.1177/0022146520952769](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022146520952769).

- Featured on WWJ 950 AM- Detroit NewsRadio

Read, Jen'nan Ghazal, Jessica S. West*, and **Christina Kamis**. 2020. "Immigration and Health among Non-Hispanic Whites: The Impact of Arrival Cohort and Region of Birth." *Social Science & Medicine* (1982) 246:112754.

CHAPTERS

Kamis, Christina and Megan Agnew*. “Midlife” in *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society, Second Edition (Forthcoming)*

Lynch, Scott M., and **Christina Kamis**. 2023. “Methods for Studying Life Course Health Inequalities.” in *Handbook of health inequalities across the life course, Research handbooks in sociology series*, edited by R. Hoffmann. Northampton: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Kamis, Christina, and Scott M. Lynch. 2020. “Cronbach’s Alpha.” in *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*, edited by P. Atkinson, S. Delamont, A. Cernat, J. W. Sakshaug, and R. A. Williams.

Kamis, Christina, and Scott M. Lynch. 2020. “Central Limit Theorem.” in *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*, edited by P. Atkinson, S. Delamont, A. Cernat, J. W. Sakshaug, and R. A. Williams.

UNDER REVIEW

Xu, Wei, **Christina Kamis**, Megan Agnew, Amy Schultz, Sarah Salas, Michal Engelman, Kristen Malecki. “The Health Implications of Cumulative Exposure to Contextual (Dis)advantage: Methodological and substantive advances from a unique data linkage” (*Revise and Resubmit*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (drafts available)

Kamis, Christina, and Molly Copeland. “Childhood Maltreatment Associated with Peer Networks”

Copeland, Molly and **Christina Kamis**. “Chains of Risk in Early Life: Gendered pathways of childhood maltreatment, networks, and depressive symptoms”

Kamis, Christina, and Molly Copeland. “Peer Relationships in the Long Arm of Adversity: Adverse Childhood Experiences, Adolescent Networks, and Life Course Depressive Symptoms.”

Xu, Wei, Joseph Clark, **Christina Kamis**, Amy Schultz, Megan Agnew, Michal Engelman, Kristen Malecki, “Life Course Neighborhood Exposures and Accelerated Biological Aging: Integrating Residential Histories with Epigenetic Markers”

Kamis, Christina, Wei Xu, Amy Schultz, Kristen Malecki, and Michal Engelman, “Neighborhood Trajectories and Health: Duration and Sequences of Exposure to Residential Disadvantage in Wisconsin”

Scott M. Lynch and **Christina Kamis**. “Measuring and Modeling Years of Life Lost Due to COVID-19”

FUNDING & AWARDS

- 2021** Vorsanger-Smith Scholar Award recognizing overall excellence in the Department of Sociology, *Duke University*
- 2021,2019,2018, 2017** Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500), Graduate School, *Duke University*
- 2021** Data Expedition Award (\$1,500) for two-day data analysis course for undergraduate students, Rhodes Information Initiative, *Duke University*
- 2019-2020** Program for Advanced Research in the Social Sciences (PARISS) Fellowship recognizing accomplishments in and commitment to interdisciplinary quantitative social science research, Social Science Research Institute, *Duke University*
- 2018** Departmental Funding Competition for dissertation research funds (\$750), Department of Sociology, *Duke University*
- 2016** The Emory Kimborough, Jr. Prize, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, *Washington and Lee University*

INVITED TALKS

- 2022** **Kamis, Christina.** “The Long-Term Mental Health Consequences of Early Life.” Presented at DemSem, Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. September 2022.
- Kamis, Christina.** “Health Inequalities Across the Life Course” Invited Lecture for University of Arkansas’ Honors Forum. May 2022.
- Kamis, Christina.** “Assessing Health Inequality Over the Life Course” Invited Talk for Washington and Lee University SOAN Department’s Social Justice Series. March 2022
- 2021** **Kamis, Christina.** “Long-Term Mental Health Consequences of Negative Experiences in Early Life” Invited Talk for OECD Conference: Well Being and Mental Health – Toward an Integrated Policy Approach. December 2021.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- F 2023 **Instructor**, SOC 586: Advanced Social Statistics 1, *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign*

- SUM 2021 **Instructor**, SOC 333: Quantitative Analysis of Sociological Data, *Duke University*
- SUM 2020 **Teaching Assistant** for Dr. Andrew Philips, Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, *University of Michigan*
- SUM 2020 **Teaching Assistant** for Dr. Mark Manning, Multilevel Models I: Introduction and Application, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, *University of Michigan*

AD HOC REVIEWER

American Sociological Review, BMC Public Health, Death Studies, Journal of Aging and Health, Journal of Family Psychology, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Pediatrics, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science and Medicine – Population Health, Society and Mental Health, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Perspectives, Social Problems, Sociological Spectrum, Stress and Health, The Sociological Quarterly

MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

- Aging and the Life Course
- Sociology of Mental Health
- Medical Sociology

Population Association of America

EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS

2022-Present Visiting Research Fellow, Social Science Research Institute, Duke University

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

Kamis, Christina, Wei Xu, Amy Schultz, Kristen Malecki, and Michal Engelman, “Neighborhood Trajectories and Health: Duration and Sequences of Exposure to Residential Disadvantage in Wisconsin.” Presented at the Population Association of American (PAA) Annual Meeting. New Orleans, LA. April 2023

Kamis, Christina, and Molly Copeland. “Peer Networks in the Long Arm of Adversity: Adverse Childhood Experiences and Life Course Depressive Symptoms.” Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 2022.

Kamis, Christina. “Cumulative Adversity and Life Course Mental Health Trajectories.” Presented at the Population Association of American (PAA) Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 2022.

Kamis, Christina, Allison Stolte, and Molly Copeland “Time Heals Some Wounds: Depressive Symptoms and Maternal and Paternal Loss across the Life Course” Presented at the Population Association of American (PAA) Annual Meeting. Virtual. May 2021.

Kamis, Christina, Allison Stolte, Jessica S. West*, Samuel Fishman, Taylor Brown*, Heather Farmer, Tyson Brown. “Overcrowding and COVID-19 Deaths across U.S. Counties: Are Disparities Growing Over Time?” Presented at the Population Association of American (PAA) Annual Meeting. Virtual. May 2021.

Kamis, Christina and Jessica S. West. “Depression and Metabolic Syndrome in the Marital Dyad.” Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Virtual. August 2020.

Kamis, Christina and Molly Copeland. "Adolescent Peer Networks and Adult Depression Trajectories." Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. New York, NY. August 2019.

Kamis, Christina. “The Impact of Maternal and Paternal Mental Health Problems on Children's Adult Distress” Presented at the Population Association of American (PAA) Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. April 2019.

Kamis, Christina. “The Impact of Parental Mental Health Problems on Child’s Adult Health.” Presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.