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Education

- Current Ph.D. Sociology, University of Notre Dame
Dissertation: “Emotional Contagion in Status Hierarchies”
Committee: Jessica Collett (Co-chair), Erika Summers-Effler (Co-chair), Erin McDonnell, David Gibson
Qualifying exams: Social Psychology; Statistics and Methods
- 2015 M.A. Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Committee: Lisa Slattery Walker (Chair), Murray Webster, Joseph Dippong
- 2013 B.A. Sociology, Auburn University
summa cum laude

Research Interests

Social Psychology
Cognition and Emotion

Organizations and Teams
Group Processes

Identity and Status
Statistics and Methods

Publications

- 2019 **Pierce, Kayla**, and Christopher Quiroz. 2019. [“Who Matters Most? Social Support, Social Strain and Emotions.”](#) *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships* 36:3273-3293.
- 2019 Collett, Jessica, Kelcie Vercel, and **Kayla Pierce**. 2019. [“The Role of Others in Shaping the Father Identity”](#) in *Identities in Everyday Life*, edited by J. Stets and R. Serpe. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Under Review

Pierce, Kayla. “Are They High Status or Just Assertive? Response Latency in Task Groups.” *Under review at Advances in Group Processes*

Works in Progress

Pierce, Kayla and Jessica Collett. “Clickbait and the Cognitive Processing of Disturbing Events.” *Editing final draft, will be submitted to Socius this July*

Collett, Jessica, and **Kayla Pierce**. “Responses to Ambiguous and Unexpected Headlines Involving Police Officers.” *Writing, will be submitted to Social Forces this September*

Pierce, Kayla. “The Social Life of the Deceased: Collective Grieving of Robin Williams.” *Analyzing Data*

Ambord, Paige, and **Kayla Pierce**. “Who Do We Believe? Race, Gender, and Workplace Misconduct.” *Collecting data (*Equal co-authorship)*

Awards and Honors

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| 2019 | Kaneb Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Notre Dame
<i>*Awarded to 5% of graduate student teachers</i> |
| 2015 | University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame
<i>*Awarded to 7% of graduate students in the College of Arts and Letters</i> |
| 2015 | Graduate Student Research Award, University of North Carolina at Charlotte |
| 2011-2012 | Charles E Pannell Scholarship, Auburn University |
| 2011 | National Society of Collegiate Scholars, Auburn University |

Grants

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| 2020 | Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant (\$500.00), University of Notre Dame |
| 2019 | Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change, “Emotional Contagion in Status Hierarchies” (\$500.00), University of Notre Dame |
| 2019 | Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Graduate Student Research Award, “Emotional Contagion in Status Hierarchies” (\$2,477.00), University of Notre Dame |
| 2019 | Graduate Student Research Grant, “Emotional Contagion in Status Hierarchies” (\$500.00), Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame |
| 2018 | Institute for Scholarship in the Liberal Arts Notebaert Professional Development Award (\$1,419.67), University of Notre Dame |
| 2018 | Graduate Student Union Conference Presentation Grant (\$420.00), University of Notre Dame |

Research Experience

- 2015-Present Graduate Student Researcher, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 Experience Research Intern, Airbnb
- 2013-2015 Group Processes Lab Manager and Research Assistant to Murray Webster and Lisa Walker, Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant to Greg Pettit and Stephen Erath, Department of Human Development and Family Studies, Auburn University

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Why Come Forward Now? An Experimental Investigation of the Contexts that Prompt Whistle-blowing” with Paige Ambord. Regular session on *Social Psychological Processes in Action*. Southern Sociological Society Meeting
*Cancelled due to COVID-10
- 2019 “Responses to Unexpected and Ambiguous Events Involving Police Officers” with Jessica Collett. Regular session on *Social Psychology*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2018 “Long Talks with Mom and Sibling Solidarity” Family section roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PN
- 2017 “Understanding Ambiguous Events” with Jessica Collett. Modeling Social Interactions: New Directions in Affect Control Theory Conference, Hanover, NH
- 2017 “Clickbait and Cognitive Processes: Using Affect Control Theory to Understand Media Interest” with Jessica Collett. Southern Sociological Society Meeting, Greenville, NC
- 2016 “Role Models, Anti-Models, and Reflected Appraisals: Sources of Variations in Identity Meanings” with Jessica Collett and Kelcie Vercel. Bi-Annual Identity Conference, Kent, OH
- 2016 “The Social Life of the Deceased: Impression Management and the Dead Self” Regular session on *Symbolic Interaction*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- 2015 “Response Latency as a Status Cue” Southern Sociological Society Meeting, New Orleans, LA

- 2015 “Hesitancy in Task Groups” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, New York, NY
- 2014 “Theoretical Implications of ACT on Online Grieving Practices” Southern Sociological Society Meeting, Charlotte, NC
- 2014 “Grieving on Facebook” University of North Carolina at Charlotte Graduate Research Symposium, Charlotte, NC
- 2013 “Parental Social Coaching and Preadolescents’ Social Self-efficacy” with Shu Su, Gregory Pettit, Stephen Erath, and Corrie Bergentry. 37th Annual Quint State Symposium, Auburn, AL

Certificates and Qualifications

- 2019 Striving for Excellence in Teaching Certification, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame
- 2018 Teaching Well Using Technology Certification, Kaneb Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Notre Dame
- 2016-2017 Social Responsibilities of Researchers Program of the National Science Foundation

Teaching Experience

- 2018 Instructor, “Social Psychology”; University of Notre Dame, Fall Semester
- 2017-2018 Teaching Assistant to Jessica Collett, “Social Psychology”; University of Notre Dame, Fall and Spring Semesters
- 2014 Teaching Assistant to Kendra Jason, “Sociology of Work”; University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Summer Semester
- 2014 Teaching Assistant to Teresa Scheid, “Sociology of Mental Health and Illness”; University of North Carolina at Charlotte, Summer Semester

Service

- 2020-2021 Graduate Student Affairs Committee, American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section
- 2019-2020 Reviewer for journals including *American Sociological Review*, *Poetics*, *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*

2019-2020	Elected Graduate Student Representative, American Sociological Association, Emotions Section
2018-2020	Graduate Student Advisory Committee, American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section
2018-2019	Graduate Representative, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2017-2018	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2016-2017	Mentor, STEMentorship Program, University of Notre Dame
2016-2017	Membership Committee, American Sociological Association, Emotions Section
2016-2017	Graduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
2014-2015	Vice President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Memberships

American Sociological Association
 Section member- Social Psychology
 Section member- Emotions
 Southern Sociological Society
 Eastern Sociological Society
 Midwest Sociological Association
 International Society for Research on Emotions
 The Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues