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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025 Postdoctoral Research Scholar, BRIDGS Initiative: Bringing Research & Innovation into the Debate on Guns in Society, Arizona State University
Director: Jennifer Carlson

EDUCATION

2025 PhD, Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
Dissertation: “Inside Indiana Gun Shows: Gun Show Organizations, Gun Culture and the Symbolic, Racialized Dynamics of a Changing Marketplace.”
Committee: Tim Hallett (chair), Brian Powell, Hyeyoung Kwon, Art Alderson, and David Yamane (Wake Forest University)

2020 MA, Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
Title: “Endorsing and Evading the Diversity Imperative: How Middle-Class White Students Make Sense of Racial Equity in Public Higher Education.”

2017 BA, Sociology & Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Wake Forest University, Magna cum Laude

RESEARCH / TEACHING AREAS

Gun culture, sociology of race and ethnicity, organizational sociology, qualitative research methods, gender and families

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*denotes equal authorship, + denotes authors listed in order of contribution)

Ince, Jelani, Callie Cleckner+, and Hallett, Tim. 2025. “Extending the Bridge: Racialized Organizations, Inhabited Institutions, and Racialization.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492251349230>.

BOOK CHAPTERS & OTHER ESSAYS

Cleckner, Callie. Forthcoming 2026. “Safe Spaces or Armed Assemblies? How Gun Shows Operate in Indiana” for the *Handbook on Gun Violence and Society*, edited by Peter Squires, Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.

Cleckner, Callie+, and Hallett, Tim. 2023. “Sociological Institutionalism and Education Scholarship.” *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Education*.

Cleckner, Callie+, and Hallett, Tim. 2022. “Inhabited Institutionalism.” *Encyclopedia* 2(3):1494–1502. <https://doi.org/10.3390/encyclopedia2030101>.

WORKS IN-PROGRESS

Cleckner, Callie. *Behind the Booth: Gun Shows and the Politics of Inclusion*.

Cleckner, Callie. “‘That’s a Question That’s Too Big for Me’: How White Undergraduates Perceive Campus Diversity Initiatives.” (R&R)

Cleckner, Callie* and Lee, Jennifer Jiwon. “Investigating Intersectionality: A Content Analysis of Introductory Textbooks.” (R&R)

Cleckner, Callie. “‘But I Feel like I’m Getting a Good Deal:’ Gun Shows as an Interaction Ritual Chain.”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

2024	Glen D. and Dorothy E. Stewart Family Scholarship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2024	Emergent Scholar Fellowship, Bringing Research & Innovation into the Debate on Guns in Society, Center for the Study of Guns in Society, Arizona State University
2024	Travel Award, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
2023	Travel Award, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University
2023-2024	Preparing Future Faculty Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2023	Gerald D. Suttles Fellowship in Doctoral Ethnographic Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2022	Indiana University Graduate School Grant-in-Aid Doctoral Research Award
2022	Sutherland Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2021	Seidler Award for Graduate Papers, North Central Sociological Association
2018	Sheldon Stryker Graduate Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023-2024	Preparing Future Faculty Fellow , Indiana University Department of Sociology <i>Teaching Undergraduate Sociology</i> (Instructor) Co-Instructor: Brian Powell, Fall 2023
2021-2024	Instructor , Indiana University <i>Criminology</i> Summer 2021, Summer 2024 (online asynchronous)

- 2021-2022 **Adjunct Instructor**, Gonzaga University
 Sociology & Criminology Department
Introduction to Sociology
 Fall 2021 (online synchronous)
Research Methods
 Spring 2022 (online synchronous)
- 2020-2021 **Instructor**, Indiana University
 Liberal Arts Management Program
Analytical Approaches to Problem Solving (Fall 2020 – Fall 2021)
- 2019-2020 **Instructor**, Indiana University
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2019, Spring 2020)
- 2017-2020 **Teaching Assistant**, Indiana University
Criminology (Instructor: Aminta Moses-Sharps)
Sociology of Gender (Instructor: Brian Powell)
Sociology of Childhood (Instructor: Hyeyoung Kwon)
Society and the Individual (Instructor: Stephen Benard)
Sociology of Mental Illness (Instructor: Brea Perry)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2025 **Postdoctoral Researcher**, The American Gun Experience, Arizona State University
 Funded by the *Russell Sage Foundation*
 Responsibilities: In-depth interviewing, qualitative and quantitative data analysis with NORC-fielded data
 Principal Investigator (PI): Jennifer Carlson
- 2023 **Research Assistant**, Indian American Family Study, Indiana University
 Responsibilities: In-depth interviewing, transcribing
 PI: Keera Allendorf
- 2020-2022 **Research Assistant**, Social Networks and Parenting Study, Indiana University
 Responsibilities: In-depth interviewing parents with young children
 PI: Jessica McCrory Calarco (University of Wisconsin-Madison)
- 2020-2021 **Research Assistant**, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
 Responsibilities: transcribing in-depth interviews with Master of Public Affairs (MPA) alumni in post-graduate careers
 PI: Tim Hallett (University of Notre Dame)
- 2018 **Research Assistant**, Sociological Research Practicum, Indiana University
 Responsibilities: coding open-ended survey experiment responses
 PI: Stephen Benard

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024	Preparing Future Faculty Certificate, Indiana University
2022	Editorial Assistant, <i>American Sociological Review</i> , Indiana University
2021-2023	Graduate Student Coordinator, Workshop in Sociology at Indiana University
2021-2023	Assistant to the Director, Karl F. Schuessler Institute for Social Research, Indiana University
2017	Statistics Editing Assistant, <i>SAGE Publishing</i>

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2025	“Guardians of the Gun Show: Maintaining Safety and Inclusion in a Racialized Marketplace,” Center for the Study of Guns in Society “Bridging Gun Divides, Elevating the Gun Debate” Symposium, Phoenix, AZ.
2024	“The Paradox of Suicide Risk at Indiana Gun Shows,” Poster presentation for National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Seattle, WA.
2024	“God Created People, but Samuel Colt Made Them Equal: Gun Shows as an Interaction Ritual Chain,” ASA Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.
2024	“Investigating Intersectionality: A Content Analysis of Introductory Textbooks,” ASA Annual Meeting (with Jennifer J. Lee), Montréal, Canada.
2024	“Racialized Organizations, Inhabited Institutions, and Race-Making,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Washington DC.
2023	“Customs or Chaos? How Gun Shows Reflect and Perpetuate Gun Culture,” Chicago Ethnography Conference, Loyola University Chicago, IL.
2022	“Inhabiting Racialized Organizations: Race-Making at the Meso-Level,” ASA Annual Meeting (with Jelani Ince), Los Angeles, CA.
2021	“‘I Never Like Answering Those Questions’: How White Undergraduates Make Sense of Diversity Initiatives in Public Higher Education,” North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference, online.
2020	“‘I Never Like Answering Those Questions’: How White Undergraduates Make Sense of Diversity Initiatives in Public Higher Education,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, online.
2019	“Dismissing and Dismantling Diversity: White Undergraduate Perceptions of Racial Equity in Higher Education,” Center for Research on Race & Ethnicity in Society Graduate Student Research Symposium, Bloomington, IN.

- 2017 “Keeping it Classy: Social Strategies for Assimilating to an Assumed Upper-Class Status,” Southern Sociological Society Meeting, Greenville, SC.
- 2015 “The Gendered Notions of America’s Deadliest Disease: A Call to Action for Southern Women’s Health,” Gender, Health, and the South Symposium, Winston-Salem, NC.

DEPARTMENTAL AND DISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- 2023-2024 Preparing Future Faculty Fellow, 2024 Conference Organizer, Indiana University
- 2023-2024 Graduate Student Representative, Sociology-Criminal Justice Hiring Committee, Indiana University
- 2022-2023 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2021-2022 Personnel Committee, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2020-2023 Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2020-2021 Treasurer, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2020 Presider, Roundtable Session on Sociology of Education, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- 2019-2023 Planning Committee, Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Indiana University
- 2019-2020 Planning Committee, Bridging Academia and Activism Conference, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2019-2020 Public Sociology Committee, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2018-2019 Social Committee, Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

Ad-hoc reviewer for *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Currents*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, *SSM – Population Health*, W.W. Norton & Company