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EDUCATION

2022 (expected) Ph.D. in Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Dissertation: *The Overlooked Effects of Mass Incarceration, Data Constraints, and Legal Status on Immigrant and Inmate Health*
(Committee members: Evelyn J. Patterson (chair), Christy L. Erving, Bianca Manago, Becky Pettit)

2019 M.A. in Sociology, Vanderbilt University

2017 M.S. in Global Health, Syracuse University

2015 B.A. in Sociology, *cum laude*, University of Notre Dame

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

2017- Teaching and Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Vanderbilt University

2015-2017 Graduate Assistant, Syracuse Lead Study, Department of Public Health, Syracuse University

2012-2013 Research Assistant, National Study of Youth and Religion, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Health disparities | Punishment and inequality |
| Immigration | Social demography |
| Race/ethnicity | |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Erving, Christy L., and **Rachel Zajdel**. Online First. "Assessing the Validity of Self-Rated Health Across Ethnic Groups: Implications for Health Disparities Research." *Journal of Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities*.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Zajdel, Rachel. "Divergent Immigrant Health Trajectories: Disparities in Physical Health Using a Multidimensional Conceptualization of Legal Status."

Donnelly, Rachel, **Rachel Zajdel**, and Mateo P. Farina. "Inequality in Household Job Insecurity During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Consequences for Mental Health."

Manago, Bianca, Chantrey J. Murphy, Hannah R. Regan, **Rachel Zajdel**, Jane Sell, and Carla Goar. "Measures of Racial/Ethnic Inequality in Group Interactions."

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Zajdel, Rachel. “Does the Immigrant Health Advantage Extend to Incarcerated Immigrants? The Inclusion of Prisoners in the Study of Immigrant Health.”

Zajdel, Rachel. “Persistent Mental Health Disadvantage among Refugee Women in the U.S., 2003-2009.”

Zajdel, Rachel. “Self-Identified Race and Socially-Assigned Race Differentially Predict Health Outcomes among Incarcerated Individuals.”

Erving, Christy L., **Rachel Zajdel**, Izraelle McKinnon, Miriam E. Van Dyke, Raphiel Murden, Renee Moore, Bianca Booker, and Tené T. Lewis. “Super Woman Schema, Socioeconomic Status, and Subjective Sleep Quality among Black Women.”

Patterson, Evelyn J., and **Rachel Zajdel.** “A Mathematical Conceptualization of Social Constructs: The Case of Race.”

Patterson, Evelyn J., and **Rachel Zajdel.** “Disruptors, Disruptions, and Reverberations: The Case for Historically Informed Analyses of Inequality.”

Patterson, Evelyn J., Darwin A. Baluran, Michael L. Walker, and **Rachel Zajdel.** “Cloistered Population Research Designs: A Set of Heuristics for the Study of Social Arrangements.”

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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| 2021 | American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award |
| 2019 | Vanderbilt Graduate School Student Travel Grant |
| 2014 | Notre Dame Club of Central New York/Syracuse Scholarship |
| 2014 | University of Notre Dame Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Research Grant |
| 2013 | University of Notre Dame Summer Service Learning Program Scholarship |

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2021 | Vanderbilt Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award, Second Prize |
| 2017 | Syracuse University Excellence in a Graduate Public Health Program Award |

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Zajdel, Rachel. 2021. “The Multidimensionality of Legal Status: Divergent Immigrant Health Trajectories by Authorization Classification, Visa Category, and Citizenship.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.* Online.

Donnelly, Rachel, **Rachel Zajdel**, and Mateo P. Farina. 2021. “Inequality in Household Income Shocks During the COVID-19 Pandemic: Consequences for Mental Health.” *Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.* Online.

Zajdel, Rachel. 2021. “The Overlooked Effects of Mass Incarceration on Immigrant Health.” *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.* Online.

Zajdel, Rachel, and Evelyn J. Patterson. 2019. "Discrimination and Health Among Immigrants in Western Europe." *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*. Austin, TX.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Contemporary Social Issues: Health and Society, Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University
Environmental Inequality and Justice, Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University
Statistics for Social Scientists, Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University
Population and Society, Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University
Social Capital and Health, Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University
Society and Medicine, Teaching Assistant, Vanderbilt University

EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2021- Assistant Guest Editor, *Work and Occupations* special issue "Precarious Employment and Well-being during the COVID-19 Pandemic"
2021- Deputy Editor, *Work and Occupations*
2021 Session Discussant, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, "Criminal Justice, Violence, and Health"
2020-2021 Associate Editor, *Work and Occupations*

AD-HOC REVIEWER

Work and Occupations

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America
Law and Society Association