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### Education

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- Current      Ph.D.      Sociology, University of Notre Dame  
*Dissertation:* “Status, Affect Contagion, and Behavioral Influence”  
*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

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Social Psychology  
Statistics and Methods

Group Processes  
Family and Well-being

Cognition and Emotion  
Organizations and Teams

### Publications

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- 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.

### Works in Progress

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**Pierce, Kayla** and Jessica Collett. “Emotionally Evocative Headlines and Affect Control Theory.” *Revise and Resubmit at American Behavioral Scientist*

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

**Pierce, Kayla**. “Emotional Contagion, Status, and Behavioral Influence.” *Writing, will be submitted to American Sociological Review in the summer of 2021*

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

Collett, Jessica, and **Kayla Pierce**. “Responses to Ambiguous and Unexpected Headlines Involving Police Officers.” *Editing*

### **Awards and Honors**

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- 2019 Kaneb Graduate Student Teaching Award, University of Notre Dame  
\*Awarded to 5% of graduate student teachers
- 2015 University Presidential Fellowship, University of Notre Dame  
\*Awarded to 7% of graduate students in the College of Arts and Letters
- 2015 Graduate Student Research Award, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

### **Grants**

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- 2020 Graduate Student Professionalization Award (\$399.99), University of Notre Dame
- 2020 Graduate Student Research Grant, “Who Do We Believe? Race, Gender, and Workplace Harassment” (\$600.00), Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 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

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- 2015-Present Graduate Student Researcher and Research Assistant to Jessica Collett and Erin McDonnell, Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame
- 2019 User 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

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- 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-19
- 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, PA
- 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. 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Quint State Symposium, Auburn, AL

### **Certificates and Qualifications**

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- 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**

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- 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**

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- 2020-2021 Graduate Student Affairs Committee, American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section
- 2019-2020 Occasional reviewer for
- 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

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### **Occasional Reviewer**

American Sociological Review  
Poetics  
Journal of Social and Personal Relationships  
American Behavioral Scientist

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### **Memberships**

American Sociological Association  
Section member- Social Psychology  
Section member- Emotions  
Southern Sociological Society  
Midwest Sociological Society  
International Society for Research on Emotions  
American Psychological Association  
Society for Personality and Social Psychology

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### **References**

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