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Education

- 2021 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Notre Dame
Dissertation: “Status, Influence, and Emotions: 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
Statistics and Methods

Group Processes
Organizations and Teams

Emotion
Identities and Status

Publications

- 2021 **Pierce, Kayla.** 2021. Are They High Status or Just Assertive? Response Latency in Task Groups. *Advances in Group Processes (Forthcoming)*
- 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

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

Pierce, Kayla. “Emotional Contagion, Status, and Behavioral Influence.” Editing, *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

- 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

- 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

- 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

- 2021 “Status and Emotional Contagion in Task Groups.” Group Processes and Intergroup Relations Preconference (to the Society of Personality and Social Psychology conference), Virtual
- 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 Verceles. 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	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

Occasional Reviewer

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

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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