Kyra N. Davidson (née Neill)

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Santa Barbara, CA

**Education**

*Baylor University*, Waco, TX

Doctor of Philosophy in Applied Sociology Expected Aug. 2024

Master of Arts in Applied Sociology May 2021

*Geneva College,* Beaver Falls, PA May 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, *Summa Cum Laude*

**Honors and Awards**

Fundamentals of Data Research Fellow- Baylor University Libraries Summer 2022

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award Nominee Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Howard Mattson-Bozé Prize for Sociology 2019

Geneva College Howard and Hargrave Patterson Award 2019

Geneva College Schaal Endowed Scholarship 2018

**Professional Experience**

*Teacher of Record* January 2022- present

Department of Sociology, Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Taught in-person Intro to Sociology (SOC 1305) Spring 2022, Fall 2022
* Taught online Intro to Sociology (SOC 1305) Fall 2023, Spring 2024
* Taught SOC 1305 courses for Baylor Accelerate High School program
* Developed entire course including syllabus, assessments and rubrics, and Canvas modules

*CCRD Office Manager* August 2021- Dec 2022

Center for Community Research and Development, Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Managed graduate students at the Center for Community Research and Development (CCRD)
* Downloaded and maintained office software such as Stata® 17
* Oversaw general maintenance and operation of office spaces and equipment

*Baylor Sociology Doctoral Program Alum Survey Programmer* January 2022

Department of Sociology, Baylor University

* Updated and programmed the Baylor Sociology Doctoral Program Alum Survey
* Redesigned previously used questions and programmed survey using Qualtrics

*Urban Institute Research Intern* July- December 2021

Urban Institute Income and Benefits Policy Center (IBP) & Baylor University Dept. of Sociology

* Assisted in research under a United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Grant for Baylor University
* Assessed results of Baylor’s Emergency Meals to You (eMTY) program survey
* Using Stata® 16, merged U.S. Census geographical data and eMTY Salesforce data to eMTY survey data
* Recoded and cleaned eMTY data in Stata® 16
* Created descriptive report of COVID-19 impact measures on food insecurity
* Oversaw creation of visual charts and tables of data with SOC 4303 undergraduate students

*World Vision “Child Friendly Christian Discipleship” Report Assistant Reviewer* Aug.-Oct. 2021

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Drafted survey questions for future World Vision “Child Friendly Christian Discipleship” Reports
* Provided feedback to World Vision team on current report draft

*Hunger Data Lab Project Manager* May-June 2021

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Pulled data from Texas Depart of Agriculture Child and Adult Care Food Program sources
* Cleaned and organized data using Pivot Tables in Microsoft® Excel™
* Managed other graduate student worker in creation of visual charts

*Prosper Waco RoundTable Data Entry Clerk*

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX April-July 2021

* Pulled data from the U.S. Census, American Community Survey, and Texas Education Agency
* Organized aggregated and disaggregated data at state, county, and local level
* Used Prosper Waco Juniper API to upload data for RoundTable use
* Created technical documentation for future projects

*Baylor Communication Focus Group Question Designer*

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX April 2021

* Assisted in drafting questions for Baylor University’s Department of Communication Assessment
* Operationalized and revised focus group questions

*Guest Lecturer- Intro to Sociology* Nov. 9, 2020

Baylor University, Department of Sociology

* Guest Lectured for two SOC 1305 classes on Crime, Deviance, and Strain Theory

*School Meals Report Card Data Organizer* Nov. 2020

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Cleaned and organized data for the 2020 Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty School Report Card
* Used Microsoft® Access™

*Literacy Texas Pilot Study Phone Surveyor, Report Editor*

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX Oct. 5-9, 2020

* Conducted phone calls as part of the Literacy Texas Nonprofit Needs Assessment Survey Pilot Study
* Used AAPOR phone survey codes and best practices for collecting response rates
* Recorded survey responses using Qualtrics™ survey instruments
* Assisted in editing final pilot study report

*School Breakfast Report Card Contributor* June 2020

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Assisted on calculating data for the 2020 BHCP Breakfast Report Card
* Reported calculations in Microsoft Excel for use in Breakfast Report Card Final report

*Field Experiment Research Assistant* Feb.-March 2020

Baylor University, Department of Sociology

* Assisted Dr. Jerry Park at Baylor University with a field experiment concerning religious bias in hiring practices
* Drafted cover letters and resumes and submitted documentation to provided job application sites

*Summer Meals Sponsor Survey Assistant Analyst*

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX Feb. 2020

* Performed qualitative analysis using the Texas Hunger Initiative Summer Meals Sponsor Survey
* Created tables for final Summer Meals Sponsor Survey report

*Report Contributor and Assistant Editor* Oct.-Nov. 2019

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Contributed to the 2019 Baylor Collaborative on Hunger and Poverty Summit Report
* Assisted in creating clear and concise reporting on survey results of the Together at the Table Summit
* Examined and edited document for stylistic consistency and grammaticality

*Map Designer* Sept. 2019

Center for Community Research and Development; Baylor University, Waco, TX

* Used data from The Federation of State Medical Boards Biennial Census of Actively Licensed Physicians
* Created and designed maps using the programs ArcGIS and Adobe Illustrator®

*English Summer Camp Teacher* June-July 2017, 2018, 2019

English Language Institute Mongolia, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

* Taught classes of 18-22 middle school students conversational English 3hrs./day for 3 weeks
* Coordinated and organized extracurricular English conversation activities for Mongolian students
* Planned daily ESL lessons based on given curriculum and learned classroom management skills
* Participated in extracurricular games and events with students

**Publications**

Brewer, Mackenzie, Jodien Johnson, Carson F. Mencken, **Kyra N. Davidson,** “"Disability, Urban Influence, and COVID-19 Financial Hardships: Findings from a Predominantly Rural Sample" Conditional Acceptance as of November 2023. *Journal of Rural Social Sciences.*

Mencken, F. Carson, **Kyra N. Neill.**, Jesse DeDeyne, Daniel A. Allen , and Amanda McGowan, 2024 “Religiosity and Fear of Crime Victimization”. *Sociological Focus.*

**Presentations**

“Confidence in Neighbors and Care Burden's Effect on Self-Rated Health”, Kyra N. Davidson, presented March 30, 2023 at the Pacific Sociological Annual Conference.

**“**The Spatial Scope of Brain Drain and its Consequences for U.S. Educational Segregation”, Samuel Kye and Kyra N. Davidson, presented by Kyra N. Davidson August 9, 2022 at a American Sociological Association roundtable session.

“General Displacement and Cognitive Breaking with a Criminal Career”, Cynthia Zhang, Meredith Ille, Loren Henderson, Kyra N. Neill, presented August 8, 2022 at a American Sociological Association roundtable session.

“’Can We Make Our Community Healthier?’: Perceptions of Collective Efficacy for Community Health”, presented April 7, 2022 at Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference.

“Criminal Identity and Social Networks: Methods and Preliminary Findings” presented by Cynthia Zhang and **Kyra N. Neill** April 7, 2022 at Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference.

“Punitive Women?: Gender Differences in Dissatisfaction with Criminal Courts” presented April 17, 2021 at Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Conference.

**Conferences Attended**

Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) Annual Conference March 2023

American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Conference August 2022

Pacific Sociological Association (PSA) Annual Conference April 2022

Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Conference. April 2021

Southwestern Social Science Association (SSSA) Annual Conference October 2019

**Professional Development and Service**

Heart of Texas Undergraduate Research Conference Judge April 23, 2022

*College Ministry Mentor Volunteer,* FBC Waco August 2020- May 2022

“After College” Baylor Seniors Book Study, FBC Waco Feb 2022- May 2022

*Baylor University Internal Review Board Training*  June 2021

*SAS Programming 1: Essentials Course* Completed May 2020

*SAS Programming 2: Data Manipulation Techniques Course* Completed Apr. 2020

*Introduction to Data Curation for SAS Data Scientists Course* Completed Apr. 2020

*Resident of Geneva College City House*, Beaver Falls, PA Aug. 2018- May 2019

*Volunteer After-School Program Tutor*, Tiger Pause Youth Ministry Sep. 2015- Dec. 2015