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EDUCATION

- ABD PhD from Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Concentration in medical sociology, organizations, and quantitative methods
 - Dissertation Titled: “Selling Health: Medical Innovations as a Form of Healthcare Competition”
- 2018 MA from Emory University, Atlanta, GA
- Master’s paper titled “Losing Weight for Market’s Sake”
- 2014 BA from Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN
- Sociology Honors Major (3.9) and Creative Writing Major (4.0), Medicine, Health, and Society Minor. Overall GPA: 3.83
 - Highest Honors on Honors Thesis: “The Commodification of Emotional Support in the Hospital”

Research and teaching interests include healthcare (and other aspects of health), inequality, organizations, quantitative methods, religion, and culture.

PUBLICATIONS

- Kornrich, Sabino and **Allison Roberts**. 2017. “How Household Outsourcing Has Changed Over Time.” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. 80: 150-165. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12450>
- Roberts, Allison. 2012. “Saving Normandy Lake.” *An Orange County Almanac and Other Essays*, edited by J. Zammit-Lucia. WOLFoundation.org: New York, NY. <http://www.cultura21.net/literature/ebooks/an-orange-county-almanac-and-other-essays/>

PUBLICATIONS IN PROGRESS

- Roberts, Allison. “Losing Weight for Market’s Sake: Bariatric Surgery as a Form of Hospital Competition.” *Under Review* at *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*
- Roberts, Allison. “Does Hospital Identity Matter without a Market? Investigating Hospital Web Presences in Three Countries.”
- Roberts, Allison. “Testing Weber’s Theory of Rationality: The Changing Role of Religion in Healthcare.”
- Alder, Craig, Allison Roberts, Ellen Idler. “Religious Identity, Conflict, and Health Outcomes.”
- Alder, Craig, Allison Roberts, Tricia Lewis. “Changing (NY) Times: Using Networks to Explore Mental Health Articles in the NY Times over 30 Years.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Course Instructor, Emory University

- 2017, 2018 Sociology 230: Sociological Aspects of Health and Illness
- Designed and implemented the entire course
 - Emphasized methodological training

Lab Instructor, Emory University

- 2018 Introduction to Quantitative Theory and Methods
 -Conducted in RStudio
 -Teach 40 students how to conduct statistical analysis in R

Program Assistant, Emory University

- 2017 Comparative Health Systems Study-Abroad in London, UK
 -Helped 20 students collect data and prepared it for use in SPSS

Teaching Assistant, Emory University

- 2017 Introduction to Sociology with Frank Lechner
 2016 Introduction to Sociology with Melissa Pirkey
 2015, 2017 Sociology of Health and Illness with Ellen Idler
 2015 Sociology of Mental Health and Illness with Corey Keyes
 2014 Sociology of Happiness for Corey Keyes

Guest Lectures, Emory University

- 2018 How Do We Compare Healthcare Systems? Theories, Metrics, and Findings
 2017 Religious Rituals During Mardi Gras? Using Durkheim to Explain Secular Celebrations
 2016 Neoinstitutional Theory and the Family
 2016 Religion and Health

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI) Leadership Conference Fellowship (IHI National Headquarters, Boston)
 2017 Program Assistant Fellowship for Comparative Healthcare Systems Program (in London)
 2014 Laney Graduate School Woodruff Fellowship
 2014 Laney Graduate School Student Fellowship
 2014 Highest Honors on Honors Thesis, Vanderbilt University
 2013 Southeastern Conference Division Novice Debate Champion
 2013 James Madison University Competition Novice Debate Champion

CURRENT GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 2018 Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Health Services Research Dissertation Support Grant (stipend + research costs)
Submitted November 1st.

PRESENTATIONS

- Roberts, Allison. 2018. "Hawking Surgery: Hospitals and Online Competition." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2018: New Orleans.
 Roberts, Allison. 2018. "Selling Health." Healthcare Innovation Student Symposium 2018: Atlanta. **Invited Talk.**
 Roberts, Allison. 2017. "Fighting for Space in the Medical Marketplace: Exploring Measures and Consequences of Hospital Competition." Graduate Research Interdisciplinary Team of Scholars Talk. Atlanta.
 Roberts, Allison. 2017. "Losing Weight for Market's Sake: Weight-Loss Surgery as a Form of Hospital Competition." Southern Sociological Society Conference 2017: Greenville.

Kornrich, Sabino and Allison Roberts. 2015. "Household Outsourcing, 1980-2010."
American Sociological Association Conference: Chicago.

DATA COLLECTION PROJECTS

- 2016 Strong4Life Program Evaluation
- I worked with Children's Healthcare of Atlanta to design and conduct a survey of current pediatric primary-care patients and their parents, evaluating the efficacy of new physician training in the larger Metro Atlanta region.
- 2014 Cancer Patient Focus Group, Self-Designed
- For my honors thesis, I recruited a focus group of current cancer patients receiving care in Nashville, TN, to evaluate their satisfaction with care and unmet emotional support needs.
- 2013-2014 Research assistant, Vanderbilt Sociology Dept.
- I worked with Dr. Larry Isaac in his research on labor perspectives during the late nineteenth century in America. I read fiction pieces from the era that discussed labor problems and evaluated the author's opinions on labor through a standardized worksheet.

STATISTICAL SOFTWARE

STATA	OLS/logistic/spatial regression, HLM/MLM, heterogenous diffusion modeling, data cleaning and management
R/RStudio	Network visualization, analysis, and modeling, statistical modeling and visualization, sentiment analysis, R Markdown
SPSS	Data management, statistical modeling
Python	Web scraping and cleaning, natural language processing, Jupyter Notebook GUI
Tableau	Data visualization
SAS	Statistical modeling
C++/Java	Basic coding and package construction

TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

University Workshops

- 2018 Data Science for Scientists (Unix, Python, GIT)
- 2017 Text Analysis Workshop
- 2017 Data Visualization and Mapping Workshop
- 2014 Jones Program of Ethics

Off-Campus Workshops

- 2018 Healthcare Quality Improvement Leadership Certification

UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- 2018 **Co-President** of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement at Emory
- 2018 Undergraduate Program Committee
- 2014-2018 Social Committee member and event organizer

2015-2016 **Vice President** of the Coalition of Graduate Sociologists
 2015 Graduate Recruitment Committee
 2014 Alumni representative for Tau Beta Sigma
 2012-2014 **Hope Lodge Chair** for the Vanderbilt Cancer Society
 2012-2013 Public relations chair for the Vanderbilt Debate Squad

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Roberts, Allison. 2010. "Dr. Dorothy Edwards Asks: What's Your Green Dot?" *The Vanderbilt Torch*. <<http://www.vutorch.com/2010/10/14/dr-dorothy-edwards-asks-whats-your-green-dot/>>
 Roberts, Allison. 2010. "The Commons Experience Acclimates Freshmen to Vanderbilt." *The Vanderbilt Torch*. <<http://www.vutorch.com/2010/09/25/commons-experience-acclimates-freshmen-to-vanderbilt/>>
 Roberts, Allison. 2010. "The Justin Bieber Phenomenon." *The Vanderbilt Torch*. Not available online.

NON-ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

2015-2018 Student Manager and Technical Lead for Emory Classroom Technologies
 -Train and manage a group of 15-20 students for the office
 -Facilitate the audiovisual components of classrooms and meetings
 2011-2012 Vanderbilt Calling Center Representative

REFERENCES

- Dr. Ellen Idler, Graduate Advisor and Dissertation Chair
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 - 404-727-7894
- Dr. Timothy Dowd, Dissertation Chair
 - tdowd@emory.edu
 - 404-727-6259
- Dr. Weihua An, Dissertation Committee Member
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