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Education

2025 – 2027 (anticipated)	Master of Arts (Sociology) <i>Advisor: Dr. Heather O'Connell</i> Louisiana State University
2024	Bachelor of Arts Degree (Sociology) University of Cincinnati
2023	Associate of Arts Degree (Sociology) Sinclair Community College

Certifications/Continuing Education

- 2026 Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant II (C.D.C.A. II) - Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board
- 2024 C.D.C.A. II
- 2024 Qualified Mental Health Specialist Certification (Q.M.H.S.) Relias Training L.L.C.
- 2022 C.D.C.A. II (renewable)
- 2021 Preliminary Chemical Dependency Counselor Assistant (C.D.C.A.) certification

Research Interests

Racial disparities in health outcomes
Mental health/public health

Honors, Awards, and Fellowships

- Awarded the “Outstanding Project” award for academic excellence by University of Cincinnati’s Sociology department 3/2024
- Offered the Transfer Into Bearcats (T.I.B.) scholarship, holding the Director of Social Engagement position at the University of Cincinnati
- Graduated with honors (cumulative GPA 3.9) from Sinclair Community College
- Graduated with honors and a 4.0 GPA (3.4 cumulative GPA) from University of Cincinnati

Work Experience

2026	Prior Authorization Specialist - DeCoach
2025 – present	Graduate Assistant - LSU
2024 - 2025	Intake Specialist, hybrid - DeCoach Recover Centre/ORC
2024	Primary Counselor - Lumiere Healing Centers
2021 - 2023	Behavioral Technician/Counselor Assistant - Woodhaven

Graduate Assistant Roles

- Qualitative research on communities and climate change weather attributes with Dr. Kevin Smiley. *Cleaning and index coding interviews.*
- SOCL 3371 Sociology of the Criminal Justice System with Dr. Chantel Chauvin. *Proctoring exams and grading papers.*
- Data collection on confederate monument perceptions with Dr. Heather O’Connell.

Research and Presentation Experience

- Conducted interviews, surveys, transcription, and qualitative data analysis.
- Analyzed data using Stata (statistical software for data analysis).
- Submitted and presented capstone research project on Jamaican police brutality. Presented findings in the undergraduate podium presentation competition.
- Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Outlook, Teams
- Data analysis experience with Stata and SPSS

References

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