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Research Interests

Research Interests: Sociology of Religion; Global Studies; Social Media; Parasociology

Education

2029 (expected) Ph.D.: Sociology, Louisiana State University

2026 MA: Sociology, Louisiana State University

2024 BA: Sociology Concentrating in Criminology, English Concentrating in Literature,
Louisiana State University

Minors: Philosophy & Italian

Summa Cum Laude

Relevant Work Experience

Research Assistant: Summer 2025, Summer 2026

Accra, Ghana: Fieldwork Project

Summer 2025: Spiritual/Non-Human Interaction

Aided in creating and administering qualitative interviews on perceptions of socialization with the dead.

Summer 2026: Spiritual/Non-Human Interaction

Aided in creating, piloting, and administering a comprehensive quantitative survey on religious/paranormal/spiritual beliefs, interaction with non-humans, and perceptions of socialization with the dead.

Graduate Teaching Assistantship: Fall 2024-Present

For the following GA appointments: Responsible for grading assignments, communicating with students, maintaining areas of the course gradebook, proctoring, and collaborating with supervising professors.

-Dr. Hope Yan: Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Introduction to Statistics

-Dr. Rhiannon Kroeger: Fall 2024-Spring 2025

Family; Sociology of Medicine

-Dr. Mackenzie Jossie: Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Criminal Justice Systems; Introduction to Corrections; Gender and Crime

-Dr. Wesley Shrum: Fall 2025-Spring 2026

Introductory Sociology, Magic & Technology

Graduate Instructor for Statistics Lab: Spring 2025

- Designed and led lab sections for undergraduate statistics
- Graded all assignments, quizzes, and exams for enrolled students
- Served as primary contact for students regarding course-related questions and concerns

Supplemental Instructor for Undergraduate Statistics: Fall 2024

- Facilitated weekly review sessions to reinforce course concepts and support student learning
- Developed interactive activities and guided practice materials
- Collaborated with the Center for Academic Success; received training in classroom management and effective pedagogical strategies

Relevant Experience

Publications

"If It Has a Name, It Exists": Perceived Human-Spiritual Interactions in Ghana. 2026. Mollie Schloss, Nana Osei Asiamah, Paige Miller, Mark Schafer, and Wesley Shrum.

Under Review: *Death Studies*

Academic Movies & Video Ethnography Experience

The Last Dance. 2026. Director.

Vishnumaya. 2026. Associate Producer. Wesley Shrum, Director

Baton Rouge Blues Festival. 2026. Film interviews of various musical artists in collaboration with the Baton Rouge Blues Festival.

Katrina Archive. 2026. Film the final leg of the "destruction tour" documenting the recovery from Hurricane Katrina. Collaboration with The Louisiana State Museum.

Presentations, Conferences, & Grants

"Talking to the Deceased: A Pilot Study of Paranormal Beliefs and Experiences in Kenya, Ghana, and India." Wesley Shrum, Mollie Schloss, Nana Osei Asiamah, Paige Miller. Annual meeting of the Society for Psychical Research, Oxford. October 2025.

Attended: Global Parapsychology Conference: Fall 2025

Contributed to a grant proposal for an NSF project on AI-assisted video ethnography in Ghana, Kenya, and South India

Honors

Fred C Frey Memorial Scholarship

Most outstanding Sociology paper written by an undergraduate student majoring in Sociology

Sybil F Boizelle Memorial Scholarship

Full time undergraduate students enrolled in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences majoring in English at the top 10% of the college

TAF Award: College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Undergraduate award for students in the College of Humanities & Social Sciences

LSU Family Foundation Scholarship

Skills

Software: Stata, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, & Word

Research: Survey Design, Qualitative Coding, Statistical Analysis

Languages: English & Italian (Functional Fluency)
