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APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENTS	
2025-Present	Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology,
	Anthropology, and Social Work, College of Arts and Sciences, Texas
	Tech University
2025-Present	Visiting Scholar, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Brandeis
	Unviersity
2024-2025	Switzer Research Program Postdoctoral Fellow; National Institute on
	Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research;
	Administration for Community Living; Lurie Institute for Disability
	Policy; Heller School for Social Policy and Management; Brandeis
	University
2023-2024	Advanced Rehabilitation Research and Training Program
	Postdoctoral Fellow; National Institute on Disability, Independent
	Living and Rehabilitation Research; Lurie Institute for Disability
	Policy; Heller School for Social Policy and Management; Brandeis
	University
2022-2023	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
2021-2022	Fellow, Research Excellence Doctoral Fund, The Graduate School,
	Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
2018-2021	Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Scott Landes, Aging Studies
	Institute, Syracuse University
2017-2018	Graduate Research Assistant, Professor Madonna Harrington Meyer,
	Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
2015-2018	Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University
EDUCATION	
2023	Ph.D., Sociology, Syracuse University
	Dissertation: "Adulting While Disabled"
	Dissertation Committee: Madonna Harrington Meyer (Advisor), Scott
	Landes, Merril Silverstein, Rebecca Schewe, Katherine McDonald
2017	M.A., Sociology, Syracuse University
2015	B.S., Sociology and Public Relations, Illinois State University
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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Disability; medical sociology; aging and the life course; sociology of mental health; welfare policy; health, illness, and mortality; mixed and qualitative methods; sex and gender

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles (Refereed) 2025 Zionskowski, Kelsey,* Jessica Hoyle, Anne Valentine, J. Dalton Stevens, Ilhom Akobirshoev, Monika Mitra, and Willi Horner-Johnson. "Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Receipt among Male Adolescents/Young Adults with Disabilities: Analysis of 2011-2019 National Survey of Family Growth Data." In Press. Journal of Adolescent Health. 2025 Hoyle, Jessica, Anne Valentine, J. Dalton Stevens, Kelsey Zionskowski,* Ilhom Akobirshoev, Willi Horner-Johnson, and Monika Mitra. "Sexual and Reproductive Health Care Receipt Among Female Adolescents and Young Adults with Disabilities in the United States, 2011-2019." In Press. Journal of Adolescent Health. Li, Frank S., Anne Valentine, J. Dalton Stevens, Jessica Chaikof,* and Monika 2025 Mitra. "Sexual violence and unintended pregnancy in women with disabilities: An intersectional, cross-sectional study." American Journal of Preventive Medicine 69(2):1-8. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2025.04.011 2025 Li, Frank S., Luci Swinford,* Miriam Heyman, J. Dalton Stevens, and Monika Mitra. "Disparity in Internet Access Among Parents with Disabilities in the United States." *Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics* 46(4):e343-e347. https://doi.org/10.1097/DBP.000000000001371. 2022 *Landes, Scott D., J. Dalton Stevens, and Margaret A. Turk. "Postmortem diagnostic overshadowing: Reporting of cerebral palsy on death certificates." Journal of Health and Social Behavior 63(4): 525-542. https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465221078313. 2022 Stevens, J. Dalton, Margaret A. Turk, and Scott D. Landes. "Cause of death trends among adults with and without cerebral palsy in the United States, 2013-2017." Annals of Physical & Rehabilitation Medicine 65(2):101553. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rehab.2021.101553. 2021 Stevens, J. Dalton, and Scott D. Landes. "Assessing State Level Variation in Signature Authority and Cause of Death Accuracy, 2005-2017." Preventive Medicine Reports 21 (March): https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2020.101309. 2020 Landes, Scott D., J. Dalton Stevens, and Margaret A. Turk. "Cause of Death in Adults with Intellectual Disability in the United States." Journal of Intellectual Disability Research 65(1): 49-59. https://doi.org/10.1111/jir.12790.

- Landes, Scott D., Maragret A. Turk, Margaret K. Formica, Katherine E. McDonald, and, **J. Dalton Stevens**. "Covid-19 Outcomes among People with Intellectual and Developmental Disability Living in Residential Group Homes in New York State." *Disability and Health Journal* 13(4): 1-5. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2020.100969.
- 2020 Landes, Scott D., **J. Dalton Stevens**, and Margaret A. Turk. "Cause of Death in Adults with Down Syndrome in the US." *Disability and Health Journal* 13(4):1-9. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.dhjo.2020.100947.
- Landes, Scott D., **J. Dalton Stevens**, and Margaret A. Turk. "Obscuring effect of coding developmental disability as the underlying cause of death on mortality trends for adults with developmental disability: a cross-sectional study using US Mortality Data from 2012 to 2016." *BMJ: Open* Feb 24;9(2). https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/9/2/e026614.
- 2019 Landes, Scott D., **J. Dalton Stevens**, and Margaret A. Turk. "Heterogeneity in Age at Death for Adults with Developmental Disability." *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research* 63(12): 1482-1487. doi: 10.1111/jir.12672.

Book Chapters (Refereed)

- Stevens, J. Dalton. "Disability and Family Care Work Over the Life Course."

 Invited Chapter for the *Oxford Handbook on the Sociology of Disability*, R. Brown, M. Maroto, and D. Pettinicchio (eds.). <u>DOI:</u>

 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190093167.013.18
- Harrington Meyer, Madonna, and **J. Dalton Stevens**. "Changes in Medicaid for People with Disability." Pp. 261-300 In Daniel Lanford (ed.) *Medicaid: Enrollment, Eligibility, and Key Issues*. Nova Science Publishers: Hauppauge, NY. https://novapublishers.com/shop/medicaid-enrollment-eligibility-and-key-issues/.
- *Stevens, J. Dalton. "Stuck in Transition with You: Variable Pathways to In(ter)dependence for Emerging Adult Men with Mobility Impairments." Pp. 169-184 in Sara E. Green and Donileen Loseke (eds.) New Narratives of Disability: Constructions, Clashes, and Controversies Research in Social Science and Disability, Volume 11. Emerald. https://doi.org/10.1108/S1479-354720190000011020.
- Gerschick, Thomas J., and **J. Dalton Stevens**. "Invisibility, Visibility, Vilification, and Near Silence: The Framing of Disability in the Early Years of the American Sociological Society." Pp. 1-27 in Sara E. Green, Sharon N. Barnartt (ed.) *Research in Social Science and Disability: Sociology Looking at Disability*, Volume 9. Emerald Group Publishing Ltd: Bingley, UK. https://doi.org/10.1108/S1479-354720160000009003

^{*} Article was the 2023 Disability in Society Section of the American Sociological Association Best Paper Award Honorable Mention.

*Won the 2018 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Disability in Society Section of the American Sociological Association, and the 2018 Syracuse University Department of Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award. Final draft won the 2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems, Disability Division Graduate Student Paper Competition.

Research Briefs and Reports (Invited)

- Valentine, Anne, Frank S. Li, **J. Dalton Stevens**, Mark Davis, and Monika Mitra. "Disabled Persons Protection Commission Abuse Evaluation." Commissioned by the Massachusetts DPPC.
- Stevens, J. Dalton. "How young adults with disabilities develop axes of independence by rebalancing self-reliance, family-reliance, and state-reliance: A qualitative analysis of life history interviews." (ARDRAW Grant Winner) (Pre-print available:

 https://www.ssa.gov/disabilityresearch/documents/ardraw/Stevens_C4_Final-Paper.pdf
- Landes, Scott D., **J. Dalton Stevens**, and Margaret A. Turk. "Covid-19 and Pneumonia: Increased Risk for Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities during the Pandemic." Syracuse, New York: *Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Population Health Research Brief Series*. https://lernercenter.syr.edu/2020/04/27/covid-19-and-pneumonia-increased-risk-for-individuals-with-intellectual-and-developmental-disabilities-during-the-pandemic/.
- 2019 **Stevens, J. Dalton**. "People with Developmental Disabilities have much more Life to Live." Syracuse, New York: *Syracuse University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion Population Health Research Brief Series*.

 http://lernercenter.syr.edu/2019/10/01/people-with-developmental-disabilities-have-much-more-life-to-live/.

In Progress

Stevens, J. Dalton. "What contributes to suicidal thoughts and behavior among young adults with disabilities?" Revise and resubmit..

Stevens, J. Dalton, Anne Valentine, Jessica Hoyle, Franke S. Li, John Harris, Kelsey Zionskowski,* Ilhom Akobirshoev, Willi Horner-Johnson, Monika Mitra. "Inclusive Intimacy: Sexual Experiences, Debut, and Partners Among Females Ages 15-25 With and Without Disability, NSFG 2011-2019." Under review.

Stevens, J. Dalton, Timotheus Gordon,* Kim The, Teresa Nguyen, Miriam Heyman, and Joe Caldwell. "Let Me Live': Barriers to Community Living for Nursing Home Residents of Color." Under review.

Stevens, J. Dalton, Anne Valentine, Frank S. Li, Jessica Hoyle, Willi Horner-Johnson, and Monika Mitra. "Pregnancies, intendedness, and outcomes among female adolescents and young adults with disability, 2011-2019." Under review.

Regan, Elana,* and **J. Dalton Stevens**. "Years of Potential Life Lost Among Adults diagnosed with Schizophrenia in the United States, 2017-2021."

Chaikof, Jessica,* and **J. Dalton Stevens.** "Age at death trends among adults with sensory disabilities."

- **J. Dalton Stevens.** "Leading Causes of Death Among Adults with Psychiatric, Sensory, Physical, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities in the US."
- **J. Dalton Stevens.** "Short lives: Age at Death Trends and Years of Potential Life Lost Among US Adults with Disabilities."
- **J. Dalton Stevens.** "Mortality Trends Among US Adults with Autism Reported on Their Death Certificate."
- J. Dalton Stevens. "Disability Mortality Trends Across Sex, Race, and Ethnicity."

Stevens, J. Dalton. "Cause of Death Signature Authority Database." State-level database on the roles and professions of US cause of death certifiers.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Regan, Elana* and **J. Dalton Stevens**. Years Unfulfilled: Quantifying Life Lost Among Adults with Schizophrenia/Schizoaffective Disorder. Accepted to the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C., November 4, 2025.

Stevens, J. Dalton and Richard Chapman. Mortality Trends Among US Decedents with Intellectual Disability, Autism, Down syndrome, and Co-Occurring Mental Health Conditions, 2017-2021. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, June 24, 2025.

^{*}Indicates undergraduate student, graduate student, or peer-researcher co-author

- Stevens, J. Dalton. "Social Ecological Factors of Suicidal Thoughts and Behavior among Disabled Millennials: Individual, Interpersonal, Organizational, Community, and Societal Factors." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, QC, August 12, 2024.
 Stevens, J. Dalton. "Talking With and Talking Through: Disability Inclusive Qualitative Interview Strategies." Presented in Poster Symposium at the annual meeting of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,
- Hoyle, Jessica N., **J. Dalton Stevens**, Frank S. Li, Willi Horner-Johnson, and Monika Mitra. "Sexual and Reproductive Health Outcomes for Adolescent and Young Adult Females with Cognitive Developmental Disabilities." Presented in paper presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Louisville, KY, on June 12, 2024.
- Stevens, J. Dalton. "Approaching Barriers, Facing Exclusions." Sociological Research Jamboree, Virtual Presentation, August 2, 2022.

Louisville, KY, June 12, 2024.

- 2022 **Stevens, J. Dalton.** "Social Ecological Expectations of Young Disabled Adults." Presented in paper session at the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 14, 2022.
- Stevens, J. Dalton. "How do young adults with disabilities arrange self-reliance, family-reliance, and state-reliance?" Analyzing Relationships Between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work Webinar Series, Policy Research Inc. August 24.
- Stevens, J. Dalton. "Disability and suicidality during the transition to adulthood." American Sociological Association, Virtual presentation, August 8.
- Harrington Meyer, Madonna, and, **J. Dalton Stevens**. "Medicaid for People with Disabilities." American Sociological Association, Virtual presentation, August 10.
- 2020 **Stevens, J. Dalton,** and Scott D. Landes. "People with Developmental Disabilities have much more Life to Live: Understanding the Short Shrift." Midwest Sociological Society, Omaha, NE, April. (Annual meeting canceled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 **Stevens, J. Dalton**, Scott D. Landes, and Margaret A. Turk. "Comparison of age and biological sex mortality trends between adults with and without cerebral palsy, 2013-2017 US." Gerontological Society of America, Austin, TX, November 14.
- 2019 Landes, Scott D., **J. Dalton Stevens**, and Margaret A. Turk. "Disparities in Age and Biological Sex Mortality Trends between Adults with/without Intellectual Disability." American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 12.

2019 **Stevens, J. Dalton.** "Stuck in transition with you: Variable pathways to in(ter)dependence for emerging adult men with mobility impairments." Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, New York, August 9. 2019 Stevens, J. Dalton. "(Dis)abling emerging adulthood: Agency, adaptability, and structural barriers." Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April 18. 2018 Stevens, J. Dalton. "Stuck in Transition with You: Families in the transition to adulthood for men with mobility impairments." American Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, August 12. 2018 Stevens, J. Dalton. "Disabling the transition to adulthood: Housing, Family and Independence." Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN, March 23. 2017 Stevens, J. Dalton. "Spatial Discord: (Dis)Abling the City." Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montréal, QC, August 12. 2017 Stevens, J. Dalton. "The Accessibility Paradox: The Difficulty of Finding Housing with a Disability." American Sociological Association, Montréal, QC, August 12. 2017 **Stevens, J. Dalton.** "Gender socialization: Constructing disabled masculinity." Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA, February 24. 2016 Stevens, J. Dalton. "Exploring congenital physical disability: Understanding the

Sociological Society, Boston, MA, March 19.

Invited Lectures and Presentations

Stevens, J. Dalton and Laurin Bixby. "Life After Your PhD: Navigating Career Paths and Opportunities." Brandeis University, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Disability Research Seminar, January 24, 2025.

lived experience of the gender socialization process in male disabled bodies." Eastern

- Stevens, J. Dalton. "Social Ecological Factors of Suicidality among Disabled Millennials." Brandeis University, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Disability Research Seminar, September 13, 2024.
- 2024 **Stevens, J. Dalton.** "Disability During the Transition to Adulthood." Syracuse University, Sociology Department, Recruitment Weekend Lecture, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs, March 29, 2024.

^{*}Indicates undergraduate student presenter/co-author

2023	for Disability Policy Disability Seminar, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, November 21, 2023.
2023	Stevens, J. Dalton. "Completing the Comprehensive Exams and Dissertation." Syracuse University, Sociology Graduate Student Organization, Sociology Department, November 8, 2023.
2023	Stevens, J. Dalton. "Stuck in transition with you: Rooting, returning, and in(ter)dependence for emerging adult men with mobility impairments." Brandeis University, Disability Policy Seminar, October 11, 2023.
2022	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Sociology of Health and Illness – Disability." Syracuse University, Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology, Sociology Department, November 16, 2022.
2022	Stevens, J. Dalton, Kelsey Wilber, and Dustin Satterfield. "Imposter Syndrome and Mental Health." Syracuse University, Future Professoriate Program, Sociology Department, September 8, 2022.
2022	Stevens, J. Dalton, and Michael Dougherty. "Applying to Graduate School." Midwest Sociological Society, April 16, 2022.
2021	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Disability and Suicidality during the Transition to Adulthood." Syracuse University, Counseling 626: Social and Cultural Dimensions of Counseling, Virtual seminar, April 22.
2021	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Disability and Adulthood: Navigating the Nexus of Independence." Lurie Institute at the Heller School for Social Policy and Management at Brandeis University, Virtual seminar, April 13.
2020	Stevens, J. Dalton, and Scott D. Landes. "Revising the underlying cause of death: Addressing inaccurate UCOD reporting among those with intellectual and developmental disabilities." Syracuse University, Sociology 667: Population Processes, October 7.
2019	Stevens, J. Dalton, and Mariah Brennan. "Post-Service Transitions: Veterans and the Life Course." Syracuse University, Sociology 400/600: Veterans Across the Life Course, Syracuse, NY, November 11.
2019	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Qualitative Methodology: Analyzing the Data." Syracuse University, Sociology 318: Introduction to Research, Syracuse, NY, April 4.
2018	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Disability, Impairment, and the Life-Course: Inequality and Policy." 443: Syracuse University, Sociology 443: Race, Class, and Gender, Syracuse, NY, April 4.

2017	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Disability, Identity, and Inequality: Contextualizing the Experiences of People with Disabilities." Syracuse University, Sociology 443: Race, Class and Gender, Syracuse, NY, November 13.	
2017	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Conducting Ethnographic Fieldwork." Syracuse University, Lecture given to Design 647: Design Research, Syracuse, NY, October 3.	
2017	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Using Geographic Information Systems for Design Research." Syracuse University, Design 647: Design Research, Syracuse, NY, October 3.	
2017	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Sociology and Higher Education: Paying for the Party." Syracuse University, Sociology 102: Social Problems, Syracuse, NY, March 29.	
2016	Stevens, J. Dalton. "Aging with a Disability." Syracuse University, Sociology 364 Aging and Society, Syracuse, NY, October 4.	
2016	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Feminist Theory in Sociology." Syracuse University, Sociology 406: Sociological Theory, Syracuse, NY, March 29.	
2015	Stevens, J. Dalton . "Sociology of Health and Health Care: Sociological Perspectives in Medicine." Syracuse University, Introduction to Sociology, Syracuse, NY, April 13.	
2015	Gerschick, TJ, and J. Dalton Stevens . "(In)Visible Agency: Masculinity, Physical Disability and Sexuality Over the Life Course." American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 24.	
Grants, Hono	ors, and Awards	
2024-2025	Switzer Research Fellowship Grant; National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research; Administration for Community Living, Department of Health and Human Services, Title: "US Disability Mortality Trends across Disability Status, Type, Age, Sex, and Race-Ethnicity." (\$80,000)	
2023-2024	Advanced Rehabilitation Research Training Program Fellowship, National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research, Lurie Institute for Disability Policy, Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University, (\$130,000)	
2021-2022	Research Excellence Doctoral Research Fellowship, The Graduate School, Syracuse University (\$22,000)	
2020-2021	Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work (ARDRAW) Small Grant Program, Social Security Administration & Policy Research Incorporated, Cohort 4 (\$10,000)	
2020	Summer Dissertation Fellowship, The Graduate School, Syracuse University (\$4,000)	

2020	Roscoe Martin Fund for Dissertation and Thesis Research, Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs (\$1,200)
2019	Society for the Study of Social Problems Disability Division Student Paper Competition Award Winner for "Stuck in Transition with You: Variable Pathways to In(ter)dependence for Emerging Adult Men with Mobility Impairments."
2018	Syracuse University Department of Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award for "Stuck in Transition with You: Rooting, Returning, and Interdependence for Men with Mobility Impairments"
2018	Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Disability & Society Section of the ASA for "Stuck in Transition with You: Rooting, Returning, and Interdependence for Men with Mobility Impairments"
2015	Honors Program Inductee, American Sociological Association
2015	John Kinneman Scholarship, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Illinois State University (\$1,000)
2014	R. Douglas and Janice Leucke Irvine Endowed Scholarship, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Illinois State University (\$1,000)
2014	Undergraduate Research Award, Illinois State University (\$1,500)

Teaching Experience

As Instructor of Record

Soc 5332: Disability and the Life Course (Graduate, Texas Tech University)

Soc/WGS 305: Sociology of Sex and Gender (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

As Teaching Assistant

Sociology 101: Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

Sociology 102: Social Problems (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

Sociology 406: Sociological Theory (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

Soc/WGS 305: Sex and Gender (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

Soc/WGS 364: Aging and Society (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

Soc/WGS 443: Race, Class, and Gender (Undergraduate, Syracuse University)

Service

Professional/Disc	cipline
2023-2025	Nominations Committee Chair, Disability in Society Section, American
	Sociological Association
2024	Session Presider, American Sociological Association, Disabling and Inclusive
	Environments
2022	Assistant, Logistics, Sociological Research Jamboree
2018-2023	Member, Student Issues Committee, Midwest Sociological Society

2021 Presider, American Sociological Association, Disability in Society Section, "Disability in Society Roundtables" 2021 Co-organizer/Facilitator, Midwest Sociological Society, "Undergraduate Scholars Program" 2018-2021 Student Director, Board Member, Midwest Sociological Society Session Organizer, Disability Division, Society for the Study of Social 2019 Problems, "Disability and Relationships across the Life Course" 2019 Session Presider, Midwest Sociological Society, "Disability and Society" 2018 Session Presider, Midwest Sociological Society, "Coming of Age: What Constrains and Enables Growing Up and Growing Old" Reviewer, Disability and Health Journal, Annals of Physical and Present Rehabilitation Medicine, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Forces, Health Affairs, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Adolescent Health University 2017-2023 Graduate Student Panelist, Academic Integrity Hearings, Syracuse University 2015-2016 Graduate Student Representative to Graduate Student Organization, Syracuse University Department 2024-Present Mentor, Heller Student Fellowship Mentorship Program, Brandeis University

Professional Affiliations

2015-2018, '20-'21

2021-2022

American Sociological Association (2015-2025)

Section on Disability in Society (Nominations Committee Chair 2023-2025)

American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (2023-Present)

Peer Mentor, Syracuse University

Research, Sexual and Social Relationships, and Student & Early Career Professionals

Graduate Student Faculty Representative, Syracuse University

Midwest Sociological Society (2015-2023)

Student Issues Committee

American Public Health Association (2023-Present)

Disability Section

Gerontological Society of America (2019)

Lifelong Disabilities

Society for the Study of Social Problems (2015-2018)

Disability Division