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Education

2027 PhD. Sociology, Louisiana State University (expected)

2024 M.A. Sociology, Louisiana State University

2021 B.S. Sociology, Tennessee State University

Research Interests

Race and Ethnicity, Health and Digital Spaces

Publications

Houser, Zara, O'Connell, Heather A. and Carney, Nikita. 2026. "Beyond 280 Characters: Counterpublics and Black Women's Responses to the Overturning of Roe v. Wade on Twitter." *Humanity & Society*. Online First. <https://doi.org/10.1177/01605976261435163>

Williams, Courtney E., **Houser, Zara**, and Erving, Christy L. 2026. Black Babies Matter: An Intersectional Analysis of Preterm Birth Risk Among Black Mothers. *Women's Health Issues*. Online First. doi.org/10.1016/j.whi.2026.06.004

Conference Presentations

Houser, Zara. "The Price of Being Black in Suburbia: Black Women's Digital Discourse on TikTok." Southern Sociological Society Conference. Jacksonville, FL. April 9, 2026; American Sociological Association. New York, New York. August 9, 2026

Houser, Zara. "Beyond 280 Characters: Analyzing Black women and birthing people responses to Roe V Wade on Twitter." Southern Sociological Society Conference. New Orleans, LA. April 4, 2024.

Honors and Awards

2026 College of Humanities and Social Sciences Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Louisiana State University

2025 Exceptional Communicator Award (voted on by undergraduate students), Louisiana State University

Teaching

Instructor

2026 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
 Introduction to Sociology

2025 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
 Introduction to Sociology

2025 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
Current Social Problems

2024 Instructor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
Current Social Problems

Assistant Positions

2026 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies,
Louisiana State University

2023 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
Sociology of Deviance

2022 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
Sociology of Sport
Introduction to Sociology

2021 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University
Race Relations
Introduction to Sociology

2019 Teaching Assistant, Honors College, Tennessee State University
Service to Leadership (Honors College)

2018 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Tennessee State University
Sociology of Family

Guest Lectures

“Black Women, Twitter and Reproductive Justice: A Digital Counterpublic”. Feminist in Action.
Louisiana State University. February 13, 2025

“Gender”. Sociology of Family and Marriage. Louisiana State University. November 13, 2024

“Unobtrusive Research”. Research Methods. Louisiana State University. November 8, 2024

“Sociology of Family.” Introductory Sociology. Louisiana State University. April 22, 2024

“Gender and Sexuality.” Introductory Sociology. Louisiana State University. November 15, 2022

Professional Experiences

2026 Intern- Monitoring, Evaluating, Accountability and Learning (MEAL)
Southern Poverty Law Center

2024 ISHER Lab – Collaborator (to present)
University of Texas at Austin

2023 Strategy Tutor (to 2025)

Academic Center for Student Athletes, Louisiana State University

Professional Association Memberships

Black Graduate and Professional Students Association, Louisiana State University (2021-Present)

American Sociological Association (2026-Present)

Society of Social Problems (2026-Present)

Southern Sociological Society (2024- Present)