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EDUCATION

2029 (Expected)	PhD, Sociology Louisiana State University Committee Chair: Dr. Heather O'Connell
2026	MA, Sociology Louisiana State University Committee Chair: Dr. Heather O'Connell
2023	MRes, Social Science Research with Distinction Queen's University Belfast Advisor: Professor Lisa Smyth
2022	BA, Sociology with First Class Honors Queen's University Belfast Advisor: Dr. Rin Ushiyama

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity; Sociology of Sexualities; Social Inequality; Social Psychology;
Sociology of Media; Qualitative Methods.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Louisiana State University, LSU Agricultural Centre

Summer 2025 | Graduate Research Assistant

- The CRISP-Rice Project – The Climate Resilient Innovations in Sustainable Production of Rice

Conducted survey research assessing US rice grower adoption of sustainable agriculture.

Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology

Fall 2024 | Graduate Research Assistant

- Climate Change Attribution Newspaper Analysis

Conducted index coding analysis of newspaper articles examining the attribution of extreme weather events to climate change.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

In Progress

Burns, Sophie M. “Salient Boundaries of Belonging: Differing Perceptions of Exclusion Among Ethnoracial Minorities in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland.”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026 “Salient Boundaries of Belonging: Differing Perceptions of Exclusion Among Ethnoracial Minorities in Post-Conflict Northern Ireland.” **Burns, Sophie M.** Paper presented at the annual meeting of Southern Sociological Society, April 9th, Jacksonville FL.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

GUEST LECTURES

March 2026 “Policy Outcomes.” Current Social Problems, Louisiana State University

October 2025 “Family.” Introductory Sociology, Louisiana State University

February 2025 “Family.” Introductory Sociology, Louisiana State University

September 2024 “Interactionism.” Sociological Theory, Louisiana State University

TEACHING ASSISTANTSHIPS

Louisiana State University, Department of Sociology

Spring 2025-Spring 2026 | Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Sociology of the Criminal Justice System
- Introduction to Corrections
- Introductory Sociology
- Current Social Problems

Fall 2024 | Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Sociology of Law
- Sociological Theory

Supported courses through supplemental instruction, assessment administration, assessment evaluation and course management.

SERVICE

2026 Served as a Judge for LSU Fred Frey Memorial Award

2026 Served as a Poster Judge at LSU Discover Day

SKILLS

- Academic Writing Skills
- Qualitative Data Sampling, Collection and Analysis
- Quantitative Data Cleaning, Analysis and Visualization
- Presentation Skills
- Leadership and Management Skills

Software: Stata, SPSS, NVivo, Atlas.ti, Dovetail, Microsoft Office Suite (Word, Excel, PowerPoint).