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EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Expected 2026
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE

Master of Arts in Sociology, 2021

Texas State University, San Marcos, TX

Master's Thesis: "The Illusion of Inclusion: How Progressive Theology Books May Perpetuate Inequality"

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, 2018

Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX

Undergraduate Honors Thesis: "Does Locus of Control Influence Parentification and Anxiety in Father Daughter Relationships?"

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Gender, Sexuality, Religion

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Mays, Cindy J., and Lacy E. Krueger. 2021. "Does Locus of Control Influence Parentification and Anxiety in Father-Daughter Relationships?" *Journal of Family Issues* 42(12):2881-2895.

Book Reviews

Burke, Fiona, Patti Giuffre, and Cindy Mays. 2021. Review of *A Field Guide to Grad School: Uncovering the Hidden Curriculum* by Jessica Calarco. *Teaching Sociology* 49(4):410-413.

AWARDS/HONORS

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| J.J. & Eleanor S. Ogle Summer Research Fellowship | May 2022 |
| Othmer Fellowship, University of Nebraska-Lincoln | August 2021 |
| Department of Sociology Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Texas State University | February 2021 |
| Nominee for Outstanding Graduate Student in Liberal Arts, Texas State University | February 2021 |
| Thesis Research Support Fellowship, Texas State University | December 2020 |
| Center for Diversity and Gender Studies Scholarship for Women, Texas State University | April 2020 |
| Graduate College Liberal Arts Scholarship, Texas State University | March 2020 |
| Geoff Wood Memorial Scholarship, Texas State University | March 2020 |
| High Honors, Texas A&M University-Commerce | May 2018 |
| Summa Cum Laude, Texas A&M University-Commerce | May 2018 |
| Academic Excellence Award, Texas A&M University-Commerce | April 2017 |
| Global Scholar, Texas A&M University-Commerce | March 2017 |
| Honors College, Texas A&M University-Commerce | 2014-2018 |

PRESENTATIONS

“The Illusion of Inclusion: How Progressive Theology Books May Perpetuate Inequality” Proposed and defended as a Master Thesis at Texas State University, April 19, 2021

“Gender Portrayals in Spousal Televangelist Broadcasting: A Qualitative Content Analysis” Panel, Presented at the 2021 Southwestern Social Science Association Hybrid Conference, April 15, 2021

“The Influence of Paternal Parentification, Anxiety, and Locus of Control on Self-Reported GPA in Female College Students” Poster, Accepted for presentation at the 2021 Southwestern Psychological Association Virtual Conference, April 9, 2021

“Gender Attitude Differences among Christian vs. Non-Christian Parents” Panel, Presented at the 46th Annual Mid-South Sociological Association Virtual Conference, October 17th, 2020

“Does Locus of Control Influence Parentification and Anxiety in Father-Daughter Relationships?” Panel, Presented at the 2018 Southwestern Psychological Association Convention, April 13, 2018, Proposed and defended as an Undergraduate Honors Thesis at Texas A&M University-Commerce, April 30, 2018

“An Examination of the Testing Effect and Predictions of Learning for Math Facts” Poster, Presented at the 13th Annual Research Symposium, April 3, 2016.

TEACHING

Courses taught at University of Nebraska – Lincoln

Recitation for Introduction to Sociology, SOCI 101; Fall 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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| Project Manager, NSF Funded Project, Directors: Dr. Emily Kazyak and Dr. Kelsy Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE | August 2022-Present |
| Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE | 2021-Present |
| Graduate Research Assistant, NSF Funded Project, Directors: Dr. Emily Kazyak and Dr. Kelsy Burke, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE | May-August 2022 |
| Graduate Student Assistant, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX | 2019-2021 |
| Lab Coordinator, Psychology Metacognition Lab, Director: Dr. Lacy Krueger, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX | 2016-2017 |
| Research Assistant, Psychology Metacognition Lab, Director: Dr. Lacy Krueger, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Commerce, TX | 2015-2016 |

SERVICE

Vice President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Texas State University 2020-2021

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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| Society for the Scientific Study of Religion | 2022-Present |
| Nebraska Association of Sociology Graduate Students | 2021-Present |
| Mid-South Sociological Association | 2020-Present |

Sociologists for Women in Society
American Sociological Association

2020-Present
2019-Present