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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity; Relationships and Intimacy; Stigma and Prejudice; Gender and Sexuality; Social Inequality; Social Psychology; Qualitative Methods; Media Analysis.

EDUCATION

2024-Present	Louisiana State University Ph.D., Sociology Committee Chair: Dr. Heather O'Connell
2022-2023	Queen's University Belfast MRes, Social Science Research with Distinction, Thesis title: Japanese Women Like Hook-Ups Too: An Investigation into Japanese Sex Norms Through Emotional Narratives Centring Women in Netflix Original TV Shows
2019-2022	Queen's University Belfast BA, Sociology with First Class Honors Thesis Title: Fat, Female and Flogged in the Press: A Critical Discourse Analysis of the Representation of Overweight Female Celebrities in International Newspapers

EXPERIENCE

2025-Present Graduate Assistant

Dr. Thomas and Dr. Jossie

Responsible for grading, proctoring

and teaching

Summer 2025 CRISP-Rice Project

Responsible for recruiting participants

and carrying out surveys

2024-2025 Graduate Assistant

Dr. Gremillion and Dr. Smiley Responsible for grading, teaching and assisting with data analysis

2021 Think Pacific Intern

Responsible for the writing of grant

proposal

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).

VOLUNTARY

2021 NSPCC Childline

Responsible for providing phone and online counselling services to high risk

children

2019 Sociology Tutor