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EDUCATION

- In Progress **Ph.D., Sociology**
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Dissertation: *“Reproductive Agency Across the Transition to Adulthood: How Cumulative History, Relationship Experiences, and Pregnancy Experiences Shape Young Women’s Self-Efficacy and Partner-Control”*
Committee: Jennifer Barber (co-chair), Brian Powell (co-chair), Andrew Halpern-Manners, Keera Allendorf
- 2023 **M.A., Sociology**
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Thesis: *“Co-occurring Depression and Stress in Young Women’s Intimate Relationships: Time to First Sex and Sexual Frequency”*
Committee: Brian Powell (chair), Jennifer Barber
- 2021 **B.A., Sociology; Anthropology**
University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Westwood, CA
Summa Cum Laude, Departmental Highest Honors in Sociology & Anthropology
- 2019 **A.A., Sociology, Anthropology, Behavioral Science**
Moorpark College, Moorpark, CA

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Medical Sociology	Social Psychology	Mental Health
Religion	Sexualities	Demography

PUBLICATIONS

- Barber, Jennifer; **Tania Ravaei**; Lisa Pearce, 2026. “Religiosity and the Pathway to an Ongoing Nonmarital Penile–Vaginal Sexual Relationship during the Transition to Adulthood,” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*. (Forthcoming.)
- Ravaei, Tania**, 2026. “Student Age, Inclusion of LGB Topics, and Specifying Appropriateness on Support for Sex Education in the United States: Results from a National Survey Experiment,” *Sex & Sexualities*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/303333717261416944>
- American Sociological Association: Section on the Sociology of Sexualities: Best Graduate Student Paper Award
 - North Central Sociological Association: Seidler Graduate Student Paper Award, 2nd Place

Ravaei, Tania; Megan Bolton, 2025. “We, Not Just I, Must Trust Doctors: Network Medical Trust and Healthcare Utilization,” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231251349865>

UNDER REVIEW

Ravaei, Tania. “Co-occurring Depression and Stress in Young Women's Intimate Relationships: Time to First Sex and Sexual Frequency”

- Alpha Kappa Delta, National Graduate Student Paper Award, 2nd Place

WORKING PAPERS

Ravaei, Tania; Brian Powell. “Whose Rights Matter More? A National Survey Experiment on Academic Freedom and Students’ Religious Objections” (Draft available, In preparation)

Perry, Brea; Megan Bolton; **Tania Ravaei;** Bianca Manago. “Workplace Addiction Stigma: Development and Validation of a Role-Based Social Distance Scale” (Data Analysis)

Ravaei, Tania; Brea Perry. “The Social Consequences of GLP-1–Mediated Weight Loss” (Data Collection)

Ravaei, Tania; Eehyun Kim; Tiffanie Vo; Cyrus Urheim; Fabio Rojas. “From ‘Scholar Denied’ to ‘Architect of the Civil Rights Movement’ Lessons from W.E.B. Du Bois’s Canonization” (Data Analysis)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND REPORTS

Rojas, Fabio; **Tania Ravaei.** “Conducting Sociological Research” in the *Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Speech and Censorship*. Edited by Catherine Harnois. (Forthcoming.)

OTHER ACADEMIC AND PUBLIC WRITING

Ravaei, Tania. 2024. “Competitive Academic Cultures are a Catalyst for Discrimination” (Opinion) *Inside Higher Ed*.

Ravaei, Tania. 2024. “The Medicalization of Sexual Violence Hurts Survivors” (Policy Brief) *Scholar Strategy Network*.

Ravaei (Nasrollahi), Tania, 2021. “Iranian Identifying Americans and Ethnic Boundary Making,” *Aleph, UCLA Undergraduate Research Journal for the Humanities and Social Sciences*.

AWARDS & GRANTS

Fellowships & Research Grants

2026	Irsay Graduate Research Grant: GLP-1 Stigma Study (\$8,000)
2026	Indiana University Irsay Graduate Summer Research Funding: (\$2,500)
2026	Indiana University Irsay Graduate Fall Research Fellowship (\$13,000; <i>postponed</i>)
2026	Summer Conference Travel Grant: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$1,000 - <i>declined</i>)
2022-26	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation: Health Policy Research Scholars Fellowship (\$120,000)

2022	Indiana University Irsay Graduate Summer Research Funding: (\$3,000)
2022-25	College of Arts and Sciences Travel Award, Indiana University (\$300)
2022-24	Mellon Mays Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant (\$6,000)
2022-24	Harvey Graduate Fellowship (\$48,000)
2021-25	Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2021	Summer Research Fellowship, Indiana University (\$2,700)
2020	UCLA Lemelson Foundation Undergraduate Research Grant (\$6,000)
2020-21	Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship (\$25,000)

Academic Awards

2026	ASA Section on the Sociology of Sexualities: Best Graduate Student Paper Award
2026	North Central Sociological Association: Seidler Graduate Student Paper Award, 2 nd Place
2023	Alpha Kappa Delta Graduate Student Paper Award, 2 nd Place
2021	UCLA C. Wright Mills Award: For engagement of the sociological imagination
2021	UCLA Elizabeth Blackwell Research Award: For an outstanding thesis related to women's health

Service & Honors

2022	Indiana University Sociology Graduate Student Association: Power & Positivity Award
2021	UCLA Sociology Department: Class of 2021 Commencement Speaker

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2026	“Student Age, Inclusion of LGB Topics, and Specifying Appropriateness on Support for Sex Education in the United States: Results from a National Survey Experiment” North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference
2025	“Should a Professor Display Controversial Artwork? A National Survey Experiment Evaluating a Classroom Conflict Between Academic and Religious Freedom” American Sociological Association
2024	“From ‘Scholar Denied’ to ‘Architect of the Civil Rights Movement’ Lessons from W.E.B. Du Bois’s Canonization” American Sociological Association
2024	“Public Opinion of Comprehensive Sex Education: A Survey Experiment” Population Association of America
2023	“Religiosity and the Pathway to a Penile-Vaginal Sexual Relationship during the Transition to Adulthood” American Sociological Association
2023	“Mental Health Symptoms: Transition to Sex in Intimate Relationships and Sexual Regularity” Population Association of America (Poster Presentation)
2022	“Mental Health Symptoms: Transition to Sex in Intimate Relationships

and Sexual Regularity” North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference

- 2022 “Mental Health and Sexual Behavior” 75th Anniversary Research Symposium - Kinsey Institute
- 2022 “Sexual Violence and Categorical Avoidance” North Central Sociological Association Annual Conference

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Invited Speaker: Indiana University, American Political Science Workshop: “From ‘Scholar Denied’ to ‘Architect of the Civil Rights Movement’ Lessons from W.E.B. Du Bois’s Canonization”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Pedagogy & Teaching Training

- 2025-Present **CITL Indiana University: Graduate Teaching Apprenticeship Program**
Center for Innovative Teaching & Learning (CITL), Indiana University Bloomington
A university-wide multi-level apprenticeship focused on reflective teaching practice, inclusive pedagogy, and evidence-based course design.
- Level I: Associate — Completed 2025
 - Level II: Practitioner — In Progress (anticipated 2026)
 - Level III: Scholar — Planned 2027

- 2025–Present **CIRTL National Teaching Certification**
Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning Network (CIRTL): IU Bloomington (National Consortium)
A nationally recognized certification focused on evidence-based teaching, Teaching-as- Research (TAR), and inclusive STEM pedagogy (including statistics and social sciences).
- CIRTL Associate — Completed 2026
 - CIRTL Practitioner — In Progress (anticipated 2027)
 - CIRTL Scholar — Planned 2028

- 2023-2027 **Preparing Future Faculty Certificate in College Pedagogy**
Department of Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
A three-course graduate sequence in undergraduate teaching, higher education pedagogy, and the scholarship of teaching and learning (SoTL).

Teaching Assistant

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| Fall 2026 | Sociology of Mental Illness (Sociology-S324) |
| Spring 2023 | Sociology of Mental Illness (Sociology-S324) |
| Fall 2022 | Sexual Diversity (Sociology-S321) |
| Spring 2022 | Sociology of Families (Sociology-S316) |
| Fall 2021 | Introduction to Sociology (Sociology-S100) |

Guest Lecturer

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| Fall 2025 | Introduction to Sociology “Deviance and Medicalization” (Sociology-S100) |
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Fall 2024 Introduction to Sociology “*Sexuality, Consent, and Campus Culture*”
(Sociology-S100)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Fall 2021-Present **Research Assistant:** Relationship Dynamics and Social Life (RDSL) dataset and study. (PI: Dr. Jennifer Barber)
- Conducted semi-structured qualitative interviews with study participants as part of a longitudinal NIH-funded study of relationships and sexual behavior
 - Verified and edited interview transcripts for accuracy
 - Developed and revised interview guides in collaboration with research team
- Spring 2022-Present **Research Assistant:** Black Lives Matter historical and archival research (PI: Dr. Fabio Rojas)
- Conducted qualitative content analysis of hundreds of newspaper articles documenting the development of the Black Lives Matter movement
 - Developed and refined coding schema and codebook through iterative team-based validation
 - Maintained data documentation procedures
- Summer 2022 **Research Assistant:** Summer Research Practicum (PI: Dr. Brian Powell)
- Coded open-ended survey responses for a national Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS) project on public opinion and believability
 - Developed and refined coding schema and codebook through iterative team-based validation

SKILLS & MISC.

Language English; Farsi (Persian)
 Training Implicit bias; Title IX; FERPA
 Data skills *Quantitative:* survey experiment design (factorial and vignette), event history/survival analysis, longitudinal panel methods; Stata, R
 Qualitative: semi-structured interviewing, iterative codebook development and validation, mixed-methods integration

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (Sections: Social Psychology; Mental Health; Sex and Gender; Sexualities; Religion; Population) Population Association of America, North Central Sociological Association, Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society

SERVICE

Department Service
 2025-26 *Research Infrastructure, Karl F. Schuessler Institute for Social Research*
 2024-2025 *Co-President, Indiana University Sociology Graduate Student Association*
 2022- Present *Peer Mentor, IU Department of Sociology*
 2023-Present *Student Committee Member, Diversity Equity Inclusion (DEI) Committee*
 2022-Present *Planning Committee Member, Preparing Future Faculty Conference*

- 2024 *Inaugural Planning Committee Member*, Racism and Health Symposium
- Professional Service*
- 2025 *Manuscript Reviewer*, Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Homosexuality
- 2024 *Presider*, Section on Sociology of Population Roundtable Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

REFERENCES

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