

Curriculum Vita
Kevin McCannon, PhD

Education

- 2010-2016 PhD, Sociology, The University of Kansas
Specialty areas: Social Inequality, Political Sociology, Medical Sociology
Dissertation: *Challenges of Health Care Devolution: Problems of Legitimacy, Consumer Knowledge, and Work Transfer in Kansas Medicaid*, Dr. Shirley A. Hill, Chair
- 2006-2008 Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO
Thesis: *Merton's Theory of Bureaucracy: a Critical Perspective*, Dr. Musa Ilu, Chair
- 2003-2006 Bachelor of Science, Sociology and Psychology (double major), Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, MO.

Professional Experience

- 2025- Associate Teaching Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas.
- 2025- Assistant Director, Health and Society, Dept. of Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2022-2025 Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas.
- 2017-2022 Multi-term Lecturer and Academic Program Associate, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas.
- 2017-2022 Grant Specialist, American Academy of Family Physicians, Leawood, KS.
- 2010-2016 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Kansas.
Instructor: Elements of Sociology and American Society; Grader: Environmental Sociology; TA: Elements of Sociology, Introduction to Research Methods, and Political Sociology.
- 2012-2013 Grant Officer, Achievement and Assessment Institute, University of Kansas.
- 2011-2012 Grant Development Intern, Hall Center for the Humanities, University of Kansas.
- 2008 Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, MO.
- 2006-2008 Graduate Teaching Assistant, University of Central Missouri.

Courses Taught (at KU unless otherwise noted)

- SOC 662 (362) Corrections (online)
- SOC 561 (461) Sociology of Deviance (formerly Competing Perspectives in Crime and Deviance)
- SOC 521 (321) Wealth, Power, and Inequality
- SOC 490 Internship in Sociology
- SOC 425 Sociology of Global Health (online and in person)
- SOC 424 Sociology of Health and Medicine
- SOC 410 Sociology of Death and Dying
- SOC 330 American Society
- SOC 326 Gender, Health and Society
- SOC 320 Organizations in Society
- SOC 308 Principles of Family Sociology
- SOC 306 Principles of Social Problems
- SOC 305 Principles of Self and Society
- SOC 304 Principles of Sociology
- SOC 160 Social Problems and American Values
- SOC 150 Self and Society (online and in person)

SOC 104 Elements of Sociology

SOC1800 Introduction to Sociology (University of Central Missouri)

Awards, Scholarships, and Grants

- 2024 KU Edwards Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award - \$750
- 2023 Midwest Sociological Society Research Grant (with Dr. Lisa-Marie Wright and Angie Hendershot) - \$1,000
- 2023 CLAS Outstanding Assistant/Associate Teaching Professor Award nomination, University of Kansas
- 2022 KU School of Journalism Rapid Response Fund (with Angie Hendershot) - \$1,000
- 2022 KU-Edwards Research Small Grants Program (with Angie Hendershot) - \$250
- 2022 Christopher H. Haufler Award for KU Core Innovation, KU - \$3,000 (departmental-level award for SOC 308)
- 2022 Grant Goodman Undergraduate Mentor Award nomination, KU
- 2022 Mapping and Assessment Planning (MAP) Program, Center for Teaching Excellence, KU - \$3,600 (w/ Drs. Tracey LaPierre and Lisa-Marie Wright)
- 2021 Bob & Kathie Taylor Excellence in Teaching Award nomination, KU
- 2021 Ideas to Action Grant, Center for Teaching Excellence, KU - \$3,000 (w/ Drs. Tracey LaPierre, Brian Donovan, and Lisa-Marie Wright)
- 2020 Course-Level Assessment Innovation Award, Center for Teaching Excellence, KU - \$1,200 (SOC 308 Principles of Family Sociology)
- 2020 J. Michael Young Academic Advisor Award, KU - \$1,000
- 2020 Research-Intensive Course Mini-Grant, Center for Undergraduate Research, KU - \$500 (SOC 308)
- 2019 H.O.P.E. (Honor for an Outstanding Progressive Educator) Award nomination, KU
- 2019 University of Kansas Center for Teaching Excellence Course Transformation Grant - \$1,170 (SOC 425 Sociology of Global Health online)
- 2016 Clarke Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, KU - \$450
- 2016 Midwest Sociological Society Travel Grant - \$100
- 2014 Professional Service Award, Department of Sociology, KU - \$500
- 2014 Morris C. Pratt Travel Scholarship, Department of Sociology, KU - \$700
- 2014 Morris C. Pratt Research Scholarship, Department of Sociology, KU - \$30
- 2013 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant - \$11,500 (Not funded)
- 2013 Morris C. Pratt Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, KU - \$100
- 2012 Graduate Scholarly Presentation Travel Fund, Graduate School, KU - \$500
- 2011 Midwest Sociological Society Travel grant - \$100
- 2008 Midwest Sociological Society Travel grant - \$100
- 2008 Thesis Award, Third place, University of Central Missouri

Professional Presentations

- 2024 “Sense of Belonging for First-Gen and Contingent Faculty in the Midwest: Some Preliminary Findings” (with Angie Hendershot, Journalism, and Lisa-Marie Wright, Sociology) Formal paper presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines.
- 2024 “Resolving Tensions of Faculty Care Work in Higher Education.” Panelist. Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA.

- 2023 “Straddling Class Divides: Exploring First-Generation Non-Tenure Track Faculty Sense of Belonging and Mental Health.” (with Angie Hendershot and Lisa-Marie Wright) Formal paper presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2022 “Students as Family Member-Researchers: an Innovative Method for Reaching the Hard-to-Reach in Qualitative Health Research.” Formal paper presentation for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2021 “Who thought Studying COVID-19 could be “Cathartic” and “Cool”? An Innovative Assessment for Improving Learning and Increasing Student-to-Family Dialogue in a Family Sociology Course.” Roundtable presentation, for the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (virtual).
- 2021 “Making the Personal More Personal: Engaging Students in Research That Matters.” Presentation for the KU Edwards Campus Research Shorts, University of Kansas.
- 2021 “Building Research Skills Investigating Impacts of COVID-19 on Family Life.” Formal paper presentation and Presider, for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society (virtual).
- 2018 “Retrenchment or Just Plain Mean? Health Care Reform in the Age of Right-Wing Populism.” Panel Discussion on Civic Health: Critique and Hope for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2017 “Health Care Devolution and the Problem of Consumer and Provider Work Transfer in Kansas Medicaid.” Formal paper presentation in Structural Issues in the Health Care System for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2016 “Debating Responsibility: Limits and Possibilities of Consumer Advocacy in Kansas Medicaid Politics.” Formal paper presentation in Health Policy for the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “What's the Matter with Kansas Medicaid Reform?: Poverty, Immoderate Politics and the Implementation of KanCare.” Formal paper presentation at the 2016 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Grants and Fellowships for Sociology Graduate Students.” Presentation, Department of Sociology, KU
- 2013 “Discourses of Deservingness: Medicaid Reform in Kansas.” Formal paper presentation at the 2013 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2013 “Careermindedness: The Story of Changing Career Pathways and How to Ask the Difficult Questions Before It's Too Late.” With Ada Van Roekel, Sociology Department Research Seminars, KU
- 2012 “Neoliberalism and ‘Workfare’: Implications for Gender Inequality in the Netherlands and the United States.” Paper presentation at the 2012 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2008 “Revisiting Merton’s Theory of Bureaucracy.” Paper presentation at the 2008 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO.
- 2006 “Critical Analysis of the Bureaucratic Personality.” Paper presentation at the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Omaha, NE.

Workshops Facilitated

- 2024 “Making Online Classes Engaging for Everyone.” Breakout session presentation at the 2024 KU Teaching Summit with Dr. Kelly Sharron, Sociology, University of Kansas

- 2023 “Talking about Death Isn't Weird: Applying the Death Cafe as an Inclusive Teaching Practice in the Undergraduate Classroom.” Sunshine State Teaching and Learning Conference, Orlando, FL
- 2022 “Making It Personal, Making It Real: Strategies to Engage Students through Authenticity.” Breakout session presentation at the 2022 KU Teaching Summit with Dr. Lisa-Marie Wright, Sociology, University of Kansas
- 2021 “From One to Many: Scaling Up Our Assessment Efforts.” Student Learning Symposium, Center for Teaching Excellence, KU
- 2021 “Using Authentic Assignments in Professional and Liberal Arts Courses,” Breakout session presentation at the 2021 KU Teaching Summit with Dr. Cambrey Nguyen, Pharmacy, KU
- 2020 “Grant Writing,” invited facilitator. Hall Center for the Humanities Applied Humanities Bootcamp, KU
- 2012 Humanities Grant Development Office Annual Graduate Grant and Fellowship Development Workshop at the Hall Center for the Humanities, KU

Service to the Profession

- 2024- First-Generation and Working-Class (FGWC) Issues Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2024- Teaching and Learning Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2024 *Social Thought and Research* journal, peer reviewer
- 2022 *Family Relations* journal, peer reviewer
- 2022 “Building a Culture of Health: Insights and Critiques.” Presider, for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2019 “Challenging Trump(ism): Charting a Way Forward,” Presider and Discussant, for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2017 “Structural Issues in the Health Care System” Presider, for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Milwaukee, WI.
- 2015 “Public Policy and the Sociologist: Engaging Publics in an Era of Neoliberalism.” Presider, for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO
- 2013 “Where are Welfare States Going, What are the Consequences, and What to Do About It?” Presider and Discussant, for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL.
- 2012-2014 Scholarship Development Committee, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2012 “Gender and Social Policy.” Session co-organizer for the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN.
- 2011-2016 *Social Thought and Research* (STAR) journal, Managing Editor, Department of Sociology, KU

University Service

- 2025 KU Core 34 Signature Assignment Evaluator, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas (\$1,500)
- 2024 Course Design Institute, Center for Teaching Excellence, University of Kansas (\$1,000) (SOC 424 Sociology of Health and Medicine)
- 2024 Proposal reviewer for Summer/Fall 2024 Undergraduate Research Award competition, KU

2020-2024	Faculty Steering Committee, Edwards Campus, KU
2021-2024	Faculty Rights, Privileges, and Responsibilities Committee (Chair '22-24), KU
2023-	First-Generation Faculty Staff Council, Faculty Co-Chair (co-founder), KU
2023-	"Teaching Brownbag." Facilitator (with Drs. Lisa-Marie Wright and Kelly Sharron), Department of Sociology, KU
2023	"Managing Important Conversations" (with Dr. Alex Williams, Psychology), Edwards Campus, KU
2023	"IC CAE Student & Family Visit First-Generation College Student Panel." Panelist, KU Edwards Campus, Overland Park, KS
2023	Kansas Core Outcomes Groups Conference for Sociology (co-chair), KU
2022	Faulty Seminar on Inclusive Teaching (Spring), Center for Teaching Excellence, KU - \$1,500 stipend (SOC 410 Sociology of Death and Dying)
2021-	Undergraduate Studies Committee, Sociology, KU
2021	Panelist, "First Gen Students," KU Edwards Fall Professional Development series, KU.
2020	Faulty Seminar on Inclusive Teaching (Fall), Center for Teaching Excellence, KU - \$1,500 stipend (for SOC 306 Principles of Social Problems)
2019	National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH)-Sponsored Health, Languages, and Humanities in the World curriculum development workshop participant, Hall Center for the Humanities, KU - \$500 stipend.
2018	Kansas Core Outcomes Groups Conference for Sociology, KU
2013	Search Committee (Chair) for Grant Specialist, Achievement and Assessment Institute, KU
2011-2012	KU Sociology Graduate Student Association, colloquium chair
2011-2012	KU Sociology Department Colloquium Committee, graduate student representative.
2008	Search Committee for the Assistant Provost for Research and Dean of the School of Graduate and Extended Studies, University of Central Missouri.

Undergraduate Student Committees

Grace Price, Sociology, Honor's Thesis committee member (2024)

Graduate Student Committees

Angie Hendershot, School of Journalism and Mass Communication, KU, Dissertation Committee: Graduate Studies Representative (2024-)

Publications

McCannon, Kevin. 2022. "COVID-19 and the American Family Project". *TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology*, May. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. <https://trails.asanet.org/article/view/covid19-american-family-project>.

Smith, David Norman, Brock Ternes, James P. Ordner, Russell Schloemer, Gabriela Moran, Chris Goode, Joshua Homan, Anna Kern, Lucas Keefer, Nathan Moser, Kevin McCannon, Kaela Byers, Daniel Sullivan & Rachel Craft. 2011. "Mapping the Great Recession: A Reader's Guide to the First Crisis of 21st Century Capitalism." *Journal of New Political Science*, 33 (4): 577-601.

International Experience

- 2014 *Moderation and Its Discontents: Religion, Rights and Social Justice*, workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Warwick, U.K. Paper presented: “Advocacy Groups as Agents of Moderation in Health Care Rationalization: the Case of Medicaid Reform in Kansas”
- 2013 *Contesting Claims for Expertise in a Post-Secular Age: In Search of Intellectual Life*, IAS Summer School, University of Warwick, U.K. Paper presented: “Expertise in Welfare State Discourse: (Re) Framing Health Care and Poverty in the U.S.”
- 2011 *Health and Social Care Policy in Sweden* (Stockholm and Uppsala), Study Abroad, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS.

Professional Memberships

Midwest Sociological Society