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EDUCATION

- Current Ph.D., Sociology, Vanderbilt University, *Expected 2024*
Dissertation: *Redefining Worthiness: The Impact of Moral Framing of Homelessness on Local Government Affordable Housing and Social Control Policies*
Committee: Drs. Holly J. McCammon (chair), Joshua Murray, Shaul Kelner, and Marybeth Shinn
Special Area Examinations: Gender, Political Sociology
Certificate in College Teaching (CiCT), 2020
- 2020 M.A., Sociology, Vanderbilt University
Thesis: *Moving Towards Experience: The Process and Significance of Identity Reclamation Among Sheltered Women Experiencing Homelessness*
Committee: Dr. Laura M. Carpenter (chair), Dr. LaTonya J. Trotter
- 2017 M.S., Clinical Mental Health Counseling, University of North Florida
- 2011 M.Ed., Educational Leadership in Higher Education, Valdosta State University
- 2009 B.A., Art Education, Florida State University, *Magna Cum Laude*

RESEARCH/SCHOLARSHIP

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

- Indelicato, Natalie Arce, **Rachel R. Underwood** & Brianna M. Kane. 2019. "Privileging their lens: Using photovoice to explore the self-image and camp participation of youth with upper limb differences." *Journal of Creativity in Mental Health* 14(3): 315-328
- Biddix, James Patrick & **Rachel R. Underwood**. 2010. "A Ten-year Study of Individual Outcomes from a Fraternity Central Office Leadership Program." *Oracle: The Research Journal of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors*, 5(2), 1-21.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Underwood, Rachel R.** What I Want the World to Know: The Process and Significance of Identity Reclamation Among Sheltered Women Experiencing Homelessness (**revise and resubmit** at *Social Currents*)
- Underwood, Rachel R.** & Jordan Jurinsky. "Once You Get Tired of Being Homeless, You'll Get a Job": The Relationship Between Stigma and Trauma-Related Symptoms Among Women Experiencing Homelessness (**revise and resubmit** at *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Underwood, Rachel R.** "The Tale of Two Cities: An Analysis of Spatial Exclusion Laws that Target People Experiencing Homelessness."
- Underwood, Rachel R.** and Laura Carpenter. "Adapting photovoice for the digital age."

McCammon, Holly, **Rachel R. Underwood**, and Kathryn Gripenstraw. "Tracking an Argument: Legal Framing in U.S. Sexual Harassment Litigation."

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Underwood, Rachel R. (Principal Investigator and Curator) 2022. "*Women of Nashville: An Exploration of Lived Experiences of Homelessness.*" Refereed art exhibition at the Nashville Public Library of photographs from my master's thesis. Online exhibit available at: <https://womenofnashville.digitalprojects.network/>

Underwood, Rachel R. (Contributor) 2018. "Part 2: Understanding Nashville's Housing Crisis: How do People Lose Their Homes?" *Metro Human Relations Commission Affordable Housing Primer Series*, edited by S. Imran. Available at <https://www.housing101.us/>

Underwood, Rachel R. (Contributor) 2018. "The Salvation Army of Nashville, TN Center of Hope: Evaluation Plan."

PRESENTATIONS

Underwood, Rachel. (2022– accepted). "What I Want the World to Know: The Process and Significance of Identity Reclamation Among Sheltered Women Experiencing Homelessness." *American Sociological Association*. Los Angeles, CA.

Underwood, Rachel. (2021– accepted). "Moving Towards Experience: An Exploration of Identity Formation and Reproduction Among Women Experiencing Homelessness." *International Visual Sociology Association*. Dublin, IR.

Underwood, Rachel. 2019. "An Exploration of Women's Lived in Experiences in a Supportive Housing Program." *ResilienceCon*, Nashville, TN.

Underwood, Rachel. 2019. "An Exploration of Women's Lived in Experiences in a Supportive Housing Program." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, GA.

Underwood, Rachel & Jordan Jurinsky. 2018. "Homelessness and health: An analysis of the effects of gender and age on the health of adult women experiencing homelessness." *Third Annual International Housing First Conference*, Padova, Italy.

Underwood, Rachel. 2018. "Invoking: Using ethical photography in activism" *Power Together Tennessee Women's March 2.0 Conference*, Nashville, TN.

Indelicato, Natalie Arce & **Rachel R. Underwood.** 2017. "Privileging their lens: Using photovoice to explore the self-image and camp participation of youth with upper limb differences" *C2U International Expo*, Vancouver, BC.

Underwood, Rachel R. & Natalie Arce Indelicato. 2017. "See me: Homelessness seen through women living the experience in Jacksonville, FL" *Florida Statewide Graduate Research Symposium*, Tampa, FL.

Underwood, Rachel R. & Natalie Arce Indelicato. 2017. "See me: Homelessness seen through women living the experience in Jacksonville, FL" *University of North Florida Graduate Research Symposium*, Jacksonville, FL.

Avant, C., Freeman, K., **Rachel R. Underwood**, Higgins, T., Rollins, E. McCallan, K., & Tuason, T. (2017). "The effects of self-esteem on college freshman's attitudes towards mental health and propensity to seek services" *American Counseling Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA.

Indelicato, Natalie Arce & **Rachel R. Underwood.** 2016. "Privileging their lens: Using photovoice to explore the self-image and camp participation of youth with upper limb differences" *Association for Creativity in Counseling Annual Meeting*, Savannah, GA.

Indelicato, Natalie Arce & **Rachel R. Underwood.** 2016. "Privileging their lens: Using photovoice to explore the self-image and camp participation of youth with upper limb differences" *University of North Florida Digital Humanities Initiative Projects Showcase*, Jacksonville, FL.

Avant, C., Freeman, K., **Rachel R. Underwood**, Higgins, T., Rollins, E. & McCallan, K. 2016. "The effects of self-esteem on college freshman's attitudes towards mental health and propensity to seek services" *University of North Florida Graduate Research Symposium*, Jacksonville, FL.

Underwood, Rachel R. & J. Patrick Biddix. 2011. "The Effects of Music on Social Activism and Engagement" *Valdosta State University Graduate Research Symposium*, Valdosta, GA.

Norman, Eric, J. Patrick Biddix, & **Rachel R. Underwood**. 2009. "Writing for Publications Using Fraternity and Sorority Populations" *Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors (AFA) Annual Meeting*, Jacksonville, FL.

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2023 Research Assistant, Dr. Holly McCammon (Vanderbilt University Sociology)
 2022 Research Assistant, Dr. Laura Carpenter (Vanderbilt University Sociology)
 2022 Research Assistant, Dr. Holly McCammon (Vanderbilt University Sociology)
 2021 Research Coordinator, *Caring in Crisis*, Dr. LaTonya J. Trotter (University of Washington)
 2018 Policy and Research Intern, Sarah Imran (Metro Human Relations Council Nashville, TN)
 2018 Research Assistant, Mary Catherine Anderson (Stanford University Anthropology)
 2018 – 2019 Research Assistant, Dr. Laurie Cutting (Vanderbilt University EBRL)
 2017 – 2018 Research Assistant, Drs. Doug and Lynn Fuchs (Vanderbilt University Special Education)
 2017 – 2018 Research Assistant, Dr. Carol Nixon (TN Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Service and Vanderbilt University)
 2015 – 2017 Research Assistant, Dr. Natalie Arce Indelicato (University of North Florida Clinical Mental Health Counseling)
 2009 – 2011 Research Assistant, Dr. J. Patrick Biddix (Valdosta State University Higher Education and Student Affairs Program)

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

2022 The National Institute of Social Sciences Dissertation Grant Program, *nominated by university*
 2020 Mellon Graduate Student Fellowship in Digital Humanities (\$26,500), Vanderbilt University
 2019 – 2021 The Curb Center at Vanderbilt Public Scholar (\$2000), Vanderbilt University
 2018 Graduate Funding for five years (\$26,500 - \$34,000), Vanderbilt University
 2018 Meharry-Vanderbilt Community Engaged Research Core (CERC) Community Scholar (\$5000), Vanderbilt University
 2017 Iris Scholarship (\$2000), Vanderbilt University
 2017 Graduate Research Grant (\$750), University of North Florida
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 2017 Statewide Graduate Research Symposium Representative, University of North Florida
 2017 Women's History Month Scholarship, University of North Florida
 2016 – 2017 Baptist Medical Center Nassau Auxiliary Scholarship, University of North Florida
 2015 – 2017 Graduate Research Assistant Award, University of North Florida
 2009 – 2011 Graduate Research Assistant Award, Valdosta State University
 2005 First Year Achievement Scholarship Recipient, Florida State University
 2005 – 2009 Bright Futures Scholarship Recipient, Florida State University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

Undergraduate

Summer 2023 Introduction to Sociology (in-person)

Graduate

Spring 2023 Certificate in College Teaching Facilitator, Practicum (online)

Fall 2022 Certificate in College Teaching Facilitator, Practicum (online)

Spring 2022 Certificate in College Teaching Facilitator, Seminar (online)

Fall 2021 Certificate in College Teaching Facilitator, Seminar (online)

TEACHING ASSISTANT

Fall 2024 Women and the Law, Dr. Holly McCammon (undergraduate) **also managed undergraduate TAs*
 Spring 2023 Women and the Law, Dr. Holly McCammon (undergraduate) **also managed undergraduate TAs*
 Fall 2021 Introduction to Sociology, Dr. Amy Cooter (undergraduate)
 Fall 2020 Epidemics and the Politics of Blame, Dr. LaTonya J. Trotter (undergraduate – online)
 Spring 2020 Gender and Medical Work, Dr. LaTonya J. Trotter (undergraduate)
 Fall 2019 Society and Medicine, Dr. LaTonya J. Trotter (undergraduate)
 Spring 2019 Contemporary Social Issues: Urban Life, Urban Inequality, Dr. LaTonya J. Trotter (undergraduate)
 Fall 2018 Introduction to Sociology (2 sections), Dr. William B. Hale (undergraduate)

GUEST LECTURES

2023 Women and the Law, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2023 Introduction to Social Research, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2022 Introduction to Social Research, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2022 Race and Ethnicity in the United States, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2022 Introduction to Sociology, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2022 American Social Movements, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2020 Gender and Medical Work, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2019 Society and Medicine, Vanderbilt University Sociology
 2018 Introduction to Sociology, Vanderbilt University Sociology

ADDITIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2018 Facilitator, Photovoice Workshop (Nashville Women’s March)
 2016 Program Facilitator, Mental Health First Aid (Jacksonville University)
 2011 – 2013 Art Instructor, Kids Like Me Day Camps (The Help Group for Children with Special Needs)
 2009 Student Teacher, K – 8th Grade Art (Ft. Braden School)
 2008 Co-Instructor, First Year Experience (FYE) course (Florida State University)

TEACHER TRAINING

Summer 2023 Pre-Conference, Teaching Sociology – Now More than Ever, ASA Annual Meeting
 Fall 2019 Seminar in College Teaching, Center for Teaching at Vanderbilt University*
 Spring 2020 Practicum in College Teaching, Center for Teaching at Vanderbilt University*
 *Received the *Certificate in College Teaching* in 2020 following completion of these courses
 Fall 2020 Teaching Workshop, Department of Sociology at Vanderbilt University
 Spring 2008 ESOL Instruction, Florida State University
 Spring 2007 Teaching Diverse Populations, Florida State University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE – VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

2021 – 2022 President, Sociology Graduate Student Council
 2019 – 2020 Potential Student Weekend Committee

UNIVERSITY SERVICE – VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

2019 Reviewer, Meharry-Vanderbilt CERC Community Scholar Applications

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE – UNIVERSITY OF NORTH FLORIDA

2015 – 2017 Graduate Research Assistant to Clinical Director (Dr. Natalie A. Indelicato)

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE – VALDOSTA STATE UNIVERSITY

2010 – 2011 President, Higher Education Student Association (HESA)
 2009 – 2011 Graduate Research Assistant to Program Director (Dr. J. Patrick Biddix)
 2009 – 2011 Graduate Assistant, *Oracle: The Research Journal of the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors*

ASSOCIATION & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

2021 – 2023	Student Representative, <i>ASA Section in Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity</i>
2017	Volunteer, <i>US Department of Human and Urban Development Point-in-Time Count</i>
2016 – 2017	Volunteer, <i>ACA Annual Conference</i>
2016	Volunteer, <i>Florida Mental Health Summit</i>

Current Professional Association Memberships: American Sociological Association (ASA), ASA Section in Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, ASA Section in Teaching and Learning in Sociology, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), International Visual Sociology Association (IVSA)

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

STATISTICAL PROGRAM AND COMPUTER SKILLS

Stata, Atlas t.i., ArcGiS, Omeka, Tableau, Voyant, Python, Gephi, SQLite, OpenRefine

RESEARCH TRAINING

Spring 2023	Scholars Strategy Network Policy Brief Workshop
Summer 2021	“Write to the Change the World” workshop by The OpEd Project
Spring 2021	Introduction to Text Analytics, Constellate Trainings
Summer 2018	Census Data Tool Trainings

Vanderbilt University

Spring 2021	Directed Studies: Fieldwork and Ethnographic Research
Fall 2021	Data Analysis: R/RStudio training
Fall 2020	Directed Studies: Visual Sociology (Theory and Methods)
Summer 2020	Working with Data
Spring 2020	Workshop on Sociological Criticism
Fall 2019	Responsible Conduct Research Peer Review and Publication Mentor/Trainee and COI Data Management/Research Special Topics Discussion: Human Subjects
Summer 2019	Neurofibromatosis Clinical Trial Behavioral Battery Testing
Spring 2019	Multivariate Analysis II
Fall 2018	Community Engaged Research Training for Researchers Multivariate Analysis I Sociological Inquiry
Summer 2018	Reading Comprehension Intervention Trial Testing
Spring 2018	Program Evaluation
Fall 2017	Doctoral Community Inquiry (Community Research and Action)

University of North Florida

Spring 2016	Clinical Research Evaluation, University of North Florida
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Valdosta State University

Fall 2010	Research Methodology in Education, Valdosta State University
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