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EDUCATION

- Hamilton College**, Clinton, New York 2022
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, *departmental honors, summa cum laude (top 1%)*
Honors thesis: *Same Organization, Different Worlds: Exploring the Process of Organizational Change in DEI Initiative Implementation at a Small Liberal Arts College.*
Minors: Music, Theatre
GPA: 4.0
- Young Americans College of the Performing Arts**, Corona, California 2017
Associate of Arts in Music Performance, *1st in class*
Vocal and Acting emphases
GPA: 4.0

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Education, Race and Ethnicity, International Sociology, Comparative Sociology, Organizations, Ethnography, Qualitative Methods

CURRENT PROJECTS

Mapping Spiritual Innovators

In collaboration with Wendy Cadge (Bryn Mawr College) and Amy Lawton (Brandeis University), I am analyzing how faith-based social entrepreneurs, or “spiritual innovators,” are providing access to religious and spiritual traditions by creating new products and delivery systems. We draw from both a national mapping survey and interviews conducted with leaders of spiritually innovative organizations to construct typologies of spiritually innovative work and conceptualize the changing spiritual infrastructure of the United States.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2021 Stewart, Mahala Dyer, Ashley García, and **Hannah Petersen**. “Schools as Racialized Organizations in Policy and Practice.” *Sociology Compass* 15(12): 1-13.

Selected Public Writing and Reports

2024 “Mapping Spiritual Innovation.” *StudyingCongregations.org*.

2021 “‘We’re Just Trying to Get Through It:’ Looking at the Main Concerns of Mothers During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Hamilton Digital Commons*.

In Progress

Petersen, Hannah. “Mapping Spiritual Innovation: Initial Findings” with Wendy Cadge and Amy Lawton. *Manuscript in preparation for Sociology of Religion*.

INVITED TALKS

2024 “Mapping Spiritual Innovation.” The Fetzer Institute. September 18. Remote.

2020 “Conducting Research in Law and Government.” Hamilton College Career Center. September 12. Clinton, New York.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

2024 “Mapping Spiritual Innovation: Understanding the Landscape of Spiritual Care Outside Traditional Religious Institutions.” The annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. Pittsburgh, PA.

2023 “Teaching English in Dobrich, Bulgaria: Final Reflections.” The annual meeting of the Bulgarian-American Fulbright Commission. Sofia, Bulgaria.

2021 “Unmasking the Antimasque: Exploring Representations of the “Other” in 17th-Century English Court Performance.” Hamilton College Emerson Research Committee Presentation. Clinton, New York.

2021 “Schools as Racialized Organizations in Policy and Practice.” Hamilton College Sociology Department Presentation. Clinton, New York.

2020 “Understanding Critical Race Theory.” Penn State University “Race 101” Presentation Series. Remote.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2022 Fulbright English Teaching Fellowship, U.S. State Department (\$11,500)

2021 Emerson Summer Research Fellowship, Hamilton College (\$4,000)

2020 Winter Levitt Research Fellowship, Hamilton College (\$2,400)

2020 Summer Internship Funding Award, Hamilton College (\$1,350)

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2023 Miss Targovishte Choir Festival (award given to the top female performer in the areas of professionalism, stage presence, and vocal ability), Targovishte-Bulgaria International Choir Festival.
- 2022 Phi Beta Kappa, Epsilon Chapter of New York, Hamilton College.
- 2022 David J. Gray Senior Prize in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Hamilton College.
- 2020 Alfred J. and A. Barrett Seaman Writing Prize, Hamilton College. (\$2,125)
- 2017 Valedictorian of Young Americans College of the Performing Arts Class of 2017

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2023–Present **Brandeis University**, Chaplaincy Innovation Lab. Research Specialist, “Mapping Spiritual Innovators” (Wendy Cadge, PI).
- 2021 **Hamilton College**, Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Schooling At-Home Before and After the Start of the COVID-19 Pandemic” (Mahala Dyer Stewart, PI).
- 2021 **Hamilton College**, Department of Theatre. Principal Investigator, “Unmasking the Antimasque: Exploring Representations of the “Other” in 17th-Century Stuart Court Performances” (with Jeanne Willcoxon).
- 2021 **Hamilton College**, Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Colorized Organizations: Colorism in K-12 Schooling” (Mahala Dyer Stewart, PI).
- 2021 **Hamilton College**, Department of Sociology. Research Assistant, “Schooling Under COVID-19: How Families Navigate School and Care During a Global Pandemic” (Mahala Dyer Stewart, PI).
- 2020 **United States Institute of Peace**, Governance, Justice, and Security Team. Visiting Research Assistant (Calin Trenkov-Wermuth, supervisor).

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2024 **Hanover Research**, Qualtrics Survey Programming Assistant, remote.
- 2022-2023 **St. Kliment Ohridski High School of Arts**, Fulbright English Teaching Fellow, Dobrich, Bulgaria.
- 2022 **The King’s Academy**, Long-Term Substitute Teacher – Music and Art, Mohrsville, Pennsylvania.
- 2021 **Hamilton College**, Teaching Assistant, Department of Music, Clinton, New York.
- 2020-2021 **Hamilton College**, Lead Oral Communication Tutor, Oral Communication Center, Clinton, New York.
- 2020-2021 **McGraw-Hill Publishing**, DEI Consultant, remote.
- 2019 **Apple, Inc.**, Product Specialist, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
- 2019 **Brickstones, Inc.**, Lead Restaurant Server, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania.

- 2018 **Young Americans College of the Performing Arts**, Admissions Representative, Corona, California.
- 2017, 2018 **The Young Americans, Inc./Boyne Highlands Resort**, Summer Dinner Theatre Performer and Server, Harbor Springs, Michigan.

MEMBERSHIPS AND SERVICE

Professional Memberships

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR)

EXTRACURRICULARS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2024 **Worship Leader**, City on a Hill Church-Somerville.
- 2022-2023 **Debate Judge, Coach**, Bulgarian English Speech and Debate (BEST) Organization.
- 2022-2023 **Member, Featured Soloist**, Dobrich All-Women Teacher's Choir.
- 2020-2021 **Vice President, Stage Production Coordinator, Section Leader**, Hamilton College Choir.
- 2020-2021 **Music Director**, "Hamiltones" Acapella Group.
- 2020-2021 **Executive Board Member, Group Leader**, Hamilton College Christian Fellowship.
- 2018 **Head of Costumes and Props**, Young Americans Japan Tour/Summer Dinner Theatre.
- 2018 **Stage Director**, Young Americans UK/Ireland and Europe Tour.
- 2017 **Head of Auditions**, Young Americans US East Coast Tour.
- 2015-2018 **International Music Outreach Volunteer**, The Young Americans, Inc.

REFERENCES

Wendy Cadge, Ph.D.

President and Professor of Sociology
Bryn Mawr College

Mahala Dyer Stewart, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Sociology
Hamilton College

Stephen Ellingson, Ph.D.

Professor of Sociology
Hamilton College