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EDUCATION

Exp May 2029	Ph.D., Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
Exp May 2026	M.S., Applied Statistics, Indiana University Bloomington
2025	M.A., Sociology, Indiana University Bloomington
2023	B.A., Sociology, Dartmouth College Salutatorian, *Summa Cum Laude* Minor: Psychology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health Disparities, Medical Sociology, Social Networks, Mental Health, Dementia and Cognitive Health, Suicide, Stigma, Gender and Sexuality, Demography

PUBLICATIONS

Brantez, Jessica, Bernice Pescosolido, and Anna Mueller. 2026. "Examining Support for School-Based Suicide Prevention Across the Political Spectrum: Findings From Two Surveys." *Social Science & Medicine* 388:118755. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.118755.

***Brantez, Jessica**, and Jason N. Houle. 2024. "Revisiting Durkheim: Social Integration and Suicide Clusters in U.S. Counties, 2006–2019." *Society and Mental Health* 14(2):91–112. doi: 10.1177/21568693231195940.

**Article featured in American Sociological Association podcast, July 2024* (link)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Brantez, Jessica. "The Depressive Burden of Labels of Dementia in Older Adults."

Qu, Tianyao, Zoey Lai, **Jessica Brantez**, and Brea Perry. "Ties That Matter: Social Roles, Bridging Networks, and Cognitive Functioning in Later Life."

Qu, Tianyao, **Jessica Brantez**, and Brea Perry. "Bridging on Gendered Terms: Social Role and Network Inequality in Later Life."

Perry, Brea, Tianyao Qu, and **Jessica Brantez**. "Social Connectedness and Cognitive Health Among Older Adults: An Assessment of 41 Indicators of Social Bridging, Social Bonding, Social Participation, and Interpersonal Stress Mechanisms."

Brantez, Jessica. "Contextualizing Bi+ Mental Health: Unequal Returns to Queer Community Embeddedness."

Brantez, Jessica. "Layered Lives: The Cultural-Structural Underpinnings of Suicide in a Diverse College Community."

RESEARCH REPORTS

Abrutyn, Seth, Anna S. Mueller, Sarah Diefendorf, Robert Gallagher, Jienian Zhang, Lauren Beard, Katherine Beardall, **Jessica Brantez**, Olivia DeCrane, Roberto Ortiz, Brindin Parrott, and Hillary Steinberg. 2023. "Building Schools & Communities that Prevent Youth Suicide: The Final Report of the Social Worlds & Youth Well-Being Study." doi: 10.31235/osf.io/pcmhs.

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Brantez, Jessica. 2023. "Opportunities to Improve Suicide Prevention and Student Well-Being at [*Redacted*] College: College Community Cultural-Structural Vulnerability to Suicide Policy Brief."

PRESENTATIONS

Brantez, Jessica. "Stigma and the Mental Health Consequences of Memory Loss: How Cognitive Labels Drive Depression." Invited presentation at the Irsay Institute Research Symposium, (February 20, 2026), Bloomington, IN.

Brantez, Jessica. "Examining Support for School-Based Suicide Prevention: Findings from Two Surveys." Paper presentation at Indiana Innovation Think Tank on Suicide Research Symposium, (September 8, 2024), Bloomington, IN.

Brantez, Jessica. "Layered Lives: The Cultural-Structural Underpinnings of Suicide in a Diverse College Community." Paper presentation at the Suicide Research Symposium, (April 19, 2024), Online.

Brantez, Jessica. "Revisiting Durkheim: Social Integration and Suicide Clusters." Paper presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, (August 6, 2022), Los Angeles, CA.

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2025 – Present	Statistical Consultant, Indiana Statistical Consulting Center, Indiana University
2025 – Present	Research Assistant, PI: Brea Perry, "Social Networks and Alzheimer's Disease"
2025	Chief Summer Research Practicum Digitization and Archival Officer, Sociology Department, Indiana University
2024	Research Assistant, PIs: Bernice Pescosolido, Hank Green, & Brea Perry, "Person-to-Person Health Interview Study"
2024	Research Assistant, PI: Timothy Hallett, "Public Ideas and the Sociology of Public Social Science"
2023 – 2024	Research Assistant, PI: Anna Mueller, "Social Worlds and Youth Wellbeing Study"
2021	Research Assistant, PI: Janice McCabe, "The Effect of Collegiate Friendship Networks on Academic and Social Success"
2021	Research Assistant, PI: Emily Walton, "White Attitudes Toward Racialized Minority Newcomers Due to Racial Threat"

GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Honorable Mention, Graduate Research Fellowship Program, National Science Foundation
2024	Schuessler Scholarship for Study at ICPSR, Indiana University ($2,800)
2023	Graduate Recruitment Fellowship, Indiana University ($22,000)
2023	Andrew G. Truxal Memorial Award, Dartmouth College ($2,000)
2023	Mecklin Prize in Sociology, Dartmouth College ($500)
2023	Sociology Department Award for Outstanding Achievement, Dartmouth College ($300)
2022	Phi Beta Kappa Inductee
2022	American Sociological Association Honors Program
2022	Kaminsky Family Fund Research Award, Dartmouth College ($5,400)
2022	Denis G. Sullivan Fund for Undergraduate Research, Dartmouth College ($5,400)
2022	Senior Conference Grant, Dartmouth College ($1,000)
2022	Sociology Department Travel Grant, Dartmouth College ($1,000)
2020 – 2022	Citations for Meritorious Performance: Research Methods, Sociology of Mental Health, Intermediate Quantitative Analysis for Sociologists, Sociology of Gender
2021	James O. Freedman Presidential Scholar, Dartmouth College ($1,000)
2021	Phi Beta Kappa Sophomore Prize

2021	Alpha Kappa Delta Inductee
2021	Sophomore Research Scholarship, Dartmouth College ($1,000)

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

2025 – Present	First Year Peer Mentor, Sociology Department, Indiana University
2024	Graduate Teaching Assistant, "Medicine in America: Physicians/Patients-Problems," Instructor: Bernice Pescosolido, Indiana University
2021 – 2023	Mentor, Alpha Kappa Delta Mentorship Program, Dartmouth College
2020	Tutor, Quantitative Data Analysis, Academic Skills Center, Dartmouth College
2020	Tutor, Tennessee Tutoring Corps, Boys and Girls Club of America

SERVICE

2025 – Present	Data Analyst, IU START Program, Boys & Girls Club of Bloomington
2025 – Present	Research Group Student Coordinator, Sociology Department, Indiana University
2025 – Present	Graduate Affairs Committee Student Representative, Sociology Department, Indiana University
2024 – Present	Peer Reviewer: *Society & Mental Health*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Discover Mental Health*
2024 – 2025	Research Infrastructure Representative, Indiana University Sociology Graduate Student Association
2024	Emissary for Belonging and Inclusion, Indiana University Graduate School
2021 – 2023	Founder and President, Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society
2021 – 2023	Council Member, Dartmouth Undergraduate Research Association Executive Council

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Indiana Statistical Consulting Center
American Sociological Association
Indiana Innovation Think Tank on Suicide
Alpha Kappa Delta
Phi Beta Kappa

SKILLS

Software: STATA; R; Git/Github; NVivo; Atlas.ti; Qualtrics; Zotero; Excel; Microsoft Office Suite
Analytical: Descriptive statistics; exploratory data analysis & visualization; linear & categorical regression techniques; model selection; multiple imputation; sensitivity analysis; complex survey data analysis; mediation & moderation analysis; repeated measures, longitudinal, & multilevel analysis; network analysis; qualitative thematic coding & memoing
Research: Mixed-methods research design; literature review; survey development & administration; focus group facilitation; semi-structured interviewing; project management; data cleaning; rigor, reproducibility, and transparency review; database management and documentation
Communication: Data visualization; cross-sector collaboration; oral presentation; writing for academic, technical, and public audiences; grant proposals