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Positions Held

- 2024- **Faculty Research Scholar, Duke University Population Research Institute**
Duke University Social Science Research Institute
- 2023- **Senior Fellow, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development**
Duke University School of Medicine
- 2023- **Medical Instructor, Head and Neck Surgery and Communication Sciences**
Duke University School of Medicine
- 2021-2023 **NIA Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for the Study of Aging and Human Development**
Duke University School of Medicine
- 2012-2014 **Visiting Post Baccalaureate Research Fellow, Otology and Laryngology**
Harvard Medical School
- 2012-2014 **Research Fellow, Eaton-Peabody Laboratories**
Massachusetts Eye and Ear

Education

- 2021 **Ph.D. in Sociology, Duke University**
Areas of Specialization: Medical Sociology, Demography.
- 2018 **M.A. in Sociology, Duke University**
- 2015 **M.P.H., Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health**
Sociomedical Sciences with a certificate in Public Health Research Methods.
- 2012 **B.A. in Social Anthropology, University of Michigan**
- 2011 **Boston University Summer Session, Department of Deaf Studies**
Studied American Sign Language and Deaf Literature.

Research Interests

Medical Sociology
Life Course & Aging

Sociology of Disability
Hearing Loss

Public Health
Demography

Publications

Denotes *graduate student co-author, **undergraduate student co-author, †shared first author.

Stockton, Melissa A., Howard W. Francis, **Jessica S. West**, Rachel D. Stelmach, Elizabeth Troutman Adams, John D. Kraemer, Khalida Saalim, Margaret I. Wallhagen, Marco Nyarko, Gabriel Madson, Neal Boafom, Nana Akua V. Owusu, Lawrence G. Musa, Joni Alberg, Jenny Jae Won Chung, Adam Preston, Emma Gyamera, Shelly Chadha, Lisa P. Davis, Suneela Garg, Catherine McMahon, Bolajoko O. Olusanya, George A. Tavartkiladze, Debara Tucci, Blake S. Wilson, & Laura Nyblade. “Development of Measures for d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing Stigma: Introduction to the Special Issue from the *Lancet* Commission on Hearing Loss Sub-Committee on Stigma.” Accepted for publication at *Ear & Hearing*.

West, Jessica S., † Rachel D. Stelmach, † Howard W. Francis, † Xinxin-Zhu, Ching-Heng Wu, Melissa A. Stockton, Elizabeth Troutman Adams, Gabriel Madson, John D. Kraemer, & Laura Nyblade. “Preliminary Validation of Hearing Device Stigma Measures in Four United States Populations.” Accepted for publication at *Ear & Hearing*.

Wallhagen, Margaret I., John D. Kraemer, Khalida Saalim, Elizabeth Troutman Adams, Rachel D. Stelmach, **Jessica S. West**, Jenny Jae Won Chung, & Laura Nyblade. “Development and Preliminary Evaluation of Stigma Measures for Care Partners of People who are d/Deaf or Hard of Hearing.” Accepted for publication at *Ear & Hearing*.

Nyblade, Laura, Xinxin-Zhu, Khalida Saalim, Ching-Heng Wu, Melissa A. Stockton, Elizabeth Troutman Adams, **Jessica S. West**, Rachel D. Stelmach, & John D. Kraemer. “Preliminary Validation of Experienced Ageism Measures with Four Populations in the United States.” Accepted for publication at *Ear & Hearing*.

Stelmach, Rachel D., Lawrence G. Musa, **Jessica S. West**, Margaret I. Wallhagen, John D. Kraemer, Melissa A. Stockton, & Laura Nyblade. “Research Agenda and Applications for New Preliminarily Validated Stigma Measures for d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing Stigma.” Accepted for publication at *Ear & Hearing*.

Burns, Shane D. & **Jessica S. West** (2024) “Cross-National Differences in Older Men’s Hearing Difficulty Disadvantage.” *Journal of Aging and Health*. doi: 10.1177/08982643241251939.

Hreha, Kimberly, Rafael Samper-Ternent, Heather E. Whitson, L. Paige Downer, **Jessica S. West**, & Brian Downer (2024) “The Association of Vision and Hearing Impairment on Cognitive Function and Loneliness: Evidence from the Mexican Health and Aging Study.” *Journal of Aging and Health*. doi: 10.1177/08982643241247583.

Smith, Sherri L., Howard W. Francis, David L. Witsell, Judy R. Dubno, Rowena J. Dolor, Janet Prvu Bettger, Mina Silberberg, Carl F. Pieper, Kristine A. Schulz, Pranab Majumder, Amy R. Walker, Victoria Eifert, **Jessica S. West**, Anisha Singh, & Debara L. Tucci (2023) “A Pragmatic Clinical Trial of Hearing Screening in Primary Care Clinics: Effect of Setting and Provider Encouragement.” *Ear & Hearing*, 45(1):23-34. doi: 10.1097/AUD.0000000000001418.

Wang, Nan, Hanzhang Xu, **Jessica S. West**, Truls Østbye, Bei Wu, Ying Xian, & Matthew E. Dupre (2023) “Association Between Perceived Risk of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias and Cognitive Function Among U.S. Older Adults.” *Archives of Gerontology and Geriatrics*, 115:105126. doi: 10.1016/j.archger.2023.105126.

Oliva, Allison,[‡] **Jessica S. West**,[‡] Sherri L. Smith, Ryan J. Huang, & Kristal M. Riska (2023) “Association Between Hearing Handicap and Life-Space Mobility in a Patient Population.” *American Journal of Audiology*, 32(2):360-368. doi:10.1044/2023_AJA-22-00052.

Copeland, Molly, Christina Kamis, & **Jessica S. West** (2023) “To Make and Keep Friends: The Role of Physical Health in Adolescent Network Tie Formation and Persistence.” *Social Networks*, 74:216-223. doi: 10.1016/j.socnet.2023.04.005.

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre (2023) “The Impact of Hearing Loss on Trajectories of Depressive Symptoms in Married Couples.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 321:115780. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2023.115780.

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre (2022) “Self-Reported Hearing Loss, Hearing Aid Use, and Cognitive Function among U.S. Older Adults.” *International Journal of Population Studies*, 8(1):17-26. doi: 10.18063/ijps.v8i1.1308.

Riska, Kristal Mills, Sarah B. Peskoe, Maragatha Kuchibhatla, Alexander Gordee, Juliessa Pavon, Se Eun Kim,* **Jessica S. West**, & Sherri L. Smith (2022) “Impact of Hearing Aid Use on Falls and Falls Related Injury: Results from the Health and Retirement Study.” *Ear & Hearing*, 43(2):487-494. doi: 10.1097/AUD.0000000000001111.

West, Jessica S. & Christina Kamis* (2022) “The Long-Term Impact of Childhood Disability on Mental Health Trajectories in Mid- to Late-Life.” *Journal of Aging & Health*. doi: 10.1177/08982643211066184.

Zang, Emma, **Jessica S. West**, Nathan Kim,** & Christina Pao** (2021) “U.S. Regional Disparities in Physical Distancing: Evaluating Racial and Socioeconomic Divides During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *PLOS ONE*, 16(11): e0259665. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0259665.

- Featured in: *YaleNews* (<https://bit.ly/3RnejNK>).

Kamis, Christina,* Allison Stolte,* **Jessica S. West**, Samuel Fishman, Taylor Brown,* Tyson Brown, Heather R. Farmer (2021) “Overcrowding and COVID-19 Mortality Across U.S. Counties: Are Disparities Growing Over Time?” *SSM-Population Health*, 15:100845. doi: 10.1016/j.ssmph.2021.100845.

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre (2021) “Hearing Loss.” In: Gu, D., Dupre, M. (eds) *Encyclopedia of Gerontology and Population Health*. Springer, Cham. doi: 10.1007/978-3-319-69892-2_1135-1.

Read, Jen’nan G., Scott M. Lynch, & **Jessica S. West** (2021) “Disaggregating Heterogeneity among Non-Hispanic Whites: Evidence and Implications for U.S. Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities.” *Population Research and Policy Review*, 40:9-31. doi: 10.1007/s11113-020-09632-5.

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2021) “Demographic and Socioeconomic Disparities in Life Expectancy with Hearing Impairment in the U.S.” *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences & Social Sciences*, 76(5):944-955. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbaa166

West, Jessica S. (2021) “Hearing Impairment and Mental Health Among Married Couples.” *The Journals of Gerontology Series B: Psychological Sciences & Social Sciences*, 76(5):933-943. doi: 10.1093/geronb/gbaa023

- Featured on: *Academic Minute* (<https://bit.ly/3mP9Z15>).
- Honorable Mention, Graduate Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course

West, Jessica S., Kevin H. Franck, & D. Bradley Welling (2020) “Providing Health Care to Patients with Hearing Loss During COVID-19 and Physical Distancing.” *Laryngoscope Investigative Otolaryngology*, 5:396-398. doi: 10.1002/lio2.382

Zang, Emma, Scott M. Lynch, & **Jessica S. West** (2020) “Regional Differences in the Impact of Diabetes on Population Health in the United States.” *Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health*, 75(1):56-61. doi: 10.1136/jech-2020-214267

Read, Jen’nan G., **Jessica S. West**, & Christina Kamis* (2020) “Immigration and Health among Non-Hispanic Whites: The Impact of Arrival Cohort and Region of Birth.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 246:112754. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2019.112754

Read, Jen’nan G., Kristine J. Ajrouch, & **Jessica S. West** (2019) “Disparities in Functional Disability among Arab Americans by Nativity, Immigrant Arrival Cohort, and Country of Birth.” *SSM-Population Health*, 7:100325. doi: 10.1016/j.ssmph.2018.100325

West, Jessica S. (2017) “Hearing Impairment, Social Support, and Depressive Symptoms Among U.S. Adults: A Test of the Stress Process Paradigm.” *Social Science & Medicine*, 192:94-101. doi: 10.1016/j.socscimed.2017.09.031

- Featured in: *Duke Research Blog* (<https://bit.ly/3RmVhXC>) and *Futurity* (<https://bit.ly/3BlcjzT>).

West, Jessica S., Jacob C.M. Low, & Konstantina M. Stankovic (2016) “Revealing Hearing Loss: A Survey of How People Verbally Disclose Their Hearing Loss.” *Ear and Hearing*, 37(2):194-205. doi: 10.1097/AUD.0000000000000238

- Featured in: *Reuters Health News* (<https://reut.rs/3eutXs7>) and *AARP* (<https://bit.ly/3RJi8fP>).

Under Review

West, Jessica S., Judy R. Dubno, Howard W. Francis, & Sherri L. Smith. “Hearing Screening in Primary Care Clinics: A Secondary Analysis of the Effect of Setting and Provider Encouragement by Patient Sex and Race.” *Ear & Hearing* (revise & resubmit).

Dhingra, Radha, Hanzhang Xu, Bradley G. Hammill, Scott M. Lynch, **Jessica S. West**, Michael D. Green, Eric Peterson, Lesley Curtis, & Matthew E. Dupre. “The Impact of Socioeconomic Disadvantage on the Risks of Early and Recurrent Admissions Among Patients with Newly Diagnosed Heart Failure.” *Circulation* (revise & resubmit).

Read, Jen’nan G., Kristine Ajrouch, & **Jessica S. West**. “A Socio-Demographic Overview of Diverse Arab Communities in Detroit.” *Beyond Refuge: Worldmaking in Arab Detroit* (Yasmeen Hanoosh, Sally Howell, & Andrew Shryock, eds.). Wayne State University Press: Detroit, MI.

Research in Progress

Lam, Anastasia, Yana C. Vierboom, & **Jessica S. West**. “Global Prevalence of Hearing Loss and Hearing Aid Use by Gender.”

West, Jessica S. & Matthew E. Dupre. “Associations between Hearing Loss and Trajectories of Hospitalizations among U.S. Older Adults.”

West, Jessica S. & Matthew E. Dupre. “The Impact of Hearing Loss for Trajectories of Hospitalizations among Older Adults with Heart Failure.”

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre. “Racial Differences in Hearing Loss: Evidence from Electronic Health Records.”

Dupre, Matthew E., Radha Dhingra, Hanzhang Xu, Bradley G. Hammill, Scott M. Lynch, **Jessica S. West**, Michael D. Green, Eric D. Peterson, Lesley H. Curtis. “Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Longitudinal Trajectories of Hospitalizations in Patients Diagnosed with Heart Failure.”

Dhingra, Radha, Hanzhang Xu, Bradley G. Hammill, Scott M. Lynch, **Jessica S. West**, Michael D. Green, & Matthew E. Dupre. “Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Trajectories of Hospitalizations Among Patients with Heart Failure.”

Dhingra, Radha, Hanzhang Xu, Scott M. Lynch, Qing Yang, Michael D. Green, **Jessica S. West**, & Matthew E. Dupre. “Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Trajectories of Cardiovascular Risk Factors in U.S. Adults.”

Washabaugh, Claire, Meredith Cohen, Judy R. Dubno, Howard W. Francis, Claire Helgersen, Amanda del Risco, **Jessica S. West**, & Sherri L. Smith. “Hearing Screenings in Primary Care Annual Wellness Visits.”

West, Jessica S.[‡], Juliessa M. Pavon[‡], Dana S. Guggenheim,^{**} Margaret Lim,^{**} Hannah Wessler,^{*} Ila Kaul,^{**} Bhavika Garg,^{**} Mikaela Matela,^{*} Matthew Bao,^{**} Kevin Wiafe,^{**} Howard W. Francis, & Sherri L. Smith. “An Exploratory Study of the Impact of Hearing Handicap on Listening Fatigue During Healthcare Encounters Among Older Adults.”

Fellowships and Funding

- 2023 **NIA Diversity Supplement (3R01AG075210-02S1)**, “The Impact of Hearing Loss for Trajectories of Hospitalizations among Older Adults with Heart Failure.” (R01AG075210; PI: Dupre, M.E.). Role: PI.
- New Investigator Award (\$1,000)**, American Auditory Society. Provides travel support for new investigators to attend and present at the AAS annual scientific meeting.
- R01 (July submission)**, “Increasing Uptake of Hearing Screening and Hearing Healthcare Follow-Up: Barriers and Facilitators in Primary Care.” MPIs: Smith, SL & Francis, H.W.; Role: Co-I.
- 2022 **Pilot Funding Award (\$55,634)**, “Racial and Ethnic Differences in Age-Related Hearing Loss.” Duke Population Research Institute. PI: Dupre, M.E., Role: Co-I.
- Maddox Fellow Award (\$5,000)**, Duke University Medical Center, Aging Center. Recognizes early career investigators who have demonstrated outstanding academic potential in their field.
- 2021-2023 **Postdoctoral Training Grant (T32AG000029)**, National Institute on Aging.
- 2021 **Data Expedition Award (\$1,500)**, Rhodes Information Initiative, Duke University. Two-day data analysis course for undergraduate students (<https://bit.ly/3qoUIHv>).

- 2019-2020 **Phillip Jackson Baugh Fellowship (\$23,850)**, Duke University Graduate School. Competitive fellowship providing an annual stipend, tuition, and fees.
- 2018 **Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)**, Duke University Graduate School.
- 2017 **Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)**, Duke University Graduate School.
- 2016 **Summer Research Fellowship (\$5,500)**, Duke University Graduate School.
- 2011 **Beverly J. Waterman Scholarship (\$1,500)**, University of Michigan.

Professional Awards and Honors

- 2021-Present **Lancet Commission on Hearing Loss (LCHL), COVID-19 Working Group.** Invited by Dr. Gerard M. O'Donoghue (Chair) to join the COVID-19 working group, which is tasked with documenting the impact of COVID-19 and lessons learned from the pandemic in the context of hearing loss.
- 2020 **Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention.** American Sociological Association Section on Aging and the Life Course, "Hearing Impairment and Mental Health among Married Couples."
- 2019-Present **Lancet Commission on Hearing Loss (LCHL), Stigma Working Group.** Invited by Drs. Howard Francis & Laura Nyblade (Co-Chairs) to join the stigma working group, which is exploring current hearing loss stigma and opportunities to address it.
- 2019-Present **Lancet Commission on Hearing Loss (LCHL), Consultant.** Invited by Drs. Debara Tucci & Blake Wilson (Commission Co-Chairs).
- 2018-2021 **Massachusetts Eye and Ear Audiology Leadership Advisory Council.** Invited by Dr. Kevin Franck, then Director of Audiology. Role included lending expertise in research and social determinants of health to division issues and opportunities.
- 2017 **Competitive Workshop Sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.** Accepted to attend "Health Disparities, Health Inequities, and Vulnerable Populations: Research Examining and Understanding Complexity," an ICPSR workshop at the University of Michigan. July 10-14. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- 2012 **Robert Cooley Angell Honors Thesis Award, University of Michigan.** Awarded for the best honors thesis in Sociology, "The Everyday Management of a Hard of Hearing Identity."

Invited Lectures

- "Bridging Medical Sociology and Clinical Practice in Hearing Loss Research." (2023) *R25 Otolaryngology Research Seminar, Department of Head and Neck Surgery & Communication Sciences, Duke University. Dec 20.*
- "Special Populations: People with Hearing Loss." (2023) *PHS 705: Topics in Population Health Sciences, Department of Population Health Sciences, Duke University. Nov 28.*

“Lightning Talk: Hearing Loss and Healthy Aging” (2022) *Ageing Center Research and Education Retreat, Duke University. Dec 16.*

“Hearing Loss Research at the Intersection of Medical Sociology and Audiological Practice.” (2022) *Grand Rounds, Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology, Duke University. Dec 1.*

“Special Populations: People with Hearing Loss.” (2022) *PHS 705: Topics in Population Health Sciences, Department of Population Health Sciences, Duke University. Nov 8.*

“Hearing Loss Research at the Intersection of Medical Sociology and Clinical Practice.” (2022) *Grand Rounds, Department of Head and Neck Surgery & Communication Sciences, Duke University. Oct 19.*

“Health and Well-Being of People with Hearing Loss and Their Spouses.” (2022) *Grand Rounds, Geriatrics Department, Duke University. Feb 21.*

“Racial Differences in Hearing Loss.” (2022) *International Sensory Aging Research Network. Feb 22.*

“Special Populations: People with Hearing Loss.” (2021) *PHS 705: Topics in Population Health Sciences, Department of Population Health Sciences, Duke University. Nov 2.*

“Birth Outcomes among Women with Hearing Loss.” (2018) *Audiology Department Leadership Advisory Council Meeting, Massachusetts Eye and Ear. Nov 19. Boston, MA.*

“Disparities in Disability among Arab Americans by Nativity Status and Immigrant Arrival Cohort.” (2017) *Arab Community Center for Economic & Social Services (ACCESS). Sept 21-22. Dearborn, MI.*

“Disaggregating Health Data among Whites: Implications for Research and Policy.” (2017) *Workshop hosted by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, “The Role of Data Disaggregation.” June 28-29. Washington, D.C.*

“Hearing Impairment, Social Support, and Depressive Symptoms Among U.S. Adults: A Test of the Stress Process Paradigm.” (2017) *Continuing Medical Education, Audiology Department, Massachusetts Eye and Ear. June 19. Boston, MA.*

“The Everyday Management of a Hard of Hearing Identity.” (2012) *Continuing Medical Education, Audiology Department, Massachusetts Eye and Ear. Boston, MA.*

Selected Presentations

Lam, Anastasia, Yana C. Vierboom, & **Jessica S. West** (2024). “Global Prevalence of Self-Reported Hearing Loss and Hearing Aid Use by Gender.” *Promoting Healthier Connections with the World: Global Conference. May 20-21. Durham, NC.*

Lam, Anastasia, Yana C. Vierboom, & **Jessica S. West** (2024). “Global Prevalence of Hearing Loss and Hearing Aid Use.” *American Auditory Society Annual Scientific and Technology Conference. Feb 13-15. Scottsdale, AZ.*

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre (2023) “Using Electronic Health Records to Examine Racial Differences in Hearing Loss.” *Health Data Science Showcase. Dec 8. Durham, NC.*

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre (2023) “Racial Differences in Hearing Loss among Middle-Aged and Older Adults.” *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting*. Nov 8-12. Tampa, FL.

Wang, Nan, Hanzhang Xu, Jessica S. West, Truls Østbye, Bei Wu, Ying Xian, & Matthew E. Dupre (2023) “Association Between Perceived Risk of Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias and Cognitive Function Among U.S. Older Adults.” *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting*. Nov 8-12. Tampa, FL.

West, Jessica S. & Matthew E. Dupre (2023) “Associations of Hearing Loss with Trajectories of Hospitalizations Among Older Adults Managing Multiple Chronic Conditions.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. April 12-15. New Orleans, LA.

West, Jessica S., Judy R. Dubno, Howard W. Francis, & Sherri L. Smith (2023) “Patient Demographics and Hearing Screening in Primary Care Clinics.” *American Auditory Society Annual Scientific and Technology Conference*. March 2-4. Scottsdale, AZ.

West, Jessica S., Sherri L. Smith, & Matthew E. Dupre (2022) “Hearing Loss and Its Consequences for Spousal Mental Health: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study.” *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting*. Nov 2-6. Indianapolis, IN.

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2022) “Hearing and Cognitively Impaired Life Expectancies in the U.S.” *REVES Network on Health Expectancy*. Sep 21-23. Halifax, Canada.

West, Jessica S. (2022) “Applied Medical Sociology” (Discussant). *Sociological Research Jamboree*. Aug 2. Held virtually as an alternative to the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

West, Jessica S. (2022) “Social Relationships and Health Disparities” (Discussant). *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. April 6-9. Atlanta, GA.

West, Jessica S. & Christina Kamis* (2021) “The Long-Term Impact of Childhood Disability on Mental Health in Adulthood.” *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting*. Nov 10-14. Virtual.

West, Jessica S. & Christina Kamis* (2021) “The Long-Term Impact of Childhood Disability on Mental Health in Adulthood.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Aug 6-10. Virtual.

Molly Copeland, Christina Kamis,* & Jessica S. West (2021) “To Make and Keep Friends: Physical Health in Adolescent Network Formation and Persistence.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Aug 6-10. Virtual.

Kamis, Christina,* Allison Stolte,* Jessica S. West, Samuel Fishman, Taylor Brown,* Tyson Brown, Heather R. Farmer (2021) “Overcrowding and COVID-19 Mortality Across U.S. Counties: Are Disparities Growing Over Time?” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. May 5-8. Virtual.

Zang, Emma, Jessica S. West, Nathan Kim,** & Christina Pao** (2021) “U.S. Regional Disparities in Physical Distancing: Evaluating Racial and Socioeconomic Divides During the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. May 5-8. Virtual.

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2020) “Hearing and Cognitively Impaired Life Expectancies in the U.S.” *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting*. Nov 4-7. Virtual.

Kamis, Christina* & Jessica S. West (2020) “Depression and Metabolic Syndrome in the Marital Dyad: Is Social Participation a Key Mediator?” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 8-11. Virtual.*

West, Jessica S., Christina Kamis,* Miles Marsala,* & Ruth Wygle* (2020) “Early Adversity & Adult Outcomes: Unanswered Questions and Future Research” (Co-president, Research Working Group Roundtable, Section on Aging & the Life Course). *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 8-11. Virtual.*

Copeland, Molly, Christina Kamis,* & Jessica S. West (2020) “Health and Friendship: Physical Health Affects Adolescent Peer Network Structure.” *International Network for Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Paris, France. Cancelled (COVID-19).*

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2020) “Cognitive and Hearing Impairments in Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Cancelled (COVID-19).*

Kamis, Christina* & Jessica S. West (2020) “Depression and Metabolic Syndrome in the Marital Dyad: Is Social Participation a Key Mediator?” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Cancelled (COVID-19).*

Zang, Emma, Scott M. Lynch, & Jessica S. West (2020) “Regional Differences in the Impact of Diabetes on Population Health in the United States.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Cancelled (COVID-19).*

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2019) “Cognitive and Hearing Impairments in Older Adults: Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study.” *Gerontological Society of America Annual Meeting. Nov 13-17. Austin, TX.*

West, Jessica S. (2019) “Hearing Impairment and Mental Health Among Married Couples.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 10-13. New York, NY.*

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2019) “Regional, Racial, and Sociodemographic Variation in Life Expectancy with Hearing Impairment in the U.S.” *REVES Network on Health Expectancy. May 29-31. Barcelona, Spain.*

West, Jessica S. & Scott M. Lynch (2019) “Sociodemographic Variation in Life Expectancy with Hearing Loss in the U.S.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 10-13. Austin, TX.*

West, Jessica S. (2019) “The Consequences of Hearing Impairment on Spousal Mental Health.” *Population Association of America Annual Meeting. April 10-13. Austin, TX.*

Read, Jen’nan G., Scott M. Lynch, & **Jessica S. West** (2018) “Disaggregating Diversity in the Non-Hispanic White Population: Evidence for Disability among U.S. Adults.” *American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. Nov 10-14. San Diego, CA.*

West, Jessica S. (2018) “New Data and Methods” (Discussant, Section on Methodology). *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 11-14. Philadelphia, PA.*

West, Jessica S. (2018) “The Consequences of Hearing Impairment on Spousal Mental Health.” *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Aug 11-14. Philadelphia, PA.*

Read, Jen'nan G., Scott M. Lynch, & **Jessica S. West** (2018) "Diversity in Disability among Non-Hispanic Whites: Evidence from the 2008-2016 American Community Survey." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting*. April 26-28. Denver, CO.

West, Jessica S. (2017) "Depression and Hearing Loss: Demographic Diversity among U.S. Adults." *American Sociological Association*. Aug 12-15. Montreal, Canada.

West, Jessica S. & Konstantina M. Stankovic (2016) "Exploring Strategies for Telling Others About Hearing Loss." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Aug 20-23. Seattle, WA.

West, Jessica S. & Konstantina M. Stankovic (2016) "Exploring Strategies for Telling Others About Hearing Loss." *Hearing Across the Lifespan Conference*. June 2-4. Lake Como, Italy.

West, Jessica S. & Konstantina M. Stankovic (2016) "Exploring Strategies for Telling Others About Hearing Loss." *Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. March 17-20. Boston, MA.

West, Jessica S., Jacob C.M. Low, & Konstantina M. Stankovic (2014) "Revealing Hearing Loss: A Survey-Based Study of How People Talk About Their Hearing Loss." *American Auditory Society Annual Scientific and Technology Conference*. March 6-8. Scottsdale, AZ.

West, Jessica S. (2013) "The Everyday Management of a Hard of Hearing Identity." *American Auditory Society Annual Scientific and Technology Conference*. March 7-9. Scottsdale, AZ.

Teaching and Mentorship Experience

Teaching:

- 2022 **Faculty Team Contributor, Bass Connections Project Team, Duke University.**
"Life After Stroke: A Sensory Health Initiative" (PI: Bailliard, A. & Hreha, K.)
- 2020 **Graduate Student Member, Bass Connections Project Team, Duke University.**
"Impact of Face Covering on Patient Communication and Health Outcomes" (PI: Francis, H., Pavon, J., & Riska, K.)
- 2019 **Co-Instructor, Data Expedition, Rhodes Information Initiative, Duke University.**
Two-day course data analysis course for undergraduate students taught in conjunction with SOC 257: Sociology of Mental Health. Link here: <https://bit.ly/3gZgq9f>
- 2016-2021 **Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Duke University.**
SOC 250: Immigration and Health
SOC 361: Social Determinants of U.S. Health Disparities

Mentoring:

- 2024-present Hannah Crowder, *Duke University PGY-2 Resident*
- 2023-present Rebecca Zasloff, *Duke University Medical Student, Class of 2026*
- 2023-present **Member, Duke AHEAD, Duke University.**
The Academy for Health Professions Education and Academic Development provides access to events, resources, and faculty development programs to promote excellence in the education of health professionals.
- 2023 **Entering Mentoring Curriculum, Center for the Improvement of Mentored**

Experiences in Research, Duke University.

A mentor education opportunity to learn how to more effectively advise and support trainees from a range of backgrounds.

Professional Activities

- 2024-present **Editorial Board Member, Journal of Aging and Health**
- 2023 **Duke Health Faculty Endowment Dinner.**
One of three faculty members representing Head and Neck Surgery & Communication Sciences for an evening of conversation regarding advancing healthy hearing.
- 2021-2022 **Competitive Training, Duke Center for Research to Advance Healthcare Equity.**
Accepted to complete the Health Disparities Research Curriculum.
- 2021-2022 **Competitive Training, Duke University School of Medicine.**
Accepted to complete training in Clinical Research with Electronic Health Records.
- 2021-2023 **Duke Geriatrics/Aging Center Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee.**
- 2021 **Aging Center/Division of Geriatrics' Internal Grant Review, Duke University.**
Invited to review and provide feedback on internal grant submissions by Duke University researchers prior to submission.
- 2019-2020 **Section Nominations Committee Student Member,** Section on Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association.
- 2018-2019 **Graduate Student Forum Co-Chair,** Department of Sociology, Duke University.
- 2017-2018 **Faculty Committee Representative,** Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, Duke University.
- 2016-2017 **Social Chair,** Graduate Student Forum, Department of Sociology, Duke University.

Ad hoc Reviewer

Disability & Health Journal
Ear & Hearing
Health Affairs
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