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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – Present Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Sociology
Mississippi State University
Applied Sociology Academic Coordinator, 2022 - Present

2016- 2021 Instructor, Department of Sociology
Mississippi State University

EDUCATION

2016 University of Missouri, Sociology, Ph.D.
Dissertation: “Feeding Others’ Children: A Comparative Ethnography of Labor among School Food Service Employees.”

2012 University of Missouri, Sociology, M.A.
Thesis: “Factors that Explain the use of Private versus Public Food Safety Nets among a Food Pantry Population.”

2008 Beloit College, Sociology, B.A.
Honors Thesis: “Thanks, but No Thanks: A Study of Potential Food Stamp Recipients and Why They Decline the Benefit.”

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Food Insecurity	Research Methods
Work and Organizations	Social Theory
Culture and Identity	Introduction

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2021–Present
Assistant Teaching Professor
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology

2016- 2021
Instructor
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology

2012-16
Instructor
University of Missouri, Department of Sociology

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2015

Adjunct Instructor

Lincoln University, Department of Social & Behavioral Sciences

2012-15

Instructor

University of Missouri, Department of Sociology

2012- 13

Tutor

University of Missouri, Learning Center

2010 – 12

Teaching Assistant

University of Missouri, Department of Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2020 Diego Thompson, Kecia R. Johnson, Kenya M. Cistrunk, **Ashley Vancil-Leap**, Thomas Nyatta, Leslie Hossfeld, Gina Rico Méndez & Claudette Jones. “Assemblage, food justice, and intersectionality in rural Mississippi: the Oktibbeha Food Policy Council.” *Sociological Spectrum*, DOI: 10.1080/02732173.2020.1801541

Public Scholarship

2020 **Vancil-Leap, Ashley**. “Teaching Community Engaged Learning at Mississippi State University.” Mid-South Sociological Association Newsletter.

AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONORS

2022 Recipient of the Alpha Kappa Delta Outstanding Faculty Award as selected by the Department of Sociology graduate students, Mississippi State University

2020 Recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences Ambassadors for Excellence in Teaching Award, Mississippi State University

2020 Mississippi State University’s 2020 Schiling Special Teaching Project recipient, **\$529**

2020 The College of Arts & Science Excellence in Teaching Award, Mississippi State University, Nominated

Dr. Ashley D. Vancil-Leap

- 2019 Honorable Mention for the Oktibbeha Food Policy Council from the Center for Community Engaged Learning Research Award, Mississippi State University, **\$750**
- 2018 Center for Community-Engaged Learning Fellowship Program, Mississippi State University. **\$1,000.**
- 2017 Center for Community-Engaged Learning Mini-Grants Program, Mississippi State University. **\$500.**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2023-Present *Faculty Fellow*, Maroon Academy for Teaching Excellence, Mississippi State University
- 2020 *Certified*, Center for Teaching and Learning's Online Teaching 101 Program, Mississippi State University
- 2019 *Attendee*, Center for Teaching and Learning's "Navigating the Student Honor Code" Session, Mississippi State University
- 2018 *Faculty Fellow*, The Center for Community Engagement, Mississippi State University

RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

- 2016 – 2020 *Researcher*, Oktibbeha County Food Policy Council, Mississippi State University.
- 2016 - 2020 *Researcher*, Mississippi Food Insecurity Project, Mississippi State University
- 2017 – 2019 *Researcher*, Vardaman Community Project, Mississippi State University.
- 2011–13 *Research Assistant*, Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security, University of Missouri
- 2012-13 *Research Assistant*, Department of Law, University of Missouri
- 2012 *Research Assistant*, Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri
- 2011 *Research Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri