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EDUCATION

Expected 2024
Ph.D. **University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**
Sociology

May 2017
B.A. with Honors **University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA**
B.A. with Honors Biological Basis of Behavior
Modern Middle Eastern Studies

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Chicago, IL
June 2020 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Prof. Leyla Ismayilova, Ph.D.
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

Assist with qualitative data analysis and manuscript preparation. Develop literature review on the intersections of family reunification, global mental health, and culturally congruent interventions.

Chicago, IL
June 2019 – Present **Graduate Research Assistant**
Prof. Kristen Schilt, Ph.D.
University of Chicago, Dept. of Sociology

Develop mixed-methods study design on the experiences and outcomes of historically underrepresented students and their transition to college. Conduct, code, and analyze multi-phase in-depth interviews for a manuscript in preparation.

Philadelphia, PA
June 2014 – 2018 **Data Analyst**
Dr. Theodore Satterthwaite, M.D.
UPenn Perelman School of Medicine, Brain Behavior Laboratory

Managed, processed, and analyzed 400+ subject multimodal neuroimaging and behavioral data on the relationship between social determinants of health, cognitive functioning, and neuropsychiatric outcomes. Implemented statistical analyses and processing pipelines/scripts for behavioral, EEG and multimodal neuroimaging analysis, including resting-state and task-based fMRI, DTI, ASL, and volumetric data.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Chicago, IL
May – June 2020 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**
The University of Chicago, Department of Sociology
Instructor: Ross Stolzenberg, Ph.D.
Course: The Effects of Schooling

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Sharma, A., **Beard, L. M.**, Moore, T., Kaczurkin, A. N., Ciric, R., Shankar, S., Rish, S., Harowitz, J., Rosen, A., Cook, P., Shinohara, R., Davatzikos, C., Wolf, D. H., Satterthwaite, T.D. (2018). Dimensions of Anhedonia Associate with Dissociable Neurostructural Measures Across Psychiatric Disorders. *Biological Psychiatry*, 83(9), S381.

Eryilmaz, H., Dowling, K. F., Huntington, F. C., Rodriguez-Thompson, A., Soare, T. W., **Beard, L. M.**, Lee, H., Blossom, J. C., Gollub, R. L., Susser, E., Gur, R. C., Calkins, M. E., Gur, R. E., Satterthwaite, T. D., & Roffman, J. L. (2018). Association of Prenatal Exposure to Population-Wide Folic Acid Fortification With Altered Cerebral Cortex Maturation in Youths. *JAMA psychiatry*, 75(9), 918–928. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamapsychiatry>.

Hibar, D. P., Westlye, L. T., Doan, N. T., Jahanshad, N., Cheung, J. W., Ching, C., Versace, A., Bilderbeck, A. C., Uhlmann, A., Mwangi, B., Krämer, B., Howells, F. M., ... Andreassen, O. A. (2018). Cortical abnormalities in bipolar disorder: an MRI analysis of 6503 individuals from the ENIGMA Bipolar Disorder Working Group. *Molecular psychiatry*, 23(4), 932–942. <https://doi.org/10.1038/mp.2017.73>

van Erp, T., Walton, E., Hibar, D. P., Schmaal, L., Jiang, W., Glahn, D. C., Pearlson, G. D., ... Turner, J. A. (2018). Cortical Brain Abnormalities in 4474 Individuals With Schizophrenia and 5098 Control Subjects via the Enhancing Neuro Imaging Genetics Through Meta Analysis (ENIGMA) Consortium. *Biological psychiatry*, 84(9), 644–654. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.biopsych.2018.04.023>

Walton, E., Hibar, D. P., Van Erp, T. G. M., Potkin, S. G., Roiz-Santiañez, R., Crespo-Facorro, B., ... Ehrlich, S. (2018). Prefrontal cortical thinning links to negative symptoms in schizophrenia via the ENIGMA consortium. *Psychological Medicine*, 48(1), 82-94. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0033291717001283>

Walton, E., Hibar, D. P., van Erp, T. G., Potkin, S. G., Roiz-Santiañez, R., Crespo-Facorro, B., Suarez-Pinilla, P., Van Haren, N. E., A. O., Mørch-Johnsen, L., ... Ehrlich, S. (2017). Positive symptoms associate with cortical thinning in the superior temporal gyrus via the ENIGMA Schizophrenia consortium. *Acta Psychiatrica Scandinavica*, 135(5), 439–447. <https://doi.org/10.1111/acps.12718>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Beard, L.M. & Schilt, K. “Pre-Orientation, Embeddedness, and the Transition to College.”

Ismayilova, L., Claypool E., Heidorn, E., **Beard, L.M.**, and Guliyeva, N. “From institutional care to family reunification in a post-Soviet country: Challenges and opportunities in restoring child-parent relationships.”

REPORTS

Beard, L.M., Priester, Ryan K. (September 2019). “Trauma-informed Care and Programming for At-Risk Youth.” Community Programs Accelerator, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

Beard, L.M., and Priester, Ryan K. (September 2019). “Evaluating Educational Access and Supports for At-Risk Chicago Youth.” Community Programs Accelerator, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.

PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

Morrissey, S., Zhou, X., **Beard, L. M.**, Torres-Echeverry N. (Upcoming 2021). “The Future of Transnational Sociology.” Spring Institute, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. Co-Moderator.

Beard, L. M. (April 2020). “Challenging Rhetorics of Violence in Community-based Mental Health.” Chicago Disability Studies Conference. Chicago, IL. Invited Panelist.

Wadzinski, E., **Beard, L. M.**, Nguyen, V. (July 2019). “Tough Choices: Deciding Between a Lucrative Career to Help Loved Ones and an Impactful Career to Help the World.” QuestBridge 25th Anniversary Conference. San Francisco, CA. Invited Panelist.

Beard, L. M., Gurunian, C. (February 2019). “Navigating Graduate School as a First-Generation, Low-Income Student.” Center for College Student Success, University of Chicago. Chicago, IL. Invited Panelist.

Beard, L. M., Dailey, S., Lawyer, S., Zirbel, E. (April 2017). “Focusing on the Future: Developing Leadership, Institutional Change, and Post-Graduation Success as a First-Generation Student.” IvyG Conference. Philadelphia, PA. Invited Panelist.

McCullough, A. and **Beard, L. M.** (August 2016). “Developing Accessible Science and Technology Education for First-Generation, Low-Income Students.” White House Office of Science and Technology Policy Student Conference. Washington, D.C. Invited Panelist.

Beard, L. M. and Bekele, S. (February 2016). “Advocating for First-Generation, Low-income College Students.” University of Pennsylvania First-Generation, Low-Income Student Conference. Philadelphia, PA. Co-organizer.

Beard, L. M. (August 2014). “What’s the Role of a First-Generation, Low-income Students?” QuestBridge Leadership Conference. Palo Alto, California. Invited Speaker.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

2020 – 2021	Urban Doctoral Fellowship Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago
2020	Student Leadership Recognition Award University of Chicago
2020	Student Creativity Grant University of Chicago Arts
2018 – 2023	Social Sciences Fellowship Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2017	Middle East Center Undergraduate Essay Award University of Pennsylvania
2016	Halide Edip Adivar Prize The American Association of Turkic Languages
2015 – 2017	Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship U.S. Department of Education
2013 – 2017	QuestBridge Scholar University of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chicago, IL Sept 2020 – June 2021	Smart Museum of Art, University of Chicago Medical Humanities Graduate Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and propose medical humanities programming for medical and museum audiences.• Develop a white paper on museum strategies for implementing medical humanities-based approaches.
Chicago, IL Oct 2019 – June 2020	Thresholds Intake Specialist <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct mental health assessment services in hospitals, nursing homes, and institutes of mental disease.• Assess risk and complete safety assessments; determine the level of service, diagnostic impression, and prognosis and safety mitigation.

- Chicago, IL
June 2019 –
Present
- Community Programs Accelerator, University of Chicago**
Nonprofit Project Manager
- Manage the definition, design, and implementation of projects for improved systems of trauma-informed care for at-risk youth.
 - Lead program evaluation and research activities for South Side nonprofits.
- Philadelphia, PA
Sept 2016 –
May 2017
- Nationalities Service Center**
Cultural Orientation Facilitator
- Founded programming for refugees on navigating social service systems.
 - Provided education on fair access to health, education, and other social services for underserved refugee populations.
- Washington D.C.
Feb 2016 –
Feb 2017
- Center for Global Health and Diplomacy**
Health Policy Analyst
- Lead contributor on Nordic Governance and Collaboration in Global Health Security report for the United Nations General Assembly.
 - Conducted research changing patterns of HIV/AIDS in Africa, the Middle East, and South America for the UNAid's Ending Aids initiative.
- Philadelphia, PA
May 2015 –
Aug 2015
- Einstein Healthcare Network**
Community Health Intern
- Assisted in developing and maintaining community referral relationships and effectively connecting patients and families to community resources.
 - Supported patients in understanding their health condition(s) and developing strategies to improve their health and well-being.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Chicago, IL
2019 – Present
- Bridgeport Alliance**
Community Organizer
- Chicago, IL
2018 – Present
- Center for Identity & Inclusion**
First-Gen, Low-income Co-Chair & LGBT Student Mentor
- Chicago, IL
2018 – Present
- Reeling: The Chicago LGBTQ+ Film Festival**
Communications Assistant
- Philadelphia, PA
2017 – 2018
- CAMRA: Collective for Advancing Multimodal Research Arts**
Multimodal Methods Working Group Member
- Philadelphia, PA
2017 – 2018
- The Philadelphia Partisan**
Graphic Designer & Writer
- Philadelphia, PA
2015 – 2017
- Consciousness Club**
Collective Member
- Philadelphia, PA
2015 – Present
- PennFirst**
Alumni Advisor, First-Gen Student Mentor & Penn Representative
- Philadelphia, PA
2014 – 2017
- Alpha Phi Omega**
President, Leadership Chair & Community Service Chair
- Philadelphia, PA
2014 – 2016
- University City Hospitality Coalition**
Housing Advocate
- Philadelphia, PA
2012 – Present
- QuestBridge**
National Alumni Advisory Board Member, National Executive Board Member, Chapter President, Head Mentor & Service Chair

SKILLS

Geographic Information Systems software (ArcGIS, GeoDa)
Qualitative Analysis (Dedoose, NVivo)
Statistical Analysis (R, Python, STATA, HLM, BASH)
Photography (Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop)

CERTIFICATIONS

CITI
HIPAA
IM+CANS
Mental Health First Aid

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Chicago, IL
2020 – 2021

American Journal of Sociology Manuscript Board
University of Chicago