

## Catherine “Peyton” Cunningham

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### EDUCATION

Ph.D. Student, Sociology, University of Chicago, 2022–present

- Institute of Education Sciences Fellow, Committee on Education

A.B., Sociology, Princeton University, 2015-2020

- Graduated magna cum laude
- Certificate in Dance

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

Education, Identity Formation, Belonging, Stratification, Qualitative Methods

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Thesis, “Social Belonging at Princeton by Class and Race” 2019-2020

- Designed and conducted 55 interviews on social belonging, alienation, and community for students at Princeton, under the advising of Timothy J. Nelson, Ph.D.
- Analyzed experiences of race, gender, religion in student body. Exploration of student athletes and first gen. low-income students.

Independent Research, “Belonging and Alienation for Princeton Upperclassmen” 2019

- Examined academic, emotional, and social sense of belonging in upperclassmen. Developed, collected, and analyzed over 750 surveys using STATA, under the advising of Tod Hamilton, Ph.D.
- Selected to present and published in the 2020 Macksey National Undergraduate Research Symposium and Journal at Johns Hopkins University.

Research Assistant, “Dancing with Neurological Motor Challenges” 2018

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Andy Roddick Foundation, Program Development 2020-2022

- Built capacity to better serve youth during the pandemic while also creating plans for transitioning our programming out of the pandemic.
- Developed and managed volunteer systems for recruiting, training, and thanking volunteers.
- Created resources for children and families as they transitioned to middle school, including guides on magnet schools.
- Supported needs assessments and helped create program curricula to address those needs in the short- and long-term, including the development of child, parent, and whole family programming around social and emotional learning.
- Monitored quality of programs using standardized tools and evaluations via Weikart Youth Program Quality Assessment Certification.
- Served in the AmeriCorps VISTA program through City of Austin’s site placement.

Matriculate Advisor 2018-2019

- Mentored and counseled low-income, first generation high performing high school students through the college admissions process from discussing colleges to applications and financial aid.

Ballet Austin, Dance Fellow 2016-2017

## **SERVICE**

Court Appointed Special Advocate 2020

- Advocate for youth in Child Protective Services and welfare system as a Court-appointed guardian ad litem to make informed recommendations to the judge about the children's best interest.

Princeton Prize in Race Relations Evaluator, Club of Austin Representative 2020-2021

Princeton University Ballet, President 2018

- Elected to lead student-run ballet company, responsible for managing performances and community outreach from strategy and fundraising to execution.
- Additional positions held: Publicity Chair, Production Chair, Merchandise Chair, and Dancer from 2015-2020.

Sociology Department Student Representative, Princeton University 2019-2020

## **GRANTS**

- Segal Education Grant 2020-2022

## **TEACHING**

- Teaching Assistant, DAN101: Introduction to Ballet 2018-2020

## **SKILLS**

- MAXQDA, STATA, Tableau, Adobe Photoshop, iMovie, Canva