

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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EDUCATION

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**The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH**

PhD Sociology. *estimated May 2023*

Dissertation Committee: Reanne Frank (Chair), Cynthia Colen, Tasleem Padamsee, Townsend Price-Spratlen.

Dissertation Title: “*Examining Group-Specific Social Ties and Health Outcomes of U.S. Immigrants*”

PhD Candidacy Passed: May 2021

Candidacy Specialty Areas: Health & Immigration

\*Graduate Interdisciplinary Specialization in Demography.

MA Sociology. **Dec 2019**

Master Thesis Committee: Reanne Frank (Chair), Cynthia Colen, Kristi Williams. Thesis Title: “*Countervailing Effects? Remittance Sending and the Physical and Mental Health of Migrants*”

**Furman University, Greenville, SC** **May 2016**

BA, Dual degrees Biology and Sociology.

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Health Disparities    Migration/Immigration    Social Demography    Racial/Ethnic Inequality    Health Policy

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HONORS, AWARDS, AND GRANTS

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Presidential **Fellowship** for Outstanding Scholarship 2022-2023

*The Ohio State University, 1 year, ~ \$31,864.*

The College of Public Health **Award** for Excellence in Research 2022

*The College of Public Health, The Ohio State University, \$2,000.*

Travel **Grant** to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America 2022

*Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.*

Ray Travel **Award** for Service and Scholarship 2022

*The Council of Graduate Students, The Ohio State University, \$1,000.*

Alumni **Grant** for Research and Scholarship 2021

*The Graduate School, The Ohio State University, \$5,000.*

Two Research **Grants** for Dissertation Work 2021

*Center For Ethnic Studies Research, The Ohio State University, \$750.*

Travel **Grant** to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America 2021

*Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.*

Travel **Grant** to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America 2020

*Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.*

Travel **Grant** to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America 2019

*Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.*

Travel **Grant** to the Annual Meeting for the Population Association of America 2018

*Institute for Population Research, The Ohio State University, \$850.*

University **Fellowship** 2017-2018

*The Ohio State University, 1 year, ~ \$25,276*

James Dan Cover **Award** for Best University Research 2016

*Furman University, \$500.*

James Buchanan Duke Scholar Merit **Award** 2012-2016

*Furman University, Full Tuition, 4 years, ~ \$210,000.*

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\* Letters of recommendation and references available upon request

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Watson Brown Merit <b>Award</b> <i>Watson Brown Foundation, 4 years, ~ \$20,000</i>	2012-2016
Palmetto Fellowship Merit <b>Award</b> <i>The State of South Carolina, ~ \$26,800</i>	2012-2016
Dean's List <b>Honor</b> <i>Furman University</i>	2012-2016

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Principal Investigator: *College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department* Spring 2022- Present  
 Leading research project exploring the role of social ties in immigrant health. Trained and led 10 undergraduate research assistants to help with literature reviews and survey development.
- Research Assistant: *College of Public Health* Summer 2020- Present  
 Graduate Research Assistant working on three COVID projects (Needs Assessment, Hardest Hit, Vaccine Access and Hesitancy) under PIs Drs. Julianna Nemeth and Tasleem Padamsee. Additionally working on two cancer and social support research projects under PI Dr. Tasleem Padamsee. All projects focus broadly on health disparities with specified focus on racial/ethnic minorities and immigrant communities.
- Co- Principal Investigator: *College of Arts and Sciences, Sociology Department* Fall 2019- Present  
 Co leading a research project exploring the role of NGOs in health disparities combining Ohio Medicaid Survey Data with NGO listings from the Ohio Attorney General's office. Trained and led 48 undergraduate research assistants to help with NGO research and classification.
- Research Assistant: *Center for Human Resource Research (CHRR)* May 2019- July 2022  
 Graduate Research Assistant working broadly on the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth (NLSY)-Young Adult sample. Concentration on race variables in the longitudinal form, rolling out and improving 2018, 2019 and 2020 surveys in the field and variable construction post data collection while cleaning and restructuring data under Dr. Elizabeth Cooksey, and Dr. Canada Keck. Additionally, did survey work on the American Population Panel under Dr. Elizabeth Cooksey and Jen Hoffman.
- Research Assistant: *PI Dr. Reanne Frank* Summer 2021  
 A summer project working to revise and contribute materials to apply for immigration and health research grants with a focus on machine learning and immigrant enclaves.
- Research Assistant: *PIs Dr. Claudia Buchmann and Dr. Ryan King* Fall 2019- Spring 2020  
 A project composed of interviewing, outlining, and leading research working with Professor Emeritus Joan Huber towards compiling her biography as one of the powerhouse women in the field of Sociology under Dr. Claudia Buchmann and Dr. Ryan King.
- Research Assistant: *PI Dr. Reanne Frank* Spring 2018  
 A semester long research project editing a volume (selection authors, curating the organization) and writing an introduction for a special edition of the *Advances in Medical Sociology Journal* on health and immigration under Dr. Reanne Frank.
- Research Assistant: *PI Dr. Kammi Schmeer* Spring 2018- Summer 2019  
 Graduate Research Assistant working on three health and biomarker research projects (the first family focused, the second biology and neurology focused, a third review centered) combining knowledge on biological embedding, acculturation, stress, and telomeres.

## TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE \* Guest lectures found under "Invited Lectures" section

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Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Sociology 1101: Introduction to Sociology. 427 enrolled students, for Dr. Vincent Roscigno, The Ohio State University Spring 2019.

Teaching Assistant for Undergraduate Sociology 1101: Introduction to Sociology. 225 enrolled students, for Dr. Chris Papaleonardos, The Ohio State University Spring 2022.

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Mentor and teacher to approximately 58 undergraduate Research Assistants on two independently led research projects, ongoing since Autumn 2019 and Spring 2022 respectively.

## PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Frank, Reanne, Erick Axze, Coralia Balasca, and Melissa Rodriguez. “**Advancing the Field of Immigration and Health.**” *Immigration and Health (Advances in Medical Sociology)*. Emerald Publishing Limited. 19(1-14).

Edwards, Thea, Howard Morgan, Coralia Balasca, Naveen Chalasani, Lauren Yam, and Allision Roark. 2018. “**Detecting Estrogenic Ligands in Personal Care Products using a Yeast Estrogen Screen Optimized for the Undergraduate Teaching Laboratory.**” *Journal of Visualized Experiments* (131):e55754.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (\* denotes equal authorship)

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Balasca, Coralia. “**Countervailing Effects? Remittance Sending and the Physical and Mental Health of Migrants.**” (*In Progress*)

Balasca, Coralia. “**Ties that bind: Transnational ties, mental health, and the role of gender.**” (*In Progress*)

Balasca, Coralia, and Christina Bijou. “**Lingering Questions: Race, Health, and the Role of NGOs in Ohio.**” (*In Progress*)

Bijou, Christina and Coralia Balasca. “**Trends in Psychological Distress Among Ohioans, 2008-2019.**” (*In Progress*)

Padamsee, Tasleem J., Nemeth, Julianna, Barnet, Kierra, Balasca, Coralia, et al. “**Hardest Hit Communities: Defining and Pursuing “Protection” and “Recovery” from the Worst Health, Economic, and Social Impacts of COVID-19 in Ohio.**” (*In Progress*)

Padamsee, Tasleem J., Balasca, Coralia, Allen, Johnnie and Julianna Nemeth. “**COVID Needs Assessment: Using Community Based Data to Drive Response in a Time of Crisis.**” (*In Progress*)

Padamsee, Tasleem J., Barnett, Kierra and Coralia Balasca. “**Building a Foundation for COVID-19 Vaccine Uptake and Equity**” (*In Progress*)

Padamsee, Tasleem J., Meadows, Rachel, Figueora, Wilson, Bijou, Christina, Muraveva, Anna and Coralia Balasca. “**Women’s Awareness, Utilization, and Adherence to Genetic Screening Guidelines.**” (*In Progress*)

Padamsee, Tasleem J., Meadows, Rachel, Balasca, Coralia, and Christina Bijou. “**Racial differences in adherence to guidelines among women at elevated risk of breast cancer.**” (*In Progress*)

## PUBLISHED REPORTS

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Padamsee, Tasleem J., Nemeth, Julianna & the Needs Assessment Writers’ Team (inc. Coralia Balasca). (2020). “**Ohio’s COVID-19 Populations Needs Assessment: Minimizing the Disparate Impact of the Pandemic and Building Foundations for Health Equity.**” The Ohio State University College of Public Health. <https://go.osu.edu/inequitable-burdens-covid-19>.

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Balasca, Coralia, Christina Bijou, and Davon Norris. 2018. “**Mental Health, Addiction, and Trauma: Stigma, Studies, & Statistics.**” Report prepared for the P.E.E.R. Center Columbus, OH.

Balasca, Coralia, Christina Bijou, and Davon Norris. 2018. “**Addressing Community Opposition: Strategies to Combat NYMBYism.**” Report prepared for the P.E.E.R. Center Columbus, OH.

## INVITED LECTURES

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Balasca, Coralia. October 2021. “**Health Disparities: Today and Historically.**” SOCIOL 1101: Intro to Sociology. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

Balasca, Coralia. April 2021. “**Persistent Racial Inequality: The Racial Wealth Gap and Immigration Policy.**” SOCIOL 3306: Sociology of Poverty. The Ohio State University, Columbus, OH.

## PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS

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Balasca, Coralia. 2022. “**Ties that Hinder, Ties that Bind: Relationships between Social Ties and Health by Immigrant Generation.**” The American Sociological Association, 2022 Annual Meeting, Roundtable, Los Angeles, CA.

Padamsee, Tasleem and Coralia Balasa. 2022. “**Ohio’s COVID-19 Populations Needs Assessment: Using community-based data to drive pandemic response in historically disadvantaged communities.**” The American Sociological Association, 2022 Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA.

Balasca, Coralia. 2022. “**Are All (Social) Ties Equal? Transnational Remittance Receivers and Their Impact on US Based Immigrant Health.**” The Population Association of America, 2022 Annual Meeting, Atlanta GA.

Balasca, Coralia. 2022. “**A Crisis of Immigration? 2016, 2020, and the Role of State Rhetoric in Americans Views of Immigrants.**” The Southern Sociological Society, 2022 Annual Meeting, Birmingham, AL.

Balasca, Coralia. 2021. Session Presider. “**Health Across the Life Course.**” OSU/BGSU Research Conference, 2021 Annual Meeting Columbus, OH.

Balasca, Coralia and Christina Bijou. 2021. “**Trends in Psychological Distress Among Ohioans, 2008-2019.**” The Population Association of America, 2021 Annual Meeting Virtual.

Balasca, Coralia. 2020. “**Remittances and the Mental and Physical Health of Migrants.**” Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science, 2020 Annual Meeting Virtual.

Balasca, Coralia. 2020. “**Countervailing Effects? Remittances and the Mental and Physical Health of Migrants.**” The Population Association of America, 2020 Annual Meeting Washington, DC. *(Cancelled due to COVID-19).*

Balasca, Coralia. 2020. “**Remittances and Health in an Immigrant Population.**” The Southern Sociological Society, 2020 Annual Meeting Jacksonville, FL. *(Cancelled due to COVID-19).*

Balasca, Coralia. 2020. “**A New NLSY Cohort.**” The Center for Human Recourse Research, Washington, DC.

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Balasca, Coralia and Christina Bijou. 2019. **“Lingering Questions: Race, Health, and the Role of NGOs in Columbus.”** The Population Association of America, 2019 Annual Meeting Austin, TX.

Balasca, Coralia. 2018. Session Presider. **“The Expansion of Market-Centered Protest and Counter-mobilization in the Age of Trump.”** The Southern Sociological Society, 2018 Annual Meeting New Orleans, LA.

Balasca, Coralia and Mary Kate Buchanan. 2017. **“Dollars and Daiquiris, Bucks and Booze: A Study of Parental SES and its Effects on Undergraduate Children’s Alcohol Use.”** The Southern Sociological Society, 2017 Annual Meeting Greenville, SC.

Balasca, Coralia. 2016. **“Optimization of Yeast Reporter Assay and Student Learning Gains.”** Furman Engaged Annual Undergraduate Research Conference Greenville, SC

Balasca, Coralia. 2016. **“Dollars and Daiquiris, Bucks and Booze a Study of Parental SES and its Effects on Undergraduate Children’s Alcohol Use.”** Quantitative Research presented at Furman Engaged Annual Undergraduate Research Conference Greenville, SC.

Balasca, Coralia. 2016. **“Women’s Experience post Integration of Greenville Women’s College and Furman University: Women on a Men’s Campus.”** Qualitative Research presented at the Furman Engaged Annual Undergraduate Research Conference Greenville, SC

## COMMUNITY AND DEPARTMENT SERVICE AND ACTIVITIES

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Institute of Population Research GSO President	2021 - 2022
Institute of Population Research GSO VP	2020 - 2021
Sociology Graduate Student Association VP of Teaching and Social Life	2020 - 2021
Sociology Graduate Student Association VP of Communications	2019 - 2020
Romanian Club at Ohio State VP of Community Outreach	2019 - 2021
Migration and Global Mediterranean Forum VP of Curation	2019 - 2020
Sociology Graduate Student Recruitment Committee Member	2019 - 2021
Undergraduate Mentoring Program, Dept. of Sociology Co-Founder	2019 - Present
Sociology Graduate Student Association Diversity and Inclusion Committee Member	2018 - Present
Sociology Graduate Student Association Mentorship Committee Member	2018 - 2021
Sociology Graduate Student Research Committee Member	2018 - 2019
Peers Enriching Each Other’s Recover (PEER) Center Affiliate	2018 - 2021
- Compiled a report on state and national level mental health research, with particular attention to addiction.	
- Compiled a report on subverting NYMBY community reactions to non-profit organizations.	
Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science (IAPHS) Volunteer	2018
Sociology Graduate Student Association Office Assignment Committee Member	2017 - 2018
Sociology Graduate Student Association Cohort Representative	2016 - 2017
Project H.O.P.E Autism Volunteer	2016

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OR MEMBERSHIPS

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American Public Health Association (APHA)	Member since 2021
Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science (IAPHS)	Member since 2018
Bowling Green/Ohio State Graduate Student Population Conference	Member since 2017
Population Association of America (PAA)	Member since 2016
American Sociological Association (ASA)	Member since 2016
Tri Beta	Member since 2014
Southern Sociological Society (SSS)	Member since 2015
Sociology Honor Society	Member since 2013

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Duke Scholar Program  
Watson Brown Scholar Program  
Palmetto Fellows Scholar Program

Member since 2012  
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