

# Alexa Solazzo

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## Education

Rice University, Ph.D. in Sociology (expected May 2018)

Comprehensive Exams: Health, Gender

Dissertation: “Anti-Discrimination and Religious Freedom Laws: The Association on lesbian, gay, and bisexual health in the United States.” Committee: Bridget Gorman (chair), Anthony Brown, Justin Denney, and Vivian Ho.

Rice University, M.A. in Sociology (2015)

Master’s Thesis: “Different and Not Equal: How Poverty, Race, and State-Level Abortion Laws Shape Abortion Timing.” Committee: Bridget Gorman (chair), Justin Denney, and Erin Cech.

University of Notre Dame, B.A. in Sociology and Peace Studies, Cum Laude (2013)

## Areas of Interest

Population health, health care access, health policy, gender and sexuality, reproductive health care, quantitative methods

## Peer-Reviewed Manuscripts

Gorman, Bridget, Becky Wade, and **Alexa Solazzo**. 2016. “Women Go and Men Stay Home? Gender and the Utilization of Preventive Medical Care among Asian and Latino Adults” *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 34: 99-134.

**Solazzo, Alexa**, Bridget Gorman, and Justin Denney. 2017. “Cancer Screening Utilization among U.S. Women: How Mammogram and Pap Test Use Varies Among Heterosexual, Lesbian, and Bisexual Women” *Population Research & Policy Review* 36(3):357-377.

## Papers Under Review

**Solazzo, Alexa**. “Different and Not Equal: How Poverty, Race, and State-Level Abortion Laws Shape Abortion Timing”

- Winner of the 2016 Everett S. Lee Graduate Student Paper Award from the Southern Demographic Association.

## Papers in Progress

Gorman, Bridget, **Alexa Solazzo**, Justin Denney. “Does Sexual Orientation Complicate the Relationship Between Marital Status and Health?”

**Solazzo, Alexa**, and Bridget K. Gorman. “How the Education-Health Relationship Varies Across the Intersections of Gender and Sexual Orientation.”

**Solazzo, Alexa**, Anthony Brown, Bridget Gorman. “Rates of Sexual Minority Health Status and Anti-Discrimination Laws.”

Bridget Gorman, Sarah Gao, **Alexa Solazzo**. “Mental Health, Sexual Orientation, and Gender: Findings from the BRFSS-SOP.”

## **Awards**

2016 Everett S. Lee Graduate Student Paper Award from the Southern Demographic Association. Paper title: Different and Not Equal: How Poverty, Race, and State-Level Abortion Laws Shape Abortion Timing

## **Grants and Fellowships**

- Social Science Graduate Student Association Travel Award, Rice University, 2016. Award: \$200
- Center for the Study of Religion and Society Undergraduate Research Fellow, University of Notre Dame, 2012-2013. Award: \$2,000
- Nanovic Institute for European Studies Award, University of Notre Dame, 2012. Award: \$1,000
- Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program Award, University of Notre Dame, 2012. Award: \$1,000
- Margaret Eisch Endowment Award, University of Notre Dame, 2011. Award: \$800

## **Conference Presentations**

“Does Sexual Orientation Complicate the Relationship Between Marital Status and Health?” *Population Association of America* annual conference. Chicago, Illinois. April 2017. (Bridget Gorman and Justin Denney)

“Does Sexual Orientation Complicate the Relationship Between Marital Status and Health?” *Southern Sociological Society* annual conference. Greenville, South Carolina. March 2017. (Bridget Gorman and Justin Denney)

“Different and Not Equal: How Poverty, Race, and State-Level Abortion Laws Shape Abortion Timing.” *Southern Demographic Association* annual conference. Athens, Georgia. October 2016.

“Cancer Screening Utilization among U.S. Women: How Mammogram and Pap Test Use Varies Among Heterosexual, Lesbian, and Bisexual Women.” *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science* annual conference. University Park, PA. September 2016.

“Different and Not Equal: How Poverty, Race, and State-Level Abortion Laws Shape Abortion Timing.” *American Sociological Association* annual conference. Seattle, Washington. August 2016.

“Marriage and Sexual Minority Health.” *International Sociological Association* annual conference. Urbino, Italy. July 2016. (with Bridget Gorman and Justin Denney).

“Creating a Data Resource for Understanding Links Between Sexual Orientation and Health”. *Sexual Minority Health Summit*. Austin, TX. May 2016. (with Bridget Gorman, Justin Denney, and Zelma Tuthill).

“Sexual Minority Health: What’s Going On?” 2016. *Humanities and Social Sciences Speaker Series*. Houston, Texas. April 2016.

“State Level Laws & Abortion Timing.” *90 Second Thesis Competition*. Houston, Texas.

“Cancer Screening Utilization among U.S. Women: How Mammogram and Pap Test Use Varies Among Heterosexual, Lesbian, and Bisexual Women.” *Southern Demographic Association* annual conference. San Antonio, Texas. October 2015.

## **Teaching and Mentoring Experience**

### *Teaching Experience*

Introduction to Sociology. Teaching Assistant. Rice University. 2016  
Race and Ethnic Relations. Guest Lecturer. Rice University. 2016  
Race, Society, and Population Change. Guest Lecturer. Rice University. 2015  
Introduction to Sociology. Teaching Assistant. Rice University. 2014

### *Undergraduate Mentorship*

Houston Area Research Team. Project Mentor. Rice University. 2017

## **Training & Professional Development**

Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

- “Handling Missing Data Using Multiple Imputation in Stata.” 2015. Dr. Yulia Marchenko, Stata Corps.
- “Machine Learning: Applications and Opportunities in the Social Sciences.” 2017. Dr. Christopher Hare, UC Davis.

Statistical Horizons

- “Multilevel Modeling.” 2015. Dr. Tenko Raykov, Michigan State University.

## **Affiliated Research Experience**

*BRFSS-Sexual Orientation Project*, 2014-current.

Graduate Student Research Fellow supervised by Bridget Gorman  
Managed data collection, cleaning, and storage of a multi-year project  
Investigated sexual orientation health disparities

*Harris County Department of Public Health*, 2015

Graduate Student Intern

Conducted cost-savings analysis for tuberculosis monitoring program

*Religious Understandings of Science*, 2013-2014

Graduate Student Research Fellow supervised by Elaine Howard Ecklund  
Interviewed religious attendants regarding their perceptions of science

*Religion Among Scientists in an International Context*, 2013-2014

Graduate Student Research Fellow supervised by Elaine Howard Ecklund  
Helped create sampling frame for biologists and physicists internationally  
Interviewed domestic and international scientists regarding their perceptions of religion

*National Study Youth and Religion*, 2012-2013

Undergraduate Student Research Fellow supervised by Christian Smith  
Surveyed young adults regarding their religious beliefs and behaviors

## **Service to Rice University**

- Students Transforming Rice Into a Violence-Free Environment (STRIVE), Executive Committee, 2015-current
- Health Insurance Committee, Graduate Student Representative, 2016-2017

- Student Activities and President's Programming Fund, Graduate Student Representative, 2015-2016
- Parking Committee, Graduate Student Representative, 2014-2016
- First-Year Graduate Student Mentor in the Department of Sociology, 2014-2015

### **Service to the Discipline**

Ad hoc reviewer: Population Research and Policy Review

### **Programming Languages**

Stata, R, GIS

### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

Southern Demographic Association

Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Sciences

### **References**

Available upon request