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## Education

University of Arizona

Ph.D. Sociology

*Dissertation:* Unequal Relief: Power, Discretion, and Inequality in  
Consumer Bankruptcy

*Members:* Louise Roth (chair), Daniel E. Martínez, Jane Zavisca

Tucson, AZ

*Expected 2027*

Northern Arizona University

M.A. Applied Sociology

B.S. Sociology, Political Science, and Women's and Gender Studies

*Concentrations:* Social Justice & Inequality, Culture & Community

Flagstaff, AZ

*May 2022*

*May 2019*

## Research Interests

Law & Society   Economy Sociology   Organizations   Stratification   Methodology

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

1. Camarillo, Earlene, Stefanie Kunze, and **Charlie C. Pollard**. 2023. "How the Media Framed the COVID-19 Crisis on Native Nations: A Case Comparison of The New York Times and the Navajo Times." *Social Science Quarterly*. Doi: [10.1111/ssqu.13331](https://doi.org/10.1111/ssqu.13331).

### *Under Review*

Whitesitt, Erin, and **Charlie C. Pollard**. "It's Not Just About Surviving: Online Narratives of Childbirth Trauma." Under review at *Sociology of Health & Illness*.

Gomez, Charles Jonathan, Lilith Green, Peter Ore, **Charlie C. Pollard**, Jeffrey Shen, and Elina I. Makinen. "Scaling Interpretive Rigor: A Two-Stage Framework for AI-Assisted, Large-N Coding Using Interview Transcripts of Scientists Worldwide." Under review at *Sociological Methods & Research*.

**Pollard, Charlie C.**, Désirée Vidaña, James Thrasher, Inti Barrientos-Gutierrez, Jeffrey Shen, and Diego Leal. "Peer Selection and Peer Influence in Adolescent Smoking Behavior: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis." Under review at *Social Networks*.

## Honors and Awards

- William K. Bunis Graduate Student Instructor Award, Sociology, University of Arizona. May 2025.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Recognition Award, Sociology, University of Arizona. May 2023.

- Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, Graduate College, Northern Arizona University. May 2022.
- Distinguished Master's Thesis, Sociology, Northern Arizona University. May 2022.
- Alpha Kappa Delta, International Honor Society of Sociology, Northern Arizona University. February 2021.
- Outstanding First-Year Graduate Student, Sociology, Northern Arizona University. May 2021.
- Outstanding Sociology Senior Award, Sociology, Northern Arizona University. May 2019.
- College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Senior Award, Department of Women's and Gender Studies, Northern Arizona University. May 2019.
- Lumberjack Scholars Award (Merit-Based, Full-Tuition Scholarship), Northern Arizona University. 2015–2019.

## Grants

Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute, University of Arizona (**\$500**)

*Awarded 2022*

## Research Experience

Research Assistant for Dr. Charlie Gomez

*May 2023 - Present*

Department of Sociology, University of Arizona

- The Global Knowledge Lab and Observatory, UA
- Interviewed approximately 40 global scholars
- Coded and analyzed interview data; used coded data to train local large language models and transformer models for high-N interview analysis

Research Assistant for Dr. Diego Leal

*May 2023 - August 2024*

Department of Sociology, University of Arizona

- Provided summer support for grant proposal, "Building Stochastic Actor-Oriented Models to Investigate Social Network Influences on Youth Nicotine Product Use Transitions and to Simulate Different Intervention Effects across Contexts" (PIs: Diego Leal, University of Arizona and James Thrasher, University of South Carolina) - Awarded National Cancer Institute/NIH (R01 CA290828), \$2,500,000
- Conducted a literature review, systematic review, and meta-analysis on adolescent smoking behavior

Research Assistant for Dr. Taylor Windfield

*May 2025 - Present*

Department of Sociology, University of Arizona

- Provided summer support for grant proposal, "Transforming the Southern African Carceral System: Engaged Anthropology with and for Formerly Incarcerated Women" – Awarded Wenner-Gren Foundation (Gr. ERG-77) grant, \$25,000
- Drafted multiple foundation and federal grants
- Conducted a literature review and analyzed interview and ethnographic data

Research Assistant for Dr. Stefanie Kunze

*July 2021 - July 2022*

Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, NAU

- Conducted a literature review on impacts of COVID on Navajo Nation
- Completed a content analysis of how media sources framed the impacts of COVID on Indigenous peoples

## Teaching Experience

### University of Arizona - Instructor of Record

SOC 101 - Introduction to Sociology

SOC 317 - Sociology of Popular Culture

SOC/PA 342 - Criminology

SOC 345 - Sociology of Rights, Justice, and Law

## Additional Teaching Employment

- Statistics Instructor, Upward Bound Math and Science, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ. 2022–2025 (annual summer appointment).
- Statistics Tutor, for Quantitative Reasoning and Social Research Methods, School of Sociology, University of Arizona. 2024
- Environmental Educator, Camp Colton, Flagstaff Unified School District, Flagstaff, AZ. May 2021–May 2022.

## Conferences and Presentations

**Pollard, Charlie C.**, and Amanda Pierson. 2026. “Compliance by Design: Legal Endogeneity and Policing Organizations” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August.

**Pollard, Charlie C.**, and Amanda Pierson. 2026. “Constructing Compliance: Rethinking Legal Endogeneity Through the Case of Policing” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Washington, DC, March.

Gomez, Charles Jonathan, Peter Ore, Lilith Green, Elina I. Makinen, **Charlie C. Pollard**, and Jeffrey Shen. 2025. “Centralization of Research Influence and Declining Novelty: Text-Transformer-Assisted Conceptual Coding: Training and Validating AI Using Hundreds of Interviews of Scientists Worldwide.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August.

**Pollard, Charlie C.** 2025. “Middle Class Governance: Consumer Bankruptcy and the Creation of a ‘Good Credit Citizen.’” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August.

**Pollard, Charlie C.** 2024. “Debt (Re)Considered: An Exploration of Shame, Bankruptcy, and Financial Resilience.” Paper accepted for presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, Québec, Canada. (Unable to present due to flight cancellations.)

**Pollard, Charlie C.**, Désirée Vidaña, James Thrasher, Inti Barrientos-Gutierrez, and Diego Leal. 2024. “Peer Selection and Peer Influence in Adolescent Smoking Behavior: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, San Diego, CA.

**Pollard, Charlie C.** 2023. “Debt (Re)Considered: An Exploration of Shame, Bankruptcy, and Financial Resilience.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Bellevue, WA, March.

Perez-Bill, Esrea, Michael Petillo, Dylan Felt, April Petillo, **Charlie Pollard**, et al. 2021. “Evaluators Unite! Resisting Othering, Statecraft, and Carceral Logic.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Evaluation Association, virtual, November.

- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2021. "Humanism in the Workplace: An Exploration of Humanist Management Styles and Workplace Power Dynamics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Humanist Sociologists, Jackson, MS, November.
- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2021. "Humanism in the Workplace: An Exploration of Humanist Management Styles and Workplace Power Dynamics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, virtual, March.
- Pollard, Charlie C.,** and Lyrica Maldonado. 2019. "Queering Borders: Queer Resistance and Transgression in Flagstaff, AZ." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society of Global Scholars, Santa Barbara, CA, February.
- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2018. "Commercialization of Drag in Media: A Critical Analysis of Drag in Dancing Queen." Paper presented at the Controversies in Cross-Dressing Conference, Flagstaff, AZ, December.
- Garza, Jorge, Danielle Austin, and **Charlie C. Pollard.** 2018. "Non-hierarchical Democratic Education Models for Immigrant Justice in Neoliberal Institutions." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA, August.
- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2018. "Supporting Immigrant Students and Families in the Flagstaff Unified School District." Paper presented at EDUCATE2ACT, Flagstaff, AZ, April.
- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2018. "Democratic Education in Immigration Organizing." Paper presented at Social Science and Social Change, Flagstaff, AZ, February.
- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2017. "Connection Between Age and Gender Expression." Paper presented at the Undergraduate Research Symposium, Flagstaff, AZ, December.
- Mundell, Leah, and **Charlie C. Pollard.** 2017. "From Flagstaff to Cape Town: Community Connection through Comparative Photo Narrative." Paper presented at EDUCATE2ACT, Flagstaff, AZ, April.
- Pollard, Charlie C.** 2016. "A Critical Inquiry into the Effects of the U.S./Mexico Border Wall." Paper presented at EDUCATE2ACT, Flagstaff, AZ, April.

## Service

- Graduate Representative of the Graduate Studies Committee, Sociology, University of Arizona. 2025–2026.
- Student Representative to the Council of the American Sociological Association Methodology Section. 2023–2025.
- Graduate Representative of the Recruitment Committee, Sociology, University of Arizona. 2024–2025.
- Graduate Representative of the Undergraduate Studies Committee, Sociology, University of Arizona. 2023–2024.
- Social Committee Co-Chair of the Graduate Student Association, Sociology, University of Arizona. 2022–2023.

## Professional Memberships

- American Sociological Association
- Law & Society Association
- Pacific Sociological Association
- Eastern Sociological Society