

# Darla Still

## Curriculum Vitae, October 2019

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### EDUCATION

- 2021  
(*anticipated*) Ph.D., Sociology, University of Arizona  
Graduate Certificate in Computational Social Science
- Dissertation: "Today I Feel Like Dying: Social Validation, Sensitive Topics, and Online Community"  
Committee: Terrence Hill, Ph.D. (co-chair), Ronald Breiger Ph.D. (co-chair), Joseph Galaskiewicz, Ph.D.
- 2014 M.A., Sociology, University of Memphis
- Thesis: "Romantic Relationship Quality as a Protective Factor against Suicidal Ideation in Young Adulthood"  
Committee: Anna S. Mueller, Ph.D. (chair), Martin L. Levin, Ph.D., Jeni Loftus, Ph.D.
- 2012 B.A., Sociology, Minor: Philosophy, University of Memphis  
*Magna Cum Laude, University Honors with Thesis*

### MILITARY SERVICE

- 2006-2014 Mississippi Army National Guard.  
Rank: Sergeant/E5.  
Military Occupational Specialty:  
74D – Chemical, Biological, Nuclear, and Radiological Specialist.

### AREAS OF TEACHING & RESEARCH INTEREST

Mental Health	Social Networks	Medical Sociology
Computational Soc. Sci.	Culture	Social Psychology

### PUBLICATIONS

- Still, Darla** and Jeni Loftus. 2016. "Endogamy in the United States." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/9781119085621.wbefs136>

### **Manuscripts Under-Review**

**Still, Darla.** “Romantic Relationship Quality and Suicidal Ideation in Young Adulthood.” *Under Review at Society and Mental Health.*

### **Manuscripts in Progress**

**Still, Darla.** “Social Networks and the Mental Health of Older Europeans.”

**Still, Darla.** “Having No One to Turn to: Shame, Anger, and Suicidality in an Online Community.”

**Still, Darla.** “Suicidality and Online Support Seeking: A Network Analysis of SuicideWatch.”

**Still, Darla** and Amelia Blume. “Dude, I Want to Kill Myself: Displays of Masculinity, Emotion, and Suicidal Ideation in Online Support Groups.”

### **MEDIA COVERAGE**

Alexis Blue. “Males Find Specialized Support on SuicideWatch Subreddit.” UANews, The University of Arizona, Communications. August 13, 2018.

Darla Still and Amelia Blume via Reddit, Ask Me Anything (AMA). “Our research shows how Reddit may be providing specialized support for males contemplating suicide.” August 15, 2018.

Carlos Herrera. “Men find specialized suicide support on Reddit.” News interview and online story. KGUN 9, ABC news. August 31, 2018.

Isabelle Kohn. “For Suicidal Men, This Subreddit Can Be the Difference Between Life and Death.” MEL Magazine. September 18, 2018.

### **AWARDS AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION**

2018	Graduate and Professional Student Council Travel Grant, University of Arizona \$750
2015-2016	University of Arizona Graduate Access Fellowship \$10,000
2014	Winner, Graduate Student Paper Competition, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis: \$300 award <i>Paper Title: “Relationship Quality as a Protective Factor on Mental Health in College”</i>
2014	Student Government Association Travel Grant, University of Memphis \$500
2013	Student Government Association Travel Grant, University of Memphis \$925
2012	Inducted Member, Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society
2011	Inducted Member, Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2019        **Darla Still.** “Today I Feel Like Dying: Suicide, The Self, and Emotions Online.” Paper presented at the 2019 Annual Meetings of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction in regular session “Mediated Selves.” New York, NY.
- 2018        **Darla Still.** “Having No One to Turn to: Shame, Anger, and Suicidality in an Online Community.” Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in regular session “Internet and Society: Feeling Digital.” Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018        **Darla Still.** “Dude, I Want to Kill Myself: Displays of Masculinity, Emotion, and Suicidal Ideation in Online Support Groups.” With Amelia Blume and Charlene Hack. Paper presented at the 2018 Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association in refereed roundtables of Section on Sociology of Emotions, co-sponsored with the Section on Social Psychology. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018        **Darla Still.** “Social Networks and the Mental Health of Older Europeans.” Paper presented at the 2018 meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- 2014        **Darla Still.** “Assessing Elements of Romantic Relationship Quality as Protective Factors against Suicidal Ideation in Young Adults.” Paper presented at the meetings of the Southern Demographic Association. Memphis, TN.
- 2014        **Darla Still.** “Romantic Relationship Quality as a Protective Factor Against Suicidal Ideation.” Paper presented at the meetings of the Southern Sociological Society. Charlotte, NC.
- 2014        **Darla Still.** “The Gendered Experience of Relationships as Protective Factors Against Suicidal Ideations.” Paper presented at the winter meetings for Sociologists for Women in Society. Nashville, TN.

## INVITED CAMPUS PRESENTATIONS

- 2018        **Darla Still** and Amelia Blume. September 2018. “Reddit, Masculinity, and Suicidal Ideation.” Suicide Awareness Month, Department of Psychiatry, Banner University Medical Center, South Tucson Campus.
- 2018        **Darla Still.** October 2018. Speaker/Discussant following screening of *The Virgin Suicides* (1999) for undergraduate Sociology/Care, Health, and Society Club. School of Sociology, University of Arizona.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Instructor of Record

University of Arizona

Summer 2019 & Winter 2018-19 (online), Fall 2018	<i>CHS/SOC 404: The Sociology of Mental Health</i>
Spring 2019	<i>CHS/SOC 421: The Sociology of Drugs and Addiction</i>
Summer 2018 (online)	<i>CHS/SOC 202: Connecting Health and Society</i>
Winter 2017-18 (online)	<i>CHS/SOC 401: Health Disparities in Society</i>
Summer 2017 (online)	<i>CHS/SOC 280: Students, Schools, and Society</i>
Summer 2016 (online)	<i>CHS/SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology</i>

Arkansas State University Mid-South (formerly Mid-South Community College)

Spring 2015, Summer 2015	<i>SOCI 1303: Introduction to Sociology</i>
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### Graduate Teaching Assistant

University of Arizona

Fall 2017	<i>CHS/SOC 303: Health and Society</i>
Spring 2017, 2019	<i>SOC 357: The Pursuit of Happiness</i>
Fall 2016	<i>SOC 374: Social Research Methods</i>
Spring 2016	<i>SOC 150B2: Sex and Gender</i>
Fall 2015	<i>SOC 150B1: Social Issues in America</i>

University of Memphis

Spring 2014	<i>SOCI 6312: Intermediate Social Statistics</i>
Fall 2013, 2014	<i>SOCI 3311: Social Statistics</i>
Spring 2013	<i>SOCI 3322: Methods of Social Research</i>

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-current Graduate Research Assistant, Graduate College and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Arizona  
Project: Understanding PhD Career Pathways  
Supervisor: Jane Zavisca, Ph.D.

2017-current Principal Investigator, School of Sociology, University of Arizona  
Project (Dissertation): "Today I Feel Like Dying: Social Validation, Sensitive Topics, and Online Community." Computational, qualitative, network analysis of individual submissions and audience comments within online forum (SuicideWatch) from Reddit.com using Python, LIWC, ATLAS.ti, and R.

- 2016-current Principal Investigator, School of Sociology, University of Arizona  
Project: “Suicidal Posts within an Online Community.”  
CAQDA with ATLAS.ti of textual data from Reddit.com  
Research team includes (current and *past*, \*-undergraduate RA):  
Amelia Blume, *Charlene Hack\**, *Carole Nguyen\**.
- 2015-2018 Principal Investigator, School of Sociology, University of Arizona  
Project: “Social Networks and the Mental Health of Older Europeans.”  
Secondary longitudinal data analysis of the Survey of Health, Ageing, and Retirement in Europe (SHARE).
- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator, Sociology Department, University of Memphis  
MA Thesis: “Romantic Relationship Quality as a Protective Factor against Suicidal Ideation in Young Adulthood.”
- 2014 Graduate Research Assistant. Project: “Suicide in a Cohesive Community.”  
Sociology Department, University of Memphis  
*Supervisor*: Anna S. Mueller, Ph.D.
- 2014 Research Collaborator. Project: “Study of Cultural, Political, and Economic Complexity and Religious Evolution among Societies in the Standard Cross-Cultural Sample.”  
Sociology Department, University of Memphis  
*Principal Investigator*: Seth Abrutyn, Ph.D.
- 2013 Research Collaborator. Project: “Qualitative Content Analysis of Internet Postings Related to Suicide.”  
Sociology Department, University of Memphis  
*Principal Investigators*: Anna S. Mueller, Ph.D. and Seth Abrutyn, Ph.D.
- 2013 Graduate Research Assistant. Project: “Suicide Ideation and Bullying.”  
Sociology Department, University of Memphis  
*Supervisor*: Wesley James, Ph.D.

## **DISCIPLINARY SERVICE**

- 2018-current Social Media and Newsletter Co-Editor for Section on the Sociology of Emotions in American Sociological Association.
- 2018 Assistant Conference Coordinator. *Latino Aging and Health in Social, Institutional, and Environmental Context: Foundations and Frontiers*.  
International Conference on Aging in the Americas
- 2014 Presider of Paper Session, “Social Relationships & Mental Health,” at the meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC.

2014            Presider of Research Roundtable, “Gender and Self-Harm,” at the winter meetings for Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville, TN.

### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2018-2019      Graduate Student Association Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Association at University of Arizona.

2018-2019      Committee Member and Application Reviewer on Private Emergency Fund for Graduate Students, School of Sociology, University of Arizona.

2018            Volunteer on Graduate Recruitment Panel, School of Sociology Graduate Department, University of Arizona

2017-2018      Executive Committee, School of Sociology, University of Arizona

2017, 2018      Academic and Mentorship Support Initiative (AMSI) Co-Facilitator, Sociology Graduate Student Association at University of Arizona

2017-2018      Bulletin Board Committee, School of Sociology, Sociology Graduate Student Association at University of Arizona

2016-2017      Undergraduate Studies Committee, School of Sociology, University of Arizona

2016-2017      Volunteered in organizing, planning, and executing tasks for the Arizona Methods Workshop, School of Sociology, University of Arizona

2016            Volunteer on Graduate Recruitment Panel, School of Sociology Graduate Department, University of Arizona

2015-2016      Communications Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association at University of Arizona

2013            Beta Tester, Citrix Online System at University of Memphis

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2018            Volunteer Panelist at BASIS High School in Tucson, AZ. “Bringing Sociology to Philosophy.”

### ***Other Relevant Experience/Qualifications***

2017            Completed 4-week workshop series on Diversity in the Classroom and obtained certificate.

2015 Satisfied Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative (CITI) requirements  
--- Stata, SPSS, SAS, R, Python, UCINET, LIWC, Qualtrics, NVivo, ATLAS.ti

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2013-Present American Sociological Association (Sections: Medical Sociology, Sociology of Mental Health, Sociology of Emotions, Social Psychology, Methodology),  
Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Southern Sociological Society

## **REFERENCES**

### **Terrence Hill**

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### **Ronald Breiger**

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