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EDUCATION

Ph.D., [Sociology](#), University of New Mexico

Degree Completion: September 2022

Dissertation: "The Gayborhood Was Never Here For Some of Us! Health Consequences of Racialized Exclusion among Sexual Minorities"

- Major Fields: Medical Sociology, Sociology of Race/Ethnicity

- **National Institute of Aging (NIA) R36 Dissertation Fellowship**

MS [Urban Studies & Planning](#), Savannah State University, 2009

BA [Sociology](#), University of West Georgia, 2008

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health, Department of Health Management and Policy (2022—), NIH-funded [FIRST](#) Faculty Fellow

Research Synopsis: Animating my research program is a principal question: By centering sexually dispossessed populations, what new evidence is available to assist in eradicating intergenerational racial and ethnic health inequities? A key aim of my funded research program seeks to use social demographic inquiry and computationally intensive methods, towards dismantling socio-structural intergenerational inequities fueled by anti-black and homophobic logics; with keen foci on institutions supporting racial capitalism(s). To achieve this, my work employs frameworks of structural racism/critical race theory, intersectionality, and lifecourse social epidemiology, making use of diverse methodological approaches that illuminate multilevel environmental determinants fueling persistent racial inequities.

Thematic Contributions to Science: Five (5) thematic areas characterize my contributions to science, evidenced by grant-funded projects and publications listed below. These areas are as follows:

- 1) Examination/Identification of Multilevel Racialized Determinants of Sexual & Gender Minority Health Disparities
- 2) Assessment of Contextual Factors Shaping Racial/Ethnic Inequities in Cognitive Health among Older U.S. Adults
- 3) Uncovering The Impact of Racial Stratification in Shaping U.S. Latinx Substance Use Variations
- 4) Quantitative Measurement of Partnership Success for Community-Based Participatory Research
- 5) Structural Impacts of Incarceration/Decarceration on Substance Use Behaviors Across the Lifecourse

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

1. Li, Dennis H.; Benbow, Nanette; Keiser, Brennan; Mongrella, Melissa; **Kasim Ortiz**; Villamar, Juan; Gallo, Carlos; Deskins, Jasmine S.; Hall, Casey D. Xavier; Miller, Corrine; Mustanski, Brian; Smith, Justin D. (2022). "Determinants of Implementation for HIV Pre-exposure Prophylaxis Based on an Updated Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research: A Systematic Review" *Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*
2. Ford, Jason; **Kasim Ortiz**; Ty Schepis; Sean McCabe. (2022) "Polysubstance Use Across Different Levels of Criminal Justice Involvement: Prevalence and Correlates among U.S. Adults in the National Survey of Drug Use and Health, 2015—2019". *Drug & Alcohol Dependence*
3. Cuevas, Adolf G.; Michael V. Stanton; Kerri Carvalho; Natalie Eckert; **Kasim Ortiz**; Shervin Assari; Yusuf Ransome. (2022) "Stressful Life Events and Obesity in the United States: The Role of Nativity and Length of Residence". *American Journal of Health Promotion*
4. Li, Yuy; Mohammad Usama Toseef; Gail A. Jensen; **Kasim Ortiz**; Hector M. González; Wassim Tarraf. (2021) "Gains in Insurance Coverage Following the Affordable Care Act and Change in Preventive Services Use among Non-Elderly US Immigrants". *Preventive Medicine*
5. Noel-London, Kemba; **Kasim Ortiz**; Rhonda Belue. (2021) "Adverse Childhood Experiences & Youth Sports Participation: Does a Gradient Exist?" *Child Abuse & Neglect*
6. Wallerstein, Nina; John G. Oetzel; Shannon Sanchez-Youngman; Elizabeth Dickson; Sarah Kastelic; Paul Koegel; Julie E. Lucero; Maya Magarati; **Kasim Ortiz**; Myra Parker; Juan Peña; Alan Richmond; Bonnie Duran. (2020) "Engage for Equity: A Long-Term Study of Community-Based Participatory Research and Community-Engaged Research Practices & Outcomes". *Health Education & Behavior*
7. Cuevas, Adolfo G.; Ichiro Kawachi; **Kasim Ortiz**; Miriam Pena; Lorraine R. Reitzel; Lorna H. McNeill. (2020) "Greater Social Cohesion is associated with lower body mass index among African American Adults". *Preventive Medicine Reports*
8. Garcia, Marc A.; **Kasim Ortiz**; Sandra Arevalo; Erica D. Diminich; Emily Briceño; Irving E. Vega; and Wassim Tarraf. (2020) "Age of Migration & Cognitive Function among Older Latinos in the United States" *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*
9. Garcia, Marc A.; Brian Downer; Chi-Tsun Chiu; Joseph L. Saenz; **Kasim Ortiz**; Rebecca Wong. (2020) "Educational Benefits & Cognitive Health Life Expectancies: Racial/Ethnic, Nativity & Gender Differences". *The Gerontologist*
10. **Kasim Ortiz**; Garcia, Marc A.; Diminich, Erica; Briceno, Emily M.; Arevalo, Sandra; Vega, Irving E.; and Wassim, Tarraf. (2020) "Glycosylated Hemoglobin Level, Race/Ethnicity, and Cognition in Midlife & Early Old Age". *Research in Human Development*

11. **Kasim Ortiz**; Nash, Jacob; Shea; Logan; Oetzel, John; Garoutte, Justin; Sanchez-Youngman, Shannon; Wallerstein, Nina. (2020) “Partnerships, Processes, and Outcomes: A Health Equity-Focused Scoping Meta-Review of Community-Engaged Scholarship” *Annual Review of Public Health*
12. Cuevas, Adolfo; **Kasim Ortiz**; Yusuf Ransome. (2020) “The Moderating Role of Race/Ethnicity, Gender & Nativity in the Relationship Between Perceived Discrimination & Overweight/Obesity: Results from the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol & Related Conditions” *BMC Public Health*
13. Dickson, Elizabeth; Maya Magarati; Blake Boursaw; John Oetzel; Carlos Devia; **Kasim Ortiz**; Nina Wallerstein. (2019) “Characteristics and Practices within Research Partnerships Addressing Health and Social Equity”. *Nursing Research*
14. Ford, Jason; Corey Pomykacz; **Kasim Ortiz**; Sean Esteban McCabe; Ty S. Schepis. (2019) “Educational Attainment and Prescription Drug Misuse: The Importance of Push and Pull Factors for Dropping Out”. *Journal of Criminal Justice*
15. Faith, TD; Minnjuan Flournoy-Floyd; **Kasim Ortiz**; Leonard E. Egede; Jim C. Oates; Edith M. Williams. (2019) “My life with lupus’: contextual responses of African-American women with systemic lupus erythematosus participating in a peer mentoring intervention to improve disease self-management” *BMJ Open*
16. **Kasim Ortiz**; Cuevas, Adolfo; Salloum, Ramzi; López, Nancy; LaVeist, Thomas. (2019) “Intra-Ethnic Racial Differences in Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking among Latinos?” *Substance Use & Misuse*
17. Lee, Joseph G.L.; Wimark, Thomas; **Kasim Ortiz**; Sewell, K. (2018) “Health-related regional and neighborhood correlates of sexual minority concentration: A Systematic Review” *PLoS One*
18. Cuevas, Adolfo; **Kasim Ortiz**; López, Nancy; Williams, David R. (2018) “Assessing Racial Differences in Lifetime and Current Smoking Status & Mental Consumption among Latinos in a Nationally Representative Sample” *Ethnicity & Health*
19. Ray, Victor; **Kasim Ortiz**; Nash, Jacob. (2018) “Who Is Policing the Community? A Comprehensive Review of Racial Dynamics Within Police Departments”. *Sociology Compass*
20. **Kasim Ortiz**; Mamkherzri, Jamal; Matthews, Alicia; Salloum, Ramzi; Maziak, Wasim. (2017) “Waterpipe Smoking Among Sexual Minorities in the United States: Evidence from the National Adult Tobacco Survey (NATS: 2012--2014)” *Addictive Behaviors*
21. Flournoy-Floyd, Minnjuan; **Kasim Ortiz**; Egede, Leonard; Oates, Jim C.; Faith, Trevor, Trevor D.; Williams, Edith M. (2017) “_We Would Still Find Things to Talk About!: Assessment of Mentor Perspectives in a Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Intervention to

Improve Disease Self-Management Program, Empowering SLE Patients” *Journal of the National Medical Association*

22. Williams, Edith; **Kasim Ortiz**; Zhang, J.; Zhou, J.; Kamen, D. (2016) “The systemic lupus erythematosus travel burden survey: baseline data among a South Carolina cohort” *BMC Research Notes*
23. Williams, Edith; **Kasim Ortiz**; Flournoy, Minnjuan; Bruner, Larisa; Kamen, Diane. (2015) “Systemic lupus erythematosus observations of travel burden: A qualitative inquiry”. *International Journal of Rheumatic Diseases*
24. Haider, M. Rifat; Salloum, Razmi; Islam, Farahnaz; **Kasim Ortiz**; Kates, Frederick; Maziak, Wasim. (2015) “Factors Associated with Smoking Frequency among Current Waterpipe Smokers in the United States: Findings from the National College Health Assessment II”. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*
25. **Kasim Ortiz**; Duncan, Dustin; Blossnich, John; Salloum, Ramzi; Battle, Juan. (2015) “Smoking among Sexual Minorities- Does Race Matter?” *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*
26. Gonzales, Gilbert; **Kasim Ortiz**. (2015) “Health Insurance Disparities among Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Same-Sex Relationships: An Intersectional Approach” *American Journal of Public Health*
27. Treadwell, Henrie. **Kasim Ortiz**; McCoy, James. (2014) “Miles to Go: The Prison Expressway, Health Research & Health Activism”. *American Journal of Men’s Health*
28. Williams, Edith M, **Kasim Ortiz**, and Teri Browne. (2014) "Social Determinants of Health, the Chronic Care Model, and Systemic Lupus Erythematosus." *International Journal of Chronic Diseases*
29. **Kasim Ortiz**. (2014) "Skin color, interviewer-ascribed ethnoracial classification, racial/ethnic self-identification & discrimination: Commentary on Perreira and Telles" *Social Science & Medicine*
30. Wilson, Sacoby M, Herbert Fraser-Rahim, Hongmei Zhang, Edith M Williams, Ashok V Samantapudi, **Kasim Ortiz**, Winston Abara, and Wayne Sakati. (2012) "The spatial distribution of leaking underground storage tanks in Charleston, South Carolina: an environmental justice analysis." *Environmental Justice*

Book Chapters

1. **Kasim Ortiz**, Angelique Harris, Kenneth Pass and Devon Tryone Wade. "Perceptions of Health: Self-Rated Health among Black LGB People" (2017) Pp. 85-122 in *Black LGBT*

Health in the United States: The Intersection of Race, Gender, and Sexual Orientation, edited by L. D. Follins and J. M. Lassiter: Lexington Books.

2. Wade, Devon Tryone and **Kasim Ortiz**. (2017) "Punishing Trauma: How Schools Contribute to the Carceral Continuum through It's Response to Trauma " Pp. 183-93 in *Understanding, Dismantling, and Disrupting the Prison-to-School Pipeline*, edited by K. J. Fasching-Varner, L. L. Martin and R. W. Mitchell: Lexington Books.
3. Shaw, Todd C, **Kasim Ortiz**, James McCoy, and Athena King. (2013) "The Last Black Mayor of Atlanta?" Pp. 201-30. In *21st Century Urban Race Politics: Representing Minorities as Universal Interests*, edited by Ravi Perry: University of Nebraska Press.
4. Williams, Edith M, Laurene Tumiel-Berhalter, Judith Anderson, Carlos Crespo, Rahnema Muneer, **Kasim Ortiz**, and John Vena. (2012) "The Buffalo Lupus Project: A Community-based Participatory Research Investigation of Toxic Waste Exposure and Lupus." Pp. 159-75 in *Advances in Education in Diverse Communities: Research, Policy and Praxis*.

Book Reviews

1. **Kasim Ortiz**. (2015) "Geisha of a Different Kind: Race and Sexuality in Gaysian America". *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*.
2. **Kasim Ortiz**. (2015) "Black Citymakers: How The Philadelphia Negro Changed Urban America" *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*
3. **Kasim Ortiz**. (2014) "Driven from New Orleans: How Nonprofits Betray Public Housing and Promote Privatization." *Housing Studies* (ahead-of-print):1-2.
4. **Kasim Ortiz**. (2014) Jeffrey Q. McCune, Jr. "Sexual Discretion: Black Masculinity and the Politics of Passing." *Sexuality & Culture*:1-4.
5. **Kasim Ortiz**. (2013) "Body and soul: The Black Panther Party and the fight against medical discrimination." *Social Identities* 19(1):135-39.

AWARDS, HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 3rd International Conference on Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research: "Translating Waterpipe Tobacco Smoking Research Evidence into Practice, Policy & Regulation" Graduate Student Poster Awardee, Beirut, Lebanon [[R01DA035160](#)]
- 2017 Geographical Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP) Region 3, Travel Award Winner [[P30CA118100](#)]
- 2016 Fragile Families & Child Wellbeing Summer Data Workshop, Trainee, Columbia University Population Center [[R25HD074544](#)]
- 2014 Summer Institute in LGBT Population Health, The Fenway Institute & Boston University School of Public Health [[R25HD064426](#)]
- 2014 Outstanding Author Contribution, Emerald Literati Network Awards for Excellence (Book Chapter Award)*

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

- 2019 Michigan Center for Contextual Factors in Alzheimer's Disease (MCCFAD) Summer Data Immersion Program Trainee [[P30AG059300](#)]
- 2019 Researcher Resilience Training Program [[R25MH118935](#)] Washington University, St. Louis & ICHAD [Uganda]
- 2019 Interdisciplinary Association of Population Scientists* [IAPHS] Member of the Month (March)

- 2018 Epidemiology & Population Health Summer Institute at Columbia University (EPIC), **Courses:** Multilevel Modeling, Growth Curve Modeling, Meta-Analysis of Observational Data, Missing Data & Multiple Imputation, Propensity Score Matching (Scholarship Recipient, [[R25GM111757](#)])
- 2018 Responsive Survey Design, University of Michigan, Institute for Social Research, Summer Institute in Survey Research [[R25HD084385](#)]
- 2018 Annual Formal Demography Workshop, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley Population Center [[R25HD083136](#)]
- 2017 Power & Sample Size Calculations for Multilevel & Longitudinal Study Designs. Harvard Medical School, Funded Trainee [[R25GM111901](#)]
- 2016 Fragile Families & Child Wellbeing Summer Data Workshop, Trainee, Columbia University Population Center [[R25HD074544](#)]
- 2014 Summer Institute in LGBT Population Health, The Fenway Institute & Boston University School of Public Health [[R25HD064426](#)]
- 2013 Measuring Multidimensional Poverty, Trainee, Oxford Health & Poverty Initiative Summer Workshop
- 2013 American College of Rheumatology, Summer Research Workshop Honoree
- 2013 American College of Rheumatology Summer Preceptorship Award
- 2012 University of South Carolina Arnold School of Public Health Fellowship
- 2012 American College of Rheumatology Summer Preceptorship Award

EXTRAMURAL & INTRAMURAL FUNDED SUPPORT

Submitted

1. NIH Common Fund [[RFA-RM-22-020](#)] Director's Transformative Research R01
 MPIs: Zinzi Bailey & Marlene Camacho-Rivera
Development and validation of structural racism indices among women in the MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study
 Total Costs: \$2,421,120; Direct Support (Drexel subcontract): \$184,430
 Role: **Co-Investigator**

Completed (Select)

1. NIA R36: Aging Research Dissertation Awards to Increase Diversity
Neighborhoods, Sexual Orientation, Race/Ethnicity & Smoking across the Adult Lifespan: A Multilevel Intersectional Assessment
 Total Costs: \$137,320
 Role: **PI**
2. Social Security Administration's Small Grant Award Program: Analyzing Relationships Between Disability, Rehabilitation & Work (ARDRAW) [Cohort 4 Awardee](#).
Trends in Opioid Use, Disability & Variations Across Sexual Orientation Statuses in the United States
 Total Direct Costs: \$10,000
 Role: **Principal Investigator** 2020-2021
3. Geographic Management of Cancer Health Disparities Program (GMaP), Region 3 Pilot Project Awardee; [P30CA118100-16S2](#).

Gentrification, Gayborhoods, & Racial/Ethnic Variations in Smoking among Sexual Minorities

Total Direct Costs: \$7,500

Role: **Principal Investigator** 2021

4. NIMHD, Competitive COVID Administrative Supplement to U54MD004811
Examining Variable State & Local COVID-19 Policy Impacts on the Health of Racial, Ethnic & Rural Health Disparity Populations
Total Direct Costs: \$146,718; Direct Support: \$8,743
PI: Cacari-Stone
Role: **Co-Investigator – Data Coordinator** 2020
5. NIMHD/NIA, Competitive ADRD Administrative Supplement
Illuminating the Sociopolitical Contexts of Cognitive Decline among American Indian/Native American & Latino Older Adults in Rural/Frontier Contexts
Total Direct Costs: \$378,783; Direct Support: \$28,580
PI: Lisa Cacari-Stone
Role: **Co-Investigator – Data Coordinator** 2018-2019
6. NIMHD [U54MD004811](#) [Administrative Core]
Transdisciplinary Research, Equity & Engagement Center for Advancing Behavioral Health (TREE Center)
Total Direct Costs: \$433,122
PI: Lisa Cacari-Stone
Role: **Graduate Research Assistant** 2018-2020
7. NIA Diversity Supplement R01AG054466-0S1
An Experimental Investigation into the Impact of Socioeconomic Context on Biological Markers of Aging, Health & Mortality – Investigating the Impact of EITC on Incarceration & Neighborhood Dynamics
Total Costs: \$189,866; Direct Support: \$68,940
PI: Peter Muennig
Role: **Student Trainee** 2018-2021
8. NINR/NLM Competitive Administrative Supplement [R01-NR015241-0S1](#)
Enhancing CBPR Practice Through the Provision of Expert Information Skills
Total Costs: \$75,744; Direct Support: \$33,697
PI: Nina Wallerstein
Role: **Co-PI** 2017-2019
9. UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center Pilot Project Graduate Student Matching Program
Assessing Longitudinal Differences in Smoking Behaviors among Sexual Minorities in the U.S.: Interrogating Sociodemographic Heterogeneity within the FDA-NIH Population Assessment of Tobacco & Health (PATH) study
Total Direct Costs: \$13,500
Role: **PI**; Sponsor: Nina Wallerstein 2017-2018

10. NSF EAGER (#1402515) [SBE: Sociology]
Place Attachment and Collective Action: The Changing Landscape of Urban Neighborhoods
Total Direct Costs: \$163,407
PI: Todd Shaw
Role: **Research Assistant** 2013-2015
11. University of South Carolina, University Initiative Grant Funding Program
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Observations of Travel Burden (SLEOTB): Development of a Self-Rated Travel Burden Survey Scale
Total Direct Costs: \$2,500
Role: **Student PI** 2012
12. University of South Carolina, ASPIRE Grant
Systemic Lupus Erythematosus Travel Burden Survey (SLETBS): Baseline Data Among a South Carolina Cohort of SLE
Total Direct Costs: \$10,000
Role: **Student PI** 2012

TEACHING & PEDAGOGICAL EXPERIENCE

1. Methods Café, Founder, Director & Lead Facilitator
SHARP Lab, St. Louis University, School of Public Health
November 2019 – August 2021
2. Guest Lecture “Applying for a NIA R36: Experience & Potential Strategies”
Penn State University, DEMOG 590 Demography Colloquium
February 2021
3. Guest Lecture “Applications of Intersectionality for Eliminating Sexual Minority Health Inequities”
UMass Medical School, Department of Population & Quantitative Health Sciences
Sexual and Gender Minority Public Health Research Working Group
November 2020
4. Instructor, PH511 Writing for Public Health
College of Population Health, University of New Mexico
Fall 2016
5. Graduate Instructional Assistant
African American Studies, University of South Carolina
August 2013—August 2014
6. Graduate Instructional Assistant
Women & Gender Studies, University of South Carolina
January 2012—August 2013

7. Instructor, AFAM 101 Introduction to African-American Studies
African American Studies Program, University of South Carolina
Summer 2012

SERVICE & PEER-REVIEW EXPERIENCE

Service

1. American Sociology Association (ASA) Race, Gender, Class Section Selection Committee: Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award (2021)
2. Interdisciplinary Association of Population Health Science (IAPHS) Graduate Student Representative (2019—2020)
3. National Research Center on Hispanic Children & Families Collaborative Mentoring/Networking Forum on Hispanic Research, Graduate Student Member (2018—2020)
4. American Sociology Association (ASA) Sexualities Section Selection Committee: Author Meets Critics (2018—2019)
5. American Sociology Association (ASA) Inequality, Poverty & Mobility Section: Graduate Student Representative (2017—2019)
6. Student Editorial Board Member, *Social Problems* (2016—2018)

Select Peer-Review

International Journal of Drug Policy, Social Currents, Social Science & Medicine; Social Science & Medicine: Population Health, Journal of Health & Social Behavior, LGBT Health, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity, Preventive Medicine, Addictive Behaviors, Law & Society, Drug & Alcohol Dependence, Health & Place, Social Problems, Sexual Research & Social Policy, Journal of Health Disparities Research & Practice, Addiction, Psychiatric Services, Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences, Health Equity

SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Specialized Software: ArcGIS, NVivo, SPSS, SAS, Stata, G Power, GeoDa, R, Tableau, Hadoop, AWS

Quantitative Statistical Techniques: Nonparametric analyses; Multivariate analyses; Complex large survey data analyses; Multilevel models; Longitudinal models (actor-partner independent models); Multiple Imputation; Growth Curve/Latent Modeling; Trajectory/Sequence analyses; Quasi-experimental analyses (difference-in-difference, propensity score matching, interrupted time series)

Qualitative Approaches: Focus Groups, Face-to-Face Interviews, Oral Histories, Archival Ethnography, Neighborhood Life Histories

Computational Methods: Natural Language Processing, Data mining, Content Analysis, Systematized Reviews & Meta-Analysis al Language Processing, Data mining, Content Analysis