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EDUCATION

2026 (expected) **PhD Sociology**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Dissertation: “Foreign Experts, Local Problems: Tracing the Transnational Movement and Application of Medical Expertise in Cambodian Nongovernmental Organizations”

Committee: Timothy Hallett (co-chair), Allison Schnable (co-chair), Anna Mueller, Koji Chavez, and Jennifer Brass

Preparing Future Faculty Certificate in College Pedagogy (2023)

Qualifying Exam: Organizations (2022)

Committee: Timothy Hallett (chair), Anna Mueller, and Bernice Pescosolido

PhD Minor: Social Science Research Methods

2021 **MA Sociology**, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

MA Thesis: “Endorsement of Developmental Idealism in the United States for Marriage Behaviors”

Committee: Keera Allendorf (chair) and Dina Okamoto

2018 **BA Sociology (with Distinction) and Biology**, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Thesis: “NGO-State Relations and their Consequences in the Cambodian Health Field”

Faculty Advisor: Jennifer Bair

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Health & Medicine

Organizations

Development

Professions

Global & Transnational

Mixed Methods

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Baggetta, Matthew, Brad R. Fulton, Renzo de la Riva Agüero, and **Derek Richardson**. 2025. “The Diversity Layer: The Role of Coalitions Among Civil Society Organizations.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* [OnlineFirst]. doi:[10.1177/08997640251387963](https://doi.org/10.1177/08997640251387963).

Noy, Shiri and **Derek Richardson**. 2024. "Chapter 15. International organizations and global health policy: actors, priorities, and recent developments" p. 248-267 in *Research Handbook on Health Care Policy*, Martin Powell, Tuba I. Agartan, Daniel Béland, eds. Edward Elgar Publishing: Cheltenham, UK.

Richardson, Derek, and Keera Allendorf. 2023. "Developmental Idealism and Beliefs about Marriage in the United States." *Sociology of Development* 9(1):78–108. doi:[10.1525/sod.2022.0007](https://doi.org/10.1525/sod.2022.0007).

Wilks, Mary-Collier, **Derek Richardson**, and Jennifer Bair. 2021. "International NGOs in Global Aid Chains: Linking Donors, Local Partners, and the State." *Sociology of Development* 7(1):1–24. doi: [10.1525/sod.2021.7.1.1](https://doi.org/10.1525/sod.2021.7.1.1).

IN-PROGRESS

Richardson, Derek. "Doctors Without Borders...or Credentials? How Flattened Bureaucracies and Ambiguous Credentials Enable Healthcare Professionals to Disrupt Professional Status Hierarchies"
Manuscript available upon request, preparing for submission.

Richardson, Derek. "Autonomy and Agency in Transnational Healthcare Service Delivery"
Writing up findings.

Richardson, Derek. "'I had no education. I had no experience. I had nothing.': Understanding the Organizational Practices of Non-expert, Citizen-led NGOs"
Data analysis in progress.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Derek Richardson. 2024. *Expertise and Immigrant Status: A Bourdieuisan Analysis of How Citizen-led Aid Organisations Provide Health Care Transnationally*. CDRI Working Paper Series No. 148. Phnom Penh: CDRI. <https://doi.org/10.64202/wp.147.202409>.

Richardson, Derek. 2024. "Relationship Formation in a Game of Depth vs. Breadth." *Sectors: Newsletter of the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Development Section* 12(1):8–9.

Richardson, Derek. 2023. "Christopher Pallas: Doctoral Student Skills: Using Your Comparative Advantage to Succeed in Grad School and Prepare for the Job Market." *Voluntas: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*. doi: [10.1007/s11266-023-00587-7](https://doi.org/10.1007/s11266-023-00587-7).

Allison Schnable, Susan Appe, and **Derek Richardson**. 2022. *Grassroots Aid Survey: Key Findings on Small International Development Organizations*. Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University. <https://doi.org/10.7912/96vr-w358>.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

External

2024 Center for Khmer Studies U.S. Scholar Research Fellowship, \$10,350

- 2023 Fulbright U.S. Student Program Fellowship, \$23,050
- 2023 National Security Education Program (NSEP) David L. Boren Fellowship, \$17,850
(declined)
- 2021 Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute Tuition Scholarship, \$2,000

Internal

- 2025 Advanced Departmental Fellowship, \$12,000
- 2025 Gerald D. Suttles Fellowship in Doctoral Ethnographic Research, \$2,000
- 2025 Irsay Graduate Fellow, The Irsay Institute, Indiana University Bloomington
- 2025 College of Arts & Sciences Travel Award, \$750
- 2024 College of Arts & Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, \$23,000
- 2024 Grant-in-Aid of Doctoral Research Award, \$900
- 2023 Sheldon Stryker Graduate Research Grant, \$550
- 2023 Foreign Language Support Fellowship, \$400
- 2022 Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship, \$7,500
- 2022 Indiana University Department of Sociology Research Fellowship, \$2,700
- 2021 Indiana University Department of Sociology Research Fellowship, \$2,700
- 2019 – Indiana University Tuition Fellowship, \$12,000
- 2017 Double Hoo Award, University of Virginia, \$5,330
- 2017 Nelson Scholars Program for Southeast Asian Studies, University of Virginia East Asia Center, \$1,500

PRESENTATIONS

- August 2025 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, “From Paris to Phnom Penh: Understanding the Transnational Movement of Medical Expertise in New Settings”
- August 2025 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting, “Foreign Experts, Local Problems: Tracing the Transnational Movement and Application of Medical Expertise in Cambodian Nongovernmental Organizations”
- May 2025 Migration and Organizations Conference, “What are you saying, and what can you do? How healthcare professionals treat patients despite language barriers and ambiguous credentials”

Invited pre-conference: PhD Consortium

- April 2025 Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting, “Global Health, Local Trust: How Foreign and Local Physicians Establish and Maintain Trust when Treating Patients in Cambodian NGOs”
- April 2025 Center for Khmer Studies Public Webinar, “Managing Patients and Impressions: How Transnational Healthcare Professionals Import and Adapt Medical Expertise in Cambodian NGOs”
- July 2024 International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) International Conference, “‘I had no education. I had no experience. I had nothing.’: Understanding Non-Expert, Citizen-led NGOs through Realist and Relational Lenses”
Invited pre-conference: PhD Seminar
- November 2023 Cambodia Development Resource Institute Research Seminar, “‘I had no education. I had no experience. I had nothing.’: Understanding Non-Expert, Citizen-led NGOs through Realist and Relational Lenses”
- August 2023 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, “Imported versus Local Medical Expertise: Challenges in Transnational Healthcare Provision among Citizen-led Aid Organizations”
- May 2023 Migration and Organizations Conference, “Building a Bridge to Beneficiaries: A Bourdieusian Analysis of Amateur Aid Altruists’ Coordination Efforts with Local Implementing Partners”
Invited pre-conference: PhD Consortium
- March 2023 Southern Sociological Society (SSS) Annual Meeting, “Global Health and the Grassroots: Negotiating Contradictions in Development and Medical Expertise”
- March 2023 Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, “Global Health and the Grassroots: Negotiating Contradictions in Development and Medical Expertise”
- March 2022 Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, “Developmental Idealism and Beliefs about Marriage in the United States”
- August 2021 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, “Using Websites to Conceptualize an Organizational Field: The Case of Grassroots and Professional INGOs”
- August 2020 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, “International NGOs in Global Aid Chains: Linking Donors, Local Partners, and the State”
- February 2020 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting, “From Global Fields to Development Chains: INGOs in Cambodia”
- August 2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting Pre-Conference: The Sociology of International Organizations, “From Global Fields to Development Chains: INGOs in Cambodia”

- May 2018 University of Virginia Distinguished Majors Program Thesis Presentation, “NGO-State Relations and their Consequences in the Cambodian Health Field”
- April 2018 University of Virginia Undergraduate Research Symposium, “East Asian INGOs and the Case for Regionalization in Global Civil Society”
- September 2017 Nelson Scholars Program Presentation, “Cambodia and Global Civil Society Regionalization”

OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- September 2023 – July 2024 Visiting Fellow at Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI)
Wrote policy briefs, research reports, and working papers with dissertation data
- June 2020 – May 2022 Research Assistant
Investigated the internal dynamics of civil society organizations
Principal Investigators: Matthew Baggetta and Brad Fulton, Indiana University
- May 2020 – June 2020 Sociological Research Practicum
Analyzed newspaper articles on immigrant collective action events in nine U.S. metropolitan areas
Principal Investigator: Dina Okamoto, Indiana University
- August 2017 – May 2018 Distinguished Majors Program Thesis
“NGO-State Relations and their Consequences in the Cambodian Health Field”
Faculty Advisor: Jennifer Bair, University of Virginia

TEACHING

Instructor of Record

- Fall 2025 Introduction to Sociology, SOC S100: Indiana University Bloomington
- Spring 2023 Introduction to Sociology, SOC S100: Indiana University Bloomington
- Fall 2022 Introduction to Sociology, SOC S100: Indiana University Bloomington

Invited Guest Lectures

- Fall 2025 Health and Society, SOC-S365: Indiana University Bloomington
Topic: “Health care providers”
- Spring 2025 Capstone, GBLA 490: American University of Phnom Penh
Topic: “Field Research and Interviewing”

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Fall 2021 Policy Research Seminar: Civil Society and the Digital World, SPI 403:
Princeton University
- Spring 2020 Law and Society, SOC S326: Indiana University Bloomington
- Fall 2019 Introduction to Sociology, SOC S100: Indiana University Bloomington

Undergraduate Honors Thesis Committee Member

- Fall 2025 Methodological expert, Environmental Management major: Indiana University
O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
- Spring 2023 Second reader, Law & Public Policy major: Indiana University O'Neill School of
Public and Environmental Affairs

DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- May 2022 – May 2023 Personnel Committee
- May 2020 – May 2022 Public Sociology Committee

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Section memberships: Global and Transnational Sociology; Medical Sociology; Organizations, Occupations, and Work; Political Economy of the World-System; Sociology of Development

Society for the Study of Social Problems

International Society for Third-Sector Research

Eastern Sociological Society

Midwest Sociological Society

LANGUAGES AND LANGUAGE TRAINING

Native: English

Intermediate proficiency: Khmer

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, January 2023-October 2023

Khmer School of Language, Phnom Penh, Cambodia, October 2021-April 2022

University of Wisconsin-Madison, Southeast Asian Studies Summer Institute (SEASSI),
Madison, WI, June 2021-August 2021

Intermediate proficiency: Spanish

University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2018

SOFTWARE

Stata, R, NVivo, MAXQDA, Microsoft Access, Photoshop

REFERENCES

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