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EDUCATION

2027 (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. "'This is training too': How Surgeons Subvert Organizational Missions, Hoard Opportunities, and Generate within-profession Inequality"
Manuscript available, preparing for submission.

Richardson, Derek. "Doctors Without Borders...or Credentials? How Credential-based Ambiguity Enables Transgressive Role-taking among Healthcare Professionals in INGOs"
Manuscript available, preparing for submission.

Richardson, Derek. "Problems, Solutions, and Serendipity: A Garbage Can Model of Health GINGO Partnerships in the United States"
Manuscript available, preparing for submission.

Richardson, Derek. "Knowledge is Power? Understanding Expansions and Contractions of Professional Autonomy in Health INGOs"
Writing up findings.

Richardson, Derek. "Amateur, Informal, Citizen-led Transnational Healthcare Service Delivery: A Typology and Analytic Framework"
Writing up findings.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Derek Richardson. 2024. *Expertise and Immigrant Status: A Bourdieusian 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

2025	Couch Student Travel Award, \$700
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 2026	American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, “Knowledge is Power? Expansions and Contractions of Professional Autonomy in International Nongovernmental Organizations”
July 2026	International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR) International Conference, “Knowledge is Power? How INGO Staff and Volunteers Utilize Medical Expertise to Expand and Diminish Professional Power”
June 2026	Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI) Annual Meeting, “Doctors Without Borders or Credentials? How Ambiguous Credentials Allow Surgeons to Disrupt Status Hierarchies”
May 2026	Migration and Organizations Conference, “Traversing Borders, Expanding Power: How Transnational Healthcare Professionals Elevate Their Status Amidst Ambiguous Credentials”
March 2026	Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, “Yesterday, a Janitor. Today, a Surgeon. How Healthcare Professionals’ Transnational Mobility Disrupts Status Hierarchies”
March 2026	Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Annual Meeting, “Yesterday, a Janitor. Today, a Surgeon. How Healthcare Professionals’ Transnational Mobility Disrupts Status Hierarchies”
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” <i>Invited pre-conference: PhD Consortium</i>
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” <i>Invited pre-conference: PhD Seminar</i>

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” <i>Invited pre-conference: PhD Consortium</i>
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
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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 2026	Health and Society, SOC S365: Indiana University Bloomington <i>Online modality</i>
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

Spring 2026	Methodological expert, Law & Public Policy major: Indiana University O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs
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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 (ASA)

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

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)

International Society for Third-Sector Research (ISTR)

Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction (SSSI)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Midwest Sociological Society (MSS)

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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