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POSITIONS

Current

Research Director
Section of Hospital Medicine, University of Chicago

Faculty Advisor
Health Policy Lab
Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

Lecturer
Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago

EDUCATION & TRAINING

2018-2020 **NIH TL1 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago**
Center for Health and the Social Sciences
PI: David O. Meltzer, MD, PhD

2018 **PhD, University of California, Los Angeles**
Department of Sociology
Dissertation title: “The Interactional Negotiation of Complex Treatment: Physician authority and patient agency in cancer care”
Committee members: Tanya Stivers, PhD (Chair), Patricia Ganz, MD, John Heritage, PhD, Stefan Timmermans, PhD

2016 **C. Phil, University of California, Los Angeles**
Exams in Medical Sociology (2) & Conversation Analysis (2)

2014 **MA, University of California, Los Angeles**
Title: “How Mental Health Presentations Condition Physician Uptake”
Co-Chairs: John Heritage, PhD & Tanya Stivers, PhD

2010 **BA, Northwestern University**
Sociology with honors, Thesis supervisor: Monica Prasad, PhD

CURRENT FUNDING

2023- A Long-Term Follow Up Platform and Data Commons for Survivors of Childhood Cancer (PI: Volchenboum). (Role: Co-Investigator)

- 2022-2024 Understanding the Relatives' Experience of Organ Donation Request for Brain Dead Patients and the Family-Clinician Communication Process in the Neuro ICU. (PI: Goldenberg). Gift of Hope. (Role: Co-Investigator).
- 2022-2027 Investigators Advancing via Coaching at the Transition to Independence: A Value-Adding Team Experience. (PI: Volerman) National Institute of General Medical Sciences. (Role: Co-Investigator).
- 2022- National Institute on Aging P30 Center on Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations (CHABLIS) at the University of Chicago. (Role: Research Director)

AREAS OF INTEREST

Decision-making, medical sociology, end-of-life, aging, the doctor-patient relationship, health disparities, mixed-methods

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming** Molitch-Hou, E., Zhang, H., Gala, P., and **Tate, A.** "Impact of the COVID-19 Public Health Crisis and a Structured COVID Unit on Physician Behaviors in Code Status Ordering." *American Journal of Hospice and Palliative Medicine*.
- Forthcoming** **Tate A.** and Spencer, K.L. "High Stakes Treatment Negotiations Gone Awry: The importance of interactions for understanding treatment advocacy and patient resistance." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*.
- 2023 Stivers, S. and **Tate, A.** "The Role of Healthcare Communication in Treatment Outcomes" *Annual Review of Linguistics*. 9. 233-252.
- 2022 **Tate, A.** "Death and the Treatment Imperative: Decision-making in late-stage cancer." *Social Science and Medicine*. 306. 115129.
- 2021 Lazaridis, C., Goldenberg, F., Mansour, A., Kramer, C. and **Tate, A.** "What Does Coma Mean? Implications for Shared Decision Making in Acute Brain Injury." *World Neurosurgery*. 158: e377-e385.
- 2020 **Tate, A.** "Invoking Death: How oncologists discuss a deadly outcome." *Social Science and Medicine*. 246. 112672.
- 2020 **Tate, A.** & B.J. Rimel. "The Duality of Option-Listing in Cancer Care." *Patient Education and Counseling*. 103(1) 71-76.
- 2020 **Tate, A.** "Matter Over Mind: How mental health symptom presentations shape diagnostic outcomes." *Health*. 24(6), 755-772.
- 2019 **Tate, A.** "Treatment Recommendations in Oncology Visits: Implications for patient agency and physician authority." *Health Communication*. 34(13): 1597-1607.

- 2018 Snyder, K.A, **A. Tate** & E. Roubenoff. “Young Women with Breast Cancer and Treatment Decision-Making: Rethinking patient involvement and empowerment.” In Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld (ed.) *Gender, Women’s Health Care Concerns and Other Social Factors in Health and Health Care: Research in the Sociology of Health Care, Vol. 36*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.37 – 58.
- 2016 Robinson, J.D., **A. Tate** & J. Heritage. “Agenda-Setting Revisited: When and how do primary care physicians solicit patients’ additional concerns?” *Patient Education and Counseling*. 99(5): 718-723.
- 2014 Snyder, K.A. & **A. Tate** “Cancer-Related Infertility and Young Women: Strategies for discussing fertility preservation,” in *Oncofertility Communication: Sharing information and Building Relationships Across Disciplines*, ed. Theresa Woodruff et al. New York: Springer Press. 49-60.
- 2013 Snyder, K.A. & **A. Tate**. “What To Do Now? How Women with Breast Cancer Make Fertility Preservation Decisions.” *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*. 39(1): 172-178.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“Why Family Members Decide Against Organ Donation After Brain Death”

“Using Clinical (Un)Certainty in Complex Decisions about Cancer Care.”

“Collusion in the Clinic: How doctors and patients construct an imperative to treat.” (with Tanya Stivers)

PAST FUNDING

- 2020-2022 National Institute on Aging Loan Repayment Award
- 2021-2022 COVID-19 Innovation Grant, Center for Healthcare Delivery, Science and Innovation, the University of Chicago
- 2021 Core Subsidy Award, Institute for Translational Medicine, the University of Chicago

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

- 2023 Ethical Considerations in an Era of Engaged Patients: The (delicate) balance of patient autonomy and physician expertise in medical decisions. Ethics Grand Rounds, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston.
- Negotiations Gone Awry: High-Stakes Decision-Making with an Engaged Patient. (with Karen Lutfey Spencer). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.

- 2022 The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Code Status Orders at an Academic Hospital. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
- Death and the Treatment Imperative: Decision-Making in Late-Stage Cancer. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles.
- 2021 “The Cultural Lag of End-of-Life Care: Evidence from the Cancer Clinic.” Co-Sponsored by the Center for Healthcare Delivery Science and Innovation and the Center for Health and the Social Sciences. The University of Chicago.
- 2020 “Use of Machine Learning to Measure Advance Care Planning in the Electronic Health Record: The case of the Comprehensive Care Program” Outcomes Research Workshop, The University of Chicago.
- 2019 “A Methodological Case for Analyzing Medical Certainty in Interaction” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2018 “The Duality of Option-Listing In Oncology.” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Salt Lake City, UT.
- “The ‘Elasticity’ of Medical Certainty in Oncology.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Talking Death: How oncologists discuss an emotional outcome.” International Conference on Conversation Analysis, Loughborough, UK.
- 2017 “Invocations of Death: A resource for negotiating treatment compliance in cancer care.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.
- 2016 “Option-Listing and Physician Bias in Cancer Care.” National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 “Putting Agenda Setting on the Agenda,” with Jeffrey Robinson, PhD and John Heritage, PhD. National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- “The Role of Patient Symptom Presentation in Mental Health Diagnosis and Treatment in Primary Care.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “Solidarity and Affiliative Disagreement in the Focus Group Setting: A Case Study of Female Cancer Survivors.” International Conference on Conversation Analysis, Los Angeles, CA.

AWARDS, OTHER SCIENTIFIC APPOINTMENTS, AND HONORS

- 2024- Editorial Board Member, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, an American Sociological Association Journal.
- 2020- Scholar, Center for Healthcare Delivery, Science and Innovation, University of Chicago

	Affiliate, Center for Health and the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2020-2022	Awardee, National Institute on Aging Loan Repayment Award
2019	Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
	Top Paper Panel, Language and Social Interaction Section of the National Communication Association
2017-2018	Dorothy L. Meier Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA
2017	Top Paper Panel, Language and Social Interaction Section of the National Communication Association
2014-2015	UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award
2014	Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA
	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award
2013	UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award
	Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
2010	Senior Thesis with Distinction, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
	Departmental Honors, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
2009	Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University

SELECTED ACADEMIC SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

2020-present	Guest Lecturer, Summer Programs in Outcomes Research Training, Center for Health and the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2016-present	Member, National Communication Association
2011-present	Member, American Sociological Association
2021	Advance Care Planning Idea Incubator, HDSI, University of Chicago Medicine
Reviewer	American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Palliative Medicine, Social Science and Medicine, Sociology of Health and Illness, Patient Education and Counseling, Health Communication

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2023 Faculty Advisor, Health Policy Lab at the Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago

2021-current Lecturer, Introduction to Health and Society, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago

2018 Instructor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program, Temple University

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TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. William Roy, UCLA

2016 TA, Death, Suicide & Trauma, Prof. Stefan Timmermans, UCLA
TA, Talk & Social Institutions, Profs. John Heritage & Steven Clayman, UCLA
TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. William Roy, UCLA

2014 TA, The Self & Society, Prof. Jack Katz, UCLA
TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Darnell Hunt, UCLA

2013 TA, Human Biology & Society, Prof. Hannah Landecker, UCLA