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**POSITIONS**

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**Director, Research**

Section of Hospital Medicine, University of Chicago

**Lecturer**

Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago

**Affiliate**

Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

Center for Health and the Social Sciences, University of Chicago

**EDUCATION & TRAINING**

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**NIH TL1 Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Chicago**

Center for Health and the Social Sciences

PI: David O. Meltzer, MD, PhD

Mentorship team: Kathleen Cagney, PhD, Christopher Daugherty, MD, Stacie Levine, MD

**PhD, University of California, Los Angeles (2018)**

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

Exams in Medical Sociology (2) & Conversation Analysis (2)

**MA, University of California, Los Angeles**

Co-Chairs: John Heritage, PhD & Tanya Stivers, PhD

**MS, University of Chicago**

Department of Public Health Sciences

Co-Chairs: R. Tamara Konetzka, PhD & David Meltzer, MD, PhD

**BA, Northwestern University**

Sociology (with honors), Thesis supervisor: Monica Prasad, PhD

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

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Decision-making, medical sociology, end-of-life, aging, oncology, the doctor-patient relationship, the culture of U.S. health care, mixed-methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Under review**     **Tate, A.** “Using Clinical (Un)Certainty as an Interactional Tool in Treatment Decision-Making.
- Revise and resubmit**     Tietbohl, C. and **Tate, A.** “The ‘O’ Word: Using old age as an interactional tool in primary care.” *Health Communication (Special Issue)*.
- In press**     **Tate, A.** and Stivers, S. “Collusion in the clinic: Constructing patients’ moral responsibility to treat cancer.” *Qualitative Health Research*.
- 2024**     **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*. doi: 10.1177/00221465231204354
- 2024**     Prochaska M., Bogue, K., Levine, S., **Tate, A.**...Meltzer, D. "The design and early results of a structured longitudinal training program for undergraduate students to increase diversity in aging research." *International Journal of Aging and Human Development*. doi: 10.1177/00914150241231183
- 2023**     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*. doi: 10.1177/10499091231204943
- 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

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“The Morality of Mid-Treatment Cancer Care” (first author with Tanya Stivers)

“The Doctor-Patient Relationship and Planning for the End-of-life in a De-Fragmented Care Model” (with David Meltzer)

## RECENT FUNDING

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- 2024-2025 Ignorome: Community Surveys and NLP Development (PI: Hunter, Role: Co-Investigator)
- 2023- A Long-Term Follow Up Platform and Data Commons for Survivors of Childhood Cancer (PI: Volchenboum, Role: Co-Investigator)
- 2023- Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluations of Behavior Changes in Patients in CCP and C4P Programs. Supplement to the National Institute on Aging’s P30 Center on Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations (CHABLIS) at the University of Chicago. (PI: Meltzer, Role: Co-Investigator).
- 2022- Understanding the Relatives’ Experience of Organ Donation Request for Brain Dead Patients and the Family-Clinician Communication Process in the Neuro ICU. (PI: Goldenberg, Role: Co-Investigator).
- 2022-2027 Investigators Advancing via Coaching at the Transition to Independence: A Value-Adding Team Experience. National Institute of General Medical Sciences. (PI: Volerman, Role: Co-Investigator).

## PAST FUNDING

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- 2022-2023 National Institute on Aging’s P30 Center on Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations (CHABLIS) at the University of Chicago. External Innovation Core. (Role: Principal Investigator).

- 2020-2022 National Institute of Health 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

## **AWARDS, OTHER SCIENTIFIC APPOINTMENTS, AND HONORS**

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- 2024-2027 Editorial Board Member, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, an American Sociological Association Journal.
- 2024- Advisory Board Member, I-CARE Program (Implementation science methodologies to Inform Chronic disease Advocacy, Research, and Education), University of Chicago
- 2024-2027 Council Member, American Sociological Association's Section on Ethnomethodology and Conversation analysis
- 2020- Scholar, Center for Healthcare Delivery, Science and Innovation, 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 PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS**

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- 2024**            Provider-Patient Interactions as a Critical Resource for Outcomes Research, PIVOT Hub, University of Michigan School of Nursing
- Collusion in the Clinic: Constructing the Morality of Cancer Treatment. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (with Tanya Stivers). Montréal, Canada.
- 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**            Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Code Status Orders and Spillover Effects. 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**            “Talking Death.” 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.

## **OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2023-**            Faculty Advisor, Health Policy Lab, Harris School of Public Policy
- 2022-**            Member, Gerontological Society of America
- 2020-**            Guest Lecturer, Summer Programs in Outcomes Research Training, Center for Health and the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2016-**            Member, National Communication Association
- 2011-**            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**

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

**2021-current** Lecturer, Department of Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago (Courses: Death & Dying and Introduction to Health & Society)

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

**2017** Instructor, Department of Sociology, 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