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CURRENT POSITIONS

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

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

CURRENT FUNDING

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). Gift of Hope. (Role: Co-Investigator).
- 2022-2024 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).
- 2022-2023 National Institute on Aging's P30 Center on Aging Behaviors and Longitudinal Investigations (CHABLIS) at the University of Chicago. External Innovation Core. (Role: Research Director).

AREAS OF INTEREST

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

PUBLICATIONS

- 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)*.
- 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 **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
- 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

- “Collusion in the Clinic: How doctors and patients construct an imperative to treat.” (with Tanya Stivers)
- “Why Family Members Decide Against Organ Donation After Brain Death” (with Fernando Goldenberg)
- “Using Clinical (Un)Certainty in Complex Decisions about Cancer Care.”

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

AWARDS, OTHER SCIENTIFIC SERVICE, AND HONORS

2024- 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

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 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.
- 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.
- “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.

OTHER 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, Health and Society Minor, 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
 Instructor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program, Temple University
 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