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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2024- **Washington University in St. Louis**
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, & Equity
Faculty Scholar, Institute for Public Health
- 2022-2024 **The Ohio State University**
Postdoctoral Scholar, John Glenn College of Public Affairs &
Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity

EDUCATION

- 2022 **Vanderbilt University, PhD, Sociology**
2019 **Vanderbilt University, MA, Sociology**
2017 **Loyola University Chicago, B.S., Health Systems Management**
Magna Cum Laude; Ronald E. McNair Scholar

Additional Training

- 2023, 2024 Summer Institute in Migration Research, **U.C. Berkeley**
2020 Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop, **U.C. Berkeley**

RESEARCH

Areas of Expertise

Race, Ethnicity, & Immigration | Criminology & Social Control | Health & Demography

Peer-Reviewed Articles

- [8] **Baluran, Darwin A.** 2025. "Docile or Dangerous? An Intersectional Analysis of Asian-Descent People's Policing Experiences." *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.
- [7] Tran, Long, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Shahidul Hassan. 2024. "[The Association Between Racial Discrimination and Civic Engagement Among People of Asian Descent.](#)" *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.
- [6] Davis, Jill, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Shahidul Hassan. 2024. "[Impact of Social Dominance Orientation on Office Support for Procedurally Fair Policing, Willingness to Use More Force, and Willingness to Report Peer Misbehavior.](#)" *The British Journal of Criminology*.

- [5] **Baluran, Darwin A.** 2023. [“Differential Racialization and Police Interactions Among Young Adults of Asian Descent.”](#) *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*.
❖ 2022 Graduate Student Paper Award, First Prize, Vanderbilt Sociology
- [4] **Baluran, Darwin A.** 2023. [“Differential Racialization and Health Inequality among Chinese, Asian Indians, and Filipinos in the United States.”](#) *Social Science & Medicine—Population Health*.
- [3] Patterson, Evelyn J., Becker, Adrea, and **Darwin A. Baluran.** 2022. [“Gendered Racism on the Body: An Intersectional Approach to Maternal Mortality in the United States.”](#) *Population Research and Policy Review*.
- [2] **Baluran, Darwin A.** and Evelyn J. Patterson. 2021. [“Examining Ethnic Variations in Life Expectancy Among Asians in the United States, 2012-2016.”](#) *Demography*.
- [1] **Baluran, Darwin A.** and Taiye Winful. 2021. [“COVID-19 and America’s Epidemic of Social Inequality: Lessons from Social Science.”](#) *HPHR Journal* (Previously *Harvard Public Health Review*).

Under Review (Manuscripts Available)

Baluran, Darwin A. “Skin Color Stratification in Police Contact among Asian-Descent People.” Revised & Resubmitted.

Hassan, Shahidul, Wright, Bradly, and **Darwin A. Baluran.** “Motivation, Meaning, and Burnout: Exploring Frontline Public Service Workers’ Experiences During Times of Crisis.” Revised & Resubmitted.

Manuscripts In Preparation & Selected Ongoing Projects

Baluran, Darwin A. “Criminal Legal Contact as Race Making Experiences.”

Baluran, Darwin A. “The Health Consequences of Direct and Vicarious Police Contact on Asian-Descent Adults”.

Baluran, Darwin A. “Differential Racialization and the Health Spillovers of Anti-Asian Hate Crimes: A Quasi-Experimental Population Level Study.”

Hassan, Shahidul, Wright, Bradly, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Daniel Baker. “Public Service Motivation & Employee Turnover: The Potential Benefits and Costs of Caring.”

Perdue, Tasha, Hassan, Shahidul, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Sydney Silverstein. “The Association Between Growth Mindset, Stigma Towards People Who Use Drugs, and Naloxone Risk Compensation Beliefs among Law Enforcement Officers.”

Krøtel, Sarah M.L., Villadsen, Anders R., **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Shahidul Hassan. “Gender and Nativity Wage Gaps in Denmark: An Intersectional Analysis of Population-Level Data.”

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Policing the Model Minority: Examining How Asian-Descent People Experience Race & Social Control in the United States.” *Decolonizing Criminology Network, University of Cambridge*. May 24, 2024.
- 2024 “Skin Color Stratification in Police Contact among Asian-Descent People.” *Political Sociology Working Group Workshop, The London School of Economics and Political Science*. April 17, 2024.
- 2024 “Identifying Existing Limitations and Exploring Future Directions for Social Science Research on Asian-Descent People.” *Glenn College Spring Colloquium, The Ohio State University*, April 8, 2024.
- 2023 “The Relational Racialization of Docility and Danger: Examining How Cues of Asian-ness are Read and Interpreted in Criminal Legal Encounters.” *Speaker Forum Series, The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University*. Nov. 2, 2023.
- 2022 “Docile or Dangerous: Cues of Categories and the Racial Triangulation of People of Asian Descent During Law Enforcement Encounters.” *Sociology First-Year Writing Seminar: Mass Incarceration in the U.S., Vanderbilt University*. Nov. 10, 2022.
- 2022 “Race and the Health of People of Asian Descent in the United States from a Sociological Perspective.” *Diversity Month Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University School of Nursing*. Feb. 22, 2022.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Oral Presentations Unless Noted Otherwise)

- 2024 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Skin Color Stratification in Police Contact among Asian-Descent People.” *2024 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA*.
- 2024 Baluran, Darwin A. Roundtable. “Skin Color Stratification in Police Contact among Asian-Descent People.” *2024 ASA Conference, Montreal, Canada*.
- 2024 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “The Relational Racialization of Docility and Danger.” *2024 Annual Conference of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada*.
- 2024 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “The Relational Racialization of Docility and Danger: Examining How Cues of Categories Underpin Race Making in American Police-Civilian Encounters.” *The British Journal of Sociology Inaugural Conference, London, UK*.
- 2023 **Baluran, Darwin A.** Poster Presentation. “Cues of Categories and the Relational Racialization of People of Asian Descent in Criminal Legal Interactions.” *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA*.
- 2023 **Baluran, Darwin A.** Roundtable. “What Do Criminal Legal Encounters Reveal About the Relational Racialization of People of Asian Descent?” *American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA*.

- 2023 Tran, Long, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Shahidul Hassan. “The Impact of COVID-Related Discrimination on the Civic Engagement Behaviors of People of Asian Descent in California.” *2023 Public Management Research Conference*, Utrecht, Netherlands.
- 2022 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Differential Racialization and the Health of Chinese, Asian Indians, and Filipinos in the United States.” *American Sociological Association Annual Conference*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Examining How Differential Racialization Shapes How Young Adults of Asian Descent Interact with the Law.” *Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association*, Virtual.
- 2021 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Differential Racialization as a Fundamental Cause of Health Inequality: An Age and Cause Decomposition of the Difference in Life Expectancy between Chinese and Filipinos in the United States.” *Population Association of America Annual Conference*, Virtual.
- 2020 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Legal Consciousness Formation among Asian Americans.” *Accepted for Oral Presentation at 2020 Annual Conference of the American Society of Criminology (Cancelled due to COVID-19)*.
- 2019 **Baluran, Darwin A.** and Evelyn J. Patterson. Roundtable. “Partitioning a Monolith: A Demographic Analysis of Asian Groups’ Health in the United States.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting*, New York City, NY.
- 2019 **Baluran, Darwin A.** and Evelyn J. Patterson. “Examining Inter-Ethnic Life Expectancy Differentials among Asians in the United States.” *Population Association of America Annual Conference*, Austin, TX.
- 2018 **Baluran, Darwin A.** Poster Presentation. “Partitioning a Monolith: Examining Health Stratification among Asians in the U.S.” *MeTRC Health Disparities Conference*, Meharry Medical College, Nashville, TN.
- 2018 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Deconstructing the Asian Health Advantage: Preliminary Findings.” *Filipino-American National Historical Society 17th Biennial National Conference*, Rosemont, IL.

GRANTS, HONORS, & AWARDS

- 2022 The Ohio State University Kellogg Foundation Postdoctoral Recruitment and Onboarding Supplement Program (\$5,000)
- 2022 Best Graduate Student Research Paper, Vanderbilt Sociology (\$3,000)
- 2021 Southeastern Conference Emerging Scholar
- 2020 Russell G. Hamilton Graduate Leadership Institute Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Vanderbilt University (December) (\$2,000)
- 2020 Curb Center Researcher, Vanderbilt University (July)
- 2020 Distinction on Sociology of Population Special Area Exam (March)

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- 2013-17 Dean's List, Loyola University Chicago
(Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2015-Spring 2017)
- 2013-17 Presidential Scholarship, Loyola University Chicago
- 2014 USAID Global Health Fellows Program II Grant, GlobeMed (Summer)
- 2014 Emerging Leaders Program Certificate, Loyola University Chicago
(November)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (*F=Fall; S=Spring*)

Instructor of Record (Washington University in St. Louis)

SOC 2520: Inequality by Design: Understanding Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities ('24 F)

SOC 3000: Fundamentals of Population Dynamics ('25 F)

Teaching Assistantships (Vanderbilt University)

- 2021 Criminology (F)
- 2021 Graduate Seminar on Multivariate Analysis 1 (F)
- 2021 Graduate Seminar on Population Studies and Human Ecology (S)
- 2021 Social Context of Public Policy (S)
- 2020 Environmental Justice (F)
- 2020 Contemporary Social Issues: Health and Society (S)
- 2019 Population and Society (F)
- 2019 Race, Gender, and Health (S)
- 2018 Contemporary Social Issues: Health and Society (F)
- 2018 Society and Medicine (S)
- 2017 Contemporary Social Issues: Mental Health and Illness (F)

SERVICE

- 2024- Dissertation Committee, Daichi Hibi, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2024- Sociology Undergraduate Committee, Washington University in St. Louis
- 2024 Research Advisory Committee Member for *Daichi Hibi* (PhD Student)
- 2024 Chair & Discussant, Session on Health and Justice, 2024 ASA Conference
- 2024 Undergraduate Research Pathway Coordinator, Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University
- 2023 Strategic Vision Committee of The Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, The Ohio State University
- 2023 Roundtable Presider, Session on Racism, Social Inequality, and Culture in Asia and Asian America, American Sociological Association Annual Conference
- 2022-2024 Doctoral Curriculum Committee, The Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University

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- 2022-2024 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, The Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University
- 2020-2022 Associate Editor, Work and Occupations
- 2021 Assistant Guest Editor, Work and Occupations Special Issue: Precarious Employment and Well-Being during the COVID-19 Pandemic
- 2018-2024 STEM Mentor (for high school seniors), Mentor Matching Engine, Illinois Science and Technology Institute

Peer-Reviewed Journal Reviewer

Social Forces; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Journal of Criminal Justice; Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency; SSM-Population Health; Society & Mental Health; Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved; Journal of Sociology and Social Work; Justice Quarterly; Work and Occupations