

## Darwin A. Baluran

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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*

### RESEARCH

#### *Areas of Expertise*

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

#### ***Peer-Reviewed Publications*** (\*graduate student; \*\*undergraduate student)

In Press **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Skin Color Stratification in Police Contact among Asian-Descent People.” *Social Problems*.

2025 Patterson, Evelyn J. and **Darwin A. Baluran**. “Du Bois, Criminology, and the Calculus of Race: A Mathematical Heuristic for Interpreting Social Constructs.” *Race & Justice: An International Journal*.

2025 **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Docile or Dangerous? An Intersectional Analysis of Asian-Descent People’s Policing Experiences.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

2024 Tran, Long, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Shahidul Hassan. “The Association Between Racial Discrimination and Civic Engagement Among People of Asian Descent.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

2024 Davis, Jill\*, **Baluran, Darwin A.**, and Shahidul Hassan. “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*.

2023      **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Differential Racialization and Police Interactions Among Young Adults of Asian Descent.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*.  
❖ 2022 Graduate Student Paper Award, First Prize ,Vanderbilt Sociology

2023      **Baluran, Darwin A.** “Differential Racialization and Health Inequality among Chinese, Asian Indians, and Filipinos in the United States.” *Social Science & Medicine—Population Health*.

2022      Patterson, Evelyn J., Becker, Adrea, and **Darwin A. Baluran**. “Gendered Racism on the Body: An Intersectional Approach to Maternal Mortality in the United States.” *Population Research and Policy Review*.

2021      **Baluran, Darwin A.** and Evelyn J. Patterson. “Examining Ethnic Variations in Life Expectancy Among Asians in the United States, 2012-2016.” *Demography*.

2021      **Baluran, Darwin A.** and Taiye Winful. “COVID-19 and America’s Epidemic of Social Inequality: Lessons from Social Science.” *HPHR Journal* (Previously *Harvard Public Health Review*).

**Under Review (Manuscripts Available)**

Hassan, Shahidul, Wright, Bradly, and **Darwin A. Baluran**. “Motivation, Meaning, and Burnout: Understanding Frontline Public Service Workers Work Experiences During Turbulent Times.” Conditionally Accepted at *Public Administration Review*.

**Manuscripts In Preparation**

**Baluran, Darwin A.** “Involuntary Police Contact as a Site of Racial Meaning Making.”

**Baluran, Darwin A.** and Juliana Rausch\*\*. “The Multiple Dimensions of Race and the Health of Multiracial Asian-Descent Adults.”

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.”

**Ongoing Projects**

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

**Baluran, Darwin A.** “The Health Spillovers of Anti-Asian Hate Crimes: A Quasi-Experimental Population Level Study.”

**INVITED PRESENTATIONS & GUEST LECTURES**

2024 “Immigration & Health in the United States.” *Social Inequality Class. Hunter College, CUNY*. December 3, 2024.

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)**

2025 **Baluran, Darwin A. Roundtable.** “Involuntary Policing as Site of Racial Meaning Making.” *2025 ASA Conference, Chicago, IL*.

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 17<sup>th</sup> 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)
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)

## **WORKSHOPS & ADDITIONAL TRAINING**

2023, 2024	Summer Institute in Migration Research, <b>U.C. Berkeley</b>
2020	Berkeley Formal Demography Workshop, <b>U.C. Berkeley</b>

## **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 3210: 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**

### ***Service to Discipline***

2025-2026	Organizer & Chair, Session on Immigration, Race, and Health, PAA 2026
2025	Chair, Session on Demography of Crime and Race, PAA 2025
2024	Chair & Discussant, Session on Health and Justice, 2024 ASA Conference

2023 Roundtable Presider, Session on Racism, Social Inequality, and Culture in Asia and Asian America, American Sociological Association Annual Conference

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

***Service to Department & University***

**Washington University in St. Louis**

2025- Sociology Graduate Committee

2025 Bear Beginnings Faculty Spotlight

2024- Dissertation Committee, Daichi Hibi

2024-2025 Sociology Undergraduate Committee,

2024 Research Advisory Committee Member for *Daichi Hibi* (PhD Student)

**The Ohio State University**

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

2022-2024 Doctoral Curriculum Committee, The Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University

2022-2024 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, The Glenn College of Public Affairs, The Ohio State University

***Peer-Reviewed Journal Reviewer***

American Journal of Sociology; 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