

# MIRA VALE

Department of Sociology ❖ Washington University in St. Louis  
mira.vale@wustl.edu

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

---

2025- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

## EDUCATION

---

2025 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Michigan  
Dissertation: Data Values: Moral Entrepreneurship in Digital Health  
Committee: Jason Owen-Smith, Roi Livne, Renée Anspach, Greta Krippner, Mark Ackerman (School of Information)

2019 M.A. Sociology, University of Michigan

2013 B.A. Anthropology and Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies,  
Yale University  
*Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa*, distinction in both majors

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

---

Economic sociology, medical sociology, technology, mental health, ethnography, morality

## PUBLICATIONS

---

2024 **Mira D. Vale**. "Moral Entrepreneurship and the Ethics of AI in Digital Psychiatry." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 10: 1-11.  
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241259641>

2022 **Mira D. Vale** and Denise White Perkins. "Discuss and Remember: Clinician Strategies for Integrating Social Determinants of Health Data in Patient Records and Care." *Social Science & Medicine* 315: 115548.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2022.115548>.

*\*Donald W. Light Award for Applied Medical Sociology, ASA Section on Medical Sociology, 2024*

2021 Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli, Marcia C. Inhorn, **Mira D. Vale**, and Pasquale Patrizio. "Cryopreserving Jewish Motherhood: Egg Freezing in Israel and the

United States.” *Medical Anthropology Quarterly* 35(3): 346–363.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/maq.12643>.

- 2021 William G. Axinn, **Mira D. Vale**, and Sarah R. Brauner-Otto. “Student Reports of Attendance at Programs to Reduce Campus Sexual Assault and Harassment.” *Journal of American College Health* 71(2): 543-553.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.1898405>.
- 2020 **Mira D. Vale** and Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good. “Transcending the Profession: Psychiatric Patients’ Experiences of Trust in Clinicians.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 61(2): 208–222. [doi.org/10.1177/0022146520918559](https://doi.org/10.1177/0022146520918559).
- 2020 Marcia C. Inhorn, Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli, **Mira D. Vale**, and Pasquale Patrizio. “Abrahamic Traditions and Egg Freezing: Religious Women’s Experiences in Local Moral Worlds.” *Social Science & Medicine* 253: 112976.  
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2020.112976>.
- 2020 Patrick Kierkegaard, **Mira D. Vale**, Spencer Garrison, Brent K. Hollenbeck, John Malcolm Hollingsworth, and Jason Owen-Smith. “Mechanisms of decision-making in preoperative assessment for older adult prostate cancer patients – a qualitative study.” *Journal of Surgical Oncology* 121(3): 561–569.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/jso.25819>.
- 2020 Sarah R. Lowe, Peter James, Mariana C. Arcaya, **Mira D. Vale**, Jean Rhodes, and Janet Rich Edwards, Andrea L. Roberts, Karestan Koenen. “Do Levels of Posttraumatic Growth Vary by the Type of Traumatic Event Experienced? An Analysis of the Nurses Health Study II.” *Psychological Trauma*.  
[ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7529660/pdf/nihms-1572587.pdf](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7529660/pdf/nihms-1572587.pdf).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

---

**Mira D. Vale**. “Algorithmic Affordances: The Relational Construction of the Electronic Health Record.”

\**Ronald Burt Best Student Paper Award*, ASA Section on Economic Sociology, 2023

\**Hacker-Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award*, ASA Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, 2023

\*Junior Theorists Symposium, ASA Section on Theory, 2024

**Mira D. Vale**. “The Sociology of Ambivalence in Health Technology.” In preparation.

**Mira D. Vale**. “Self-Critique and Socialization in Health Tech Hackathons.” With Shira Zilberstein. In preparation.

## OTHER WRITING

---

- 2022 **Mira D. Vale.** Review of *Good Ethics, Bad Choices: The Relevance of Behavioral Economics for Medical Ethics*. H-Sci-Med-Tech, H-Net Reviews.
- 2016 **Mira Vale** and Mary-Jo DelVecchio Good. “Why Do People Kill? Why Do They Stop? A review of *Intimate Enemies: Violence and Reconciliation in Peru*.” *Culture, Medicine, and Psychiatry* 40(1): 144–146.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AWARDS

---

### External

- 2024 Donald W. Light Award for Applied Medical Sociology, ASA Medical Sociology Section
- 2023 Hacker-Mullins Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section
- 2023 Ronald Burt Best Student Paper Award, ASA Economic Sociology Section
- 2022–2024 NSF/ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2022–2023 Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
- 2018–2023 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2014 Fulbright Research Award, Finalist

### Internal (selected)

#### University of Michigan

- 2022–2023 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship (declined)
- 2018 ISR-Rackham Summer Training Award
- 2016–2024 National Institute for Child Health and Development Predoctoral Traineeship

## INVITED TALKS

---

- “Creepy, but Cool: Ambivalence and Morality in Digital Health”  
Microsoft Research, January 2025
- “Algorithmic Affordances: The Relational Construction of the Electronic Health Record”  
Junior Theorists Symposium, August 2024
- “Health and AI”  
University of Lucerne, May 2024
- “Data Values: Behavioral Data and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry”  
Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, November 2024

Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis, October 2024  
Department of Information Science, Cornell University, March 2024  
Microsoft Research, March 2024  
Friday Morning Seminar in Culture, Psychiatry, and Global Mental Health,  
Harvard University, February 2024  
Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, November 2023

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

---

- “Moral Entrepreneurship and the Ethics of AI in Digital Psychiatry”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2024
- “Algorithmic Affordances: The Relational Construction of the Electronic Health Record”  
Junior Theorists Symposium, August 2024
- “Data Values: Digital Surveillance and the New Epistemology of Psychiatry”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2023  
Chicago Ethnography Conference, April 2023
- “‘Creepy, But Cool’: How Digital Health Researchers Manufacture Morality”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2022  
Chicago Ethnography Conference, April 2022
- “Moral Parameters of Digital Phenotyping in Psychiatry”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2021  
Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, July 2021
- “Sticky Data: Organizational Effects of the Electronic Health Record”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2020  
Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, July 2020
- “Trust and Recognition: Experiences of Psychiatric Patients”  
Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2019
- “Student Engagement in Programs to Reduce Campus Sexual Misconduct”  
Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, April 2018

## TEACHING

---

### **Instructor of Record, Washington University**

2025 Sociological Theory (graduate)

### **Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan**

2018 Death and Dying

2017 Introduction to Sociological Theory

## SERVICE

---

### **To the Discipline**

Reviewer for: *Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Science & Medicine, Medical Decision Making, Health Informatics, Gender and Society, Science, Technology, & Human Values, Sociological Forum*

Student Representative, ASA Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, 2024–2025

Mentoring Committee, ASA Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology, 2024–2025

Committee Member, Donald W. Light Award for Applied Medical Sociology, 2025

Organizer, Junior Theorists Symposium, 2025

### **At Washington University**

2025–2026 Fundraising Committee

### **At the University of Michigan**

2022 Dissertation Writing Group Leader, Sweetland Writing Center

2020–2021 Advanced Ethnographic Methods Workshop Coordinator

2018–2019 Medicine, Aging, Science & Health Workshop Coordinator

2018–2019 Personnel Committee (New Faculty Hiring)

2017–2018 Professionalization Chair