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EDUCATION

- 2023- Master of Arts, Sociology Research & Practice, American University College of Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C.
GPA 4.0
- 2019-2023 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Spanish Studies, American University College of Arts and Sciences, Washington, D.C.
Double-major
Undergraduate Thesis: “Addressing the Bodily Autonomy of Black HIV-Positive Pregnant Women.”
GPA 4.0; *Summa Cum Laude* (2022-2023)
Dean’s List all semesters

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Reproductive Justice, Black Maternal Health and Wellness, STD/STI Disparities, HIV/AIDS, Sexual Development, Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Makenna Lindsay. “Examining Female Attitudes Toward Premarital Sex by Racial/Ethnic Differences.”

Michelle Newton-Francis, Jessica Chaikof, Adrian Davis, **Makenna Lindsay**, Mubarak Alabi, Montserrath Hernandez, Lia Sullivan. “How Endometriosis Negatively Impacts the Social and Personal Relationships of College Students.”

Austin Kocher, Bashir Mobasher, Sofía Guerra, **Makenna Lindsay**, Diana Garay Flores, and Ernesto Castañeda. “Immigration to the DMV: Afghan Report.”

Ernesto Castañeda, **Makenna Lindsay**. “The Racialization of Latin People & their Exclusion from the National Imaginary.”

PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 Makenna Lindsay. “The Use and Cultural Appropriation of AAVE (African American Vernacular English).” *Atrium: Student Writing*, American University Writing Studies Program

BLOG POSTS/NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

- 2024 Ernesto Castañeda, **Makenna Lindsay**, Natalie Turkington. “Surviving the Criminalization of Migration: Survivor of Ciudad Juarez Migrant Detention Center Fire Tells His Story.” *The Immigration Lab Blog, AULA Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “#RJ (Reproductive Justice) Wrapped.” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “Reproductive Justice in the Music Industry Has a Long Way 2 Go.” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “Practicing Radical Community Care.” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “Why Decolonization is Necessary for Reproductive Justice.” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “What You Should Know About The Forced or Involuntary Sterilization Compensation Program (FISCP).” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “On My Mama.” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “Health Outcomes of Afghan Migrants in the DMV.” *The Immigration Lab Blog, AULA Blog*
- 2023 Austin Kocher, Bashir Mobasher, Sofía Guerra, **Makenna Lindsay**, Diana Garay Flores, Ernesto Castañeda. “The Educational Attainment of Recently Arrived Afghans in the DMV.” *The Immigration Lab Blog, AULA Blog*
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. “To be young, houseless, and pregnant.” *Em-URGE-Ing Voices Blog*
- 2022 Makenna Lindsay. “El Sangre Negro.” *The Griot: Official Newsletter for the Association of Black Sociologists*

CONFERENCES/PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 Michelle Newton-Francis, Jessica Chaikof, Adrian Davis, **Makenna Lindsay**, Mubarak Alabi, Montserrath Hernandez, Lia Sullivan. *How Endometriosis Negatively Impacts the Social and Personal Relationships of College Students* Submitted to the American University Robert Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference and the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2024 Makenna Lindsay. *Examining Female Attitudes Toward Premarital Sex by Racial/Ethnic Differences*. Accepted to Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2023 Makenna Lindsay. *Examining Female Attitudes Toward Premarital Sex by Racial/Ethnic Differences*. AU Robyn Rafferty Mathias Student Research Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2021 Makenna Lindsay. *The Forced Sterilizations of Black, Indigenous, & Women of Color in the United States*. 14th Health Disparities Conference at Xavier University of Louisiana, New Orleans, Louisiana.

2021 Makenna Lindsay. "Nationalism and Borders." Guest lecture in Power, Privilege & Inequality, American University Department of Sociology

WORK EXPERIENCE

2024- Communications Intern, Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop
2023- Intern, Unite for Reproductive Justice & Gender Equity (URGE), Washington, D.C.
2023- Immigration Lab Coordinator, American University, Washington, D.C.
2023- Research Assistant, American University Department of Sociology, Washington, D.C.
2022-2023 Teaching Assistant, Critical Social Thought, American University Department of Sociology, Washington, D.C.
2021-2022 CORE Leader, Power, Privilege & Inequality, American University Department of Sociology, Washington, D.C.
2021 Data Entry Associate, Greater Hartford Harm Reduction Coalition, Hartford, CT
2021 Student Employee, Hartford Health Initiative, Hartford, CT
2020 CORE Leader, Creative Writing, American University, Washington, D.C.
2020 Creative Consultant, Capital Community College, Hartford, CT

LEADERSHIP

2022- Executive Director and Co-Founder, What We Water, Washington, D.C.
2021-2022 President, American University Caribbean Circle, Washington, D.C.
2021-2022 Layout Designer, American University Yearbook, Washington, D.C.
2019-2022 Student Liaison, Events Coordinator/Outreach Black Girls Vote at American University, Washington, D.C.
2020-2021 Communications Chair, American University Caribbean Circle, Washington, D.C.
2020 Board Member, Sine Institute Advisory Board, American University, Washington, D.C.
2019-2020 Director of Academic Development, American University League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), American University, Washington, D.C.
2019-2020 Freshman Liaison, American University Caribbean Circle, Washington, D.C.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2022 Latino Student Fund Tutor, Washington D.C.
2021 Volunteer, State of Connecticut's Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Commission Event, Hartford, CT

2019-2020 *DC Reads Tutor and Mentor*, Latin American Youth Center, Washington, D.C.

AWARDS

2023 Austin Van der Slice Award, American University
2023 Carla Howery Award for Contributions to the Discipline, American University
Department of Sociology
2023 Jack Child Undergraduate Achievement Award, American University World,
Languages & Cultures Department

MEMBERSHIPS

2024 DC Sociological Society
2024 Eastern Sociological Society

CERTIFICATES

2021 CITI Program: Social & Behavioral Research

SKILLS

Stata, SPSS, NVivo, HTML, Web Hosting (Word Press, Squarespace, Go Daddy, Wix), Canvas, Adobe Photoshop, Canva, iMovie, Final Cut Pro, Zotero, Interviewing/Transcribing

LANGUAGES

Fluent in English and Spanish