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EDUCATION

May 2024 B.S. Creighton University, Omaha NE
Cumulative GPA: 3.95
Majors: Sociology, Justice & Society
Minors: Women's and Gender Studies, Theology

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

May 2022-present **Sociology Research Assistant.** Advisor: Dr. Sabrina Danielsen, Creighton University Department of Sociology. *Eco Sisters: Gender, Power, and Climate Change Politics Within the American Catholic Church*

August 2021-April 2022 **Theology Research Assistant.** Advisor: Dr. Zachary Smith, Creighton University Department of Theology. *Origins of Proto-Racism and Ethnic Othering in Early Christian History.*

February 2020-May 2020 **Public Health Research Project.** Semester-long research project. Advisor: Dr. Carlos Crespo, Portland State University School of Public Health. *Low Birth Weight and Prevalence of Breastfeeding Among Smoking and Non-Smoking Mothers.*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 “Unified Authority: A Comparison of American Catholic School Gender Policies” Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Des Moines, IA. April 2024.
- 2024 “‘Our Body Reveals Our Personhood’: Expressions of Authority Within American Catholic School Gender Policies”. Creighton University Honors Day Symposium. Omaha, NE. April 2024.
- 2024 With Sabrina Danielsen. “Facing and Framing Decline: Catholic Sisters’ Discussion of Social and Organizational Change.” Kripke Center for the Study of Religion and Society Annual Symposium. Omaha, NE. February 2024
- 2023 “‘Our Body Reveals Our Personhood’: Expressions of Authority Within American Catholic School Gender Policies”. Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium. Lincoln, NE. November 2023. **Second Place Winner, Outstanding Paper Award for paper associated with this research presentation.**
- 2023 With Sabrina Danielsen. “Community as Catalyst for Change: American Catholic Sisters Engaging in Environmental Activism”. Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

- Annual Meeting. Salt Lake City, UT. October 2023. Religion and Environmental Activism Session.
- 2023 “Eco-Sisters: Gender, Power, and Climate Change Politics Within the American Catholic Church”. Creighton University Honors Day Symposium. Omaha, NE. April 2023
- 2022 Work-in-Progress Roundtable. “Local Arts Agencies, Community Development, and the Role of Elite-Oriented Organizations Within a Community”. Nebraska Undergraduate Sociological Symposium. Lincoln, NE. November 2022.

Publications

Danielsen, Sabrina and **Ellie Simmons**. 2025. “Facing and Framing Decline: Catholic Sisters’ Discussion of Social and Organizational Change.” *Journal of Religion & Society Supplement Series*. Volume 26.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

I have served as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the following courses:

SOCY 1006: The Social Construction of Sexuality

SOCY 1016: Sex, Gender, and Society

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023- 2024	<p>DEI/ CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY INTERN Hudl: Lincoln, NE Responsibilities: work to develop and implement DEIAB (Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility and Belonging) and CSR strategies. Specific duties: create and maintain a Slack-based internal DEIAB newsletter, train Inclusive Ambassadors on company Inclusive Principles in order to lead DEIAB presentations as part of new hire orientation, assist Employee Resource Groups in their regular functions, facilitate focus groups with global offices to better implement DEIAB initiatives, analyze Engagement Survey data pertaining to DEIAB.</p>
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SERVICE

2024-Present	<p>Co-Chair, Department of Sociology Graduate Student Association</p>
2023-2024	<p>Ambassador, Creighton Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship Duties: Represent the Center for Undergraduate Research and Scholarship at various internal and external Creighton University events. This includes presenting my own research experience, and</p>

helping undergraduate students navigate finding their own research experiences on and off campus. Mentor and connect students with available research opportunities in a variety of disciplines, applying for funding, and presenting their research to a broader audience.

May 2017-July 2020

Advocacy Director/ President

Youth Ending Slavery: Portland, OR.

Duties: Recruited, onboarded, and supervised fellow board members and chapter leaders; planned all necessary components of various fundraising and educational events, maintained relationships with partner organizations and recruited new partners, presented information on human trafficking and youth-led activism to various classes between elementary school and graduate- level college courses, performed duties necessary to maintaining the nonprofit organization, including handling confidential volunteer and client information

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Midwest Sociological Society

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion