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Peer-Reviewed Articles (* = Equal Contribution)

Dubash, Soli. 2024. "The Interplay of Depression Symptoms and Physical Activity: Bidirectional Insights from 25-Years of the Americans' Changing Lives Panel." *Mental Health and Physical Activity*. Open access. DOI: [10.1016/j.mhpa.2024.100599](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mhpa.2024.100599).

Brett, Gordon* and Soli Dubash*. 2023. "The Sociocognitive Origins of Personal Mastery". *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Open access. DOI: [10.1177/00221465231167558](https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465231167558)
This article won the *Daniel G. Hill Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Sociology* in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto in 2023.

Dubash, Soli and Markus Schafer. 2023. "Social Network Negativity and Physical Activity: New Evidence for Young and Older Adults 2015-2018". *Research Quarterly for Exercise and Sport*. DOI [10.1080/02701367.2023.2205910](https://doi.org/10.1080/02701367.2023.2205910)

Dubash, Soli and Gordon Brett. 2023. "The Diffusion of Culture and Cognition Within and Beyond Sociology, 1997-2021". *Sociological Forum*. Open access. DOI: [10.1111/socf.12894](https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12894)
Wiley reports over 1,000 downloads in the first year following publication.

Marin, Alexandra, and Soli Dubash. 2021. "Relationship Change, Network Change, and the Use of Single Name Generators in Longitudinal Research on Social Support". *Field Methods*. DOI: [10.1177/1525822x20958851](https://doi.org/10.1177/1525822x20958851)

Education

University of Toronto, Department of Sociology: Ph.D. 2019–Ongoing

Thesis Title: *The Dynamic Interplay of Social Networks and Health Across the Life Course*

Supervisor: Bonnie Erickson

Co-supervisor: Markus Schafer (Baylor University)

Committee members: Blair Wheaton, Andrew Miles

Comprehensive examinations: Health & Mental Health; Culture

University of Toronto, Department of Sociology: Master of Arts. 2018–2019.

University of Toronto: Honours BA. w/ High Distinction. 2014–2018.

Sociology Specialist; Semiotics & Communications Minor. Dean's List Scholar 2015–2018

Research and Teaching Interests

Medical Sociology; Mental Health; Social Networks; Health; Culture; Inequality; Introduction to Sociology; Research Methodology; Quantitative Methods; Computational Sociology

Grants, Fellowships, and Distinctions

Ontario Graduate Scholarship at the University of Toronto. 2024–2025. *“The Interplay of Depression Symptoms and Physical Activity: AddHealth”* (\$15,000)

Daniel G. Hill Prize for Best Graduate Paper in Sociology — Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. 2023. *“The Sociocognitive Origins of Personal Mastery”* (\$5,000)

Ontario Graduate Scholarship at the University of Toronto. 2023–2024. *“The Interplay of Depression Symptoms and Physical Activity: Americans’ Changing Lives”* (\$15,000)

Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship - Doctoral. 2020–2023. *“The Intergenerational Transmission of Mastery Beliefs Between Mother and Child”* (\$105,000)

University of Toronto Departmental and University-wide Grants: Ph.D.

1. Departmental Travel Grant (\$700)
2. Doctoral Completion Award 2023 (\$8460)
3. Departmental Summer Fellowship 2023 (\$1625)
4. Departmental Summer Fellowship 2021 (\$2357)
5. Departmental Research Stimulus Grant (\$1000)
6. Departmental Research Grant 2020 (\$3500)
7. Departmental Summer Fellowship 2020 (\$2028)
8. Sociology Admission Merit Award 2019 (\$5000)
9. Vice-Dean Graduate Initiative Award 2019 (\$1000)
10. FAS Graduate Entrance Award 2019 (\$2900)

Canadian Sociological Association (CSA) Outstanding Graduate Award — University of Toronto, Master’s 2020

Social Science and Humanities Research Council, Canadian Graduate Scholarship - Masters. 2019. *“Resilience, Mental Frames, and the Intergenerational Transmission of Emotional Inequality”* — Supervised by Distinguished Professor Blair Wheaton (\$17,500)

University of Toronto Departmental and University-wide Grants: MA. 2018–2019

1. Sociology Admission Merit Award (\$1500)
2. Raymond Breton Graduate Scholarship (\$1500)
3. Departmental Research Grant (\$925)
4. Departmental Travel Grant (\$1100)
5. SGS Conference Travel Grant (\$470)

University of Toronto: Honours BA. w/ High Distinction 2014–2018

1. Reuben Wells Leonard Scholarship (\$500)
2. Chachra Family Scholarship (\$1500)

3. MacLachlan Sisters Memorial Scholarship (\$1650)
4. University College Alumni Scholarship (\$500)
5. Gordon Southam Scholarship (\$2250)
6. Savlov Louis (UC'37) Scholarship (\$200)
7. Robert Brym & Rhonda Lenton Scholarship (\$426)

Journal Peer Reviewer

Canadian Review of Sociology; Social Science and Medicine; Journal of Gerontology: Social Sciences; Society and Mental Health

Manuscripts for Circulation

Dubash, Soli. "Diagnosis with Non-communicable Illnesses, Social Costs, and Psychological Distress for Older Adults".

Dubash, Soli. "When does Maternal Mastery Matter? Intergenerational Evidence for the Durable Early Origins of Mastery."

Manuscripts in Preparation

Dubash, Soli, Markus Schafer, and Emmanuel Kyeremeh. "Advice Inequality in Ego-Centric Networks: Do Gender Dynamics Matter?"

Erickson, Bonnie, Soli Dubash, and Maria Majerski. "Ethnic Social Capitals and their Varying Income Returns"

Kaida, Lisa, Monica Boyd, and Soli Dubash. "Occupational segregation of black and white immigrants in Canada: Results from the 2021 Canadian census"

Dubash, Soli. "Who Benefits from Diverse Social Networks? The Relationship between Social Capital and Mastery in the Canadian Context"

Boyd, Monica and Soli Dubash. "The Predictors of Linguistic Isolation for the Young Children of Immigrants: New Evidence from the 2016 Canadian Census"

Boyd, Monica and Soli Dubash. "Financial Precarity and Life Satisfaction in Canada: The Moderating Role of Employment Type"

Dim, Eugene, Soli Dubash, and Ethan Fosse. "Trends in Protest Behaviour across Africa: A Cohort Careers Approach, 1999-2019"

Richer, Zach, Soli Dubash, and Elliot Fonarev. "Understanding the Contribution of Small-Group Deliberation for Student Opinion Change"

Conference Papers (* = Equal Authorship)

1. Dubash, Soli, Markus Schafer, and Emmanuel Kyeremeh. "Advice Inequality in Ego-Centric Networks: Do Gender Dynamics Matter?" *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2024.*
2. Kaida, Lisa, Monica Boyd, and Soli Dubash. "Occupational segregation of black and white immigrants in Canada: Results from the 2021 Canadian census" *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2024.*
3. Dubash, Soli. "Who Benefits from Diverse Social Networks? Social Capital and Mastery in Canada". *Sunbelt 2024. [Updated results using restricted RDC administrative data]*

4. Dubash, Soli. “The Interplay of Depression Symptoms and Physical Activity: Bidirectional Insights from 25-years of the Americans' Changing Lives Panel”. *18th International Conference on Social Stress Research 2024. [Refined Results]*
5. Kaida, Lisa, Monica Boyd, and Soli Dubash. “Black-White Occupational Segregation in Canada: What do we know” *Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting @ Congress 2024.*
6. Dubash, Soli. “Who Benefits from Diverse Social Networks? The Relationship between Social Capital and Mastery in the Canadian Context”. *Canadian Population Society Annual Meeting @ Congress 2023. [Results using Public Use Microdata]*
7. Dubash, Soli. “The Interplay of Depression Symptoms and Physical Activity: Bidirectional Insights from 25-years of the Americans' Changing Lives Panel”. *Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting @ Congress 2023. [Preliminary results]*
8. Brett, Gordon and Soli Dubash*. 2021. “Why Bother Thinking? Fatalism Predicts Decreased Deliberation”. *Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting @ Congress 2021 (Online).*
9. Dubash, Soli. 2020. “When does Maternal Mastery Matter? Linked Lives, Intergenerational Transmission, and the Durable Early Origins of Mastery”. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2020.* Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.
10. Dubash, Soli. 2020. “Anger Spiralling out of Control? Anger and the Self-Concept”. *17th International Conference on Social Stress Research.* Conference cancelled due to COVID-19.
11. Dubash, Soli. 2019. “‘Your House Is My House’: Genre Conventions, Myspace Musicians, and Music Genre Self-Identification”. *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019.*
12. Dubash, Soli. 2019. “‘Your House Is My House’: Genre Conventions, Myspace Musicians, and Music Genre Self-Identification”. *Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2019.*
13. Dubash, Soli, and Alexandra Marin. 2019. “Where Does Social Support Happen: Interaction Contexts and Exchange Contents”. *Sunbelt INSNA Conference June 2019*
14. Mikelsteins, Kaspars, and Soli Dubash. 2019. “Browsing Alone, Trusting Each Other; Internet News and Social Trust in the 2013 Canadian GSS”. *Canadian Sociological Association Annual Meeting @ Congress 2019*

Research Experience

Professor Monica Boyd in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2023–Ongoing

“Understanding Black-White Differences in Occupational Segregation in Canada”

- SSHRC funded project at Toronto Statistics Canada Research Data Centre (RDC)
- Using complete Canadian Longform Census, all available years
- Counterfactual re-weighting methods and Shapely decomposition in Stata

Professor Blair Wheaton in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2019–2024

“The Toronto Family Study: 25 Years Later”

- SSHRC funded follow-up examining intergenerational transmission of gender egalitarian attitudes

- Technical project management, including support for interviewers and securely distributing honorariums
- Interviewer training
- Translated complex interview schedule into CAPI Qualtrics survey
- Developed Python script to convert Word document to digital Qualtrics survey
- Reviewed relevant literature as to provide original sources for a range of measures
- Website consulting and development, see <https://tfsplus25.artsci.utoronto.ca/>

Professor Monica Boyd in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2021–2023

“Language Context and Language Use of Children of Immigrants”

- SSHRC funded project at Toronto Statistics Canada RDC
- Development of linked-record family file in Restricted 2016 Canadian Census
- Statistics Canada reliability security clearance
- Statistical analysis for grant report

Professor Zach Richer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant Fall 2022–2023

“Group Deliberation and Attitude Change”

- Data carpentry
- Statistical analysis and visualization for pre-post attitude change survey
- Writing methods and results sections for co-authored journal article

Professor Lisa Kaida in the Department of Sociology at McMaster University
Research Assistant Fall 2021

- Website consulting and development, see <https://lisakaida.com/>

Professor Lorne Tepperman in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2021 Spring

“Why We Buy — Measurement Validation”

- Survey instrument design consultation, development, and execution
- Encrypting and handling confidential student data
- Scale development and validation (15 scales for book project)

Professor Rachel La Touche in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2020 Summer

“Survey of Student Experience – St. George”

- Developed CAPI Qualtrics survey

Professor Monica Boyd in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2020–2021

- Website development and consulting
- See <https://boydmon.artsci.utoronto.ca/>

- See <https://occupationaleggregation.artsci.utoronto.ca/>
- Designing graphic elements for digital and online media that reflect departmental and/or research objectives.

Professor Ann Mullen in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Scarborough

Lead Research Assistant & Research Coordinator 2018–2019. *“UTSC Student Experience Survey”*

- Coordinated 30 university courses to deliver a digital Qualtrics survey to 3500 students.
- Developed digital Qualtrics survey
- Administered focus groups to test questions for new module on cultural tastes
- Developed materials and survey policy to remove duplicates and award bonus credit
- Developed codebook and documented research manual for transparency and reproducibility
- Encrypted and handled sensitive data

Professor Dan Silver in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Scarborough

Research Assistant 2019. Conjoint Neighbourhood Analysis Experiment for the *Urban Genome ‘Community Voices’ Project*

- Following Hainmueller et al. (2013), I generated a conjoint experiment for causal inference using survey data on Qualtrics
- Integrated PHP web request into Qualtrics to deliver fully randomized conjoint experiment for survey fielded in the Greater Toronto Area
- Find project results here: <https://community-voices.report>

Professor Alexandra Marin in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant Fall 2018–Summer 2019 *Theorizing Dormancy*

- Trained by Chang Lin to administer a computer assisted survey while minimizing bias
- Interviewed respondents in their homes

Professor Alexandra Marin in the Department of Sociology at the University of Toronto
Research Assistant 2018–2019 *Social Connections Project*

- Worked closely with Professor Marin’s team to develop and field a digital survey using Qualtrics with respondents from Amazon Mechanical Turk
- Developed and tested JavaScript and Python code to accomplish custom requests in Qualtrics
- Cleaned Qualtrics data with Excel, Python, and Stata

Teaching Experience

Course Instructor, University of Toronto

New Topics: Medical Sociology (SOC353)	2024 Spring Term
Sociology of Health and Illness (SOC243)	2024 Spring Term
Sociology of Mental Health and Mental Disorders (SOC318)	2024 Fall Term
Sociology of Mental Health and Mental Disorders (SOC318)	2023 Fall Term

Teaching Assistant, University of Toronto

Duties included: teaching tutorials with class sizes of 20-50 students; grading; developing tutorial materials; developing test questions and test preparation materials; assisting with lecture development; revising materials to improve resilience against LLM (AI) assisted writing; test and exam invigilation; live streaming; in-person and online office hours; course set-up on Quercus (née Blackboard); preparing and submitting final grades to the Faculty of Arts & Sciences. Lead TA position involved mentoring other graduate student TAs for a large course of over 700 undergraduates.

SOC150H Sociological Inquiries (Lead TA)	2024 Spring
SOC348H Culture and Inequality	2024 Spring
SOC363H Sociology of Mental Health	2023 Fall
SOC363H Sociology of Mental Health	2023 Summer
SOC348H Culture and Inequality	2023 Spring
SOC150H Sociological Inquiries	2023 Spring
SOC100H Introduction to Sociology	2022 Spring
SOC353H Contemporary Theory	2021 Spring
SOC150H Sociological Inquiries	2021 Spring
SOC100H Introduction to Sociology	2021 Spring
SOCC40H Contemporary Sociological Theory	2021 Fall
SOC100H Introduction to Sociology	2020 Fall
SOC201H Classical Theory	2020 Fall
SOC150H Introduction to Social Inquiry	2020 Spring
SOC100H Introduction to Sociology	2019 Fall
SOC150H Introduction to Social Inquiry	2019 Winter
SOCC47H Creative Industries	2018 Fall

Invited Talks

- “The Uses (And Abuses) of Surveys, Interviews, and Vignette Experiments, for Sociological Inquiry” — Guest Lecture for SOC150 Sociological Inquiries. 2024 Spring
- “Working as a Research Assistant” — Panel Discussant for University of Toronto Graduate Department of Sociology Student Orientation. 2020, 2023, 2024
- “Socialization and Culture” — Guest Lecture for SOC100 Introduction to Sociology. 2019 Fall

Academic, Non-academic Affiliations, and Service to the Discipline
[Canadian Review of Sociology/ Revue Canadienne de Sociologie Graduate Student Advisory Board Member](#)
[Morality, Action, and Cognition \(MAC\) Lab](#)

American Sociological Association, Canadian Sociological Association, International Network for Social Network Analysis, Canadian Population Society (CPS)
2024 CPS awards committee member

Queen City Yacht Club Toronto (QCYC) – Associate member
Rock On Climbing – Bouldering Gym Member

Workshops, Training, and Leadership
University of Toronto Teaching Assistants' Training Program
Teaching Fundamentals Certificate, Spring 2022

SciNet Supercomputer Centre at the University of Toronto (Online)

1. High Performance Python (HPC111);
2. Linux Shell Scripting (SCMP201);
3. Microsoft Windows Subsystem for Linux (SCMP291);
4. Relational Database Basics (SCMP231);
5. Enable your research with Cybersecurity! (SCMP183);
6. Intro to SciNet, Niagara and Mist (HPC105)

2023 Computer Ontario Summer School (Online)

1. Machine Learning;
2. Safe Sharing for Sensitive Data;
3. Data and Software Management: Good Practices to Support Long-term Access to Data and Code

NETLAB Workshops

Hosted by Professor John McLevey at The Department of Knowledge Integration in the University of Waterloo, Spring 2019.

1. Partially Automating Literature Reviews using Python (2 Days);
2. Analysing Networks using R (2 Days)

Learning to Lead, Student and Campus Community Development, 2016
BLUExperience Leadership Retreat, 2016

Software Proficiencies

I extensively comment my code and support Open Science principles for transparency and replicability.
Statistical analysis provided in: Stata, SAS
Survey design and data collection: Qualtrics
Programming and text/data manipulation: Python, Pandas, Jupyter, Regular Expressions.
The usual suspects: Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Notepad++, Google Drive, Dropbox, Git
I also have some experience with R, Linux, pSQL, Bash, Java, PHP, HTML, Perl, LaTeX, and SPSS.

Academic and Administrative Experience

The Toronto School: Then, Now, Next

International Conference Student Co-facilitator October 14–16, 2016

- Managed IT and personnel systems to co-facilitate 10 simultaneous panels and speakers for three days with over 600 attendees

The Student's Association of Semiotics (SAS) – Student Group in The University of Toronto

President 2015–2016

UMatter Student Mental Health Awareness — University of Toronto

Creative Director for 2016 photo-campaign with CAMH

Relevant Work Experience

Peer Study Team Leader SOC100 & SOC150, University of Toronto Faculty of Arts & Science. 2017–2018

I co-facilitated peer study sessions for groups of 2 to 15 first year Sociology Students in the last year of my Bachelor's. This involved developing exercises to promote study skills and group learning.

Undergraduate Research Experience

Marcel Danesi in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto. 2018.

Independent research for undergraduate thesis. "*Emoji, the Mind, and Society: Exploring the Semiotics of Emoji on a Representative Sample of Tinder Profiles in the City of Toronto.*"

- Independently applied semiotic and social theory on cognition and meaning making using mixed methods to collect, produce, and analyse a representative data set collected from a (postal code) stratified random sample of male and female Tinder users in Toronto (N=1000). Analysis with SAS 9.4 found significant differences in gendered uses of emoji on Tinder

Research Institute of Forensic Semiotics - University of Toronto

Research Assistant 2015–2016

Marcel Danesi in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toronto. 2016.

The Semiotics of Emoji: The Rise of Visual Language in the Age of the Internet. London; New York: Bloomsbury Academic. Research Assistant 2015–2016