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EDUCATION

- Expected 2025 Ph.D., Sociology
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Dissertation: *Invisible Illness and the Self: Exploring the Interplay of Migraine, Social Networks, and Identity*
Committee: Brea Perry (chair), Bernice Pescosolido, Brian Powell, Anna Mueller
Preparing Future Faculty Certificate in College Pedagogy, 2024
Qualifying Exams: Medical Sociology, 2021
PhD Minor: Social Science Research Methods
- 2019 M.A., Sociology
Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
Thesis: *More than Just a Headache: Examining the Impact of Migraine on Self Concept*
Committee: Jessica Calarco (chair), Jane McLeod
- 2018 B.S., Molecular & Cell Biology and Sociology, *Honors Scholar*
University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Medical Sociology	Social Networks	Race, Class, & Gender
Social Psychology	Quantitative Methods	Social Inequality
Sociology of Mental Health	Mixed Methods Research	

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Brooks, Caroline V. 2024. "Resilience or Risk? Evaluating Three Pathways Linking Hispanic Immigrant Networks and Health" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* OnlineFirst
[DOI:10.177/00221465241261710](https://doi.org/10.177/00221465241261710)

- Co-Winner of the Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Sociology of Mental Health, American Sociological Association
- Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University

Cohen, Fred, **Caroline V. Brooks**, Daniel Sun, Dawn C. Buse, Michael L. Reed, Kristina Fanning, Richard L. Lipton. 2024. "Prevalence and Burden of Migraine in the United States: A Systematic Review" *Headache* 64:516-532. [DOI: 10.1111/head.14709](https://doi.org/10.1111/head.14709)

- Related Media Coverage: [NBC News](#); [CBS News](#)

Brooks, Caroline V., and Gerardo Maupomé. 2024. “Social Support Associated with Restorative Treatment, Professionally Applied Fluoride, and Flossing: A Cross-Sectional Analysis of Recent Immigrants from Central America and Mexico in the Midwest USA.” *Community Dentistry and Oral Epidemiology* 52(2):187-195. [DOI:10.1111/cdoe.12912](https://doi.org/10.1111/cdoe.12912)

Smith, Nicholas C., **Caroline V. Brooks**, Emily A. Ekl, Denise Ambriz, Melissa Garcia, Brea L. Perry, and Gerardo Maupomé. 2024. “The Informal Safety Net: Social Network Activation Among Hispanic Immigrants During COVID-19” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 10(3):371-388. [DOI:10.1177/23326492231162348](https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492231162348)

Garcia, Melissa J.¹, **Caroline V. Brooks**¹, Denise Ambriz, Emily A. Ekl, Nicholas C. Smith, Gerardo Maupomé, and Brea L. Perry. 2023. “Patterns of Precarity: Understanding COVID-19’s Impact on Hispanic Immigrant Families” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 85:1028-1046. [DOI: 10.1111/jomf.12930](https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12930)

Ekl, Emily A., and **Caroline V. Brooks**. 2022. “Take the Day Off: Examining the Legitimation of Chronic Back Pain by Race and Gender” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 85(3):300-324 [DOI: 10.1177/01902725221078541](https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725221078541)

- 2022 Seidler Graduate Student Paper Award, North Central Sociological Association

Millar, Krystina¹, and **Caroline V. Brooks**.¹ 2021. “Double Jeopardy: Minority Stress and the Influence of Transgender Identity and Race/Ethnicity” *International Journal of Transgender Health*, 23(1-2):133-148. [DOI: 10.1080/26895269.2021.190660](https://doi.org/10.1080/26895269.2021.190660)

UNDER REVIEW

Brooks, Caroline V., and Emily A. Ekl. “Gendered Legitimacy in the Sick Role: A Survey Experiment of Gender-Typed Head Pain” *Under Review*

Ambriz, Denise, Melissa J. García, **Caroline V. Brooks**, Emily A. Ekl, Nicholas C. Smith, Gerardo Maupomé, and Brea L. Perry. “The Effect of Pre-migration Adversity on Latinx Immigrants’ Wellbeing during COVID-19” *Under Review*

IN-PROGRESS

Brooks, Caroline V. “Cultivating Belonging and Resisting Stigma: The Psychosocial Impacts of Experiential Homophily in the Migraine Patient Community”

Ekl, Emily A., Melissa J. García, **Caroline V. Brooks**, Nicholas C. Smith, Denise Ambriz, Brea L. Perry, and Gerardo Maupomé. “Trusted Sources of COVID-19 Information and Preventive Health Behaviors among Hispanic Immigrants: The Role of Gender”

Brooks, Caroline V. “Racialized Performances of Gender and Sexuality: A Content Analysis of College Student’s Online Self-Presentations”

¹ Equal Authorship

BOOK CHAPTERS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Perry, Brea L., and **Caroline V. Brooks**. *In Press*. “Mental Health and Social Networks” Pg. XXX-XXXX in *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Health, Illness, Behavior, and Society, Second Edition*

Morton, Beth A., **Caroline V. Brooks**, Kevin J. Lenaburg, Meghan A. Buzby, Richard B. Lipton, and Dawn C. Buse. 2021. “Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients: Headache Disease Patient Access Survey. The Healthcare Experiences of People with Migraine (brief 3). September 28. <https://headachemigraine.org/wp-content/uploads/Brief-3.pdf>

Morton, Beth A., **Caroline V. Brooks**, Kevin J. Lenaburg, Meghan A. Buzby, Richard B. Lipton, and Dawn C. Buse. 2021. “Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients: Headache Disease Patient Access Survey. The Symptoms and Treatment Experiences of People with Migraine (brief 2)” March 15. <https://headachemigraine.org/wp-content/uploads/CHAMP-Survey-Brief-2.pdf>

Morton, Beth A., Kevin J. Lenaburg, **Caroline V. Brooks**, Meghan A. Buzby, Richard B. Lipton, and Dawn C. Buse. 2021. “Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients: Headache Disease Patient Access Survey. An Introduction to the Methods and Sample (brief 1)” March 15. <https://headachemigraine.org/wp-content/uploads/CHAMP-Survey-Brief-1.pdf>

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

External

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| 2024 | Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), American Sociological Association and National Science Foundation (\$15,826) |
| 2024 | Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award in Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association Medical Sociology Section (\$500) |
| 2024 | Frontiers in Headache Research Scholarship, American Headache Society (\$1,000) |
| 2024 | International Headache Academy Delegate, American Headache Society (\$1,500) |
| 2023 | Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Mental Health |
| 2023 | Advanced Social Networks & Health Fellowship, Network Analysis Center, Duke University |
| 2022 | Graduate Student Investigator Award <i>Honorable Mention</i> , American Sociological Association Social Psychology Section |
| 2022 | Social Networks & Health Fellowship, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University |

Internal

- 2024 – 2025 College of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Research Fellowship, Indiana University (\$23,000)
- 2024 Schuessler Award for Graduate Research, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$500)
- 2023 – 2024 Lindesmith-Mullins Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University (\$22,660)
- 2023 – 2024 Irsay Fellow, The Irsay Institute for Sociomedical Sciences Research, Indiana University
- 2022 Research Grant, Graduate and Professional Student Government, Indiana University (\$1,000)
- 2021 Sheldon Stryker Graduate Research Grant, Indiana University Department of Sociology with Emily A. Ekl (\$1,000)
- 2019 Martin Scholarship for the Ego Networks Research Design and Data Analysis Workshop, Indiana University (\$900)
- 2019 Community Cheer Captain Award, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2019 – 2021 Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2018 – 2020 Graduate Tuition Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
- 2014 – 2018 STEM Academic Excellence Scholarship, University of Connecticut (\$80,000)

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “Making a Case for Identity Networks: A Relational Reconceptualization of Identity Theory” Group Processes Conference; Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “Cultivating Belonging and Resisting Stigma: The Benefits of Experiential Homophily in the Migraine Patient Community” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.,** and Emily A. Ekl. “Gendered Legitimacy in the Sick Role: A Survey Experiment of Gender-Typed Head Pain” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting; Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “Invisible Illness and the Self: Exploring the Interplay of Migraine, Social Networks, and Identity” *Poster Presentation* at the American Headache Society Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA.
- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “Exploring the Benefits of Migraine Patient Community Engagement” *Poster Presentation* at the American Headache Society Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA.

- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.** and Beth A. Morton “Reconsidering the Episodic versus Chronic Migraine Distinction: Evidence from a Patient Community Survey” *Poster Presentation* at the American Headache Society Annual Meeting; San Diego, CA.
- Related Media Coverage: [Healio](#)
- 2024 **Brooks, Caroline V.**, and Emily A. Ekl. “Public Perceptions of Legitimacy by Gender and Gendered Pain” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting; Washington, DC.
- 2023 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “Helpful or Hurtful? Untangling Mechanisms Linking Hispanic Immigrant Networks and Health” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 Cohen, Fred, **Caroline V. Brooks**, Daniel Sun, Michael Reed, Richard L. Lipton, Dawn C. Buse. “Migraine Prevalence Has Remained Stable While Disability Has Increased in US Population Studies” *Oral presentation* at the American Headache Society Annual Meeting; Denver, CO.
- 2022 **Brooks, Caroline V.**, Crystal Stephens, Gerardo Maupomé. “Social Support and Fluoride / Restorative Treatment among Hispanic Immigrants” International Association for Dental Research; Virtual.
- 2022 **Brooks, Caroline V.**, and Beth A. Morton. “The Invalidation of Headache Disorders: Rationale for Delayed Treatment” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting; Boston, MA.
- 2022 Emily A. Ekl and **Caroline V. Brooks** “Take the Day Off: Examining the Legitimation of Chronic Back Pain by Race and Gender” North Central Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Indianapolis, IN.
- 2021 **Brooks, Caroline V.**, Beth A. Morton, Kevin J. Lenaburg, Meghan Buzby, Richard B. Lipton, William B. Young, and Dawn C. Buse. “Correlates of Migraine Treatment Satisfaction in a High Frequency Sample: Results from the Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients’ (CHAMP) Headache Disease Patient Access Survey.” *Poster Presentation* at the American Headache Society Virtual Annual Meeting.
- 2021 Morton, Beth A., **Caroline V. Brooks**, Kevin J. Lenaburg, Meghan Buzby, Richard B. Lipton, William B. Young, and Dawn C. Buse. “Treatment use and satisfaction in a high frequency sample of people self-identifying with migraine: Results of the Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP) Headache Disease Patient Access Survey.” *Poster presentation* at the International Headache Congress (IHC). Virtual.
- 2020 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “More than Just a Headache: Examining the Relationship between Migraine, Self-Efficacy, and Gender.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Virtual
- 2020 Ekl, Emily A. and **Caroline V. Brooks**. “Understanding Perceptions of Chronic Back Pain: A Test of Intersectionality Theory” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting; Philadelphia, PA.

- 2018 **Brooks, Caroline V.** “Cross Sectional Time Series Analysis on the Impacts of Race on Homeownership” *Poster presentation* Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting; Baltimore, MD

INVITED WORKSHOPS, PANELS, & PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 *Panelist.* “Community Engagement.” Retreat Migraine; Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients; Virtual. *Forthcoming*
- 2024 *Panelist.* “ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (ASA DDRIG) Proposal Preparation Workshop” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting; Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 “The Societal Impact of Migraine” Migraine and Me – an Engage Me Series Event. Office of Interprofessional Education and Practice, University of Texas Medical Branch; Virtual.
- 2021 “Social Network Theory and Analysis: Toward a More Complete Understanding of Social Determinants in Oral Health” with Gerardo Maupomé. International Association for Dental Research Academy, Integrating Behavioral and Social Determinants into Oral Health Research; Virtual.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – Research Assistant, [VidaSana Study](#), NIH Award #R01DE025836
 PI: Gerardo Maupomé, Indiana University Indianapolis
 Co-PI: Brea Perry, Indiana University
Leading the data management and data cleaning for the four waves of the VidaSana Study and the H-COVID supplement on the physical, mental, and dental health and egocentric social networks of Hispanic immigrants. Also engage in data analysis and the writing of several research papers.
- 2023 Qualitative Coding Research Assistant, College Life and Beyond Study, NIH Award #5R01HD095971
 PIs: Jane McLeod and Andy Halpern-Manners
Coded open-ended survey responses of college students on a variety of topics.
- 2021 – 2022 Queer Philanthropy Circle Graduate Research Assistant, Kinsey Institute
 Faculty Mentors: Justin Garcia & Lemuel Watson, Indiana University
Collaborated on variety of projects related to LGBTQ mental health.
- 2019 Research Intern, Institute for Health, Health Policy & Aging, Rutgers University
 Faculty Mentor: XinQi Dong, Rutgers University
Conducted literature reviews and data analysis on the impact of chronic pain on social networks among older Chinese Americans.

- 2019 Research Assistant, Social Networks and Parenting Study
 PI: Jessica Calarco, Indiana University
Conducted interviews with recent mothers on parenting decisions.
- 2017 – 2018 Undergraduate Research Assistant
 Faculty Mentor: Sharon Smith, Connecticut Children’s Medical Center
Assisted with the recruitment and administration of surveys to patients and parents in the emergency department and a weight management program.
- 2017 Undergraduate Researcher, REU Site: Computational Social Science, NSF SMA-1560089
 Faculty Mentor: Richard Williams, University of Notre Dame
Conducted literature review and data analysis on racial disparities in homeownership and attended seminars on tools in computational social science.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- Summer 2024: Sociology of Sport, S101: 6 weeks, 40 students, online asynchronous
- Fall 2022: Society and the Individual, S230: 16 weeks, 50 students, In-person

Guest Lecturer, University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston, TX

- Fall 2024: Families and Health Promotion, GNRS 5266 (School of Nursing)
Topic: Stigma of Disease

Teaching Assistant, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

- Fall 2019: Sociology of Mental Illness, S324 (Instructor: Brea Perry)
- Spring 2019: Sociology of Media, S339 (Instructor: Christine Van Der Haar)
- Fall 2018: Social Theory, S340 (Instructor: Fabio Rojas)

Honors Program Peer Facilitator, University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

- Fall 2015: Teaching Assistant for Honors First Year Experience Course, UNIV 1784 (Instructor: Lynn Goodstein)

CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

- 2019 – 2022 Research Consultant, Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients (CHAMP)
- Assisted with literature reviews, data cleaning, data analysis, and writing reports and scientific abstracts for Survey & Scientific Research Team

SERVICE

University

- 2022 – 2024 College Student Academic Appointment Council Member, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University

2022 – 2023	Vice Provost for Faculty and Academic Affairs Search Committee Member, Indiana University
2022	Graduate Student Climate Survey Committee, Graduate and Professional Student Government, Indiana University
2019 – Present	Preparing Future Faculty Conference Planning Committee, Indiana University
2017 – 2018	Persistence of Women in STEM Committee, University of Connecticut
2017 – 2018	Women in STEM (WiSTEM) Mentor, Women’s Center, University of Connecticut
2016 – 2018	Stem Scholar Community, Honors Program, University of Connecticut <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Co-Executive Director (2017 – 2018) - Social Engagements Chair (2016 – 2017) - Freshman Mentor (2016 – 2017)
2016	Honors Initiative for Prospective Students, University of Connecticut

Departmental

2018 – Present	Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, Indiana University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Graduate Affairs Committee (2023 – 2024) - Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee (2022 – 2023) - President (2021 – 2022) - Public Sociology Committee (2020 – 2021) - Social Committee (2019 – 2020) - Mentor Awards Committee (2019)
2019 – 2021	First Year Mentor, Department of Sociology, Indiana University
2020	Graduate Mentor for Undergraduate Honors Thesis Student, Indiana University

Discipline

2024 – Present	Nominations Committee Student Member, Section on Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association
2024 – Present	First Contact – Headache in Primary Care Advisory Board, American Headache Society
2024 – Present	Mentor of the Month Student Planning Committee, Section on Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association

Community

2021	Retreat Migraine Volunteer Staff, Coalition for Headache and Migraine Patients
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PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
 Medical Sociology Section
 Social Psychology Section
 Sociology of Mental Health Section
 Disability in Society Section
 Eastern Sociological Society
 Society for the Study of Social Problems
 Health, Health Policy, and Health Services Division
 Society and Mental Health Division
 American Headache Society
 Behavioral Special Interest Section
 Primary Front Line of Headache Care Section
 Trainee & New Investigator Section

REFERENCES

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<p>Bernice Pescosolido Distinguished Professor Indiana University Department of Sociology Irsay Institute for Sociomedical Sciences Morrison Hall, Rm 301 1165 E 3rd St Bloomington, IN 47405 pescosol@iu.edu</p>	<p>Gerardo Maupomé Chancellor's Professor of Epidemiology Indiana University Indianapolis Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health 1050 Wishard Blvd. Indianapolis, IN 46202 gmaupome@iu.edu</p>