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Welcome the Spring 2020 inductees to the Mississippi State University chapter of the Alpha Kappa Delta honor society.



Christina Loftin graduated from Mississippi State University in 2019 with a B.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Sociology. While Christina has broad interests in juvenile justice, youth and family issues, social inequality, and community-engagement, she is also a certified veterinary technician with interests in human-animal interactions. Christina has a passion for teaching, and she would like to teach at the community college level after completing her graduate studies. Christina has been married for 14 years and has 9 year old twins.

Sarah Caylor majored in sociology and graduated from MSU with her bachelor's degree in the spring of 2019. She is continuing her undergraduate research on social capital and food insecurity for her quantitative master's thesis and is expected to graduate in Spring 2021. Her dream job would be to secure a position writing or editing for VICE news; however, she would prefer to stay local and work at the Jackson Mississippi Office of the Southern Poverty Law Center as a research assistant. Outside of school, Sarah spends her free time tending to her house plants and invertebrate pets- Vinyl, the *Lasiadora parahybana* tarantula, and Georgie, the Damon diadema tailless whip scorpion.



Oluwaseun Temitope Emoruwa is a first year doctoral student from Nigeria. She has a Bachelor degree in Sociology & Anthropology from University of Benin, Nigeria and a Master's degree in Medical Sociology from University of Ibadan, Nigeria. Her research interests include health inequalities, health policies, medical sociology, and gender inequalities. Her future career goal is to work with international governmental & non-governmental organizations that focus on health promotion in the Global South.

Not pictured, Britany Young having been previously raised in the arts, Bria's academic work marries sociological themes with dramatic writing. With an interest in curative storytelling, her work endeavors to highlight Black voices. She is currently a PhD student with the sociology department as well as a graduate assistant for the African American studies program.

Not pictured, Madison Shumpert is a Northeast Mississippi native and is currently a second-year student at MSU with a junior classification. She is a sociology major with a pre-medicine concentration. She chose to go this more untraditional pre-medicine route because she knows there are many social injustices that occur within our current realm of medicine. Being an African American female with a sociological background, she feels she can better inform peers, colleagues, and future patients of the discrepancies and unfair disadvantages minorities experience within healthcare in relation to unjust institutional practices. She plans to complete a B.A. in Sociology here in 2022 and continue on to UMMC for medical school to train to become a pediatrician, and possibly later down the road, sub-specialize in behavioral-developmental pediatrics. She is also involved in the Montgomery Leadership Program, Aspiring Minorities in Health Professions, Health Service Volunteers, and the Black Student Association.