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## **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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2021 – Present      Assistant Teaching Professor, Department of Sociology  
Mississippi State University  
Applied Sociology Academic Coordinator, 2022 - Present

2016- 2021      Instructor, Department of Sociology  
Mississippi State University

## **EDUCATION**

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2016      University of Missouri, Sociology, Ph.D.  
Dissertation: “Feeding Others’ Children: A Comparative Ethnography of Labor among School Food Service Employees.”

2012      University of Missouri, Sociology, M.A.  
Thesis: “Factors that Explain the use of Private versus Public Food Safety Nets among a Food Pantry Population.”

2008      Beloit College, Sociology, B.A.  
Honors Thesis: “Thanks, but No Thanks: A Study of Potential Food Stamp Recipients and Why They Decline the Benefit.”

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

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Food Insecurity	Research Methods
Work and Organizations	Social Theory
Culture and Identity	Introduction

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2021–Present  
Assistant Teaching Professor  
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology

2016- 2021  
Instructor  
Mississippi State University, Department of Sociology

2012-16  
Instructor  
University of Missouri, Department of Sociology

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## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles**

- 2020            Diego Thompson, Kecia R. Johnson, Kenya M. Cistrunk, **Ashley Vancil-Leap**, Thomas Nyatta, Leslie Hossfeld, Gina Rico Méndez & Claudette Jones. “Assemblage, food justice, and intersectionality in rural Mississippi: the Oktibbeha Food Policy Council.” *Sociological Spectrum*, DOI: 10.1080/02732173.2020.1801541

### **Public Scholarship**

- 2020            **Vancil-Leap, Ashley**. “Teaching Community Engaged Learning at Mississippi State University.” Mid-South Sociological Association Newsletter.

## **AWARDS, GRANTS AND HONORS**

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- 2022            Recipient of the Alpha Kappa Delta Outstanding Faculty Award as selected by the Department of Sociology graduate students, Mississippi State University
- 2020            Recipient of the College of Arts and Sciences Ambassadors for Excellence in Teaching Award, Mississippi State University
- 2020            Mississippi State University’s 2020 Schiling Special Teaching Project recipient, **\$529**
- 2020            The College of Arts & Science Excellence in Teaching Award, Mississippi State University, Nominated
- 2019            Honorable Mention for the Oktibbeha Food Policy Council from the Center for Community Engaged Learning Research Award, Mississippi State University, **\$750**
- 2018            Center for Community-Engaged Learning Fellowship Program, Mississippi State University. **\$1,000.**
- 2017            Center for Community-Engaged Learning Mini-Grants Program, Mississippi State University. **\$500.**

## **ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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- 2023-2025      *Faculty Fellow*, Maroon Academy for Teaching Excellence, Mississippi State University
- 2020            *Certified*, Center for Teaching and Learning’s Online Teaching 101

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Program, Mississippi State University

2019 *Attendee*, Center for Teaching and Learning’s “Navigating the Student Honor Code” Session, Mississippi State University

2018 *Faculty Fellow*, The Center for Community Engagement, Mississippi State University

## **RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

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2016 – 2020 *Researcher*, Oktibbeha County Food Policy Council, Mississippi State University.

2016 - 2020 *Researcher*, Mississippi Food Insecurity Project, Mississippi State University

2017 – 2019 *Researcher*, Vardaman Community Project, Mississippi State University.

2011–13 *Research Assistant*, Interdisciplinary Center for Food Security, University of Missouri

2012-13 *Research Assistant*, Department of Law, University of Missouri

2012 *Research Assistant*, Truman School of Public Affairs, University of Missouri

2011 *Research Assistant*, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri