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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Syracuse University Maxwell School of Citizenship & Public Affairs

2024-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology
Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research
Research Affiliate, Campell Public Affairs Institute

Cornell University Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy

2022-2024 Frank H. T. Rhodes Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell Population Center
Research Affiliate: Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell Center for
Social Sciences, Cornell Center for Health Equity

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University

2022 Ph.D. in Sociology
2017 M.A. in Sociology

Florida State University

2014 B.S. in International Affairs and Political Science (Honors in the Major)
Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate in Political Science
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Garnet and Gold Scholar Society

PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Stratification and Inequality; Social Policy; Economic Sociology; Political Economy; Medical Sociology; Credit and Debt

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2025 **Martin, Elizabeth C.** 2025. "Beyond Past-Due Bills: The Varieties of Medical Debt Used to Finance Healthcare." *Social Science and Medicine*. 386:118592. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.118592>
- 2022 **Martin, Elizabeth C.** 2022. "Regulating the Risk of Debt: Exemption Laws and Economic Insecurity Across US States, 1986-2012." *American Journal of Sociology* 128(3): 728-767. <https://doi.org/10.1086/722964>
*Winner of the 2020 Consumers and Consumption ASA Section Student Paper Award
*Winner of the 2020 Sociology of Law ASA Section Student Paper Award
*Winner of the 2018 Randy Hodson Memorial Graduate Student Paper Award

- 2022 Norris, Davon, and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. 2022. "Is Good Credit Good? State Credit Ratings and Economic Insecurity, 1996-2012." *Sociological Forum* 37(1):246-268. <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12787>
- 2021 **Martin, Elizabeth C.** and Rachel E. Dwyer. 2021. "Financial Stress, Race, and Student Debt during the Great Recession." *Social Currents* 8(5):424-45. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965211026692>
- 2018 Downey, Douglas, Aimee Yoon, and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. 2018. "Schools and Inequality: Implications from Seasonal Comparison Research" in *The Handbook of the Sociology of Education in the 21st Century*, Edited by Barbara Schneider.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Martin, Elizabeth C. "Sheltered from the Storm? Political Environment and Economic Insecurity in US States." *R&R at Social Forces*.

Martin, Elizabeth C. "Illness and Insecurity: Health Declines and Economic Insecurity in US States." *In Progress*.

Martin, Elizabeth C. "Conditional Coverage: Health Insurance, Instability, and the Amplification of Economic Insecurity." *In Progress*

Dwyer, Rachel E., **Elizabeth C. Martin**, Davon Norris, Laura M. DeMarco. "Student Indebtedness as Cohort Inequality: Implications for Wealth Disparities in Higher Education." *In Progress*

Dwyer, Rachel E., **Elizabeth C. Martin** and Michael Nau. "The Anti-Social Safety Net: Credit Cards, Insecurity and Inequality in the U.S." *In Progress*

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2024-25 NIH Network on Life Course Health Dynamics and Disparities in 21st Century America (NLCHDD) Pilot Grant, \$23,477
- 2021 Department of Sociology Silverman Research Grant, \$2,000
- 2017-22 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, \$102,000
- 2015-22 Distinguished University Fellowship at Ohio State University, \$46,308
- 2015 Honorable Mention- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2013 Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Award grant, \$4,000

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2020 Sociology of Law Section Student Paper Award, ASA
- 2020 Consumers and Consumption Section Student Paper Award, ASA
- 2018 Randy Hodson Graduate Student Paper Award, OSU Department of Sociology
- 2015 Kingsbury Data Award- Northwest Evaluation Association
- 2014 Outstanding Senior Scholar, Florida State University
- 2013 Student Star, Florida State University

SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Illness and Insecurity: Health Declines and Economic Insecurity in US States.” Population Association of America meetings. May 2026.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Sheltered from the Storm? Political and Policy Environment and Economic Insecurity in US States.” PSID Workshop. Center for Policy Research, Syracuse University. November 2025.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “More Than Just Lost Income? Financial Hardship and the Downsides to Employee Sponsored Health Insurance Coverage” American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL. August 2025

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Credit, Debt, and Insecurity: The Case of Medical Debt in the United States.” Syracuse University Project Advance (SUPA) Seminars. May 2025.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Coping with Costs: Medical Debt, Foregone Care, and the Economic Impacts of Ill Health.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 2023.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Sheltered from the Storm? Political Environment and Economic Insecurity in US States.” Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA. April 2023

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Sheltered from the Storm? Political Environment and Economic Insecurity in US States.” Cornell Population Center. Ithaca, NY. February 2023.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Does State Policy Moderate Economic Insecurity?” American Sociological Association Virtual Meeting., August 2021.

Dwyer, Rachel E., **Elizabeth C. Martin**, Davon Norris, Laura M. DeMarco. “The Demography of Student Debt: Population Exposure to Educational Loans and Inequalities in Financial Risk.” American Sociological Association (Session cancelled due to COVID-19). August 2020.

Dwyer, Rachel E., **Elizabeth C. Martin**, Davon Norris, Laura M. DeMarco. “The Demography of Student Debt: Population Exposure to Educational Loans and Inequalities in Financial Risk.” Accepted for Population Association of America. (Cancelled due to COVID-19). April 2020.

Norris, Davon N., and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. “Markets and the States: Analyzing State Government Orientation Towards Financial Markets, 1825-2019.” Accepted for Comparative Historical Social Sciences Working Group conference at Northwestern University. (Cancelled due to COVID-19.) April 2020.

Martin, Elizabeth C., and Rachel E. Dwyer. “Student Loans and Financial Hardship during the Great Recession.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 2019.

Norris, Davon N., and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. “Is Good Credit Good? State Credit Ratings and Economic Insecurity, 1996-2012.” American Sociological Association. New York, NY. August 2019.

Norris, Davon N., and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. “Is Good Credit Good? State Credit Ratings and Economic Insecurity, 1996-2012.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. New York, NY. June 2019.

Norris, Davon N., and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. “Is Good Credit Good? State Credit Ratings and Economic Insecurity, 1994-2012.” SocPie Working Group, OSU Department of Sociology. Columbus, OH. November 2018.

Martin, Elizabeth C., and Rachel E. Dwyer. “Student Loans and Financial Hardship during the Great Recession.” Midwest Sociology of Education Association. Columbus, OH. October 2018.

Dwyer, Rachel E., Michael Nau, **Elizabeth C. Martin**. “Unsecured Debt, Risk, and Inequality in the United States.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Regulating the Risk of Debt: Exemption Laws and Economic Insecurity Across US States.” American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Regulating Risk for Debtors: Asset Protections and Economic Insecurity Across US States 1986-2012.” Law and Society Association. Toronto, Canada. June 2018.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Asset Exemptions and Economic Insecurity.” SocPIE Working Group, OSU Department of Sociology, Columbus, OH, March 2017.

Martin, Elizabeth C. and John Reynolds. “School Choice and District Segregation in Florida, 1995-2010.” Southern Sociological Society. Charlotte, NC. April 2014.

Reynolds, John, and **Elizabeth C. Martin**. “Charter School Growth and School Segregation in Florida.” Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Brownbag, FSU College of Education. Tallahassee, FL. March 2014.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “Charter Schools and Student Achievement in Florida.” Southern Political Science Association. New Orleans, LA. January 2014.

Martin, Elizabeth C. “School Choice and Segregation in Florida.” Showcase of Undergraduate Research Excellence. Tallahassee, FL. October 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University, Department of Sociology

SOC 800 Social Stratification & Inequality: Spring 2026

SOC 377 Class, Status, & Power: Fall 2025

SOC 102 Social Problems: Fall 2024; Spring 2025; Fall 2025

SOC 300 Special Topics: Student Debt and Inequality: Fall 2024

The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology

SOCIOL 4998 Undergraduate Research Experience. Fall 2019; Fall 2021; Spring 2022

SOCIOL 4487 Research Methods in Sociology: Fall 2016 (Recitation Leader)

SERVICE

Department and University

Syracuse University Department of Sociology

2025-2026 Executive Committee

Center for Policy Research

2025-2026 Presenter, The Panel Study of Income Dynamics Workshop

2024-2025 Panelist, The Proposed Dismantling of the U.S. Department of Education:
What's at Stake for Students, Families, and Communities
Judge, Graduate Student Poster Competition

Cornell University

2022-2024 Coordinator for Social Science Postdoc Working Group

The Ohio State University Department of Sociology

2021-2022 Graduate Student Representative on Grad Placement Committee

2020-2021 Graduate Student Representative on Faculty Search Committee (Elected)

2018-2019 Graduate Student Representative on Faculty Search Committee (Elected)

2017-2018 Mentor for first year graduate students

2016-2018 SGSA 2015 Cohort Representative

2015-2018 SGSA Graduate Student Office Committee

Discipline

American Sociological Association

2025-2026 Robert D. Mare Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Inequality Poverty,
and Mobility section

2021-2022 Student Representative, ASA Sociology of Law section

2020-2021 Chair, Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Law section

2020-2021 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption section

Population Association of America

2026 Discussant, Session on Poverty, Hardship, and Public Policy at 2026 PAA
Annual Meeting

2019 Presider, Session on Wealth and Debt Disparities at 2019 PAA Annual Meeting

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems,
Sociological Science, Socius, Race and Social Problems, Journal of Family and Economic Issues

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Economic Sociology; Medical Sociology

Population Association of America