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Employment

2024-Present Associate Professor of Sociology, Brigham Young University

2018-2024 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Brigham Young University

Education

2018 University of California, Berkeley: Doctor of Philosophy, Department of Demography
Doctor of Philosophy in Demography, May 2018
Master of Art in Demography, December 2015

2014 Brigham Young University: Master of Science, Department of Sociology

2009-2013 Brigham Young University, Bachelor of Science, Department of Sociology
Minors: International Development, Nonprofit management
Brigham Young University

Publications (*student) ^aEqual Authorship

Pierce, Hayley, Emily Leclerc* and Nicole Peterson*. (2026) Obstetric Fistula Awareness in The Gambia, Cote d'Ivoire, Madagascar and Sierra Leone: A Demographic and Health Survey Analysis. *Journal of Public Health in Africa*

Kernan, Ashley*, Melissa S. Jones, and **Hayley Pierce**. (2026) Trauma in the Halls: Linking Adverse Childhood Experiences to School Suspension among High School Students. *Deviant Behavior*.

Augustine-Adams^a, Kif, Jane L. Lopez^a, **Hayley Pierce**, and Melissa Alcaraz. (2025) Racialized Unaccompanied Minors: African children in United States immigration detention. *Comparative Migration Studies*.

Johnson, Tessa* and **Hayley Pierce**. (2025). Trends in Health Facility Deliveries by Time, Region, and Sociodemographic Characteristics in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. *BMC Pregnancy and Childbirth*

Augustine-Adams, Kif, **Hayley Pierce**, Melissa Alcaraz, and Jane Lilly Lopez. (2025). Virtuality for Real Children: Unaccompanied Minors and US Immigration Custody. *Journal on Migration and Human Security*

- Van Komen, Amelia* and **Hayley Pierce**. (2024). The Role of Formal Schooling, Literacy, and Health Knowledge in Addressing Domestic Violence Against Women in West Africa. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*
- Alcaraz, Melissa^a, **Hayley Pierce^a**, Jane Lilly Lopez, and Kif Augustine Adams. (2024). Unaccompanied Migrant Children in US Government Custody: 2014-2023. *International Migration Review*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01979183241252034>
- Alcaraz, Melissa^a, **Pierce, Hayley^a**, Natalie Eggum, Bertha Lidia Nuño-Gutiérrez, Dirgha Ghimire. (2024). A Cross-Cultural Examination of Adverse Childhood Experiences and their Relation with Adolescent Educational Aspirations. *Child Abuse and Neglect*. 152.
- Shoaf, Hannah*, **Hayley Pierce** and Jane Lilly Lopez. (2024) Witches, Victims, and Villains: #Metoo and the Polarization of Sexual Violence. *Violence Against Women* 30(8). <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012241239949>
- Kara Duraccio^a, Lance Erickson^a, and Melissa S. Jones^a. and **Pierce, Hayley^a**. (2024). Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Sleep Outcomes. *Child Abuse & Neglect* 147.
- Reese, Braden*, **Hayley Pierce** and Melissa S. Jones. (2023). Effects of Middle Childhood Mediators on Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Delinquency *Deviant Behavior* DOI: [10.1080/01639625.2023.2268254](https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2023.2268254)
- Jones, Melissa S., **Hayley Pierce**, Hannah Shoaf*. (2023). Early Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Delinquent Peer Association Among Youth. *Journal of Family Relations*. 72(5):2991-3009.
- Pierce, Hayley**, Melissa S. Jones, Hannah Shoaf* and McKenzie Heim*. (2023). Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Adolescent Positive Functioning. *Journal of Youth and Adolescents*. 52:913-930.
- Jones, Melissa S., **Hayley Pierce**, and John P. Hoffmann (2023). Gender Differences in Adverse Childhood Experiences, Self-Control, and Youth-Delinquency. *Crime and Delinquency*. 69(6-7), 1256-1281
- Leavitt, Chelom, Jocelyn Wickle, Erin Kramer Holmes, **Hayley Pierce**, J.B. Eyring*, Ashley Larsen Gibby, Alyssa L. Brown* and Victoria Leiter*. (2023). Mindfulness and Individual, Relational, and Parental Outcomes During the Transition to Parenthood. *Journal of Social and Personal Relationships*. 40(5), 1422-1447.
- Jones, Melissa S., **Hayley Pierce**, and Kevin Shafer. (2022). Gender Differences in Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Youth Psychological Distress. *Journal of Criminal Justice* 83

- Ly, Anh M.*, **Hayley Pierce**, Michael R. Cope. (2022). Revisiting the Impact of Clean Water and Improved Sanitation on Child Mortality: Implications for Sustainable Development Goals. *Sustainability*
- Pierce, Hayley**, Melissa S. Jones, Emley A. Holcombe. (2022). Adverse Childhood Experiences and Social Skills Among Youth in Fragile Families. *Journal of Youth and Adolescence*
- Kathryn, Foster*, Melissa S. Jones, and **Hayley Pierce**^a. (2022). Race and Ethnicity Differences in Police Contact and Perceptions and Attitudes Toward the Police Among Youth. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 49(5).
- Pierce, Hayley**, Melissa S. Jones, and Benjamin G. Gibbs. (2022). Early Adverse Childhood Experiences and Exclusionary Discipline in High School. *Social Science Research* 101. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2021.102621>
- Pierce, Hayley** and Melissa S. Jones (2022). Gender Differences in the Accumulation, Timing, and Duration of Childhood Adverse Experiences and Youth Delinquency in Fragile Families. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 59:1. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00224278211003227>
- Rasmussen, Kirsten*, Mikaela J. Dufur, Michael R. Cope, and **Hayley Pierce** (2021). Gender Marginalization in Sports Participation Through Advertising: The Case of Nike. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* 18, 7759. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18157759>
- Chapple, Constance, **Hayley Pierce**, and Melissa S. Jones. (2021). Adverse Childhood Experiences, Gender, and Self-Control. *Journal of Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X21996378>
- Jones, Melissa S, **Hayley Pierce** and Constance Chapple. (2021). Early Childhood Adversity and Self-Control: Examining the Role of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Self-Control Development Among Youth in Fragile Families. *Youth and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X21996378>
- Jackson, Jordan*, Michael Cope, Scott Saunders and **Hayley Pierce**. (2021). Privilege and Place: An Exploratory Study about Healthcare Bypass Behavior. *Rural and Remote Health* 21: 5952. <http://doi.org/10.22605?RRH5952>
- Pierce, Hayley** and Kathryn Foster*. (2020). Health and Well-being Outcomes of Women and Children in Sub-Saharan Africa: Examining the Role of Formal Schooling, Literacy, and Health Knowledge. *International Journal of Educational Development* 79.

- Pierce, Hayley.** (2020). Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development: Path to Improving Child Outcomes in Africa. *Population Research and Policy Review* 40(2), 285-307. DOI 10.1007/s11113-020-09581-z
- Jones, Melissa and **Hayley Pierce.** (2020). Early Exposure to Adverse Childhood Experiences and Youth Delinquent Behavior in Fragile Families. *Youth and Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0044118X20908759>
- Pierce, Hayley** and Tim B. Heaton. (2019). Cohabitation or Marriage? How Relationship Status and Community Context Influence the Well-being of Children in Developing Nations.” *Population Research and Policy Review* 39(4) 719-737 doi 10.1007/s11113-019-09549-8
- Pierce, Hayley.** (2019) “Reproductive Health Care Utilization among Refugees in Jordan: Provisional Support and Domestic Violence. *Women’s Health*.
- Pierce, Hayley.** (2019). Increasing Health Facility Deliveries in Cambodia and its influence on Child Health” *International Journal for Equity in Health* 18(67).
- Pierce, Hayley,** Ashley L. Gibby, & Renata Forste. (2016). Caregiver Decision-making: Household Response to Child Illness. *Population Research and Policy Review*, 35 (5):581-597.
- Heaton, Tim B., Ben Crookston, **Hayley Pierce,** and Amoateng Acheampong. (2016). Social Inequality and Children’s Health in Africa. *Journal for Equity in Health*, 15:92.
- Pierce, Hayley,** Tim B. Heaton, and John Hoffmann. (2014). Increasing Maternal Healthcare Use in Rwanda: Implications for Child Nutritional Status and Survival. *Social Science and Medicine*, 107:61-7.

Manuscripts under Review

- Pierce, Hayley.** “Refugee Health and Social Outcomes: Experiences of Female Refugees in Jordan and Haiti.” (Under review at *Women’s Studies International Forum*)
- Pierce, Hayley,** Abigail Wagner*, and Stacey Shaw. A gendered look at health care utilization of refugees in two U.S. cities: A study of patterns and determinants. (Under review at *Health & Social Work*)
- Dixon Everett, Hannah* and **Hayley Pierce.** The Impacts of Education and Reading Literacy on Health Literacy for Women in Haiti. (Revise and Resubmit *Journal of Haitian Studies*)
- Norton, Samuel* and **Hayley Pierce.** Adverse Childhood Experiences and Mental Health Outcomes in Young Adults: A Prospective Analysis on Key Developmental Stages under review at *Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*

Select Working Papers (*student)

Pierce, Hayley and Alison Gemmill. Adverse Childhood Experiences, Fertility Expectations, and Childbearing over the Life Course.

Pierce, Hayley. Delinking Union Formation, Sexual Debut, and Childbearing in Lower- and Middle-Income countries.

Lopez, Jane and **Hayley Pierce.** The Non-Citizen Penalty: Family-Level (Non)Citizenship and Social Welfare Benefits Use. Under review at *Social Forces*

Professional Reports

Pierce, Hayley and T.C. Robbins. “Developing a Family Advisory Council for a Pediatric Clinic” Project: San Francisco General Hospital, Children’s Health Center. Submitted December 2015.

Conference Presentations (Selected)

Alcaraz, Melissa, Jane Lilly Lopez, Hayley Pierce, Kif Augustine Adams, and Sophie Smith*. Contiguous Contingencies: The Case of Mexican Unaccompanied Migrant Children in US Custody. American Sociological Association, August 2025

Johnson, Tessa* and Hayley Pierce. Trends in Health Facility Deliveries by Time, Region, and Sociodemographic Characteristics in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. Rural Sociological Association, August 2025.

Dixon-Everett, Hannah* and Hayley Pierce. The Impacts of Education and Reading Literacy on Health Literacy for Women in Haiti. Poster at Population Association of America in April 2025, Washington, D.C

Minchey, Deegan* and Hayley Pierce. Education and Discrimination: How Accurate Knowledge Impacts Discriminatory Attitudes Toward HIV in Sub-Saharan Africa. Poster at Population Association of America in April 2025, Washington, D.C

Alcaraz, Melissa, Hayley Pierce, and Claire Duncan*. “Material Hardship, State-level Family Policies, and Young Adults’ Desired Family Size in the United States.” Population Association of America in April 2025, Washington, D.C

Pierce, Hayley. Racialized Unaccompanied Minors: The Scene and Obscene of African Children in US Immigration Detention. American Sociological Association, August 2024.

Pierce, Hayley. A Gendered Analysis of Unaccompanied Migrant Children in US Government Custody: 2014-2023. Population Association of America, April 2024.

Pierce, Hayley and Melissa Alcaraz. Demographic Profile of Unaccompanied Children at the United States Border: 2014-2023. Law and Society, June 2023.

Lopez, Jane Lilly and Hayley Pierce. The Non-Citizenship Penalty: Family-Level (non)Citizenship and Social Welfare Benefits Use. American Sociological Association, August 2022

Pierce, Hayley. Delinking Union Formation, Sexual Debut, and Childbearing in Lower- and Middle-Income countries. American Sociological Association, August 2022.

Wood, Michael and Hayley Pierce, "Gendered Framing and the Evolution of #MeToo," American Sociological Association, August 2021.

Pierce, Hayley and Alison Gemmill, "Adverse Childhood Experiences, Fertility Expectations, and Childbearing over the Life Course." Population Association of America April 2021.

Lopez, Jane and Hayley Pierce, "Integration Processes among Immigrants and Refugees in Utah" Accepted for presentation at Conference on Diversity, June 2020, Milan Italy

Pierce, Hayley, and Melissa S. Jones. "Gender Differences in the Accumulation, Timing, and Duration of Childhood Adverse Experiences and Youth Delinquency in Fragile Families." Accepted for Presentation at the Annual Meeting of American Society of Criminology which was to be held November 2020 in Washington, DC.

Pierce, Hayley, Magali Barbieri, and Celeste Winant. "Historical Trends in Female Mortality in the United States." Accepted for presentation at the annual Population Association of America meeting which was to be held April 2020, Washington D.C.

Pierce, Hayley. "In the Care of Others: Is Child Care Negatively Linked to Maternal Affection and Play?" American Sociological Society Conference, August 2019, New York

Pierce, Hayley. "Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development: Utilization of Enabling Environments as a Path to Improving Child Outcomes in Africa." WomanStats Conference, July 2019, Provo Utah

Pierce, Hayley. "Refugee Health and Social Outcomes: Experiences of Female Refugees in Jordan and Haiti" Conference on Diversity, June 2019, Patras Greece.

Pierce, Hayley, Magali Barbieri, and Celeste Winant. "Drug and Pregnancy Related Deaths: levels, trends, and geographic differentials During the Recent Drug Epidemic." Population Association of America, April 2019, Austin Texas

Pierce, Hayley “Reproductive and Maternal Health Care Utilization in Jordan: Provisional Support and Domestic Violence.” American Sociological Association Roundtable, August 2018, Philadelphia Pennsylvania.

Pierce, Hayley “Risk and Protective Factors for Generational Refugee Children.” Population Association of America Conference, April 2018, Denver Colorado.

Pierce, Hayley “Now What? Reducing Infant Mortality after Failure to Reach Millennium Development Goal 4.” Population Association of America Conference, April 2016, Washington D.C.

Pierce, Hayley, Ashley Larsen Gibby and Renata Forste. “Caregiver Decision- Making: Household Response to Child Illness in sub-Saharan Africa.” Population Association of America Conference, May 2015, San Diego California.

Pierce, Hayley and Tim Heaton. “Increasing Maternal Healthcare Use in Rwanda: Implications for Child Nutrition and Survival.” Sociology of Development Conference, October 2013, University of Utah.

Invited Presentations/Lectures

November 2025- For the Benefit of the World Conference session moderator, Brigham Young University

October 2025- “Women in Social Sciences” Conference Panel, Brigham Young University

May 2025- Guest lecture in IAS 220, Brigham Young University

January 2025- “Gendered Migrations: Unaccompanied Migrant Children in US Immigration Custody,” Global Women’s Studies Colloquium, Brigham Young University

November 2024- First-Generation Luncheon Speaker, Brigham Young University

November 2024- “Unlock Your Story;” BYU Women’s Services and Resources Panel, Brigham Young University

September 2024- Picture a First-Gen Social Scientist Panel; College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University.

September 2024- “Witches, Victims, and Villains: #Metoo and the Polarization of Sexual Violence” Global Women’s Studies Colloquium, Brigham Young University

March 2024- “Holy Wholly Holey Boxes;” Disciple Scholar Lecture, Brigham Young University Sociology Department

February 2024- “Research Rendezvous;” International Development Minor, Brigham Young University

October 2023- Keynote Speaker Global Women’s Studies Honors Induction Ceremony, Brigham Young University.

October 2023- “Getting Curious: how patterns of student behavior guide my teaching.” FHSS Master Teaching Lunch, Brigham Young University

November 2021; April 2022; November 2022; April 2023; November 2023; April 2024; November 2024- “Latin American Demography” Latin American Studies, Brigham Young University

October 2021- “2020 Census” Area Committee, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

October 2021- “Great Questions in Sociology” Honors Program, Brigham Young University

May 2021- “Lessons from teaching online during the pandemic: the good, the bad, and the ugly” FHSS Spring Teaching Conference, Brigham Young University

March 2021- “Life During and After College” Women of FHSS, Brigham Young University

October 2019- “Sexual Experience and Women’s Empowerment in Africa: Role of Sexual Debut” Global Women’s Studies Colloquium, Brigham Young University

Media Coverage (selected)

- 2022 Dark, Stephen “Two Sisters, two cities.” Deseret News
- 2021 Rascon, Dan. “BYU Studies Show Impact of Stress Before Age 5.” KSL TV. Retrieved from: <https://ksltv.com/458767/byu-studies-show-impact-of-stress-before-age-5/>
- 2021 Allen, Christie. “BYU Research: Childhood Adversity Shapes Adolescent Delinquency, Fatherhood.” BYU News. Retrieved from: <https://news.byu.edu/byu-research-childhood-adversity-shapes-adolescent-delinquency-fatherhood>

Grants

- 2023 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Brigham Young University (\$5,000)
- 2021 Andrus Grant, Brigham Young University (\$5,000)

- 2020 University Interdisciplinary Research Origination Award, Brigham Young University (\$40,000)
- 2019 WomanStats Project Fellow: Nurturing Care for Early Childhood Development: Utilization of Enabling Environments as a Path to Improving Child Outcomes in Africa. Brigham Young University (\$5,000)
- 2020 Kennedy Center Travel Grant. Brigham Young University (\$1,000)
- 2019 Women's Research Initiative Grant: Drug and Pregnancy Related Deaths: levels, trends, and geographic differentials During the Recent Drug Epidemic. Brigham Young University (\$5,000)
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Awards

- 2025 Early Career Scholarship Award, Brigham Young University
- 2023 Martin B. Hickman Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Family, Home, and Social Sciences, Brigham Young University
- 2020 Emerging Scholar Award for the International Conference on Diversity in Organizations, Communities and Nations
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Professional Service

Conferences

- 2025 Population Association of America Annual Conference session organizer
- 2025 Population Association of America Annual Conference discussant, Washington D.C.

Committees

- 2025 William J. Goode Book Award committee- ASA Family Section

Editorial Board

- Journal of Youth and Adolescence

Member

- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Population Association of America (PAA)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

- Journal of Marriage and Family; Social Science and Medicine; Journal of Youth and Adolescence; Rural Sociology; International Journal for Equity in Health; PLOS ONE; Journal of Multidisciplinary Healthcare; Violence Against Women; Norton and Company; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Disabilities; Children; Family Process

University Service

Committee Service

University, International Development Minor Coordinator (2025-Present)
Departmental, Recruitment Committee Chair (2025-Present)
Departmental, Associate Director, PEAT (2025-Present)
Departmental, Chair Evaluation Committee (2024-2025)
Departmental, Chair, Sponsored Lecture Coordinator (2023-Present)
University, Member, Global Women's Studies Executive Committee (2023- 2025)
Departmental, Member, Executive Committee (2022-2025)
Departmental, Member, Ad Hoc Evaluation Committee (2022-2024)
Departmental, Member, Undergraduate Curriculum Committee (2018-2023)
College, Member, Committee on 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage

Student Mentoring

Masters Thesis Committee Chair

Hannah Shoaf (defended Winter 2022)

Masters Thesis Committee Member

Tessa Brewer (defended Winter 2026)
Cambria Siddoway (defended Winter 2026)
Deegan Minchey (defended Summer 2025)
Emley Holcombe (defended Summer 2022)
Kirsten Rasmussen (defended Spring 2021)
Jordan E. Jackson (defended Winter 2020)

Global Women's Studies Capstone Mentor

Eliza Beazer (Winter 2026)
Lilja Boney (Fall 2025)
Delaney Shaw (Fall 2025)
Asia Collins (Fall 2024)
Abi Wagner (Fall 2024)
Kelsie Evans (Winter 2024)
Clara Ohran (Winter 2024)
Laney Wilson (Fall 2023)
Emma Clark (Fall 2022)
Johanna Esplin (Winter 2022)
Amelia Van Komen (Fall 2021)
Kylie Hansen (Winter 2020)
Grace Bithell (Fall 2019)

FHSS Research Academy Mentor

Jae Collett (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Emily Rodrigues (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Clara Ohran (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)
Marybeth Ducharme (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)
Naua Uluave (Fall 2021, Winter 2022)
Gabrielle Anguiano (Fall 2020, Winter 2021)

Honors Thesis Committee

Sadie Mull (Winter 2026-Fall 2026)
Rebecca Goldrup (Summer 2024-Fall 2024)
Holly Harris (Fall 2021- Summer 2022)

First Generation Faculty Ally, Office of First-Year Experience

Valerie Biddulph (Fall 2024, Winter 2025)
Bonnie Hoke (Fall 2024, Winter 2025)
Oliver Hartvigsen (Fall 2024, Winter 2025)
Avery Buckley (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Sophia Sheets (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Isabel Pope (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Sharon Agbenike (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Abram Magleby (Fall 2023, Winter 2024)
Gabrielle Vaoifi (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)
Mary Jones (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)
Madison Cruz (Fall 2022, Winter 2023)
Jasmine Martinez (Fall 2021, Winter 2022)
Nefi Mera (Fall 2021, Winter 2022)
Cristina Olivera (Fall 2021, Winter 2022)
Chris Barrientos (Fall 2021, Winter 2022)
Nathan Warwick (Fall 2021, Winter 2022)
Aneliese Tutasi (Fall 2020, Winter 2021)
Elena Veney (Fall 2020, Winter 2021)
Jason Schmidt (Fall 2020, Winter 2021)
Sage Giguere (Fall 2020, Winter 2021)
Sabastian Chamberlain (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)
Stephanie Vasquez (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)
Erin Jacoway (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)
Michelle Daniels (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)
Carynne Polansky (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)
Olivia Grover (Fall 2019, Winter 2020)

Individual Mentoring of Undergraduate Students in Research

2026: Sam Norton; Phoebe Clark
2025: Abigail Wagner; Samantha Schifsky; Sam Norton; Delaney Shaw; Ellie Geslison;
Eliza Beazer; Phoebe Clark
2024: Abigail Wagner; Emma Reed; Emily Leclerc; Nicole Peterson; Samantha Schifsky
2023: Abigail Wagner; Kristen Haws; Madeleine Meldrum; Abel Huskinson

2022: Braden Reese, Malory Robbins, Madsyn Selph, Kristen Haws, Brookelle Connett,
Lily Miller
2021: Sarah Austin, Chloe Vincent, Braden Reese, Anna Salvania, Malory Robbins
2020: Savanah Hunter; Amelia Van Komen; Lilly Bitter, Kathryn Foster; Sarah Austin
2019: Lilly Bitter; Sam Earnshaw
2018: Hannah Givens; Elizabeth Long

Courses taught

Sociology 111- Introduction to Sociology (Introductory course)

Sociology 345- World Populations (Elective course)

Sociology 367- Sociology of Gender (Diversity course)

Sociology 645- Population Analysis (Graduate elective course)

University 101- BYU Foundations for Student Success