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Relevant Positions

- 2022- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of South Carolina
2022 NIH Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Florida State University
2014-2017 Senior Technical Research Assistant, MDRC

Education

- 2022 Duke University – PhD, Sociology
2020 Duke University – MA, Sociology
2011 The College of William & Mary – BS, Geology, English

Research Interests and Specializations

Topics: culture and cognition; social psychology; stratification; organizations; mental health

Methods: experiments; computational modeling; social network analysis; causal inference

Peer-Reviewed Publications

2024 **Quinn, Joseph M**, Robert E Freeland, Em K Maloney†, Kimberly B Rogers, and Lynn Smith-Lovin. “Meaning Change in U.S. Occupational Identities During the Covid-19 Pandemic: Was it a Deflection or a Cultural Change?” *Social Psychology Quarterly*. DOI: [10.1177/01902725241228529](https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725241228529)

Quinn, Joseph M and Ashley Harrell. “Repeated Exchange Network Structures Affect Future Trust Toward Unmet In-Group and Out-Group Actors.” *Advances in Group Processes*. DOI: [10.1108/S0882-614520240000041004](https://doi.org/10.1108/S0882-614520240000041004)

* = equal authorship or corresponding author

† = graduate student co-author; †† = undergraduate student co-author

Freeland, Robert E, Kimberly Rodgers, Jesse Hoey, Lynn Smith-Lovin, and **Joseph M Quinn**. “Perceived Occupational Gender Composition: A Census and Exploration.” *Advances in Group Processes*. DOI: [10.1108/S0882-614520240000041003](https://doi.org/10.1108/S0882-614520240000041003)

Rhodes, Anna, Bethany Lewis, and **Joseph M Quinn**. “Inter-District School Transfers and the Role of Educators in Black Students’ Sense of School Belonging.” *Urban Education*. DOI: [10.1177/00420859211058419](https://doi.org/10.1177/00420859211058419)

2023 Harrell, Ashley* and **Joseph M Quinn***. “Shared Identities and the Structure of Exchange Distinctly Shape Cooperation.” *Social Forces*. DOI: [10.1093/sf/soad011](https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soad011)

Quinn, Joseph M, Lynn Smith-Lovin, Robert E Freeland, Kimberly Rogers, and Jesse Hoey. “How Cultural Meanings of Occupations in the U.S. Changed with the Covid-19 Pandemic.” *American Behavioral Scientist*. DOI: [10.1177/00027642211066041](https://doi.org/10.1177/00027642211066041)

2022 Jacobs, Susan and **Joseph M Quinn**. “Cultural Reproduction of Mental Illness Stigma and Stereotypes.” *Social Science and Medicine*. DOI: [10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114552](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114552)

Book Chapters and Policy Reports

2024 **Quinn, Joseph M** and Rae Jean Proescholdbell. “Denominational Research Report: Seeking and Giving Social Support among United Methodist Church Clergy in North Carolina.”

2020 **Quinn, Joseph M** and James W Moody. “Computational Modeling” in *SAGE Research Methods Foundations*. London, UK: Sage Publications Ltd. DOI: [10.4135/9781526421036945708](https://doi.org/10.4135/9781526421036945708)

2017 Rappaport, Shelley, Jean Grossman, Ivonne Garcia, Pei Zhu, Osvaldo Avila, Kelly Granito, Deni Chen, Ashley Kennedy, and **Joseph M Quinn**. *Group Work Is Not Cooperative Learning: An Evaluation of Power-Teaching in Middle Schools*. New York, NY: MDRC.

Selected In-Progress Research

Quinn, Joseph M. “Can Contact-Based In-Group Preference Change Attenuate Macro-Level Segregation in Organizations? A Theoretical Simulation.” [Précis available here](#)

Quinn, Joseph M and Andrés Castro Araújo†. “Cultural Evolution in an Unsettled Time.” *Working paper available by request*

Joseph M Quinn and McLeod, Aaron††. “Parent Gender and Flexible Work: How We Feel When Mothers Work from Home.” [Extended abstract available here](#)

Quinn, Joseph M, Stavros Anagnostis†, and Lorna Jamieson†. “Combining Social Contagion Models with Foraging Behavior in Networks.” [Extended abstract available](#)

Quinn, Joseph M and Valerie Barron†. “Beyond Perceived Similarity: How Different Types of Alter Information Shape Trust and Tie Formation in Competitive vs. Cooperative Tasks.”

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

- Under review* PI, *Shaping the Meaning-Making of Individuals Through Informational and Cultural Environments*. Templeton World Charity Foundation. \$350,000.
- 2025 PI, *Parent Gender and Flexible Work: Does the Penalty Apply When Working from Home?* Magellan Scholar Award (with Aaron McLeod††). \$1,000.
- 2024-2027 Research Fellow, Center for Health Policy and Inequalities, Duke Global Health Institute.
- 2024 Research Fellow, Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute, Templeton World Charity Foundation.
- 2024-2025 PI, *Does Perceived Similarity of Out-Group Alters Shape Downstream Interactions?* Excel Grant Award, University of South Carolina. \$17,740.
- 2023-2024 PI, *Manipulating Mechanisms of Homophily and Measuring Changes in the Emergence of Segregation: A Computational Experiment*. Aspire Grant Award, Office of the Vice President of Research, University of South Carolina. \$12,217.
- 2022 Fellowship for Research on Racism and Systemic Inequality, Office of the Provost, Duke University. \$12,850.
- Teaching on Purpose Fellowship, Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University. \$3,000.
- Summer Research Fellowship for Third-Year Students and Beyond, Duke University. \$8,350.
- 2021 Summer Research Fellowship for Third-Year Students and Beyond, Duke University. \$8,350.

- 2020 Summer Research Fellowship for Third-Year Students and Beyond, Duke University. \$7,350.
- 2019 Summer Research Fellowship for First and Second Year Students, Duke University. \$7,350.
- 2018 Summer Research Fellowship for First and Second Year Students, Duke University. \$7,350.
- 2014 Highly Effective Educator, District of Columbia Public Schools. \$10,000.
- 2013 Leading Educators Fellowship Finalist, District of Columbia Public Schools
- 2011 Cypher Commencement Award, The College of William & Mary

Presentations and Invited Talks

- Upcoming* “Cultural Schemas and the Flexible Worker Motherhood Penalty: Meanings About Mothers Who Work from Home.” With Aaron McLeod††. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Chicago, IL.
- “Foraging on Graphs: Adding Agency to Models of Contagion in Networks.” With Stavros Anagnostou† and Lorna Jamieson†. International Network of Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Paris, France.
- “The Social Structure of a Schism.” With Joseph Roso and Gabriel Varela. International Network of Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Paris, France.
- 2025 “Foraging on Graphs: Adding Agency to Models of Contagion in Networks.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC.
- “Increasing Student Engagement and Content Mastery with Inquiry-Based Techniques.” With Erin Davenport. Department of Sociology Teaching Brown Bag Series. University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC.
- “Studying and Doing Belief Change.” The Last Lecture Series, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC.
- 2024 “The Composition of Repeated Exchange Networks Affect Future Trust Behavior toward People from Different Groups.” International Network of Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Edinburgh, UK.

- “Foraging on Graphs: Adding Agency and Scarcity to Models of Social Contagion in Networks.” Diverse Intelligences Summer Institute. With Stavros Anagnostou and Lorna Jamieson. St. Andrews, UK.
- “The Network Topology of a Religious Schism.” With Joseph Roso and Gabriel Varela. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada.
- “Hypothesis-Driven Inquiries of Population-Level Meaning Change Using ACT Dictionary Studies and Google Trends Data.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA.
- 2023 “Retooling Personal Culture: Cognitively Plausible Belief Change in Unsettled Times.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Manipulating Initial Network Characteristics and Measuring Changes in the Emergence of Homophily: A Computational Experiment.” International Network of Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Portland, OR.
- “Seeking and Giving Social Support among United Methodist Church Clergy in North Carolina.” Duke Divinity School. Durham, NC.
- 2021 “Diverse and Homogeneous Identities in Network Exchange Structures.” 33rd Annual Group Processes Conference. Attended Virtually.
- 2019 “Survey Firm Considerations for Dictionary Studies.” Identity, Action, and Emotion Conference on Affect Control Theory. Indiana University at Bloomington.
- “Relational Predictors of Methodological Practice in Scientific Scholarship Networks.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.
- “Relational Predictors of Methodological Practice in Science.” Duke Sociology Department Second-Year Paper Presentations. Durham, NC.
- 2018 “Residential Mobility and the Role of Teachers in Students’ Sense of School Belonging.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Checking Data Quality with Visual Tools.” MDRC R Users Group. New York, NY.
- 2016 “Subsetting Data with PROC FORMAT.” MDRC SAS Users Group. New York, NY.

Teaching

University of South Carolina

- SOCY 101 Introduction to Sociology
- SOCY 392 Elementary Statistics for Sociologists
- SCHC 447 Gender Identity and Occupational Inequality (independent study)
- SOCY 500 Social Networks
- SOCY 561 Real-World Research Experience
- SOCY 598 Culture and Cognition
- SOCY 890 Text Analysis (independent study)

Duke University

- SOC 176 Identity, Action, and Emotion (Guest Instructor, Survey Design)
- SOC 223 Data Analytics for Business (Guest Instructor, Non-Linear Models)
- SOC 338 Theory and Society (Teaching Assistant)

McKinley Technology High School

- SCI 41 Physics I
- SCI 57 Concepts of Physical Science

Supervision of Student Research and Training

University of South Carolina

- Dissertation Committee Member – Zoe Zhong (*completed 2024*); Chang-Yi Lin; Mohona Mandal
- Master's Thesis Committee Member – Mohona Mandal
- Qualifying Exam Reviewer – Chang-Yi Lin; Zoe Zhong; Paola Tamayo
- Undergraduate Honors Thesis Director – Kaitlin Hall (*completed in 2023*); Max Brabham
- Build Your Own Major Committee Member – Maggie Austin
- Magellan Journey Grant Mentor – Aaron McLeod (*flagship grant in 2024; mini grant in 2025*)
- George Croft Williams Fellowship Mentor – Andrés Gonzales (*completed in 2024*)

Undergraduate research mentor – Ethan Bhojani; Jack Marshall; Joshua Evans; Aaron McLeod

Duke University

Bass Connections Team Leader – “Neurofeedback Toward Bias & Racism Mitigation” ([info](#))

Bass Connections Project Manager – “Movement Through Racial Healing & Justice” ([info](#))

Data+ Graduate Project Manager – “Basketball Analytics Pipeline: Visualizing Data” ([info](#))

Data+ Graduate Project Manager – “Social Determinants of Health in Cabarrus County” ([info](#))

Professional Service

2023- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Advances in Group Processes*

2023-2024 Roundtable Organizer, ASA Section on Social Psychology

2022-2023 James S. Coleman Outstanding Publication Award Committee, ASA Section on Rationality and Society

Ad Hoc Reviewer *American Behavioral Scientist; American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Journal of Mathematical Sociology; Social Forces; Society and Mental Health; Socius; Sociological Methods and Research; Sociological Quarterly*

Department and University Service

2025-pres. Bylaws Committee, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

2024-pres. Colloquium Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

Undergraduate Studies Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

2024 Grant Review Committee Member, Vice President for Research, University of South Carolina.

2023-2024 Search Committee Member, Bridge to Faculty Fellowship, University of South Carolina

Proposal Committee Member, Bridge to Faculty Fellowship, University of South Carolina

2022-pres. Colloquium Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

Faculty Affiliate, South Carolina Networks Consortium, University of South Carolina

2017-pres. Affiliate, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University

2022-2023 Search Committee Member, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

2021-2022 Graduate Student Coordinator, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University

2020-2022 Syllabus Sub-Committee Chair, Antiracism Committee, Duke Department of Sociology

2019-2022 Student Athlete Mentor, Duke Athletics Department

2018-2021 Social Networks and Health Workshop Coordinator

Student Athlete Tutor (Statistics; Methods; Theory; Human Development), Duke Athletics Department