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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

2017-2022 Duke University – PhD, Sociology
Duke University – MA, Sociology
2007-2011 The College of William & Mary – BS, Physical Geology, English Literature

Research Interests and Specializations

Topics: networks; social psychology; cultural evolution; 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 / corresponding author

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

Working Papers

Quinn, Joseph M. “Choice Homophily, Cultural Learning, and the Structure of Organizations.”

Quinn, Joseph M and Andrés Castro Araújo†. “Cultural Evolution in an Unsettled Time.”

Joseph M Quinn and McLeod, Aaron††. “Parent Gender and Flexible Work: How Americans Feel When Mothers Work from Home.”

Research in Progress

Quinn, Joseph M, Stavros Anagnou†, and Lorna Jamieson†. “Foraging on Graphs: Adding Agency to Models of Complex Contagion in Networks.”

Quinn, Joseph M and Valerie Barron†. “When Do Neighbors Get Nasty? Perceived Similarity, Trust, and Partner Selection in Cooperative vs. Competitive Task Settings.”

Quinn, Joseph M, Rae Jean Proeschold-Bell, Malik Muhammad Sohail, and David Eagle. “Who’s Helping Whom? Hierarchical Patterns of Social Support and Associated Mental Health Outcomes in an Organizational Network.”

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

<i>Under review</i>	PI, <i>Shaping the Meaning-Making of Individuals Through Informational and Cultural Environments</i> . Templeton World Charity Foundation. \$350,000.
2025	PI, <i>Parent Gender and Flexible Work: Does the Penalty Apply When Working from Home?</i> 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, <i>Does Perceived Similarity of Out-Group Alters Shape Downstream Interactions?</i> Excel Grant Award, University of South Carolina. \$17,740.
2023-2024	PI, <i>Manipulating Mechanisms of Homophily and Measuring Changes in the Emergence of Segregation: A Computational Experiment</i> . 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

Invited Talks and Conference Presentations

<i>Upcoming</i>	<p>“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.</p> <p>“Foraging on Graphs: Adding Agency to Models of Contagion in Networks.” With Stavros Anagnou† and Lorna Jamieson†. International Network of Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Paris, France.</p> <p>“The Social Structure of a Religious Schism.” With Joseph Roso and Gabriel Varela. International Network of Social Network Analysis Sunbelt Conference. Paris, France.</p>
2025	<p>“Foraging on Graphs: Adding Agency to Models of Contagion in Networks.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC. <i>Invitation from the WolfWebs Speaker Series.</i></p> <p>“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.</p> <p>“Studying and Doing Belief Change.” South Carolina Honors College, University of South Carolina. Columbia, SC. <i>Invitation from Phi Beta Kappa’s Last Lecture Series.</i></p>

- 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 Anagnou 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 (2024); Chang-Yi Lin (exp. 2026); Mohona Mandal (exp. 2028)
Master’s Thesis Committee Member: Mohona Mandal (2024)
Qualifying Exam Reviewer: Chang-Yi Lin; Zoe Zhong; Paola Tamayo
Undergraduate Honors Thesis Director: Kaitlin Hall (2023); Max Brabham (exp. 2025)
Build Your Own Major Committee Member: Maggie Austin

Magellan Journey Grant Mentor: Aaron McLeod (flagship grant - 2024; mini grant - 2025)

Honors College Research Grant Mentor: Joshua Evans (2025-2026)

George Croft Williams Fellowship Mentor: Andrés Gonzales (2024)

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](#))

Service to the Profession

2025- Co-Editor, *Advances in Group Processes* (an annual peer-reviewed series)

2023-2025 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 *Advances in Group Processes, American Behavioral Scientist; American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Journal of Mathematical Sociology; Social Forces; Society and Mental Health; Sociological Methods and Research; Sociological Quarterly.*

University Service

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

2022-pres. Faculty Affiliate, South Carolina Networks Consortium, University of South Carolina

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

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

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

Department Service

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

2024-2025 Colloquium Committee Chair, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina

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

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

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

2017-2022 Affiliate, Duke Network Analysis Center, Duke University

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