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<b>Education</b>		<b>Degree Awarded</b>
<b>Ph.D.</b>	Iowa State University, Ames, IA Sociology Dissertation: "Resource Distribution, Accessibility, and Health Equity: From Global Analyses to the Cuban Case" Available from ISU Library: <a href="http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/etd/14774/">http://lib.dr.iastate.edu/etd/14774/</a>	December 19, 2015
<b>M.S.</b>	Iowa State University, Ames, IA Sociology Thesis: "Improving Public Health Care: an examination of the nature of Cuban government assistance to the Ghanaian public health care system"	May 2010
<b>B.A.</b>	Drake University, Des Moines IA Spanish and Sociology, Cum Laude	December 2000

### **Classes Taught**

Introduction to Sociology	Sociology of Work	Applied Sociology
Global Social Problems	Research Methods	(Previously taught at ISU)
Racial and Ethnic Relations	Sociological Inquiry	Intermediate Spanish 1
Health Inequalities	Sociological Theory	Intermediate Spanish 2

### **Areas of Interest**

#### **Focus Areas**

Global Health  
Health Inequality  
Social and Economic Inequality  
Sociological Theory  
Marxist political economy  
Social Change and Development

#### **Research Methods**

Multivariate Regression  
Logit Regression  
ANOVA  
Cluster Analysis  
Historical Comparative

## Employment (Teaching)

Midwestern State University	Associate Professor of Sociology	August 2022 – Present
Midwestern State University	Assistant Professor of Sociology	August 2017 – August 2022
DMACC	Adjunct Instructor Sociology	January- May 2017
Grand View University	Adjunct Instructor (Sociology)	March 2016 to May 2016
Iowa State University	Graduate Teaching Assistant. Spanish 201 and 202.	January 2014 to May 2015
Iowa State University	Sociology Instructor (Assistantship)	Spring Semester 2013
Grand View University	Adjunct Instructor. Sociology	August 2011-May 2012
Des Moines Area Community College	Adjunct Instructor. Sociology	August 2010-December 2010
Iowa State University	Graduate Teaching Assistant for “Intro. to Sociology”	August 2008-December 2009
Sayre Montessori	Spanish Instructor	Fall 2001
City of Des Moines Adult Education	Spanish Instructor	1999-2000

## Employment (Research)

Iowa State University	Research Assistant. Conducted, translated and transcribed telephone interviews with Chilean organizations about the impact of GlobalGAP on working conditions in the fresh fruit sector.	Summer 2011
Iowa State University	Research Assistant. Gathered quantitative data as part of a team working on issues of rural development.	Spring 2011

## Employment (Research)

Iowa State University	Research Assistant. Assisted in data gathering of rural amenities in small Iowa towns.	Summer 2009
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## Employment (Other)

Life Line Resources	Mentor. Met with youth and their families to discuss school, goal setting and other life skills. Conducted Young Djembefola Program where I taught West African Drumming.	February - September 2010
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The Principal Financial Group	Investor Specialist II: answered calls in English and Spanish on 401K and defined benefit plans; obtained Series 6 and Series 7 licenses	August 2004- August 2008
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Employee and Family Resources	Male Responsibility Project Educator/Case Worker. Developed curricula, facilitated MRP sessions, brought in guest speakers, worked with various institutions to coordinate the program.	February 2002 to March 2003
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## Publications

### Books

#### (Completed manuscript)

Christiansen, Isaac. *Global Social Problems: Inequalities of Power and the Pursuit of Social Justice*. Under review.

### Peer Reviewed Publications

Christiansen, Isaac. 2023. "Despilfarro Eficiente: Las Estrategias del Capitalismo de Contrarrestar la Sobreproducción". *Nuestro Tiempo*. Volumen 25: 78-87. Universidad Luterana Salvadoreña.

Christiansen, Isaac. 2020. "Linkages between Economic and Military Imperialism". *World Review of Political Economy*. 11(3) 337-356.

Christiansen, Isaac Zvi, Suheyl Gurbuz, and Beverly Lynn Stiles. 2020. "Awareness of US Empire and Militarist Ideology: A Survey of College Studentes for a Southwestern University in the United States." *International Critical Thought*. 10 (1) 1-18.

Christiansen, Isaac and David Leonard. 2019. "Human Resources for Health and Health Outcomes in Cuba: An Analysis of their Distributions over Time and Space" *International Journal of Cuban Studies* 11 (2) 200-227.

Christiansen Isaac. 2019. "Health and Development Challenges: A Nested Typology of 123 Developing Countries" *International Critical Thought* 9 (2) 297-313.

Christiansen, Isaac and Robert E. Mazur. 2018. "The case for government funded health care: an international analysis of government expenditure, socioeconomic development and infant mortality" *Journal of Critical Thought and Praxis* 7(2) 16-34.

Christiansen, Isaac. 2017. "Commodification of Health Care and Its Consequences". *World Review of Political Economy*. Vol. 8 No. 1 82-103.

### **Book Chapters**

Christiansen, Isaac. 2024. "Commodified Healthcare, Profits, Priorities and the Disregard for Life under Capitalism" Pp 223-233 in the *Routledge Handbook for the Political Economy of Health and Healthcare*. Routledge.

Christiansen, Isaac and P. Mike Rattanasengchanh. 2023. "Socialism with Chinese Characteristics and Equitable Development: A Look at the Thought of Cheng Enfu" Deniz Kizilcec Editor. Pp 19-39 in *Innovative Marxist School in China: Comments by International Scholars on Cheng Enfu's Academic Thoughts*. Canut International Publishers. Berlin.

### **Non-refereed Publications**

Christiansen, Isaac. 2024. "We Must Stand Up for Gaza and for Palestine." *Midwestern Marx Institute*. June 6, 2024. <https://www.midwesternmarx.com/articles/we-must-stand-up-for-gaza-and-for-palestineisaac-by-zvi-christiansen>

Christiansen, Isaac. 2022. "The Legacy of Lester Mallory: Brief Statement Against the U.S. Economic War Against Cuba: *Counterpunch*. February 10, 2022 <https://www.counterpunch.org/2022/02/10/the-legacy-of-lester-mallory-brief-statement-against-the-u-s-economic-war-against-cuba/>

Christiansen, Isaac. 2018. "A Left Critique of Russiagate" *Counterpunch*. March 21, 2018 <https://www.counterpunch.org/2018/03/21/a-left-critique-of-russiagate/>

### **Book Reviews**

Christiansen, Isaac. 2014. "The Consequences of Parasitical Capitalism: Review of Ismael Hossein-zadeh's Beyond Mainstream Explanations of the Financial Crisis: Parasitic Finance Capital" *Counterpunch Weekend Edition* May 23-25. Available online <http://www.counterpunch.org/2014/05/23/the-consequences-o-parasitical-capitalism/>

### **Journal(s) for which I have reviewed publications**

*World Review of Political Economy*

### **Presentations at Conferences**

Christiansen, Isaac 2023. "Imperialismo, Desarrollo y Migración" en el Debate Académico sobre la Migración Internacional. *Cumbre Migratoria Internacional Religiosa*. Universidad Evangélica de El Salvador. San Salvador El Salvador. 28 de Abril.

Christiansen, Isaac. 2022. "Imperialism, War and the Urgent Need for Socialism" Innovative Marxism Research Branch of the World Association for Political Economy. Remote video Presentation. Northwestern University. Xi'an China. October 22, 2022

Black, Isabella and Isaac Christiansen. 2022. "*False Consciousness, Racial Prejudice and Group Threat in the Immediate Post-Trump Era.*" Southwest Social Science Association. April 23, 2022

Christiansen, Isaac and P. Mike Rattanasengchanh. "Socialism with Chinese Characteristics and Equitable Development: A Look at the Thought of Cheng Enfu" Southwest Social Science Association. San Antonio. TX, April 23, 2022.

Christiansen, Isaac Z., Beverly Stiles and Newman Wong. 2018. "*Lack of Community and College Involvement: Factors Correlated with College Student Brain Drain*". Pacific Sociological Association. Long Beach, CA March 30, 2018

Christiansen, Isaac Z. and David Peters. 2016. "*Health and Development Challenges: A Nested Typology of 123 Developing Countries*". Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL March 25, 2016.

Christiansen, Isaac Z. 2016. "*Human Resources for Health and Health Outcomes in Cuba: An Analysis of Their Distribution Over Time and Space.*" Midwest Sociological Society. Chicago, IL March 24, 2016

Christiansen, Isaac Z. and Robert E. Mazur. 2015. "*Public Health Care, Socioeconomic Development and Infant Mortality: An International Exploration*". Midwest Sociological Society. Kansas City, MO March 27, 2015.

Flora, C. B., C. Call, M. Petersen, and I. Christiansen. *Rural development business opportunities as Great Regions*. Rural Sociological Society, Chicago, IL July 27, 2012.

### **Guided Student Research**

Black, Isabella and Isaac Christiansen. 2021. “*False Consciousness, Racial Prejudice and Group Threat in the Immediate Post-Trump Era.*” 17<sup>th</sup> UGRCA Forum at MSU Texas, Wichita Falls, Nov. 18, 2021.

**Public Talks/ Public Sociology**

Midwestern State University. “Inclusion Now”	“U.S. and Cuba: The United States Bipartisan War Against the Cuban People”	April 4, 2022
Coalición en Chicago en Solidaridad con América Latina (CCESLA)	“El Salvador: La Subida y Caída del Sistema Partidario y el Ascenso de Nayib Bukele” Online Zoom Presentation.	February 2, 2021
Luby’s Cafeteria. League of Women Voters	“Poverty and Inequality”	November 6, 2019
Midwestern State University. “Inclusion Now”	“Roots of the Israeli Palestinian Conflict: Nakba, Occupation and Siege” Midwestern State University. Inclusion Now. April 11, 2019.	April 11, 2019
Midwestern State University. “Inclusion Now”	“Capitalism and Global Inequality: Political Economic Dynamics and Extent of Disparities”	April 3, 2018
Midwestern State University. “Inclusion Now”	“Healthcare as a Human Right: An Exploration of the Dynamics of the Political Economy of Healthcare”	April 2, 2018
Vernon College & The Area Agency of Aging of North Texas	“Health Inequality Processes: Theoretical Insights on Inequalities and Aging”	August 31, 2017
DePaul University	“Healthcare as a Human Right: The History and Development of the Cuban Healthcare System”	May 19, 2017

### Guest Lectures for other professors

MSU: Percussion	Taught percussion students with Dr. Corey Robinson Malinke every other week (Djembe and Dundun) Percussion in Fain Fine Arts.	Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Spring 2020
ISU: Sociology 134	“Family” Invited by Dr. Terry Besser	October 22, 2009
ISU: Sociology 411	“Global Stratification and Global Health Care Inequalities” Invited by Instructor Nick Recker	April 17, 2009

### Awards

Special Faculty Recognition Award.	Midwestern State University African Student Organization	May 2018
Research Excellence Award	Iowa State University	December 19, 2015

### Volunteering/ Service to Community

Interfaith Outreach	Board Member	Spring 2022- Present
Faith Mission (Meals)	Volunteered to help serve the homeless on the third Saturday of the month. Began in Fall 2019, ended with the onset of COVID 19 Pandemic	Fall 2019
Tobacco, Prevention and Control Committee (TPCC)	Sat on the committee, and advised as part of the Epidemiological Work Group.	Fall 2017-Fall 2019
The Peace Corps; The Gambia, West Africa	Health Volunteer. Assisted in nutritional surveillance, HIV/AIDS awareness, and developed a Spanish/Mandinka grammar manual to help assist Cuban doctor/patient communication.	July 2003-May 2004

## Committee Appointments: Service to the University (and Department)

Prothro Yeager Awards Committee	MSU	Fall 2022
QEP Topic Selection Committee	MSU	Spring 2021
Institutional Review Board	MSU	Fall 2019 to Present
Prothro-Yeager Scholarship Committee	MSU	2019 2020 2021 2022
Student Allocation Committee	MSU	Fall 2018-Spring 2019 Fall 2019-Spring 2020
Visiting Assistant Sociology Professor Search Committee	MSU	Spring 2018
Assistant Sociology Professor Search Committee	MSU	Spring 2019

## International Experience

El Salvador	Participated in an Academic Panel in the Cumbre Migratoria Internacional Religiosa held at La Universidad Evangelica de El Salvador in conjunction with El Proyecto Imigrante.	April, 2023
The Gambia	Peace Corps Volunteer. See above	July 2003 - May 2004
Cuba	Participated in a conference on Cuban Foreign Policy with the Raul Roa Garcia Institute with Professor Nelsen P. Valdes and the University of New Mexico	May, 2001
Cuba	Toured much of Cuba, including: La Habana, Guantanamo, Santiago de Cuba, Baracoa, Pinar Del Rio, and Viñales with Professor Jon Torgerson of Drake University as part of a class on Social Justice.	May, 1999



## Public Sociology

MSU Environmental Student Organization	Participated in a panel discussion with Dr. Rebecca Dodge, Dr. Donovan Irven and Dr. Whitney Snow on water conservation	April 16, 2018
Ed Fallon Show	Interviewed on Israeli/Palestinian conflict	August 8, 2016
STAR PAC	Public lecture at Nocé on Israeli/Palestinian conflict	August 16, 2016
KHOI	Interviewed Dr. Richard Wolff. <i>Economic Update</i>	November 11, 2014

## Languages

English	Native language
Spanish	Speak fluently and read/write with high proficiency
Mandinka	Advanced speaker, read and write with reasonably high proficiency

## Professional Society Memberships

American Sociological Association  
Southwestern Social Science Association

## West African Drumming

Midwestern State University	MSU Texas Fall 2021 Percussion Ensemble Concert: <i>Gidamba</i> and <i>Sofa</i>	November 9 <sup>th</sup> 2021
Midwestern State University	Performed dundun for Dr. Claudia Montoya and Latin Poetry Night	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2019
Midwestern State University: African Student Organization	Djembe Solo Performance at "A.S.O. Black Tie Banquet at Sikes Lake	December, 1 <sup>st</sup> 2018
Midwestern State University: African Student Organization	Djembe Solo Performance at "Taste of Africa Event" in Clark Students Center	November, 17 <sup>th</sup> 2017
Iowa State University. Memorial Union	Performed with percussion troupe "Sync Company"	April 19, 2014

## West African Drumming

Iowa State University. Memorial Union	Performed with Sync Company	April, 2012
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Ames, Iowa	Performed with “Sync Company”	April, 2011
Des Moines, IA	Performed with “Sync Company”: various locations: Des Moines Arts Center, Polk County Convention Center, and Evelyn Davis Park	July - September 2010
Des Moines, IA	<i>Djembekan</i> solo performance at Grandview Multicultural Festival	February, 2010
Des Moines, IA	Djembe performance at Art Festival at Des Moines Art Center with Don Brown (saxophone)	July, 2009
Des Moines, IA	<i>Djembekan</i> solo performance for <i>Passport to Prosperity</i> in honor of Rohey Sallah	2008

## References

Dr. Robert Mazur, Professor of Sociology at Iowa State University, Ames IA. Phone: 515-294-9286, [rmazur@iastate.edu](mailto:rmazur@iastate.edu)  
Dr. Beverly Stiles, Professor of Sociology at Midwestern State University, 940-397-4019  
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