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ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

University of Wisconsin-Madison

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| Assistant Professor of Sociology | 2024- |
| • Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology | |
| • Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography of Health and Aging | |
|
Anna Julia Cooper Post-Doctoral Fellow |
2023-2024 |

EDUCATION

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| Ph.D., Sociology, Stanford University | 2023 |
| Master of Public Policy, The University of Chicago | 2015 |
| Bachelors, Economics (major), Government College, Lahore, Pakistan | 2007 |

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

12. Torche, Florencia and **Tamkinat Rauf**. 2025. "Effects of President's Party on Birth Outcomes Across Racial & Ethnic Groups in the United States". *Socius*.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231251400112>
11. **Rauf, Tamkinat**, Jan Gerrit Voelkel, James Druckman, and Jeremy Freese. 2025. "An Audit of Social Science Survey Experiments". *Public Opinion Quarterly*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/poq/nfaf052> [Replication Package]
10. **Rauf, Tamkinat** and Jeremy Freese. 2024. "Genetic Influences on Depression and Selection into Adverse Life Experiences." *Social Science & Medicine* 344: 116633.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2024.116633> [Preregistration] [Replication package]
 - Featured in [The New York Times](#) and [Society Today](#).

9. **Rauf, Tamkinat** and Jeremy Freese. 2024. "Happiness Scholarship and Redistributive Preferences." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 83(3): 227-248.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725231189258> [Preregistration] [Replication package]
 • Featured in the [Sage Sociology podcast](#).
8. **Rauf, Tamkinat**. 2023. "Differential Sensitivity to Adversity by Income: Evidence from a Study of Bereavement." *Social Science Research* 115:102920.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2023.102920> [Replication package]
 • Featured in [Mental Health News Daily](#)
7. **Rauf, Tamkinat**. 2023. "Mental Health Effects of Income over the Adult Life Course." *Socius* 9. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231231186072> [Replication package]
 • Winner of Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Evolution, Biology, & Society
6. Freese, Jeremy, **Tamkinat Rauf**, and Jan Gerrit Voelkel. 2022. "Advances in Transparency and Reproducibility in the Social Sciences." *Social Science Research* 107: 102770.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2022.102770>
 • Lead article in 50th Anniversary Special Issue
5. Torche, Florencia and **Tamkinat Rauf**. 2021. "The Political Context and Infant Health in the United States." *American Sociological Review* 86(3): 377-405.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/00031224211000710> [Replication package]
 • Lead article
 • Featured in the [Sage Sociology podcast](#), ASA [press release](#), and ASA *Sociological Insights for Development Policy* brief, vol. 22(1).
4. **Rauf, Tamkinat**. 2021. "Getting a Job, Again: New Evidence Against Subjective Well-being Scarring." *Social Forces* 100(1): 218-245. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa086>
[\[Replication package\]](#)
 • Winner of the Barbara & Sandy Dornbusch Award for a Contribution to the Understanding or Solution of a Social Problem, Stanford University
3. **Rauf, Tamkinat**. 2021. "How College Makes Liberals (Or Conservatives)." *Socius* 7: 1-13.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023120982435> [Replication package]
2. Torche, Florencia, and **Tamkinat Rauf**. 2021. "Transition to Fatherhood and the Health of Men." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 83(2): 446-465. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12732>
1. Salganik, Matt, Ian Lundberg, Alexander Kindel, ... **Tamkinat Rauf**... Sara McLanahan. 2020. "Measuring the Predictability of Life Outcomes with a Scientific Mass Collaboration". *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 117(5): 8398-8403.
<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1915006117>

WORKS IN PROGRESS

*Indicates student co-author.

Rauf, Tamkinat and Jeremy Freese. “Polygenic index of depression predicts worse interpersonal evaluations in two natural experiments”. Under review in *PNAS*

Rauf, Tamkinat. “The cognitive bases of socialized preferences”. Under review in *Social Psychology Quarterly*

Rauf, Tamkinat. “The Happiness Paradox of Birth Order”. Under review in *Social Science Research*

Rauf, Tamkinat and Jeremy Freese. “A Network-of-Problems Approach to Understanding Causes of Adult Suicides”. *Manuscript in preparation*

Rauf, Tamkinat and Jolyne Chen*. “A comparative study of the happiness effects of major life events across five countries”. *Manuscript in preparation*

Rauf, Tamkinat and Eric Grodsky. [A study about the alignment of early values with life outcomes and subjective well-being in midlife]

Rauf, Tamkinat and Jeremy Freese. [A study about social comparison and happiness among older adults]. *Preregistered. Awaiting data availability.*

HONORS AND AWARDS

2025	NIH Emerging Scholars pilot grant
2024	Travel Award, Center for Demography of Health & Aging, UW-Madison
2023-2024	Anna Julia Cooper Postdoctoral Fellowship, UW-Madison
2022	Best Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Evolution, Biology, & Society
2022	Barbara & Sandy Dornbusch Award for a Contribution to the Understanding or Solution of a Social Problem, Stanford University
2022	Centennial Teaching Assistant Award, School of Humanities and Sciences, Stanford University
2021-2022	Stanford Center for American Democracy Fellowship (\$1,200)
2022	Graduate Research Opportunity Award, Stanford (\$1,200) [Could not accept]
2021	RSF Summer Institute in Social Science Genomics, training grant
2021-2022	Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS), Dissertation Fellowship (\$11,000)
2021	Sociology Research Opportunity Award, Stanford (\$1,000)
2021	Departmental nomination, Lieberman Fellowship, Stanford
2020	Institute for Research in the Social Sciences (IRiSS), research grant (\$1,200)
2018-2019	Graduate Public Service Fellowship, Haas Center, Stanford. (\$3,000)
2016-2018	Wells Family Fellowship, Stanford University (full tuition and stipend)
2013-2015	Irving B. Harris Fellowship, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy (full tuition and stipend)

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2025	“Preregistrations”, UW-Madison, CDE Reproducibility Workshop
2025	“Open Science”, UW-Madison, School of Human Ecology, Quantitative Methods Seminar
2024	“Preregistrations”, UW-Madison, CDE Reproducibility Workshop
2024	“Open Science”, UW-Madison, Demography Training Seminar
2023	“Preregistrations”, UW-Madison, CDE Reproducibility Workshop
2022	“The Inequalities of Well-being and Income”, Northwestern University, Department of Sociology
2022	“The Inequalities of Well-being and Income”, UW-Madison, Department of Sociology

Conference Presentations

2026	“Lessons from an Audit Study of the TESS Archive”, American Association for Public Opinion Research, Los Angeles, CA [Forthcoming]
2025	“Effects of Childhood Experiences on Adults’ Fertility Motivations”, Population Association of America annual meeting, Washington D.C.
2024	“How is rGE for Depression Generated? Evidence from a Natural Experiment”, Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences Annual Conference, Stanford CA
2024	“A Network-of-Problems Approach to Understanding Causes of Adult Suicides in the US”, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus OH
2023	“Happiness Scholarship and Redistributive Preferences.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA
2023	“Differential Sensitivity to Adversity by Income: Evidence from a Study of Bereavement” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New Orleans LA
2023	“Happiness Scholarship and Redistributive Preferences.” American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA
2023	“Identifying the Elusive Causal Income Effect on Mental Well-being”, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (poster session), New Orleans LA
2023	“Differential Sensitivity to Adversity by Income: Evidence from a Study of Bereavement”, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Bellevue WA.
2023	“Identifying the Elusive Causal Income Effect on Mental Well-being”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles CA
2022	“Selection into Adversity by Polygenic Predictors of Depression.”, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles CA
2022	“Identifying the Elusive Causal Income Effect on Mental Well-being”, Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences Annual Conference, Boulder CO
2021	“Differential Sensitivity to Adversity by Income” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
2020	“How College Makes Liberals (Or Conservatives).” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, round table session. Virtual

- 2019 “Getting a Job, Again: Does Unemployment Scar for Life?” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin TX
- 2018 “Selecting into Social Influence: Political Identity Development in College.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (round table session), Philadelphia PA

TEACHING

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- Soc 365 Data Management for Social Science Research
- Soc 144 Wellbeing & Society

Stanford University

- Soc 126 Wellbeing & Society (instructor)
- Soc 383 Sociological Methodology III: Models for Discrete Outcomes (teaching assistant)
- Soc 202 Junior Seminar: Preparation for Research (teaching assistant)
- Soc 114 Economic Sociology (teaching assistant)
- CSRE 200x Senior Seminar: Comparative Studies in Race & Ethnicity (research mentor)

University of Chicago

- PBPL 22100 Politics & Policy (teaching assistant)

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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| National Opinion Research Center (NORC), <i>Research Assistant</i> | 2015-2016 |
| State Bank of Pakistan (central bank), <i>Economic Analyst</i> | 2008-2013 |

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS

- Course Design Institute, UW-Madison (2024)
- Suicide Prevention Training for Faculty and Staff, UW-Madison (2023)
- Summer Institute in Social Science Genomics, Russell Sage Foundation (2021)
- Genomics for Social Scientists, University of Michigan (2021)
- Non-Probability Sampling, American Association of Public Opinion Research (2015)
- Macroeconomic Forecasting, International Monetary Fund (2013)
- Financial Programming and Policies, International Monetary Fund (2012)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Disciplinary Service

- 2025 Discussant, session on *Evolution, Biology, and Society*, ASA
- 2024 Participant, *Social Science Replication Games*, Institute for Replication
- 2024 Chair, session on *Ethical, Legal, and Social Implications of Genetic Testing for Social Traits*, The Advances in Sociogenomics Conference
- 2023 Discussant, session on *Opportunities and Challenges in the Use of Biological Data in Social Science Research*, ASA
- 2023 Presider, session on *New Directions in the Study of Culture and Inequality*, ASA
- 2023 Discussant, poster session on *Education, Employment, and Inequality*, PAA
- 2023 Presider, session on *Health Inequalities*, Pacific Sociological Association

Reviewer for: *Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, BMC Public Health, Demography, European Sociological Review, Journal of Health & Social Behavior, Journal of Family Studies, Social Forces, Population Research and Policy Review, Social Problems, Social Psychology Quarterly, Social Science Research, Social Science & Medicine, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Perspectives, SSM – Population Health, Time-sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences, UK Research & Innovation*

Member of: American Sociological Association (sections on *Biology, & Society; Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility; Methodology; Social Psychology*), Population Association of America

Department & University Service

University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2025-present Co-coordinator, Experimental Methods Seminar, Department of Sociology
- 2025-2026 Colloquia and Public Lectures Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2025 Social Psychology Preliminary Exam Standing Committee (Spring)
- 2024-2026 Concentration in Analysis and Research Committee, Department of Sociology

Stanford University

- 2018, 2022 Graduate admissions committee member, Department of Sociology
- 2017-2023 Peer mentor, Association of Sociology Graduate Students
- 2021 Judge, Stanford Undergraduate Research Association annual conference
- 2020 Speaker, workshop on publishing in academic journals, Department of Sociology
- 2018-2019 Professional development chair, Association of Sociology Graduate Students