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Employment

Vanderbilt University	2025 –	Associate Professor, *Department of Sociology*
	2018 – 25	Assistant Professor, *Department of Sociology*

Education

Indiana University	2018	Ph.D., Sociology
	2015	M.S., Applied Statistics
Texas A&M University	2013	M.A., Sociology
	2011	B.A., Philosophy and Sociology *Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa*

Publications

Books

2025 Manago, Bianca. *Preparing Data for Analysis: From Raw to Ready*. Beverly Hills, CA: Sage University Press (Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Forth. Manago, Bianca and Amy Gourley^. "A call for standardization: A case study of theoretical ambiguity in mental illness labeling and stigma research via systematic review." *Social Science and Medicine.*

2025 Haapanen, Krista A, Bianca Manago, Brian D. Christens, Megan S Patterson. "Exploring predictors of impactful inter-organizational relationships in community coalition networks using multilevel ego-centric network analysis." *Journal of Prevention & Intervention in the Community*.

2024 Manago, Bianca and Trenton D. Mize. "What is the effect of an inferred mental illness label on stigma? Theoretical and empirical challenges" *Socius. 10, 23780231241274237.*

A caret (^) indicates that the collaborator carried out the work as a graduate student. The purpose of this notation is to acknowledge my engagement with graduate student researchers, not to qualify or downplay the significance of their contributions.

2023 Benard, Stephen, Bianca Manago, Annie Russian^, and Youngjoo Cha. "Mapping the Content of Asian Stereotypes in the United States: Intersections with ethnicity, gender, income, and birthplace." *Social Psychology Quarterly*. 86(4), 432–456.

2023 Manago, Bianca. "Preregistration and Registered Reports in Sociology: Strengths, Weaknesses, and Other Considerations." *The American Sociologist*. 54 (1), 193-210.

2023 Johansson, Anna, Bianca Manago, Jane Sell, and Cullen Jackson. "Measuring Team Hierarchy During High-Stakes Clinical Decision Making: Development and Validation of a New Behavioral Observation Method." *Academic Medicine*. 98(4), 505-513.

2023 Manago, Bianca and Anne Krendl. "Cultivating Contact: How Social Norms Can Reduce Mental Illness Stigma in College Populations" *Stigma and Health*. 8(1), 61–71.

2022 Mize, Trenton and Bianca Manago. "The past, present, and future of experimental methods in the social sciences." *Social Science Research*. 108.

2022 Manago, Bianca, Jane Sell, and Carla Goar. "Racial/ethnic status distinctions and discrimination: The effects of prior contact and group interaction." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*. 8(7): 132-157.

2022 Manago, Bianca, Jenny Davis, and Carla Goar. "The Stigma Discourse-Value Framework." *Comparative Sociology*. 21(3): 275-299.

2022 Manago, Bianca and Trenton Mize. "The Status and Stigma Consequences of Mental Illness Labels, Deviant Behavior, and Fear." *Social Science Research*. 105.

2021 Manago, Bianca, Trenton Mize, and Long Doan. "Can you really study an army on the internet? Comparing how status tasks perform in the laboratory and online settings." *Sociological Methodology*. 51(2): 319-347.

- Featured in Sage Sociology podcast episode

2020 Pescosolido, Bernice, Bianca Manago, and Sigrún Ólafsdóttir. "The Global Use of Diverse Medical Systems." *Social Science and Medicine*. 267: 112721.

2019 Manago, Bianca, Jane Sell, and Carla Goar. "Groups, Inequality, and Synergy." *Social Forces*. 97(3): 1365–1388.

2019 Pescosolido, Bernice, Bianca Manago, and John Monahan. "Evolving Public Views on the Likelihood of Violence from People with Mental Illness: Stigma and its Consequences." *Health Affairs*. 38(10): 1735–1743.

2019 Manago, Bianca, Bernice Pescosolido, and Sigrún Ólafsdóttir. "Icelandic inclusion, German hesitation, and American fear: A cross-cultural comparison of mental health stigma and the media." *Scandinavian Journal of Public Health*. 47(2):90-98.

2018 Mize, Trenton D. and Bianca Manago. "Precarious Sexuality: How Men and Women are Differentially Categorized and Evaluated for Similar Sexual Behavior." *American Sociological Review*. 83(2): 305-330.

- Outstanding Contribution Award, 2020, ASA Section on Social Psychology

2018 Davis, Jenny, Carla Goar, Bianca Manago*, and Bobbi Reidinger^ [*first three authors share equal authorship]. "Distribution and Disavowal: Managing the Parental Stigma of Children's Weight and Weight Loss." *Social Science and Medicine*. 218: 61-69.

2018 Mize, Trenton D. and Bianca Manago. "The Stereotype Content of Sexual Orientation." *Social Currents*. 5(5): 458-478.

- Graduate Student Paper Award, 2016, SSSP Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division

2017 Manago, Bianca, Jenny Davis, and Carla Goar. "Discourse in Action: Parents' use of Medical and Social Models to Resist Disability Stigma." *Social Science and Medicine.* 184: 169–177.

2016 Goar, Carla, Jenny Davis, and Bianca Manago. "Discursive Entwinement: How White Transracially Adoptive Parents Navigate Race." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 3(3): 338–354.

2016 Powell, Brian, Laura Hamilton, Bianca Manago, and Simon Cheng. "Implications of Changing Family Forms for Children." *Annual Review of Sociology*. 42: 301–322.

2016 Davis, Jenny and Bianca Manago. "Motherhood and Associative Moral Stigma: The Moral Double Bind." *Stigma and Health*. (1)2: 72–86.

2013 Goar, Carla, Jane Sell, Bianca Manago, Calixto Melero, and Bobbi Reidinger. "Race and Ethnic Composition of Groups: Experimental Investigations." *Advances in Group Processes*. 30: 47–75.

2011 Sell, Jane, Stuart Hysom, Louis Lang, Tony Love, Bianca Manago, Huong Le, and Tiffany Spivey. "Developing a Social Psychology Laboratory on a Shoestring." *Current Research in Social Psychology*. (16)8: 71–75.

Book Chapters

2025 Managо, Bianca and Amy Gourley^. "The Stigma Process: Characteristics, Targets, and Perpetrators Across Multiple Levels of Society." *Handbook of Social Psychology: Micro, Meso, and Macro Perspectives*, 3rd edition, edited by Jan E. Stets, Karen A. Hegtvedt, and Long Doan. New York: Springer

2021 Pescosolido, Bernice A., and Bianca Manago. "Mental Illness, the Global Landscape of Stigma, and the Power of Social Relationships." Pp. 293–320 in *The SAGE Handbook of Social Studies in Health and Medicine*, edited by S. Scrimshaw, S. D. Lane, R. A. Rubinstein, and J. Fisher. SAGE Publications Ltd.

2020 Manago, Bianca. "The Translation of Status Characteristics and Expectation States Theory to Survey Methods." Pp. 87-112 in *Understanding Survey Methodology*. Vol. 4, edited by Philip S. Brenner. Springer.

2017 Pescosolido, Bernice A. and Bianca Manago. "Getting Underneath the Power of 'Contact': Revisiting the Fundamental Lever of Stigma as a Social Network Phenomenon." *The Oxford Handbook of Stigma, Discrimination, and Health* edited by Bruce Link, Brenda Major, and Jack Dovidio. Oxford University Press.

Other Publications and Reports

2020 Manago, Bianca. "Health in the Time of Corona." *British Sociological Society, Everyday Sociology.*

2015 Manago, Bianca. "Understanding the Social Norms, Attitudes, Beliefs, and Behaviors Towards Mental Illness in the United States." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.*

Software

desctable: Stata command that produces a descriptive (summary) statistics table. Provides publication quality tables with statistics appropriate for different measurement levels of variables (with Trenton Mize)

Research Support

External Grants

2023 *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences* (with Natasha Quadlin, Trent Mize, and Long Doan; in kind). "Whose is the Conventional Thought?"

2023 *Psi Chi Spring Undergraduate Research Grant.* (with Elaine Li – student awardee). "Stigma Effects of Mental Illness Labels and Deviant Behavior: The Mediating and Moderating Role of Fear."

2021 *Fund for Advancement of the Discipline* (FAD). $7,700. "The Social Construction and Consequences of Stigma." American Sociological Association and National Science Foundation.

2019 *Faculty Travel Program*. $2,000. "Interventions Designed to Maximize Racial and Gender Equality." Southeastern Conference.

2019 *Summer Institute on Biological Approaches in the Social Sciences*. Russell Sage Foundation and Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research and School of Education and Social Policy.

2016 *Dissertation Improvement Grant*. "The Role of Mental Health Labels in Stigma and Status Processes." (Co-PI with Stephen Benard), $11,981. National Science Foundation.

2015 *Graduate Student Investigator Award*. "The Social Consequences of Medical Labels and Devalued Behavior." $1,000. American Sociological Association, Social Psychology Section.

2015 "Precarious Sexuality and Categorization of Sexual Orientation." (with Trenton Mize). Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS).

Internal Grants

2025 Rapid-Advancement MicroGrant Program (RAMP). $5,000. Vanderbilt University.

2023 Provost's Faculty Grant for Culminating Projects in Immersion. $2,000. Vanderbilt University.

2021 Vanderbilt Strong Grant. $2,000. Vanderbilt University.

2019 Studio Research Grant. $4,000. Vanderbilt University.

2017 Schuessler Institute for Social Research. "Measuring Mental Illness Stigma." $500. Indiana University.

2016 Grant-in-Aid of Doctoral Research. "The Role of Mental Health Labels in Stigma and Status Processes. $1,000. Indiana University.

2015 Graduate Student Professional Organization Research Award. "Precarious Sexuality and the Stereotype Content of Sexual Orientation." (with Trenton Mize). $1,000. Indiana University.

2014 Summer Research Grant. "Underlying Processes of Stigma." (with Jenny Davis and Carla Goar). $4,000. James Madison University.

2012 Sociology Departmental Research Award. "Stigma and Parents of Children with Disabilities." $300. Texas A&M University.

Honors and Awards

Chancellor's Faculty Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2026-2028.

College of Arts and Science Faculty Advisor Award in Social Science, Vanderbilt University, 2022.

Dean's Faculty Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 2022-2024.

Outstanding Contribution Award (with Trenton Mize), American Sociological Association, Section on Social Psychology, 2020.

Best Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association, Mental Health Section, 2019.

Early Career Poster Award Finalist. International Society for Research on Emotions, 2019.

Dissertation Completion Fellowship, College of Arts and Sciences, Indiana University, 2017-2018.

Advanced Departmental Fellowship, Indiana University, 2017 and 2016.

Howard B. Kaplan Memorial Award in Medical Sociology, American Sociological Association, Medical Sociology Section, 2016.

Graduate Student Paper Award (with Trenton Mize), SSSP Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division, 2016.

Clifford C. Clogg Scholarship, Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR), University of Michigan, 2015.

Schuessler Scholarship, Indiana University, 2015.

Brown Foundation-Earl Rudder Memorial Outstanding Student Award. Texas A&M University. 2011.

Phi Beta Kappa, Texas A&M University, 2011.

Invited Talks

Spring 2026	Indiana University, Workshop in Methods
Fall 2024	Workshop on Experimental Methods. Keynote Speaker
Spring 2023	Indiana University, Department of Sociology
Spring 2022	University of Iowa, Department of Sociology
Fall 2021	University of Georgia, Department of Sociology
Spring 2021	Stanford University, Polarization and Social Change Lab
Spring 2021	McMaster University, Department of Medicine
Fall 2020	University of Maryland, Department of Orthopedic Surgery
Fall 2020	University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Department of Sociology

Fall 2019 Duke University, Department of Sociology

Fall 2018 Northwestern University, Cells to Society (C2S): The Center on Social Disparities and Health (with Catherine J. Taylor and Emma K. Adam)

Selected Presentations

2025 Bianca Manago, Erin Macke, Trenton Mize, and Long Doan. "When Status Doesn't Predict Deference: Rethinking Gender in Small Groups." *Group Processes Annual Meeting*. Chicago, Il.

Bianca Manago, CJ Murphy, Hannah Regan, Rachel Zajdel, Jane Sell, and Carla Goar. "Measuring status-based inequality in small group interactions." *American Sociological Association.* Chicago, Il.

2023 Trenton Mize, Natasha Quadlin, Long Doan, and Bianca Manago. "Whose Is the Conventional Thought? Determining Who Americans Think "Most People" Are." *Group Processes Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, PA.

Bianca Manago and Amy Gourley. "A call for standardization: A systematic review of mental illness labeling and stigma research." *American Sociological Association.* Philadelphia, PA.

2022 Bianca Manago. "Preregistration in sociology: Considerations for inductive/abductive, deductive, and descriptive research." *American Sociological Association.* Los Angeles, CA.

2021 Bianca Manago, Jane Sell, and Carla Goar. "Racial/ethnic status distinctions and discrimination: The effects of prior contact and group interaction." Russell Sage Foundation, special conference on status. Virtual.

Bianca Manago, Trenton Mize, and Long Doan. "Expectation States Theory Methodology and Gender." *Group Processes*. Virtual.

Bianca Manago and Trenton Mize. "Using Causal Inference Methods to Determine the Effect of Mental Illness Labels on Stigma." *American Sociological Association.* Virtual.

2020 Bianca Manago and Hannah Regan^. "Doubly Deviant: The Stigma Consequences of Mental Illnesses that Converge with or Diverge from Race and Gender Stereotypes." *American Sociological Association*. Virtual.

Bianca Manago, Trenton Mize, and Long Doan. "Evaluating Status Characteristics and Expectation States Theory's Tasks for Capturing Status Differences." *mid-year ASA Methodology Section Meeting*. Tucson, AZ. (canceled due to COVID-19).

Bianca Manago. "The Effect of Ambiguity on the Legitimacy of Medical Opinion and Mental Illness Labeling." *Society for Personality and Social Psychology*. New Orleans, LA.

2019 Bianca Manago. "The Role of Emotions in the Stigmatization of Mental Illness." *International Society for Research on Emotions*. Amsterdam, Netherlands.

- Early Career Poster Award Finalist

Bianca Manago. "Micro-Medicalization: Reconciling Theories of Medicalization and Labeling" *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.

2018 Bianca Manago, Trenton D. Mize & Long Doan. "Comparing Experimental Group Tasks for Measuring Interpersonal Status." *Group Processes*. Philadelphia, PA.

Trenton D. Mize, Erin Straka^, and Bianca Manago. "Of Concepts and Methods: Comparing the Semantic Differential and the Stereotype Content Model." *Group Processes*. Philadelphia, PA.

Jenny Davis, Bianca Manago, and Carla Goar. "The Grammar of Stigma: Race, Disability, and Weight in a Family Context." *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, PA.

2017 Bianca Manago and Trenton D. Mize. "Fear and the Social Consequences of Medical Labels and Devalued Behavior." *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, Québec, Canada.

Jenny Davis, Bianca Manago, and Carla Goar. "Distribution and Disavowal: Managing the Parental Stigma of Children's Weight and Weight Loss." *American Sociological Association*. Montreal, Québec, Canada.

Bianca Manago. "Measuring and Avoiding Social Desirability Bias in the Study of Mental Illness Labels." *mid-year ASA Methodology Section Meeting*. Chicago, IL.

2016 Carla Goar, Jenny Davis, and Bianca Manago. "Discursive Entwinement: How Transracially Adoptive Parents Navigate Race." *American Sociological Association*. Seattle, WA.

Trenton Mize and Bianca Manago. "The Stereotype Content of Sexual Orientation." *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. Seattle, WA.

2015 Bianca Manago and Trenton Mize. "The Social Consequences of Medical Labels and Devalued Behavior." *Group Processes*. Chicago, IL.

Bianca Manago and Catherine Taylor. "Occupational Sex Segregation, Workplace Interactions, and Chronic Physiological Stress Exposure." *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL.

Trenton Mize and Bianca Manago. "Precarious Sexuality: Categorization and Stereotypes of Sexual Orientation." *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL.

2014 Bianca Manago, Carla Goar, and Jane Sell. "Groups, Hierarchy, and Synergy." *Group Processes*. Stanford, CA.

Jenny Davis, Bianca Manago, and Carla Goar. "Making Sense of Stigma: A Discourse Approach." *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, CA.

Anna Johansson and Bianca Manago. "Sources of Legitimation and their Effect on Decision Routines: An Experiment." *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, CA.

2013 Bianca Manago and Anna Johansson. "An Expectations States Approach to Examining Medical Team Information Exchange." *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.

Bianca Manago, Carla Goar, and Jenny Davis. "Stigma Socialization: How Highly Stratified Families Respond to Stigma." *American Sociological Association*. New York, NY.

Teaching and Mentoring

Courses Taught (^indicates graduate-level course)

Vanderbilt University

Multivariate Data Analysis I ^	FA19, FA20, FA22, FA23, FA24, FA25
Multivariate Data Analysis II ^	SP20, SP21, SP23, SP24, SP25, SP26
Experimental Methods ^	SP26
Mental Health and Illness	SP 19
Statistics for Social Scientists	FA18, FA20, FA22, FA23, FA24
Race, Gender, Health	FA18, SP19, SP21

Statistical Horizons, LLC

Stata Basics	2023, 2024
Data Cleaning	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
Workflow of Data Analysis using Stata	2021, 2022
Workflow of Data Analysis using R	2021, 2022
Workflow of Data Analysis using Stata and R	2020, 2022, 2024

Advising

Graduate Research Advising

2025	Member, Dissertation Committee, Savannah Bastian.
2025	Member, Dissertation Committee, Kaelee Belletto.
2024	Member, Dissertation Committee, Olawunmi (Taiye) Winful.
2024	Member, Dissertation Committee. Krista Haapanen.
2024	Member, Master's Thesis Committee. Farah Hamouda.
2024	Member, Master's Thesis Committee. Brittany Rose.
2022	Member, Dissertation Committee, Megan Jordan.
2021	Chair, Master's Thesis Committee. Kaelee Belletto.
2022	Member, Dissertation Committee. Rachel Zajdel.
2022	Member, Dissertation Committee. Elizabeth Felix (University of Iowa).
2022	Member, Dissertation Committee. Hannah Regan.
2021	Member, Master's Thesis. Whitney Frierson.
2020	Member, Master's Thesis Committee. Adam Schoenbachler.
2019	Member, Master's Thesis Committee. Hannah Regan.

Undergraduate Research Advising

2024-25	Vanderbilt Sociology Honors Thesis. Emma Marlowe.
2023-24	Vanderbilt Sociology Honors Thesis. Brandon Yang.
2023-24	Immersion Vanderbilt. Catherine Allen.
2022-23	Immersion Vanderbilt. Elaine Li.
2022-23	Immersion Vanderbilt. Alyxis Smith.
2019	Vanderbilt Undergraduate Summer Research Program (VUSRP). Immersion Vanderbilt Research Experience. Robert Fuller.
2018-19	Member. Vanderbilt Sociology Honors Thesis. Avery McDonnell.

Service

Service to the Profession

Organizer	Group Processes Annual Meeting: New York, NY, 2026
Deputy Editor	*Sociological Science*, 2025-2028
Editorial Board	*Social Psychology Quarterly,* 2024-2026
Editorial Board	*Journal of Health and Social Behavior,* 2021-2023
Secretary/Treasurer	ASA, Mental Health Section, 2020-2023

Organizer	ASA, Section on Methodology, 2024
Presider	ASA, Section on Methodology, 2022
Co-organizer	Groups Processes Annual Meeting: Los Angeles, CA, 2022
Chair	Graduate Student Investigator Award Committee, ASA, Social Psychology Section, 2022
Presider	ASA, Medical Sociology Section, 2021
Organizer	ASA, Sociology of Emotions Roundtable, 2020
Member	Graduate Student Investigator Award Committee, ASA, Social Psychology Section, 2018-2019
Representative	ASA, Social Psychology Section, 2016-2018 (student representative)
Chair	ASA, Social Psychology Section, Graduate Student Advisory Council 2016-2017
Member	ASA, Social Psychology Section, Graduate Student Advisory Council 2015-2016
Ad-hoc Reviewer for:	*Science, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Sociological Science, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives*, *Stigma and Health, Socius, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences* (TESS), *Army Research Office*, *Journal of Applied Social Science, Work and Occupations, Society and Mental Health, Social Science and Medicine, American Behavioral Scientist, Sociological Methodology, National Science Foundation, John Templeton Foundation*

Service to the Department, College, and University

Vanderbilt University, Institution and Department

2025-26	Chair, Speaker Committee
2024-25	Member, Speaker Committee
2023-24	Member, Undergraduate Program Committee
2022-23	Member, Graduate Program Committee
2021	Reviewer, University Award for Graduate Leadership Anchor Awards
2020-21	Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee (Medical Sociology/Health)

2019-20	Member, Speaker Committee
2019	Member, University Prestigious Fellowship Nomination Committee
2018-19	Member, Faculty Recruitment Committee (Medical Sociology/Health)

Service to Public

Advisory Board Member - *Center for HIV and Mental Health Stigma Elimination Strategies (CHIMES), 2025 -*

Advisor - *United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)*

Assisted Knowledge, Attitudes, and Practices (KAP) Study "A Communication for Development (C4D) Strategy for Early Childhood Development and Children with Developmental Delays and Disabilities for Palestine"

** Received the Best of UNICEF Research and Evaluation 2021 award

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association

Social Psychology	Disability and Society
Medical Sociology	Sex and Gender
Mental Health	Methodology

Sociological Science

International Society for Research on Emotions