**The Social Transformation of the Sociology of Health Professions Education**

Thursday, August 17th | 8:00am-5:00pm

**Organizers:**

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**Description**

Since the 1950s, the sociology of medical education has been an important part of medical sociology and sociology of professions, but the field’s limited focus on *medical* training and work has always incompletely reflected broader training and work processes in healthcare. In recent decades, the subfield has experienced a resurgence (Jenkins, Underman et al. 2021, Vinson 2021) and as part of that resurgence, the field’s focus has widened to include the sociological study of health professions more broadly. To both recognize and foster the recent expansion of the field, this ASA Preconference will create intentional cross- pollination between sociologists working in sociology, healthcare, and health professions education (HPE) settings.

In alignment with the theme of the 2023 Annual Meeting, this Preconference will illuminate and encourage the educative power of sociology of health professions education within—and beyond—the academy. Combining keynotes from leaders in the field, themed panels creating conversation around key topics in the field, and structured networking to foster connections among participants, colleagues working across sociology and healthcare will convene to celebrate the arrival of a new sociology of health professions education.

**Preliminary Agenda**

**Welcome and Opening Remarks** Alexandra Vinson, University of Michigan

**Opening Keynote** Susan Bell, Drexel University

**Panel 1: Theoretical Traditions in the Fields of Sociology of HPE and Medical Education**

Moderator: Kelly Underman, Drexel University

Panelists: Judson Everitt, Loyola University Chicago; stef shuster, Michigan State University; Paula Rowland, University Health Network and University of Toronto; Hyeyoung Oh Nelson, University of Colorado-Denver

**Panel 2: New Directions in the Sociology of Health Professions Education**

Moderator: Tania Jenkins, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Panelists: Fumilayo Showers, University of Connecticut; Adilia James, Endicott College; Josh Seim, Boston College; Mariana Craciun, Tulane University

**Panel 3: Sociology of HPE in Action**

Moderator: Laura Hirshfield, University of Illinois College of Medicine

Panelists: Barret Michalec, Arizona State University; Jules Madzia, University of Cincinnati; Julie Szymczak, University of Utah School of Medicine; Eric Van Rite, Rush Medical College

**Panel 4: New Researchers Joining the Field**

Moderator: Lauren Olsen, Temple University

Panelists: *To be announced*

**Closing Keynote** LaTonya Trotter, University of Washington

**Closing Remarks** Alexandra Vinson, University of Michigan