

# BEZA A. TADDESS

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Social Demography – Physical & Mental Health Stratification – Bio-Medical Sociology  
Race & Ancestry – Quantitative & Computational Methods – Epigenetics

## EDUCATION

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### Princeton University

*Ph.D. Sociology*

Expected 2027

*M.A. Sociology*

2024

### University of Colorado Denver

*M.A. Sociology*

2021

### Colorado College

*B.A. Sociology, Minor Asian Studies*

2015

## RESEARCH ARTICLES

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### Published & Forthcoming

- 2026 **Taddess, Beza**. “How Early Do Socioeconomic Gradients in Biological Aging Emerge? Investigating the Role of Early Life Stressors Using DNAm in Children.” Forthcoming at *Demography*.
- 2026 **Taddess, Beza**, Tan, Jolene, and Mojola, Sanyu A. “US Black Women’s Health Before and After the COVID-19 Pandemic: Socioeconomic and Temporal Patterns.” Forthcoming at *American Journal of Public Health*.
- 2026 **Taddess, Beza**<sup>†</sup>, Zhang, Luyin<sup>†</sup>, and Trejo, Sam. “Leveraging Genomic Data to Document Within-Race Attractiveness Penalties Among Black Americans.” Forthcoming at *Sociological Science*.
- 2026 Tan, Jolene, **Taddess, Beza**, and Mojola, Sanyu A. “It’s about time: Racial/ethnic health disparities conditional on socioeconomic status among US women, 1978–2018.” *SSM - Population Health* 34: 101930.
- 2024 Lippert, Adam M., Ryan Kim, Robbee Wedow, Jinho Kim, **Beza Taddess**, and S.V. Subramanian. “Contributions of Socioeconomic and Polygenic Risks to Cardiometabolic Health at Mid-Life.” *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*.

### Under Review

**Taddess, Beza** and Conley, Dalton. “Do Children Age Their Parents? Causal Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study and Add Health.”

<sup>†</sup> denotes joint lead authorship

### Working Papers

**Taddess, Beza**. “From Words to Patterns: An Open-Text Analysis of Self-Rated Health Assessment Using Natural Language Processing.”

**Taddess, Beza**. “Environmental Burden and DNA Methylation Aging – Implications for Youth Mental Health and Self-Rated Health.”

**Taddess, Beza** and Hamilton, Tod G. “Racialized Care Infrastructures: Structural Embeddedness of Racial Disparities in Severe Maternal Morbidity.”

**Taddess, Beza**, Tan, Jolene, and Mojola, Sanyu A. “The Geography and Demography of American Happiness: Mapping Who Thrives, Why, and Where.”

Tan, Jolene, **Taddess, Beza**, and Mojola, Sanyu A. “The Geography of Women’s Health in the United States, by Race/Ethnicity.”

Curran, Emily<sup>†</sup> and **Taddess, Beza**<sup>†</sup>. “Care Work at the Intersections of Race and Gender: The Impact of Occupational Segregation on Perceived and Biological Stress.”

## TEACHING

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**Racial Inequality (SO113)** – Instructor on Record Spring 2025  
Colorado College

**Introduction to Sociology (SOC 101)** – Teaching Assistant Fall 2023, Fall 2024  
Princeton University, Department of Sociology

## HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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GradFUTURES Social Impact Fellowship, Princeton University	2026
Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award	2025
Prize Fellow in the Social Sciences, Princeton University	2025
McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning Inaugural Exemplar Mentor	2024
President’s Fellow, Princeton University	2023 – 2024
CLAS Outstanding MA Graduate Student, University of Colorado Denver	2021
Chancellor’s Fellowship Award, University of Colorado Denver	\$5,000 2019 – 2020
Davis United World College Award (B.A. Scholarship)	\$80,000/4 years 2011 – 2015

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Colloquia & Invited Lectures

2025 “Race, SES, and Early Childhood Learning: Implications for Speech-Language Practice.” University of Colorado Boulder.

2023 “Inequality in Aging: Investigating Early Life Stressors and Epigenetic Age in Children.” Institute of Economy, Geography and Demography, Madrid, Spain.

2020 “Segregation and Fair Wage.” Emily Griffith Technical College.

2019 “What Explains the Spike in Teen Suicide in Colorado?” University of Colorado Denver.

### Conference Presentations

2026 American Sociological Association

2025 Population Association of America

2024 Integrating Genetics and the Social Sciences (IGSS)

2024 Behavior Genetics Association (BGA)

## UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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### Committees

Biology & Society Section, American Sociological Association 2026 – Present

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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**Princeton University**

Research Assistant, Dr. Sanyu A. Mojola

Research Assistant, Dr. Dalton Conley

2022 – Present

2023 – Present

**University of Colorado Denver**

Research Assistant, Dr. Adam Lippert

2019 – 2021

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

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**Colorado Children's Campaign**

Communications Director

Policy Research Assistant

2020 – 2021

2015 – 2020