

BEZA A. TADDESS

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

EDUCATION

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

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*.

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[†], Zhang, Luyin[†], and Trejo, Sam[§]. “Documenting Within-Race Attractiveness Penalties Among Black Americans.” *SocArXiv*.

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

Tan, Jolene, **Taddess, Beza**, and Mojola, Sanyu A. “It’s About Time: Health Disparities Among US Women Through an Age, Period, and Cohort Lens, 1978–2018.”

[†] denotes joint lead authorship [§] denotes senior 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[†] and **Taddess, Beza**[†]. “Care Work at the Intersections of Race and Gender: The Impact of Occupational Segregation on Perceived and Biological Stress.”

TEACHING

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

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

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

Committees

Biology & Society Section, American Sociological Association 2026 – Present

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Princeton University

Research Assistant, Dr. Sanyu A. Mojola

2022 – Present

Research Assistant, Dr. Dalton Conley

2023 – Present

University of Colorado Denver

Research Assistant, Dr. Adam Lippert

2019 – 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Colorado Children's Campaign

Communications Director

2020 – 2021

Policy Research Assistant

2015 – 2020