

## ALEXANDRA TATE

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### POSITIONS

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**Current**                      **Postdoctoral Fellow, The University of Chicago**  
Section of Hospital Medicine  
PI: David O. Meltzer, MD, PhD

### EDUCATION

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**2018**                      **PhD, University of California, Los Angeles**  
Department of Sociology  
Dissertation title: "The Interactional Negotiation of Complex Treatment:  
Physician authority and patient agency in cancer care"  
Committee members: Tanya Stivers, PhD (Chair), Patricia Ganz, MD, John  
Heritage, PhD, Stefan Timmermans, PhD

**2016**                      **C. Phil, University of California, Los Angeles**  
Exams in Medical Sociology (2) & Conversation Analysis (2)

**2014**                      **MA, University of California, Los Angeles**  
Title: "How Mental Health Presentations Condition Physician Uptake"  
Co-Chairs: John Heritage, PhD & Tanya Stivers, PhD

**2010**                      **BA, Northwestern University**  
Sociology with honors, Thesis supervisor, Monica Prasad, PhD

### AREAS OF INTEREST

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Medical sociology, end-of-life, aging, inpatient medicine, the doctor-patient relationship  
qualitative methods, mixed-methods, health systems, oncology, health inequality, palliative  
medicine, survey methods, mental health

### RESEARCH

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**Current**                      Postdoctoral fellow, Comprehensive Care Physician: Integrated Inpatient  
and Outpatient Care for Patients at High Risk of Hospitalization (PI:  
David Meltzer, MD, PhD)

**2012-2018**                      Principal Investigator, Complex Communication: How men and women  
confront cancer treatment, UCLA

**2013-2018**                      Visiting Graduate Student Researcher, Women's Cancer Research Institute  
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

**2009-2016**                      Co-investigator with Karrie Ann Snyder, PhD, Oncofertility Consortium,

Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago IL

2015 Graduate Student Researcher with Hannah Landecker, PhD, Department of Sociology, UCLA

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Revise & resubmit** Tate, A. "Invoking and Avoiding Death: How oncologists discuss patient death in cancer care." *Social Science and Medicine*.
- In press** Tate, A. & B.J. Rimel. "The Duality of Option-Listing in Oncology." *Patient Education and Counseling*.
- 2019 Tate, A. "Matter Over Mind: How mental health symptom presentations shape diagnostic outcomes." *Health*.
- 2018 Tate, A. "Treatment Recommendations in Oncology Visits: Implications for patient agency and physician authority." *Health Communication*. 33(12): 1-11.
- 2018 Snyder, K.A, A. Tate & E. Roubenoff. "Young Women with Breast Cancer and Treatment Decision-Making: Rethinking patient involvement and empowerment." In Jennie Jacobs Kronenfeld (ed.) *Gender, Women's Health Care Concerns and Other Social Factors in Health and Health Care: Research in the Sociology of Health Care, Vol. 36*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited, pp.37 – 58.
- 2016 Robinson, J.D., A. Tate & J. Heritage. "Agenda-Setting Revisited: When and how do primary care physicians solicit patients' additional concerns?" *Patient Education and Counseling*. 99(5): 718-723.
- 2014 Snyder, K.A. & A. Tate "Oncofertility and the Potential for Patient Navigators," in *Oncofertility Communication: Sharing information and Building Relationships Across Disciplines*, ed. Theresa Woodruff et al. New York: Springer Press. 49-60.
- 2013 Snyder, K.A. & A. Tate. "What To Do Now? How Women with Breast Cancer Make Fertility Preservation Decisions." *Journal of Family Planning and Reproductive Health Care*. 39(1): 172-178.

## IN PREPARATION

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"Variation in Physician Knowledge, Training, and Attitudes Towards Prognostication and Advance Care Planning"

"The Effect of the Doctor-Patient Relationship on the Prevalence of Advance Care Planning: Evidence from the Comprehensive Care Program"

"Collusion in the Clinic: The Social Construction of Treatment in Stage IV Cancer Patients"

## PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

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- 2019** "How Physicians Communicate Patient Involvement in Decision-Making: Evidence from oncology clinics." University of Chicago and Northwestern (UCANU) Research Seminar.
- 2018** "Invoking Death: What happens when patients resist treatment in Oncology." Outcomes Research Workshop, University of Chicago Medicine.
- "The 'Elasticity' of Medical Certainty in Oncology." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- "Talking Death: How oncologists discuss an emotional outcome." International Conference on Conversation Analysis, Loughborough, UK.
- "Leveraging Medical (Un)Certainty for Treatment Advocacy." Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA.
- 2017** "Mobilizing Certainty in Medicine to Secure Treatment Acceptance." National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- "Treatment Recommendations in Oncology Visits: Implications for patient agency and physician authority." National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, TX.
- "Invocations of Death: A resource for negotiating treatment compliance in cancer care." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montréal, Canada.
- 2016** "Treatment Recommendations in Oncology: A conversation analytic approach." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- "Option-Listing and Physician Bias in Cancer Care." National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- "The Interactional Negotiation of Cancer Treatment." Center for Language Interaction and Culture (CLIC), UCLA
- 2015** "Younger Women with Breast Cancer and Treatment Decision-Making: Rethinking patient involvement and empowerment," with Karrie Ann Snyder, PhD. Congress of Qualitative Inquiry, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
- "Treatment Recommendations in Oncology: A conversation analytic approach." Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA
- "Putting Agenda Setting on the Agenda," with Jeffrey Robinson, PhD and John Heritage, PhD. National Communication Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- "The Role of Patient Symptom Presentation in Mental Health Diagnosis

and Treatment in Primary Care." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL

- 2014** "Mindful Medicine: Mental health symptoms and patterns of uptake." Conversation Analysis Working Group, UCLA
- "Solidarity and Affiliative Disagreement in the Focus Group Setting: A Case Study of Female Cancer Survivors." International Conference on Conversation Analysis, Los Angeles, CA
- 2010** "Breast Cancer and Parenting: How Breast Cancer Impacts the Parenting Goals of Younger Women." Joint Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society and North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, IL

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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- 2019** Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section of Ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis
- 2017-2018** Dorothy L. Meier Dissertation Fellowship, UCLA
- 2017** Top Paper Panel, Language and Social Interaction Section of the National Communication Association
- 2014-2015** UCLA Graduate Research Mentorship Award
- 2014** Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2014** UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award
- 2013** UCLA Graduate Summer Research Mentorship Award
- 2013** Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2011** Travel Award, Oncofertility Consortium, Northwestern University
- 2010** Senior Thesis with Distinction, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Departmental Honors, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2009** Undergraduate Research Grant, Northwestern University

## **ACADEMIC SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS**

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- 2016-present** Member, National Communication Association
- 2011-present** Member, American Sociological Association

2019 Reviewer, Journal of Palliative Medicine  
 Reviewer, Journal of Health and Social Behavior

2018 Reviewer, Journal of Palliative Medicine  
 Reviewer, Sociology of Health & Illness

2017 Reviewer, Social Science and Medicine  
 Reviewer, Journal of Health & Social Behavior  
 Reviewer, The Agenda Setting Journal

2014-2016 Co-Coordinator, Conversation Analysis Working Group

2014 Reviewer, American Journal of Sociology

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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2018 Instructor, Gender, Sexuality & Women's Studies Program,  
 Temple University

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 Temple University  
 TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. William Roy, UCLA

2016 TA, Death, Suicide & Trauma, Prof. Stefan Timmermans, UCLA  
 TA, Talk & Social Institutions, Profs. John Heritage & Steven Clayman, UCLA  
 TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. William Roy, UCLA

2014 TA, The Self & Society, Prof. Jack Katz, UCLA  
 TA, Introduction to Sociology, Prof. Darnell Hunt, UCLA

2013 TA, Human Biology & Society, Prof. Hannah Landecker, UCLA