

“The Tolman scholarship has been more than a line on my CV. While the scholarship assisted in the short term with start-up costs in an unfamiliar, expensive city, I have felt tied in the long term to a legacy of feminist sexuality research. The scholarship continues to remind me there is great value in feminist research. Throughout my research, I aim to reach the goals embodied in the Tolman Scholarship by providing an intersectional analysis of major social problems.”



“My research focuses on two distinct, yet related, areas of sociology. First, I quantitatively examine how social inequalities uniquely and jointly affect mental and physical health outcomes. I apply the stress process and life course frameworks to assess how social relationships—social support and social capital—mitigate the negatives effects of social stressors. My second strain of research focuses on pre-exposure prophylaxis for HIV infection and how medical epistemologies interact with community-based interventions.”

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