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EDUCATION

North Carolina State University Ph.D. Sociology	May 2026 GPA: 3.85
University of Texas at El Paso M.Ed. Educational Administration - Higher Education Leadership	May 2021 GPA: 4.0
University of North Carolina at Charlotte B.S. Business Administration - Organizational Management	May 2017 GPA: 3.75

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Work, Gender, Military Studies, Higher Education, Culture

PUBLICATIONS

- **Carter, C.E.**, Lim, J.H., Interiano-Shiverdecker, C., Tkacik, P.T., & Dahlberg, J. (2023). Unlearning as learning: A critical analysis of student veteran support at a veteran-friendly campus. *Journal of Veterans Studies*, *9*(1). 190-202. https://doi.org/10.21061/jvs.v9i1.416
- Lim, J.H., Interiano, C.G., **Nowell, C.E.**, & Tkacik, P.T. (2018). Invisible cultural barriers: Contrasting perspectives on student veterans' transition. *Journal of College Student Development*. 59(3), 291-308. doi:10.1353/csd.2018.0028.
- Lim, J. H., Tkacik, P. T., Interiano, C. G., Dahlberg, J. L., & **Nowell, C. E.** (2016). *Engineering as a pathway to reintegration: Student veterans' transition experience into higher education and civilian society*. Proceeding of the 123rd American Society for Engineering Education conference. New Orleans, LA.

WORKING PAPERS

Carter, C.E. "Fight like a girl? Gendered organizational logics in the United States Army." *Under Review*.

Kiley, K. & Carter, C.E. "The effect of postsecondary pathways on values." *Manuscript in Progress*.

Thornton, J. & Carter, C.E. "Leaders of character? Perceptions of merit and organizational status hierarchy." *Manuscript in Progress*.

Carter, C.E. & Strong, M. "Applying a socio-ecological framework to understand military spouse unemployment." *Manuscript in Progress*.

REPORTS

Strong, J., Howell, K., **Carter, C.E.,** & Gloria, E. (2023). "Closing the loop: An eight-step guide to building a holistic military spouse employment program." *Blue Star Families*. https://bluestarfam.org/mse-research/research/

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- Akin, J. & Carter, C.E. (2021). "Military families' perceptions of the COVID-19 vaccine (part II)." *Blue Star Families*. https://bluestarfam.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/BSF_PulseCheck_Report_Apr2021.pdf
- Strong, J., Akin, J., Hunt, K., Brazer, D., Farace, K., Howell, K., Carter, C.E., Maury, R., Linsner, R. & Harvie, J. (2020). "2020 Military family lifestyle survey comprehensive report." *Blue Star Families*. https://bluestarfam.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/BSF_MFLS_CompReport_FULL.pdf
- Akin, J. & Carter, C.E. (2020). "Military families' perceptions of the COVID-19 vaccine Part I." *Blue Star Families*. https://bluestarfam.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/BSF_PulseCheck_Report_Dec2020_v3.pdf
- Akin, J. & Carter, C.E. (2020). "Understanding the impact of COVID-19 on Black and Hispanic/Latinx families." *Blue Star Families*. https://bluestarfam.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/BDG-PPP-DeepDive-Black-Hispanic-Respondents.pdf

PUBLIC WRITING

Carter, C.E. & Reed-Fitzke, K. (2024). "Finders, keepers! Empowering military spouses to maintain employment through the military family lifecycle." *OneOp*.

PRESENTATIONS

- Carter, C.E. (2024). "Empowering military spouses to maintain employment: A review of the resources for holistic support." Invited webinar for *OneOp*, a U.S. Department of Defense partner for family practitioner professional development.
- Kiley, K. & Carter, C.E. (2024). "The effects of post-secondary pathways on values." Paper presented at the 2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada.
- **Carter, C.E.** & Thornton, J. (2024). "Leaders of character? Subjective perceptions of merit and the reproduction of an organizational elite." Paper presented at the 2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in Montreal, Canada.
- **Carter, C.E.** & Thornton, J. (2024). "Leaders of character? Subjective perceptions of merit and the reproduction of an organizational elite." Paper presented at the 2024 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference in Limerick, Ireland.
- Kiley, K. & Carter, C.E. (2024). "The effect of college completion and military service on young Americans' values." Paper presented at the 2024 Eastern Sociological Society Conference in Washington, D.C.
- **Carter, C.E.** & Thornton, J. (2024). "We're building leaders of character": The making of a military elite." Paper presented at the 2024 Eastern Sociological Society Conference in Washington, D.C.

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- **Carter, C.E.** & Strong, M. (2024). "Applying a socio-ecological framework to understand military spouse unemployment." Paper accepted for the 2024 Veterans in Society Conference in Columbia, SC.
- Carter, C.E. (2023). "Who's fit to serve? Unpacking soldiers' gendered perceptions of the Army Combat Fitness Test." Paper presented at the 2023 Inter-University Seminar on Armed Forces & Society Conference. Reston, VA.
- Carter, C.E. (2023). "Power, privilege & the ponytail: How male officers understand new changes to Army uniform standards." Paper presented at the 2023 American Sociological Association Conference. Philadelphia, PA.
- Carter, C.E. (2023). Who's fit to serve? Unpacking soldiers' gendered perceptions of the Army Combat Fitness Test. Paper presented at the 2023 American Sociological Association PWSC roundtables. Philadelphia, PA.
- Carter, C.E. (2023). Who's fit to serve? Unpacking soldiers' gendered perceptions of the Army Combat Fitness Test. Paper presented at the 2023 North Carolina State University Equity Symposium. Raleigh, NC.
- Carter, C.E. & Strong, J. (2022). *Just another battle drill: A critical analysis of veteran reactions to the COVID-* 19 pandemic. Paper presented at the 2022 Veterans in Society Conference at Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ.
- Carter, C.E. (2019). Comparing success: A review of academic and labor market outcomes for community college and native four-year students. Poster presented at the 2019 University of Texas at El Paso Graduate Research Expo. El Paso, TX.
- Nowell, C.E., Interiano, C.G., & Lim, J.H. (2018). *Unlearning as learning? Questioning the efficacy of educational support for student veterans' transition*. Paper presented at the 2018 American Educational Research Association conference. New York, NY.
- Interiano, C.G., Lim, J.H., & **Nowell, C.E.** (2017). Constructing authentic pedagogical content knowledge and professional identity: Case study of a successful engineering course. Paper presented at the 2017 North Carolina Association for Research in Education conference. Chapel Hill, NC.
- Nowell, C.E., Interiano, C.G., & Lim, J.H. (2017). *Unpacking "veteran-friendly:" A critical analysis of cultural assumptions in higher education*. Paper presented at the 2017 North Carolina Association for Research in Education conference. Chapel Hill, NC.
- Lim, J.H., **Nowell, C.E.**, Interiano, C.G., & Tkacik, P.T. (2016). *Invisible cultural barriers: Contrasting perspectives on student veterans' transition*. Paper presented at the 2016 Association for the Study of Higher Education conference. Columbus, OH.
- Lim, J.H., Tkacik, P.T., Interiano, C.G., Dahlberg, J.L., & **Nowell, C.E.** (2016). *Engineering as a pathway to reintegration: Student veterans' transition experience into higher education and civilian society.* Paper presented at the annual American Society for Engineering Education Conference & Exposition. New Orleans, LA.

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Nowell, C.E., Interiano, C.G., Lim, J.H., & Tkacik, P.T. (2016). *Bridging the gap: Differences in perceptions of student veterans' needs between faculty/staff and student veterans*. Poster presented at the 2016 annual Military Health Conference. Charlotte, NC.

Nowell, C.E. (2015). *Measuring reference outcomes: Meeting student needs*. Poster presented at the annual North Carolina Honors College Conference. Asheville, NC.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Southern Sociological Society (SSS)— "Striving Towards Anti-Racist Teaching in the South" (STARTS) National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Organizations, Occupations & Work Peace, War & Social Conflict

Sociology of Education

Sex and Gender

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Senior Applied Research Consultant - Blue Star Families	May 2020-Aug 2022
Graduate Research Assistant – COVID-19 (FIRST) Study	May 2022-Jun 2022
Market Research Associate - Education Advisory Board	Jul 2017-Jan 2018

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

North Carolina State University	
SOC 203 – Current Social Problems (online)	Fall 2024
SOC 205 – Jobs & Work	Fall 2023, Spring 2024
SOC 300 – Sociological Research Methods Lab	Spring 2023
University of Texas at El Paso	
Higher Education Policy Analysis (online)	Summer 2022

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Career Advisor - Missouri University of Science & Technology	Aug 2018-May 2019
College Internship Recruiter - Helen of Troy	Nov 2019-May 2020
College Recruiting Intern - Mutual of Omaha	May 2016-Dec 2016

HONORS & AWARDS

Graduate Student Association Travel Award (\$500) – North Carolina State University	May 2024
Graduate School Summer Fellowship (\$2500) – North Carolina State University	May 2023
Program Evaluator (\$37,500 - 3 years) – NC Veterans Farm (USDA Grant)	Mar 2023
Veterans in Society Travel Award (\$250) – Veterans Studies Association	Oct 2022
University Provost's Doctoral Fellowship (\$4000) – North Carolina State University	Jan 2022
Jim Rhatigan Fellowship-National Association of Student Personnel Administrators	Jan 2020
Distinguished Paper Award – NC Association of Research in Education	Oct 2017
Outstanding Senior Thesis – UNC Charlotte Honors College	May 2017

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SERVICE

Armed Forces & Society Advisory Board – University of South Carolina Press	2023-2024
Executive Board Member - Veterans Studies Association	2023-2024
Conference Co-Chair – 2024 Veterans in Society Conference	2023-2024
Reviewer – Journal of Veterans Studies	2023-2024
Proposal Reviewer – NASPA Leadership Educators Institute	2022