



Nina Kaiser

Department of Sociology and Anthropology 2020 Collins Award Winner

Nina Kaiser is the winner of the Department of Sociology and Anthropology's James D. Collins Award. Nina began contributing to our department as a high school senior, becoming engaged in research with our faculty even before she had officially begun classes as a first year student. Nina has also been an active member of a research team at Washington University's School of Medicine. Her research collaborations have yielded several peer reviewed articles, including a paper in PloS One. Nina's intellectual curiosity shines through in the classroom as well. In the classroom, Nina is always tuned in, fully present, and eager to gain a new perspective or puzzle out a difficult question. She has completed some truly impressive independent research in our courses, including a semester-long ethnographic research project investigating access to medication assisted therapy for pregnant women with opioid use disorder. Outside of the classroom, Nina has had positions at Casa de Salud and at St. Mary's Hospital. She engaged in this opportunities early, and maintained many of them for years. Nina's commitment and dedication to our department, in her research, in her courses, and in the St. Louis community is remarkable. She'll be truly missed, but we are so excited to follow her next steps as she begins classes at Saint Louis University's School of Medicine in the fall!