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EDUCATION

- 2026 **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY
Ph.D., Sociology
Advisor: Scott D. Landes, Ph.D
- 2020 **Syracuse University**, Syracuse, NY
M.A., Sociology
Mentor: Scott D. Landes, Ph.D
- 2014 **Higher School of Economics University**, Moscow, Russia
M.S., Sociology
Mentor: Elena R. Iarskaya-Smirnova, Ph.D.
- 2010 **Belarusian State University**, Minsk, Belarus
B.A., Sociology

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- 2022–2024 **Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion and Population Health**, Syracuse University
Research Assistant
- 2020–2021 **International Disability Alliance**, Geneva, Switzerland [Internship]
Sociologist
- 2016–2018 **Office for Rights of People with Disabilities**, Minsk, Belarus
Sociologist, Trainer, Project Manager
- 2014–2015 **NetComService** [IT Company], Moscow, Russia
Marketing Analyst
- 2010–2012 **Specialized Public School for Children with Severe Speech Disorders**, Minsk, Belarus
Caregiver, Teacher of Belarusian History and Social Sciences
- 2009–2012 **NOVAK Laboratory for Social and Marketing Research**, Minsk, Belarus
Data Analyst, Interviewer [freelance]
- 2005–2010 **Center for Sociological and Political Studies**, Belarusian State University, Belarus
Interviewer [part-time]

RESEARCH INTERESTS

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- [4] Landes, S. D., Hall, J. P., Swenor, B. K., & **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2025). Comparative performance of disability measures. *PloS one*, 20(1), e0318745.
- [3] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.**, Landes, S. D., & Monnat, S. M. (2024). The Role of Perceived Social Support in Subjective Wellbeing among Working-Age US Adults with and without Limitations in Activities of Daily Living. *Disability and Health Journal*, 101705. doi:10.1016/j.dhjo.2024.101705
- [2] Landes, S. D., Swenor, B. K., & **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2024). Counting disability in the National Health Interview Survey and its consequence: Comparing the American Community Survey to the Washington Group disability measures. *Disability and Health Journal*, 17(2), 101553. doi: 10.1016/j.dhjo.2023.101553
- [1] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.**, & Landes, S. D. (2023). The association between the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and healthcare affordability among US adults with intellectual disability. *Journal of Intellectual Disability Research*, 67(12), 1270-1290. doi:10.1111/jir.13037

RESEARCH BRIEFS, REPORTS, AND BOOK REVIEWS

- [6] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.**, Landes, SD., and Monnat, SM. (2024). Differences in Happiness and Perceived Meaning in Life between U.S. Working-Age Adults with versus without a Self-Care Disability. Lerner Center Population Health Research Brief Series. Research Brief #120. Accessed at: <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/259/>
- [5] Landes, S. D., Swenor, B. K., Clark, M. A., Goddard, K. S., Hall, J. P., Hermans, A., ... & **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2024). A Research Roadmap Toward Improved Measures of Disability. *Health Affairs Forefront*. doi: 10.1377/forefront.20240708.306851
- [4] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.**, Landes, SD., Swenor BK. (2024). Are We Accurately Counting the Disabled Population in the United States? Lerner Center Population Health Research Brief Series. Research Brief #110. Accessed at: <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/241>
- [3] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2023). How Did Healthcare Affordability Change for U.S. Adults with Intellectual Disability After the Implementation of the Affordable Care Act? Lerner Center Population Health Research Brief Series. 225. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/225>
- [2] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2020). Book Review: *Disability and Rurality: Identity, Gender and Belonging* by Karen Soldatic and Kelley Johnson. *Gender & Society*. 1–3. doi:10.1177/0891243220910399
- [1] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2018). Promotion of practices of deinstitutionalization at the local community level in Belarus. *Mental Health Policy in the Baltic Region: Looking for Synergy Between Governments and Civil Society (NGO Mental Health Perspectives)*, http://perspektyvos.org/images/failai/mental_health_policy_in_baltic_region.pdf. [electronic copy]

PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS

- [2] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2012). Stigmatization of people with disabilities in contemporary Belarusian society. In Minenkov et al. (Eds.), *Europe-2012: Perspectives and Challenges of Europeanization* (pp. 433–442). Vilnius, Lithuania: European Humanities University. [in Russian, [electronic copy](#)]
- [1] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2009). Pedagogical aspects of profession counseling for students with disabilities. *Volume of Student Papers from the 66th Academic Conference of Students in Baccalaureate and Postgraduate programs, 2*, 143–147. [in Russian]

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- [10] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** & Landes, SD. (2023, August 19). Health Disparities among US Adults with Intellectual Disability. 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, US.
- [9] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** & Landes, SD. (2023, June 7). The Association Between the Affordable Care Act and Health Care Affordability among US Adults with Intellectual Disability. 147th Annual Meeting of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Pittsburgh, US.
- [8] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2018, April 10). *Promoting Deinstitutionalization in local communities in Belarus* [Conference session]. Mental Health Policy: Looking for Synergy Between Governments and Civil Society International Conference, Vilnius, Lithuania.
- [7] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2017, June 29–July 05). *Fashionable practices in the everyday life of women with disabilities* [Paper presentation]. Cultural Studies of Post-Socialism: Approaches and Methods International Conference, Saint Petersburg, Russia.
- [6] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2016, June 06). *The process of deinstitutionalization in Belarus* [Conference session]. Superheroes for Children Summit: From Vision to Change Conference, Kyiv, Ukraine.
- [5] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2016, May 19). *Deinstitutionalization as an opportunity to promote human rights of people with intellectual and/or psychosocial disabilities in Belarus* [Paper presentation]. Social Support for People with Mental Disabilities: Integration into Society and Promotion of Rights Conference, Minsk, Belarus.
- [4] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2013, March 16). *How fashion influences the identity of women with disabilities* [Conference session]. 11th HSE University Professional Sociologists Society Annual Conference, Moscow, Russia.
- [3] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.**, & Drozdovsky, S. (2012, July 24–August 02). *Stigmatization and discrimination of people with disabilities in contemporary Belarus* [Conference session]. Summer Camp on Human Rights Conference, Bad Liebenzell, Germany.
- [2] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2012, May 18–20). *Stigmatization of people with disabilities in Belarusian contemporary society* [Paper presentation]. International Student Scientific Conference Europe 2012: Prospects and Challenges of Europeanization, Vilnius, Lithuania.

- [1] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2012, March 15). *Issues of minorities in the enlargement process of the European Union* [Panel discussion]. Trends of the Evolution of Approaches to European Organizations Conference, Minsk, Belarus.

INVITED TALKS

- [3] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2019, April 10). *#MeToo movement in the former Soviet countries*. Syracuse University, Syracuse, USA.
- [2] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2017, May 25). *Stigma and discrimination experienced by middle school students with disabilities: Analyzing the causes and developing prevention actions*. Institute of Inclusive Education (Belarusian State Pedagogical University Named After Maxim Tank), Minsk, Belarus.
- [1] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2016, July 20). *Couture without borders: How fashion trends influence gender identity of women with disabilities*. Gender Reading Club Project, Minsk, Belarus.

NON-REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

- [2] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2014). *Couture without borders: Transformation of beauty canons in fashion practices of women with disabilities* [Master's thesis, Higher School of Economics University]. HSE University Theses & Dissertations.
- [1] **Vaitsiakhovich, N.** (2010). *Stigmatization of people with disabilities in contemporary society* [Bachelor's thesis, Belarusian State University]. BSU Theses & Dissertations.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor on Record for Undergraduate Introduction to Sociology (online, asynchronous), Winter 2025
Guest Lecture: SOC440/DSP440 Sociology of Disability, Spring 2024

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD)

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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| 2023 | Travel Scholarship, Legal Process & Public Policy Interest Network, American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (\$600) |
| 2022 | Syracuse University Pre-dissertation Summer Fellowship (\$4,000) |
| 2021 | Syracuse University Graduate Fellowship |
| 2018 | Civil Society Leadership Awards two-year fellowship, Open Society Foundations, U.S. (in the 8% of successful recipients, \$80,000) |
| 2012 | Two-year graduate scholarship, Higher School of Economics University, Moscow, Russia |

LANGUAGES

Russian: native
Belarusian: native
English: advanced proficiency

SPECIALIZED TECHNICAL SKILLS

Data analysis software: SPSS, Stata, SAS, NVivo
Survey research software: Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey

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Color: RGB 24, 117, 122