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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Rice University, expected May 2019

Dissertation Title: Residential Experiences, Trajectories, and Stratification: The Role of Residential Support from Kin

Dissertation Committee: Drs. Jenifer Bratter (Chair), Rachel T. Kimbro, James R. Elliott, and Flavio Cunha

Comprehensive Exam Areas: Race and Urban Sociology

Graduate Certificate in Teaching and Learning, Rice University Center for Teaching Excellence, expected May 2018

MA Sociology, Rice University, 2015

Thesis Title: "Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?"

Committee Members: Drs. Jenifer Bratter, Rachel Kimbro, and Steve Murdock

BA Sociology, University of Arizona, 2013

AA Sociology, Cochise College, 2011

Areas of Interest

Family, Race and Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Poverty, Neighborhoods and Housing

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Whitehead, Ellen. *Forthcoming*. "Be My Guest?: The Link between Concentrated Poverty, Race, and Family-Level Support." *Journal of Family Issues*.

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. *Forthcoming*. "The Ties That Bind?: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

Reports and Invited Essays

Whitehead, Ellen. 2016. "Support from Family Does Not Replace the Social Safety Net." Policy Brief for the UC Davis Center for Poverty Research.

Whitehead, Ellen and Jenifer Bratter. 2017. Introduction to “The Uneven Playing Field: How Race and Ethnicity Shape Life Chances.” Chapter in *Unmaking Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*. Oxford University Press.

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. 2015. “Population Composition by Race and Ethnicity: North America.” *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by Irma Elo, Andrew Foster, and James Wright.

Papers Under Review

Whitehead, Ellen. “Paying for their Stay: Race, Coresiding Arrangements, and Rent Payments among Fragile Families.” Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Family Issues*.

Whitehead, Ellen. “Heterogeneity in Neighborhood Social Integration: Understanding the Role of Private Support.” *Under Review*.

Papers in Progress

Whitehead, Ellen. “Are In-Laws Substituting or Supplementing?: Receipt of Kin Support from Paternal Relatives and the Brokering Role of Fathers.”

Whitehead, Ellen. “Greater Distance, Less Assistance: Race, Kin Support, and Spatial Proximity between Parents and Children.”

Sharp, Gregory, Ellen Whitehead, and Matthew Hall. “Wealth and Homeownership Exit.”

Whitehead, Ellen, Allan Farrell, and Jenifer Bratter. “If You Don’t Know Me by Now...”: Observed and Reported Race in the Fragile Families Survey.”

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. “Single but not Alone: Extended Family Co-Residence, Race, and Poverty among Single Mother Families.”

Fellowships and Awards

Graduate Student Travel Grant (Spring 2018)
Social Sciences Graduate Student Association, Rice University
Funds Awarded: \$500

Graduate Student Conference Travel Grant (Fall 2017)
Social Sciences Research Institute, Rice University
Funds Awarded: \$400

Clifford C. Clogg Scholar (Summer 2017)
Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, University of Michigan
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
Funds Awarded: Waiver for tuition (~\$4,200)

Rice Graduate Student Association Travel Fund Award (Spring 2017)
Funds Awarded: \$250

Junior Scholar Fund Award
Children and Families Working Group, Rice University
Funds Awarded: \$1,500

Visiting Graduate Student Scholar (Fall 2015)
Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis
Funds Awarded: \$8,000

Presentations

Invited Talks

2018 “The Myth of Meritocracy: How Support from Family Members Perpetuates Inequality.” University of Houston Diversity Institute. April 12, 2018.

Papers Presented at National and Regional Conferences

2018 “‘Stuck in Place’ with Family?: A Longitudinal Analysis of Multigenerational Households and Neighborhood Attainment.” Accepted for a refereed roundtable at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. August 11-14, 2018.

 “Moving On, Moving Out—but Where To?: Residential Trajectories after Coresiding with Family or Friends.” Accepted for an oral presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Denver, Colorado. April 26-28, 2018.

 “Tracking the Housing Status of Coresiders Over Time: An Application of Latent Class Analysis.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, Louisiana, April 4-7, 2018.

2017 “Greater Distance, Less Assistance: Race, Kin Support, and Spatial Proximity between Parents and Children.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association. Morgantown, WV. October 12-14, 2016.

 “‘If You Don’t Know Me by Now...’: Observed and Reported Race in the Fragile Families Survey.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 12-15, 2017.

“Neighborhood Connectivity and Residential Circumstances: Understanding the Role of Public and Private Support.” Poster presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. Chicago, Illinois. April 27-29, 2017.

“Are In-Laws Substituting or Supplementing?: Receipt of Kin Support from Paternal Relatives and the Brokering Role of Fathers.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. Greenville, South Carolina. March 29-April 1, 2017.

2016 “Neighborhood Experiences and Residential Circumstances: Understanding the Role of Public and Private Support.” Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association. Athens, GA. October 12-14, 2016.

“Single but Not Alone: Extended Family Co-Residence, Race, and Poverty among Single Mother Families.” Regular Session at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 20-23, 2016.

“‘Be My Guest’: Concentrated Poverty, Race, and Family-Level Support Among New Mothers. Refereed roundtable at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 20-23, 2016.

“Paying for their Stay: The Coresident Circumstances of New Mothers.” Center for Research on Families and Relationships International Conference. Edinburgh, Scotland. June 13-15, 2016.

“The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. March 31-April 1, 2016.

“Paying for their Stay: The Coresident Circumstances of New Mothers.” Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 13-16, 2016.

“The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Perceived Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families.” (Presented by Dr. Jenifer Bratter) Council on Contemporary Families Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. March 4-5, 2016.

2015 “Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?” Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. October 14-16, 2015.

“The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families.” (Presented by Dr. Jenifer Bratter) Cornell Population Center, Cornell University. September 18, 2015.

“Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?” Center for Poverty Research Fall Retreat, University of California, Davis. September 20-22, 2015.

“Sharing Resources: The Relationship Between Race, Kin Support, and Neighborhood Quality.” Study of Race and Ethnicity Graduate Group meeting. Rice University. April 7, 2015.

2014 “Exploring Segregation through Intersectionality: Family Structure, Race, and Class.” Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Annual Graduate Symposium. Rice University. April 11, 2014.

Research Positions

2017-Present Interviewer for the Hurricane Harvey Evacuee Project
Principal Investigator: Dr. Kevin Fitzpatrick, University of Arkansas

2013-Present Graduate Research Assistant, Rice University
Working with Dr. Jenifer Bratter, Department of Sociology

2012 Undergraduate Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record

Spring 2019 *Scheduled.* “Poverty in the U.S.: Definitions, Debates, and Determinants,” First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar, Rice University

Scheduled. “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University

Fall 2018 *Scheduled.* “Community Bridges Training” (Sociology 469), Rice University

Spring 2018 “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University

Fall 2017 “Community Bridges Training” (Sociology 469), Rice University

Teaching Assistantships

Spring 2018 “The Science of Supplements” (First-Year Writing Intensive Seminar 152), Rice University

Fall 2016 “Introduction to Sociology” (Sociology 101), Rice University

Spring 2015 “Social Statistics” (Sociology 382), Rice University

- Spring 2013 *Preceptor*. “The Pursuit of Happiness: The Sociology of Happiness” (Sociology 357), University of Arizona
- Spring 2011 *Undergraduate Teaching Assistant*. “Introduction to Sociology” (Sociology 101), Cochise College

Guest Lectures

- Spring 2017 “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University
- Spring 2016 “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University
- Spring 2015 “Race, Society, and Population Change” (Sociology 543), Rice University

Workshops and Trainings

- 2017 Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality. Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, University of Chicago. August 7-11, 2017.
- ICPSR Summer Program. Courses: Multilevel Modeling I, Maximum Likelihood Estimation I, Introduction to R, Multilevel Modeling II, Longitudinal Analysis. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. June-August, 2017.
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics User Training Workshop. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan. June 12-16, 2017.
- Poverty Tracker Data Training Workshop. Columbia University, New York, NY. May 18-19, 2017.
- 2016 Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study Summer Data Workshop. Columbia University, New York, NY. June 15-17, 2016.
- University of Texas Summer Statistics Institute. Courses: Hierarchical Linear Modeling and Time Series Modeling. University of Texas, Austin, TX. May 23-26, 2016
- 2015 Economics 290: Poverty and Public Policy. Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis.

Service

Departmental/Institutional

- 2015-Present Sociology Department Graduate Student Liaison
Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University

2017	<p>First Round Selection Committee Graduate Teaching Award for Independent Instruction Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University Graduate Teaching Assistant Award Selection Committee Social Science Representative Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University</p>
2016-2017	<p>Graduate Student Quantitative Working Group, Founder and Organizer Department of Sociology, Rice University</p> <p>Graduate Student Representative Department of Sociology, Rice University</p>
2015	<p>Member of the Undergraduate Paper Competition Committee Department of Sociology, Rice University</p> <p>Judge for the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium Rice University</p> <p>Graduate student liaison for graduate program recruitment weekend Department of Sociology, Rice University</p>
2014-2015	<p>Graduate Student Liaison Student Wellbeing Office, Rice University</p> <p>Graduate Student Representative Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Rice University</p> <p>Graduate Student Representative GLBT Campus Climate Committee, Rice University</p>
2014	<p>Graduate student liaison for graduate program recruitment weekend Department of Sociology, Rice University</p> <p>Graduate Student Mentor for new graduate student cohort Department of Sociology, Rice University</p>
2013	<p>Undergraduate representative for the Undergraduate Studies Committee Department of Sociology, University of Arizona</p>
<i>Professional</i>	
2017-Present	<p>Member and Treasurer of the Student Forum Advisory Board Chair of the Awards Committee and Member of the Workshop Committee Session Organizer for 2018 Annual Meeting Student Forum Sessions</p>

American Sociological Association

- 2017 Session Presider. “Fathering and Family Outcomes.”
Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- 2016 Session Presider. “Working Through It: Strategies for Managing Poverty.”
Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting

Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer: Journal of Marriage and Family, Population Research and Policy Review

Internships and Related Experience

- 2012-2013 Intern, Homeownership and Foreclosure Intervention Office
Primavera Foundation, Tucson, AZ
- 2009 Intern, Office of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords
Sierra Vista, AZ

Honors and Awards

- 2013 Department of Sociology Outstanding Senior Award (University of Arizona)
- 2012 Magellan Scholar (University of Arizona)
- 2011 All-Arizona Academic First Team Award