

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

2003 Ph.D. Sociology and Demography, University of Pennsylvania
1999 A.M. Demography, University of Pennsylvania
1997 B.A. Urban Studies, College of Wooster

Areas of Specialization

Stratification, Urban Sociology, Higher Education, Residential Segregation, Immigration

Academic Employment

2010- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
2004-2011 Research Associate, Center for Population Research, University of Connecticut
2004-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
2003-2004 Visiting Research Associate, Office of Population Research, Princeton University
2001-2004 Project Manager, National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania
1999-2001 Research Assistant, National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania
1998 Research Assistant to Douglas S. Massey, University of Pennsylvania
1997-1998 Research Assistant, Mexican Migration Project, University of Pennsylvania

Administrative Appointments

2013-2015 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut

Funding

2013-2014 "The Spatial Manifestation of Inequality by Race, Class, and Tenure from 1990 to 2010"
University of Connecticut Small Grant Competition (\$1,278)
2010-2011 "Examining the Impact of the Housing Boom on Minority Neighborhood Access" June
2010-January 2011 University of Connecticut Large Grant Competition (\$17,776)
2009-2011 "Social Capital, School Choice, and Student Success: Examining the Linkages Among High
School Students in the ELS" AERA grant with joint sponsors National Science Foundation
and National Center for Education Statistics NSF #DRL-0634035 (\$34,949)
2008 "Supplementary Training for Inter-group Contact Project" June 2008. University of
Connecticut Small Grant Competition (\$900)
2007 "Statistical Study of Emerging New Immigration Destinations" January 2007-October 2007.
Russell Sage Foundation (\$35,000)
2006 "Supplementary Training for Hispanic Geographic Expansion Project" June 2006.
University of Connecticut Small Grant Competition (\$850)
2005-2006 "Hispanic Geographic Expansion: Exploring Trends in Residential and School
Segregation." June 2005-May 2006. University of Connecticut Large Grant Competition
(\$9,775)

Publications

Books

Charles, Camille Z, Mary J. Fischer, Margarita Mooney, and Douglas S. Massey. 2009. *Taming the River: Negotiating the Academic, Financial, and Social Currents in Selective Colleges and Universities*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Massey, Douglas S., Camille Z. Charles, Garvey Lundy, and Mary J. Fischer. 2003. *Source of the River: The Social Origins of Freshmen at America's Selective Colleges and Universities*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Book Chapters

Fischer, Mary J. and Deronta Spencer. 2015. "College Employment and Academic Outcomes for African Americans Students on Elite Campuses" in *Student Involvement and Academic Outcomes: Implications for Diverse Student Populations* (editors Krista Soria, John A. Gibson, and Donald Mitchell, Jr.) Peter Lang Press.

Mills, Greg and Mary J. Fischer. 2015. "Homeownership Expansion, Suburbanization, and Residential Segregation" in *Race, Space and Exclusion* (editors Robert Adelman and Christopher Mele) Routledge Press.

Fischer, Mary J., and Marta Tienda 2006. 'Redrawing Spatial Color Lines: Hispanic Metropolitan Dispersion, Segregation and Economic Opportunity', pp. 100-137 in *Hispanics and the Future of America*, National Academies Press.

Peer Reviewed Articles

Published

Fischer, Mary J. and Jacob Rugh "[Military Veterans and Neighborhood Racial Integration: VA Mortgage Lending Across Three Eras.](#)" *Population Research and Policy Review*.

Li, Angran and Mary J. Fischer. 2017 "Advantaged/Disadvantaged School Community, Parental Networks, and Parental Involvement at Elementary School" *Sociology of Education* 90(4):355-377.

Fischer, Mary J., Jennifer Lundquist, and Todd Vachon. 2016. "Residential Segregation: The Mitigating Effects of Past Military Experience" *Social Science Research* 60:61-73.

Fischer, Mary J. and Travis Lowe. 2015. "Homebuyer Neighborhood Attainment in Black and White: Housing Outcomes During the Boom and Bust." *Social Forces* 93(4):1481-1512.

Fischer, Mary J. 2013 "Black and White Homebuyer, Homeowner, and Household Segregation in the United States, 1990-2010" *Social Science Research* 42(6):1726-1736.

Beasley, Maya and Mary J. Fischer. 2012. "Why they leave: the impact of stereotype threat on the attrition of women and minorities from science, math and engineering majors." *Social Psychology of Education* 15(4): 427-448.

Fischer, Mary J. 2011. "The Effects of Interracial Contact in College on the Interracial Attitudes of White Students." *Social Psychology of Education* 14(4): 547-574.

Fischer, Mary J. 2010. "Can Institutional Networks Mitigate Labor Market Disadvantages? Evidence from College Summer Job Searches." *Social Science Quarterly* 91(5):1264-1287.

- Fischer, Mary J. 2010. "Immigrant Educational Outcomes In New Destinations: An Exploration of High School Attrition" *Social Science Research* 39(4):627-541.
- Fischer, Mary J. 2010. "A Longitudinal Examination of the Role of Stereotype Threat and Racial Climate on College Outcomes for Minorities at Elite Institutions" *Social Psychology of Education* 13(1):19-40.
- Fischer, Mary J. 2008. "Does Campus Diversity Promote Friendship Diversity? A Look at Inter-Racial Friendships in College" *Social Science Quarterly* 89(3):631-655.
- Fischer, Mary J. 2008. "Shifting Geographies: Examining the Role of Suburbanization in Black's Declining Segregation" *Urban Affairs Review* 43(4):475-496.
- Fischer, Mary J. 2007. 'Settling into Campus Life: Differences by Race/Ethnicity in College Involvement and Outcomes.' *Journal of Higher Education* 78(2): 125-161.
- Fischer, Mary J. and Douglas S. Massey. 2007. 'The Effects of Affirmative Action in Higher Education' *Social Science Research* 38:531-549.
- Massey, Douglas S., Mary J. Fischer, and Chiara Capoferro. 2006. 'International Migration and Gender in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis.' *International Migration* 44(5):3-195.
- Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2006. 'The Long Term Consequences of Segregation: Minority Performance at Selective Academic Institutions.' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, volume 29, number 1, pp. 1-26.
- Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2005. 'Stereotype Threat and the Academic Performance of Students at Selective Colleges and Universities.' *DuBois Review*, volume 2, issue 1, pp. 45-67.
- Fischer, Mary J. and Julie A. Kmec. 2004. 'The Mediating Effects of Neighborhoods on Young Adult Socioeconomic Success.' *Sociological Perspectives*, Volume 47, Issue 4, pp. 507-527.
- Fischer, Mary J. and Douglas S. Massey. 2004. 'The Ecology of Racial Discrimination.' *City and Community*, Volume 3, Number 3, pp.221-241.
- Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2003. 'The Geography of Inequality in the United States, 1950-2000.' In *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs: 2003*. William G. Gale and Janet Rothenberg Pack, eds. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.
- Fischer, Mary J. 2003. 'The Relative Importance of Class and Race in Determining Residential Outcomes in U.S. Urban Areas, 1970-2000' *Urban Affairs Review*. Volume 38, Number 5, pp. 669-696.
- Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2001. 'Segregation of Asians in U.S. Metropolitan Areas 1980-1990,' *EurAmerica*, Volume 31, Number 2, pp. 1-30.
- Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2000. 'How Segregation Concentrates Poverty,' *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, Volume 23, Number 4, pp. 670-691.
- Fischer, Mary J. and Douglas S. Massey. 2000. 'Residential Segregation and Ethnic Enterprise in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,' *Social Problems*, Volume 47, Number 3, pp. 408-424.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 1999. 'Does Rising Income Bring Integration? New Results for Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians in 1990,' *Social Science Research*, Volume 28, Number 3, pp. 316-326.

Encyclopedia Entries

Fischer, Mary J. and Angran Li. Forthcoming. "Spatial Inequality." *The Encyclopedia of Urban and Regional Studies*, edited by A. M. Orum. Wiley-Blackwell

Non Peer-Reviewed

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 1998. 'Where We Live, In Black and White,' *The Nation*, Volume 267, Number 20, p. 25.

Book Reviews

Mary J. Fischer. 2015. "Aspiring Adults Adrift: Tentative Transitions of College Graduates by Richard Arum and Josipa Roksa," *American Journal of Sociology* 121, no. 2: 621-623.

Fischer, Mary J. 2011. Review of *Once the American Dream: Inner-Ring Suburbs of the Metropolitan United States* by Bernadette Hanlon. *City and Community* 10(4)441-443.

Fischer, Mary J. 2011. Review of *Low-Income Students and the Perpetuation of Inequality: Higher Education in America*, by Gary A. Berg. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* May 2011 vol. 40 no. 3 288-289

Fischer, Mary J. 2010. Review of *No Longer Separate, Not Yet Equal* by Thomas Espenshade and Radford. *Social Forces*. Volume 89, Number 2, pp. 723-725.

Fischer, Mary J. 2006. Review of *Redefining Urban and Suburban America: Evidence from Census 2000 Volume 2* edited by Alan Berube, Bruce Katz, and Robert E. Lang. *Journal of Regional Science* 46(4): 792-794.

Citations In Amicus Curaie Briefs

2012 Fisher v. University of Texas Austin (concerning whether race-conscious admissions in narrowly tailored to serve compelling government interest in achieving benefits of diversity), submitted by the American Psychological Association, and the American Educational Research Association

Conference Participation and Invited Talks

- 2017 Advantaged/Disadvantaged School Communities, Parental Networks, and Parental Involvement in Elementary School. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal QC August 12-15 (with Angran Li)
- 2016 Hispanic Homeownership Expansion, Immigration, and Residential Segregation, 1990 to 2010. Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington DC March 30-April 2
- 2015 Are Military Veterans More Racially Integrated? An Analysis of Homeowners in 98 U.S. Metro Areas American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (with Jacob Rugh)
- 2015 Social Contact and Residential Segregation. Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 25-29 New Orleans, LA (invited)

- 2014 Residential Segregation: The Mitigating Effects of Past Military Experience (with Jennifer Lundquist and Todd Vachon). Population Association of America Annual Meeting, May 1-3 Boston MA
- 2013 Hispanic Homeownership Expansion, Immigration, and Residential Segregation, 1990 to 2010. Workshop on Race, Space, and Exclusion. Baldy Center of Law and Social Policy University at Buffalo September 19-20 (invited)
- 2013 Homebuyer Neighborhood Attainment in Black and White: Housing Outcomes During the Boom and Bust. Cornell Population Center Colloquium Series, April 26 (invited)
- 2012 Black and White Homebuyer Segregation During the Housing Boom and Bust, 1992-2010 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
- 2012 Housing Tenure and Residential Segregation in Metropolitan America, 1980-2010. (with Samantha Friedman, Hui-shien, Samuel Garrow, and Michael Barton) Population Association of America Annual Meeting, May 3-6
- 2012 Housing Tenure and Residential Segregation in Metropolitan America, 1980-2010. (with Samantha Friedman, Hui-shien, Samuel Garrow, and Michael Barton) Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, February 23-26
- 2011 Exploring Neighborhood Access for Blacks during the Housing Boom (with Travis Lowe), Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March 31-April 2.
- 2011 Discussant for "Segregation Outside of the US", Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March 31-April 2. (invited)
- 2011 Minority Access during the Housing Boom (with Travis Lowe), Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia PA, February
- 2010 Immigrant Educational Outcomes in New Destinations: An Exploration of High School Attrition, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, April 15-17.
- 2009 Immigrant Educational Outcomes in New Destinations: An Exploration of High School Attrition, Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University, December 9 (invited)
- 2007 The Effects of Interracial Contact on Whites Interracial Attitudes, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York August 10-14.
- 2007 Shifting Geographies: Examining the Role of Suburbanization in Black's Declining Segregation Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, March 28-30.
- 2006 Does Campus Diversity Promote Friendship Diversity? A Look at Inter-Racial Friendships in College. American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal Canada
- 2006 How do College Students Find Summer Jobs? The Role of Institutional Contacts in Employment Outcomes, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 30-April 1
- 2006 Shifting Geographies: Examining the Role of Suburbanization in Black's Declining Segregation, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 23-26 (invited)
- 2005 Networks to the Future: Social Contacts and Job Search Strategies Used by College Students, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August 13-16, 2005
- 2005 The Geographic Dispersion of Hispanics, Implications for Racial Segregation, Department of Public Policy Lunch Seminar Series, University of Connecticut, April 5, 2005. (invited)
- 2005 Spatial Color Lines: Hispanic Metropolitan Dispersal, Segregation, and Economic Opportunity', Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, March 31-April 2. (with Marta Tienda)
- 2005 The Geographic Dispersion of Hispanics, Implications for Racial Segregation, University of Massachusetts SADRI Research in Progress Seminar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 22. (invited talk)
- 2004 Exploring the Effects of Affirmative Action at Selective Colleges and Universities, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 28-30, 2004. (with Douglas S. Massey, invited)

- 2004 Discussant for session 'Causes and Consequences of Housing Segregation', Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 28-30, 2004. (invited)
- 2004 Gender and International Migration in Latin America: A Comparative Perspective, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, August 14-17. (with Douglas S. Massey and Chiara Capoferro)
- 2004 The Transition to College: Racial/Ethnic Differences in Adjustment and Outcomes, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Boston, April 1-3.
- 2003 Residential Segregation and Housing Discrimination: The Experience of Immigrants to the US., Warsaw, Poland to the Institute of Public Affairs, October 26. (invited)
- 2003 The Ties that Bind: How Connections Made During the College Transition Affect College Outcomes, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, August 16-19.
- 2003 Determinants of Female Migration from Latin America to the United States: A Comparison Between Mexico and the Dominican Republic, LAMP Conference, Costa Rica, April 3-5 (with Douglas S. Massey).
- 2002 The Geography of Inequality in the United States, 1950-2000, Brookings-Wharton Conference on Urban Affairs, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, October 24-25.
- 2002 Effects of Prior Interracial Contact on the Black and Hispanic Integration into College, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 16-19.
- 2002 The Long-Term Consequences of Segregation', Population Association of America, Atlanta, May 9-11 (with Douglas S. Massey)
- 2002 Neighborhood Context and the Relationship between Adolescent Family Social Capital and Later Life Outcomes, Population Association of America, Atlanta, May 9-11 (with Julie A. Kmec)
- 2002 How Adolescent Family, Neighborhood, and School Contexts Jointly Affect Early Adulthood Outcomes, Society for Research on Adolescence Biannual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11-14 (with Julie A. Kmec)
- 2001 The Relative Importance of Class and Race in Determining Residential Outcomes in U.S. Urban Areas, 1970-1990, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Anaheim California, August 17-21
- 2001 The Mediating Effects of Neighborhoods on Young Adult Socioeconomic Success (with Julie A. Kmec), American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Anaheim California, August 17-21
- 2001 The Marriageable Male Hypothesis in an Elite Environment (with Douglas S. Massey) paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of American, Washington, D.C., March 29-31
- 2001 Contextual Continuities and Discontinuities in Adolescent Lives (with Frank F. Furstenberg) paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of American, Washington, D.C., March 29-31
- 2000 Contextual Continuities and Discontinuities in Adolescent Lives'(with Frank F. Furstenberg), paper presented at the American Sociological Associations Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., August 12-16.
- 2000 Packaging a Social Movement, paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., August 12-16.
- 2000 The Relative Importance of Class and Race in Determining Residential Outcomes in U.S. Urban Areas, 1970-1990, paper presented at the Population Association of American Annual Meetings, Los Angeles, California, March 23-25.
- 1999 Residential Segregation and Ethnic Enterprise in U.S. Metropolitan Areas (with Douglas S. Massey), paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, August 6-10.
- 1999 Residential Segregation and Ethnic Enterprise in U.S. Metropolitan Areas (with Douglas S. Massey), paper presented at the Population Association of American Annual Meetings, New York, New York, March 25-27.

Honors and Awards

E. Digby Baltzell Dissertation Prize, University of Pennsylvania, 2003
Phi Beta Kappa, College of Wooster, 1997
Raymond R. Day Prize in Urban Studies, College of Wooster, 1997
Departmental Honors, College of Wooster, 1997

Courses Taught

Sociology of Higher Education Soc 5895 (Spring 2015); Population Soc 5895 (Spring 2014);
Neighborhood Inequalities Soc 5895 (Spring 2013); Graduate Research Methods Soc 5201 (Fall 2017,
Fall 2015, Fall 2013, Fall 2011); Statistics Soc 207QC/3211Q (Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2010), Social
Problems Soc 1251 (Fall 2014, Fall 2012); Population Soc 255 (Fall 2004, Spring 2006, Fall 2006, Spring
2012); Class, Power, and Inequality Soc 265/3421 (Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2009, Spring
2010, Fall 2010, Fall 2012, Spring 2013); Urban Sociology Soc 280 (Spring 2005, Spring 2006); Public
Policy and Social Inequality Soc 4051 (Fall 2008)

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Population Association of America
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
Eastern Sociological Society

Professional Service

Secretary/Treasurer (Elected), Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological
Association, 2017-2020
Editorial Board for journal *Sociology Compass*, Spring 2015-2017
Publications Committee Member, Eastern Sociological Society
Organizer for ASA 2014 Session on Racial Segregation
Council Member (Elected), Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological
Association, 2008-2011
Organizer for PAA 2008 Session Urbanization Processes

Ad-Hoc Reviewer for: NSF, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social
Forces, DuBois Review, City and Community, Demography, European Sociological Review,
International Migration Review, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Quarterly,
Sociology of Education, Population Research and Policy Review, Russell Sage Foundation, Urban Affairs
Review, Social Science Research, Ethnic and Racial Studies, United States Department of Housing and
Urban Development

Departmental/University Service

University of Connecticut
Academic Advisory Board CLAS (Spring 2014-Spring 2017)
University Senate (Fall 2014)
Director of Graduate Studies (Summer 2013-Summer 2015)
Search Committee Member (Fall 2012)
Sociology Executive Committee Elected (Summer 2012-Summer 2014)
Sociology Colloquium Committee (Spring 12-Fall 13)
Graduate Programming Committee (Fall 11-)
Search Committee Member Urban Studies W. Hartford Campus (Fall 10)
Search Committee Member Sociology (Fall 10)
Graduate Programming Committee (Fall 10)

Graduate Programming Committee (Fall 09-Spring 10)
Graduate Programming Committee (Fall 08-Spring 09)
Computing Committee (Fall 08-Spring 09)
Search Committee Member, Sociology (Fall 07)
Undergraduate Programming Committee (Fall 06-Spring 07)
Graduate Programming Committee (Spring 06)
Search Committee Member, Sociology/African American Studies Junior Hire, (Fall 05-Spring 06)
Co-organizer for Center for Population Research Seminar Series (Fall 04-)
Urban Studies Committee Member (Fall 04-Spring 05)
Search Committee Member, Center for Population Research, Junior Economic Hire (Dec. 04-Mar 05)
University of Pennsylvania
Graduate Student Coordinator, Race, Ethnicity, and Urban Colloquium Series, 1999-2000
Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA) Council Representative, 1998

Graduate Students at the University of Connecticut

Current PhD Students:

Gregory Mills, Sociology
Angran Li, Sociology
Todd Vachon, Sociology
Rodrigo Figueroa Valenzuela, Sociology

Past Dissertation Committees:

2017 Josef Ma, Sociology
2017 Aspen Chen, Sociology
2014 Travis Lowe, Sociology
2013 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner, Sociology (Primary Advisor)
2007 Andrew Fullerton Sociology

MA Theses (completed):

2017 Stuart Riepl, Sociology
2017 Zachary Kline, Sociology
2016 Jordan Rees, Sociology
2016 Rachel Gilroy, Landscape Architecture
2014 Angran Li, Sociology
2014 Heidi Obach, Sociology
2014 Lauren VanDerzee, Sociology
2010 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner, Sociology (Primary Advisor)
2009 Travis Lowe, Sociology
2009 Annie Scola-Wisnesky, Sociology
2008 Michael McFarland, Sociology
2005 Cathyann Yellen, Geography

Graduate Area Exam Committees

2017 Jordan Rees (Social Stratification and Health)
2016 Sylvia Pu (Culture and Stratification)
2015 Angran Li (Sociology of Education)
2014 Greg Mills (Social Stratification and Urban Sociology)
2014 Todd Vachon (Work and Labor Markets)
2013 Allen Hyde (Social Stratification and Urban Inequality)
2011 Josef Ma (Education)
2010 Aspen Chen (Migration)

2010 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner (Education, Stratification)
2010 Travis Lowe (Stratification, Urban)
2010 Jayme Schwartzman (Stratification)
2010 Annie Wisnesky (Stratification)
2007 Thomas Hochschild (Urban)