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## **Education**

Doctoral Program, University of Washington (2013-Present)  
Sociology

M.A. University of Washington (2013)  
Sociology

Thesis: *Tight Labor Markets and Extensive Job Searches: How changes in the unemployment rate affect job search behaviors.*

Committee: Katherine Stovel (chair); Sarah Quinn

B.A. University of Michigan (2009)  
Sociology, Economics

## **Research Interests**

Economic Sociology; Labor Markets; Stratification

## **Research in Progress**

“Where is my labor market? Job search and Geographic Migration Among Young Adults during the Great Recession”

With Dr. Katherine Stovel

“Tight Labor Markets and Extensive Searches: How Economic Factors Affect On-the-Job Search”

## **Research Experience**

Research Assistant

Center for Education Data and Research

Director: Dan Goldhaber

University of Washington Bothell; September 2012-Present

Research Assistant

Dr. Katherine Stovel

University of Washington; Summer 2012

## **Presentations and Conference Participation**

“Where is my labor market? Job search and Geographic Migration Among Young Adults during the Great Recession”

Presentation in the Internal Migration Sessions

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings

August 16, 2014; San Francisco, California

“Where is my labor market? Job search and Geographic Migration Among Young Adults during the Great Recession”

Presentation

Seminar on Cultural, Organizational, Political and Economic Sociology

March 28, 2014; University of Washington, Seattle WA

“The Effect of Economic Context on Job Search Behaviors”

Presentation in the Labor Market Session

American Sociological Association Annual Meetings

August 2013; New York, New York

“The Effect of Economic Context on Job Search Behaviors”

Presentation

University of Washington Graduate Symposium

Seattle, Washington; April 2013

“The Effect of Economic Context on Job Search Method”

Roundtable discussion

University of Washington Graduate Symposium

Seattle, Washington; March 2012

“Social Networks and Landing a Job”

Roundtable discussion

University of Washington Graduate Symposium

Seattle, Washington; April 2011

### **Teaching Experience**

Teaching Instructor, University of Washington

SOC 201: Paychecks and Power: Work and Labor Markets in the U.S.

Teaching Assistant, University of Washington

SOC 201: Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities in the U.S; with Professor Hedwig Lee

SOC 201: Stability and Change in American Life; with Professor Paul Burstein

SOC 212: Comparative Social Change; with Maureen Eger

SOC 270: Social Problems; with Professor Alexes Harris

SOC 356: Society and Politics; with Professor Paul Burstein

SOC 362: American Race and Ethnic Relations; with Professor Alexes Harris

SOC 374: Law and Society; with Professor Jonathan Wender

**Department Service**

Secretary, 2014-15  
Graduate Student Associate  
University of Washington

Graduate Research Symposium Committee, 2012-2014  
Graduate Student Associate  
University of Washington

**Awards**

High Honors; Michigan Sociology Honors, 2009  
Title: "Political Climate and Parental Influence: Mobilizing Young Voters in the 2008 Election"

**Professional Associations**

Member, American Sociological Association, 2011-Present