

Curriculum Vitae of Walker S. Frahm

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Education

- 2014 Doctoral Student, Sociology, University of Washington
Intended Comp Exam: Social Network Analysis, Organizational Soc. (FALL 2014)
Minor in Social Statistics, Center for Statistics and Social Sciences
Non-Profit Management Certificate, Evans School (ends SPR 2015)
- 2013 M.A., Sociology, University of Washington
Thesis: "Brokers Beyond Borders: Moldova's Countertraffickers"
Committee: Katherine Stovel (Chair), Steven Pfaff
- 2010 B.A. Ethics, Politics, Economics, Yale University, cum laude
- 2004 South Plantation High School, valedictorian

Research Interests

Networks; Organizations; Nonprofits and Foreign Aid; Former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; Migration; Political Sociology; Mixed Methods (Quantitative Approaches, Field Interviews, Content Analysis); Demography; Data Visualization

Active Research

Frahm, Walker, Sara Curran, and Jacqueline Meijer-Irons. "A Network Perspective on Migration: Unpacking the Processes of Migrant Social Capital Diffusion." Ongoing research into the link between individual-level social embeddedness, village-level social structure, and an individual's probability of outmigration. Supported by an NICHD, T32 Training Grant and the UW College of Arts and Sciences.

Frahm, Walker. "Brokers Beyond Borders." Dissertation project that will use network analytical methods to evaluate the extent to which non-profit organizational strategy depends upon an organization's position with its network of donors, partners, and beneficiaries. Cases under analysis shall include several non-profit and development sectors in both Romania and Moldova.

Frahm, Walker. "Brokers Beyond Borders: Moldova's Countertraffickers." An inductive work that uses the case of aid organizations fighting human trafficking in Moldova to develop a new way of conceptualizing of aid organizations as brokers straddling structural gaps between foreign donors and local beneficiaries. This article is a revision of my MA thesis.

Frahm, Walker. "Countertrafficking Cooperation in Moldova." A technical analysis that makes use of technical coordination meeting minutes to describe and analyze how development organizations cooperate in a competitive aid sector in Moldova. A series of social relations models are used to test for homophilous versus heterophilous co-attendance at coordination meetings, with support generally found for heterophily.

Conference Presentations and Talks

- 2014 Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
Poster Title: "A Network Perspective on Migration: Unpacking the Processes of Migrant Social Capital Diffusion"
- 2014 Sunbelt Social Networks Annual Meeting, St. Petersburg, FL
Panel on Multilevel Network Analysis
Paper Title: "A Network Perspective on Migration: Unpacking the Processes of Migrant Social Capital Diffusion"
- 2013 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, New York, NY
Roundtable on Political and Organizational Networks (Accepted)
Paper Title: "Brokers Beyond Borders: Development Brokerage Organizations and Their Dilemmas"
- 2013 REECAS NW Annual Conference, University of Washington
Panel on Deconstructing Development
Paper: "Moldova's Countertrafficking Brokers"
- 2013 Graduate Student Research Symposium, University of Washington
Paper: "Moldova's Countertrafficking Brokers"

Grants / Awards

- AY 2015-16 **Fulbright Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship**
For research to be conducted in Romania and Moldova from June 2015 to March 2016.
- Spring 2014 **Award for Outstanding Performance for the Master of Arts Degree**
Granted to the author of the most impressive MA thesis defended within the preceding 12 months.
- AY 2011-12 **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship – Russian**
- Summer 2011 **Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship - Russian**
- Summer 2009 **Bates Travel Fellowship**
Yale Global Health Internship Fellowship
Yale International Summer Research Award

Relevant Work and Research Experience

- 2012 – Present Research Assistant – University of Washington
Collaborate with Sara Curran to explore the relationship between networks and migration in data from Nang Rong Thailand. Spent two years working with complex panel data. Currently using social network variables to unpack the ways in which community and ego-network structures influence migration behavior.
- 2010-2011 Teaching Assistant – University of Washington
Taught sections, graded assignments, and helped plan lectures for courses on Law & Society and Sociological Methods.

- 2010 Fundraiser for Children International
Worked for three months as a face-to-face fundraiser recruiting donors to sponsor impoverished children in developing countries.
- 2009 Human Trafficking and International Development Research, Moldova
Carried out independent research project in Republic of Moldova. Spent two months conducting 48 interviews with experts and leaders in the counter-human trafficking field in English, Romanian, and Russian. Designed and oversaw the deployment of two nationally-representative, population-based surveys (sample ~1300).
- 2008 – 2009 Officer in Yale’s Branch of Colleges Against Cancer
Helped raise awareness about issues on campus related to healthcare. Assisted in the planning and coordination of the university’s annual Relay for Life event.
- 2008 Romanian Translator for the Department of Justice
Worked under the supervision of an FBI agent to translate documents of a sensitive nature in an effort to help Romanian and American authorities build a case against an international crime syndicate. Translation work was full time for three months and often included verbatim Romanian-to-English transcriptions.
- 2007 – 2008 Research Assistant – Yale University
Conducted research for Political Science professors Frances Rosenbluth (department chair) and Daniel Butler. Particular focus was on literature review, copy editing, data collection, and data management in Excel.
- 2005 – 2007 Humanitarian Volunteer in Romania
Lived in Romania for 22 months, taught English and addiction recovery courses, and organized relief for flood victims. Served for six months as chief manager of financial accounts, housing contracts, and visa processing for over 200 volunteers in 17 cities throughout Romania and Moldova. Conducted financial audits and trained local leaders.

Professional and Community Service

- 2013 – Present Leader of Church Congregation’s Community Outreach Efforts
Supervise a half-dozen assistants in organizing service and outreach efforts, including an annual community sock drive that has collected nearly 2,000 new pairs of socks for downtown shelters over two years.
- 2010 - Present Member of Church Congregation’s Main Executive Council
Have helped to organize weekly services, to plan frequent social events, and to collect, record, and manage finances for the congregation.
- 2013-2014 SCOPES Coordinator
Organized the Seminar on Cultural, Organizational, Political and Economic Sociology, which included 3-4 formal seminars per quarter. This was one of two core seminars in the Sociology Department of the University of Washington.

2011 –2013

President of Church Congregation's Main Men's Group

Supervised a dozen assistants in the administration of an organization that included about 60 active members who regularly provided service to about 400 congregation members. Responsibilities included planning weekly meetings, organizing regular service projects, administrating a network of nearly 30 small groups that met monthly, orchestrating quarterly recreational gatherings, and extensive record keeping.

Skills

Software

Stata, R, SPSS, Office Suite (including programming in Excel), Turning Point, Mendeley

Languages

English (native speaker)
Romanian (fluent in reading, listening, writing, and speaking)
Russian (very good reading, good speaking, writing, and listening)
Spanish (very good reading, good speaking, writing, and listening)

References

Kate Stovel	Advisor (Assoc. Prof., Sociology, University of Washington)
Sara Curran	Employer (Assoc. Prof., Public Policy, University of Washington)
Steve Pfaff	MA/Dissertation committee (Prof. Sociology, Univ. of Washington)
Mary Kay Gugerty	Dissertation committee (Assoc. Prof., Public Affairs, Univ. of Wash.)
Miruna Petrescu-Prahova	Comp exam committee (Assist. Prof., Health Services, Univ. of Wash.)