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EDUCATION

- 2012 – Present PhD Sociology, University of Washington
“Rooted or Stuck?: Exploring the Causes of Migration and Mobility
Decline in the U.S.”
Major Focus: Demography & Ecology
Minor Focus: Statistical Analysis for Social Sciences
- 2009 – 2012 MA Sociology, University of Washington
“The Link between Immigration and Native Out-Migration in the U.S.,
1995-2000.”
- 2004 – 2008 BA, West Virginia Wesleyan College
Sociology and Philosophy/Religion – Honors
Summa Cum Laude

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Foster, Thomas B.** and Rachel Garshick Kleit. 2015. “The Changing Relationship between
Housing and Inequality.” *Housing Policy Debate* 25(1): 16-40.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2014 – Present NICHD Fellowship - Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology
- 2008 – 2009 Fulbright Fellowship – English Teaching Assistant (ETA), Thailand

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

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| Inequality and Poverty | Racial/Ethnic and Economic Segregation |
| Migration and Residential Mobility | Urban and Community Sociology |
| Critical Theory and Community-Based Research | Quantitative and Geographic Methods |

WORKING PAPERS

Rooted and Stuck: The Widening Racial Gap in the Realization of Mobility Expectations.

- Currently under peer-review
- Tests novel hypotheses of secular migration decline in the U.S. concerning mobility expectations. Both non-Hispanic Whites and non-Hispanic Blacks are increasingly less likely to act on stated mobility expectations over time, but Blacks are increasingly likely to experience unexpected mobility.

Decomposing Four Decades of Migration Decline in the U.S.

- Currently under peer-review
- Characterizes the demographic and geographic phenomena associated with the monotonic decline in the migration propensities of Americans since the mid-1900s, particularly with regard to differences across racial/ethnic and SES groups.

Racial Macrosegregation and Intercounty Migration in the U.S.

- Analysis of county-to-county U.S. migration data from 1995-2010 in an attempt to understand broader social phenomena such as stagnating macrosegregation, political polarization, and increasing inequality.

PAPERS FOR THE NORTHWEST AREA FOUNDATION AND COMMUNITY VITALITY PROJECT

2011 *Hispanic Migration and Community Vitality in Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan America.*

- With Amy Spring, Jane Cover, and Rachel Kleit
- Gauges the impact of Hispanic migration on indicators of economic, demographic, and social vitality.

2010 *Hispanic Migration in New Destinations: National and Regional Perspectives.*

- With Amy Spring, Jane Cover, Rachel Kleit.
- Presents a typology of Hispanic/Latino Destinations in the U.S. at the county level.

PAPERS FOR THE BREMERTON, WA HOUSING AUTHORITY

2013 *HOPE VI Redevelopment of Westpark Evaluation Report: Year 4*

- With Rachel Garshick Kleit, Lynne Manzo, George Dugdale, and Julie Krieger.
- Gauges the effects of HOPE VI renovation on the Westpark neighborhood in Bremerton, WA, with a specific focus on the outcomes for dislocated residents.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2016 *Divergent Trajectories, Converging Mobility? Race- and Gender-based Stratification in Local Mobility Trends from 1970 to 2011.*
Population Association of America – Washington, D.C.
With Erin Carll and Kyle Crowder
- 2016 Rooted or Stuck? Decomposing Four Decades of Migration Decline in the U.S.
Population Association of America – Poster Session, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Dominance of the Economic Motive? Evaluating Non-Economic Theories of Domestic Migration in the U.S.
Population Association of America – Poster Session, Washington, D.C.
- 2016 Racial Macrosegregation and Intercounty Migration in the U.S.
Invited Talk – CSDE Weekly Seminar Series Presentation – Seattle, WA
- 2013 Immigration, Migration, and Demographic Polarization in the US, 1995-2000.
Population Association of America – Poster Session, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 The Changing Relationship between Housing and Social Inequality, 1980-2010.
Association of the Collegiate Schools of Planning – Paper Presentation,
Cincinnati, OH
- 2007 Mapping West Virginia Wesleyan College: Commitments to Community Service?
Eastern Sociological Society – Poster Session, Philadelphia, PA
- 2007 Mapping West Virginia Wesleyan College: Commitments to Community Service?
Research Day at the Capitol – Poster Session, Charleston, WV

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016 Instructor
Urban Community (Soc356)
- 2014 Teaching Assistant
Sociology of the Family (Soc 352), Aimée Dechter
- 2011 – 2012 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
Survey of Sociology (Soc 110), Jonathan Wender
Introduction to Social Stratification (Soc360), Jake Rosenfeld
Survey of Sociology (Soc110), Susan Pitchford

2009 – 2010 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
Survey of Sociology (Soc110), Susan Pitchford
Sociology of Sport (Soc222), Joe Weis

2008 – 2009 Fulbright English Teaching Assistant, Maelaowittayakom School
Chiang Rai, Thailand

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2014 – Present NICHD-Funded Dissertation Fellowship, CSDE

2013 – 2014 Research Assistant, Aimée Dechter
Department of Sociology, University of Washington

2010 – 2011 Research Assistant, Community Vitality Project (CVP)
Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington

2006 – 2008 Research Assistant, The Institute for Social and Community Research
West Virginia Wesleyan College

AWARDS AND HONORS

Special Sworn Status, U.S. Census Bureau Restricted Data Access (In Progress)
NIH Human Subjects Research Certification (2016)
NICHD Fellowship, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (2014-Present)
Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Fellowship (2008-2009)
Bonner Philanthropic Foundation Appointment (2005-2008)
Institute for Social and Community Research Award (2008)
Max Weber Sociology Award (2008)
John Warner Sociology Award (2008)
Pamela Thorne Humanities Award (2008)
West Virginia Wesleyan Outstanding Senior (2008)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

Reviewer, *Housing Policy Debate*
Reviewer, *Journal of Planning and Education Research*
Member, *American Sociological Association*
Member, *Population Association of America*
Representative, Graduate and Professional Student Senate
Coordinator, Graduate Student Research Symposium

REFERENCES

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