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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2017- Assistant Professor, Dept. of Sociology, Washington University in St Louis
2016-2017 Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Sociology, Washington University in St Louis

EDUCATION

PhD NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
Sociology, 2016

MA GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Sociology, 2010

BA HAMPTON UNIVERSITY
Sociology (Major), Political Science (Minor), 2006

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Economic Sociology, Social Policy, Urban Sociology, Law and Society, Organizations,
Race and Poverty, Public Finance, Housing, Neighborhoods

PUBLICATIONS

Book Manuscript

LIQUID CITY: AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE COLOR OF TRANSFORMATION (In Progress)

Journal Articles

2019 **Robinson III, John N.** [“Fair Housing after ‘Big Government’: How Tax Credits are Reshaping the Legal Fight against Racial Segregation.”](#) Forthcoming at *Housing Policy Debate*

- 2017 **Robinson III, John N.** [“Negotiating the \(Legal\) Right to the City: Public Housing Demolition and Federal Courts in Two Postindustrial Cities.”](#) in *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 39(2): 277-290
- 2016 **Robinson III, John N.** [“Race, Poverty and Markets: Urban Inequality after the Neoliberal Turn.”](#) in *Sociology Compass*.10(12):1090-1101
- 2016 **Robinson III, John N.** [“Welfare as Wrecking Ball: Constructing Public Responsibility in Legal Encounters Over Public Housing Reform.”](#) in *Law and Social Inquiry*. 41(3): 670-700
- 2009 **Robinson III, John N.** [“Coloring the Blind Spot: The Urban Black Community as an Object of Racial Discourse in the Age of Obama.”](#) *Western Journal of Black Studies*. 33(3): 212-223

Book Chapters

- 2016 **Robinson III, John N.** (with Mary Pattillo). “Poor Neighborhoods in the Metropolis,” in *Oxford Handbook of the Social Science of Poverty*, edited by Linda Burton and David Brady. New York, NY: Oxford University Press
- 2016 **Robinson III, John N.** “‘There’s No Home for You Here’: Containment, Displacement and the Legacy of Public Housing in the Lives of Low-income Black Americans,” in *Public Space, Public Policy and Public Understanding of Race and Ethnicity in America: An Interdisciplinary Approach*, edited by Teresa Booker. Akron, OH: University of Akron Press
- 2012 **Robinson III, John N.** (with Katie Kerstetter). “Preserving Affordable Housing and Building Wealth in an Economic Recovery: Limited-Equity Cooperatives as an Alternative to Tenant Displacement.” Pp. 87-100 in *Agenda for Social Justice: Solutions 2012*, edited by Glenn W. Muschert, et al. Knoxville, TN: Justice 21 Committee of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- 2008 **Robinson III, John N.** “Home Court Advantage: Strategies of Symbolic Attainment in Pickup Basketball.” Pp. 1-9 in *Diversity at Mason: Student Research on Student Identity*, edited by Karen E. Rosenblum, Naliyah K. Kaya and John N. Robinson III. Fairfax, VA: The Diversity Research Group, George Mason University

Book Reviews

- 2019 **Robinson III, John N.** **Invited Review** of “Cycles of Segregation: Social Processes and Residential Segregation.” by Maria Krysan and Kyle Crowder in *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2017 **Robinson III, John N.** **Invited Review** of “Exiled in America: Life on the Margins in a Residential Motel.” by Christopher P. Dum in *American Journal of Sociology*

- 2012 **Robinson III, John N.** Review of “The Wire: Urban Decay and American Television.” by Tiffany Potter and C.W. Marshall, in *Media, Culture and Society*. 34(2):250-252
- 2011 **Robinson III, John N. Invited Review** of “American Multiculturalism after 9/11: Transatlantic Perspectives.” by Derek Rubin and Jaap Verheul in *Qualitative Sociology Review*. 7(3):102-104
- 2010 **Robinson III, John N. Invited Review** of “Anti-Apartheid and the Emergence of Global Civil Society.” by Hakan Thorn in *Qualitative Sociology Review*. 6(2): 185-187
- 2009 **Robinson III, John N.** Review of “More Than Just Race.” by William Julius Wilson, in *Qualitative Sociology Review*. 5(2):116-118

Revise and Resubmit

“Race, Finance and the Political Sociology of Credit Expansion,” R & R at the *American Journal of Sociology*

“Other People’s Money: Race and Punitive Revenue in Suburban Chicago,” R &R at *Socio-Economic Review* (with Josh Pacewicz)

Under Review

“Affordable Housing and the Politics of Grassroots Empowerment,” at *Politics & Society*

“The Uneven Development of Affordable Markets: A Du Boisian Perspective on Race and Capitalism,” at *Social Problems*

Drafted Manuscripts

Robinson III, John N. “Affordable Housing and Uneven Development on the Suburban Frontier”

Works in Progress

Robinson III, John N. “Filtering Out Cabrini: Affordable Housing and the Racial Politics of Place”

Robinson III, John N and Spencer Headworth. “Fiscal Obscurity and Backstage Policymaking”

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 **Faculty Fellowship/Membership**, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science in Princeton, NJ (*Declined*)
- 2019 **Junior Scholar Award**, Law and Society Association
- 2017 **Early Career Award**, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2015 **Pathways Fellowship**, Office of Public Finance and Economic Development, US Department of Housing and Urban Development (Policy Research and Development division)
- 2015 **Dissertation Research Grant**, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$7500)
- 2015 **Special Trustees Award for Most Outstanding Project**, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy (\$5000)
- 2015 **Economy and Society Travel Fellowship**, Paris Institute of Political Studies (\$1450)
- 2013 **Visiting Scholar Grant**, Paris Institute of Political Studies (\$4000)
- 2012 **Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship**, The Ford Foundation, National Academies
- 2012 **ASA Minority Fellowship**, American Sociological Association (alternate)

INVITED TALKS

- 2019
- “The Politics of Affordable Housing”
 - Sociology of Housing Conference, Georgetown University in Washington, DC, October 2019
 - “Filtering Out Cabrini: Affordable Housing and the Politics of Racial Boundaries”
 - Department of Sociology colloquium, University of Washington, January 2019
 - Department of Sociology colloquium, Purdue University, March 2019
 - “Pocketbook Policing: How Race Shapes Local Reliance on Fines and Fees in the Chicago Suburbs”
 - “American Dream, Corrupted” panel at the Annual Conference for the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, June 2019
 - St. Louis Metropolitan Research Exchange weekly colloquium, February 2019

2018

- “Filtering Out Cabrini: Affordable Housing and the Politics of Racial Boundaries”
 - Sociology Department colloquium at Brown University, Providence, RI, October 2018
 - Workshop on Public Space and Cities at the German Historical Institute, Washington, DC, March 2018
- “Affordable Housing and the Politics of Racial Equity”
 - “Diversity, Inequality and Place in the Divided City” panel at the City/Cite conference, Webster University, October 2018
- “Reimagining Suburbia: Housing the Poor in an Age of Decline”
 - Urban Inequality Workshop at Boston University’s Department of Sociology, Boston, MA, March 2018
- “Liquid City: Affordable Housing and the Color of Transformation”
 - “American Policy and American Finance” event at Neubauer Collegium for Culture and Society at the University of Chicago, May 2018
- “Fair Housing after ‘Big Government’: How LIHTC is Reshaping the Legal Fight against Racial Segregation”
 - Research Symposium on Fair Housing at the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA May 2018
- “Fighting for Value: Community Reinvestment and the Battleground of Racial Capitalism”
 - Social Science Research Council’s Race and Capitalism Retreat, Murlo, Italy, June 2018

2017

- “Investing in Redress: Tax Credit Housing and the Politics of Racial Inequity in the Age of Big Finance”
 - “Globalizing Racial Capitalism” panel, Racing the International series at the Center for Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, April 2017

2015

- “Financing the Unaffordable City”

- Department of Sociology, Boston College, October 2015
- Department of Sociology, Washington University-St. Louis, November 2015
- Department of Sociology, Drexel University, November 2015
- Department of Sociology, Colby College, November 2015

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2019

- “Pocketbook Policing: How Race Shapes Municipal Reliance on Punitive Fines and Fees in the Chicago Suburbs”
 - Annual meeting for the American Sociological Association

2017

- “Racializing the Invisible Safety Net: The Case of Tax Credit Housing”
 - Annual meeting for the American Sociological Association. Panel on “New Directions in Urban Sociology.” Montreal, Canada, August 2017
 - Annual meeting for the Law and Society Association. Panel on “Reimagining Access: Institutional Experiments in the Postindustrial City” (organizer and presenter). Mexico City, Mexico, June 2017
 - Annual meeting for the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. Panel on “Social Exclusion and Welfare States.” Lyon, France, June 2017

2016

- “Managing the Urban Crisis: Race and Finance in ‘Black Freedom’ Era Chicago, 1960-1975”
 - “Can Comparative Historical Sociology Save the World?” Mini-Conference of the Comparative Historical Section. Seattle, WA, August 2016
 - Annual meeting of the Social Science History Association. “The Technologies of Bureaucracy and their Politics” panel. Chicago, IL, November 2016
 - Economy and Society mini-conference at the Paris Institute for Political Studies Reims, FR, July 2015

2015

- “Financing the Unaffordable City”
 - Urban/Communities Workshop, Northwestern University, October 2015

- “Re-envisioning the City: The Limits and Possibilities of Property,”
 - Moderator at the annual meeting for the Law and Society Association. May 2015
- “Shady Markets: Moral Politics and the Business of Poverty in Housing”
 - Annual meeting for the Law and Society Association. May 2015
- “The City as Investment Portfolio: Social Finance and the Changing Racial Politics of Urban space,”
 - Law in Motion: Race and Property conference, Northwestern University Legal Studies Program. May 2015

TEACHING AND ADVISING

2017-present	Instructor , Sociology 3001: “Social Theory,” Washington University in St. Louis
2016-present	Instructor , Sociology 3550: “Poverty and the New American City,” Washington University in St. Louis
2016	Instructor , Sociology 101: “Poverty and the New American City,” Northwestern University
2010-2012	Teaching Assistant , Department of Sociology, Northwestern University <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sociology 101 • Law and Society (200-level) • Race and Society (300-level) • Social Movements (300-level)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2013-	Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
2011-	Law and Society Association
2010-	Midwest Sociology Society
2008-	Alpha Delta Kappa, Sociology Honors Society
2007-	Society for the Study of Social Problems
2007-	American Sociological Association <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Section memberships: Urban and Community, Race and Ethnic Minorities, Economic Sociology, Sociology of Law, Political

2007- Sociology, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Poverty, Inequality
and Mobility
Association of Black Sociologists