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## Employment

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2022 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

## Education

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2022 PhD, Sociology, New York University

Dissertation: *The Diversity Contract: Constructing Racial Harmony in a Diverse American Suburb*  
Committee: Ann J. Morning (chair), Michael Hout, Michael Emerson (UIC),  
L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, Sarah K. Cowan

2013 B.A., Psychology, Rice University

*Summa Cum Laude*. Minors: Sociology; Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities

## Peer-Reviewed Publications

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Wyndham-Douds, Kiara. Forthcoming. "Suburbs, Inc.: Exploring Municipal Incorporation as a Mechanism of Racial and Economic Exclusion in Suburban Communities." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.

Cowan, Sarah K. and Kiara Wyndham Douds. 2022. "Examining the Effects of a Universal Cash Transfer on Fertility." *Social Forces*. [\[Link\]](#)

Douds, Kiara Wyndham, R. L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, and Kimberley Johnson. 2021. "Visualizing Variation in Majority-Black Suburbs in the United States." *Socius* 7:1-3. [\[Link\]](#)

Douds, Kiara Wyndham. 2021. "The Diversity Contract: Constructing Racial Harmony in a Diverse American Suburb." *American Journal of Sociology* 126(6): 1347-1388. [\[Link\]](#)  
*Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section, 2022*  
*Dennis Wrong Graduate Student Paper Award, NYU Sociology, 2021*

Douds, Kiara Wyndham and Ethan J. Raker. 2021. "The Geography of Ethnoracial Birth Weight Inequalities in the United States." *SSM – Population Health* 15. [\[Link\]](#)

Douds, Kiara Wyndham and Michael Hout. 2020. "Microaggressions in the United States." *Sociological Science* 7:528-543. [\[Link\]](#)

Douds, Kiara, Heather A. O'Connell, and Jenifer L. Bratter. 2019. "The Racial Boundaries of Inequality: How Racial Hierarchies and White Identity Shape Whites' Explanations for Racial Inequality." *The Du Bois Review* 16(1):83-106. [\[Link\]](#)

Douds, Kiara and Jie Wu. 2018. "Trust in the Bayou City: Do Racial Segregation and Discrimination Matter for Generalized Trust?" *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 4(4):567-584. [\[Link\]](#)

Emerson, Michael O., Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, and Kiara W. Douds. 2015. "Studying Race and Religion: A Critical Assessment." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 1(3):349-359. [\[Link\]](#)

## Under Review

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Wyndham-Douds, Kiara and Matthew Wolfe.\* "Missing Persons, Race, and Social Disadvantage." Under review. \*Indicates equal authorship

Wyndham-Douds, Kiara and Sarah K. Cowan. "The Effects of Income on Newborn Health: The Case of a Universal Cash Transfer."

## In Preparation

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Wyndham-Douds, Kiara and L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy. "Measuring Suburbs."

Wyndham-Douds, Kiara. "Interracial Births in the United States, 1970-2010."

R. L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, Kimberley Johnson, and Kiara Wyndham-Douds. "The State of Black Suburbs."

Rastogi, Ankit and Kiara Wyndham Douds.\* "The Socioeconomic Context of Racial Diversity and Integration in U.S. Suburbs, 1990-2010." [\[Link\]](#) \*Indicates equal authorship.

## Grants and Fellowships

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2022 Weidenbaum Center Small Grant ("National Survey of Black Suburbanites Pilot"), Washington University in St. Louis - \$17,000

2020 Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, NYU – \$29,000

2020 Center for Engaged Scholarship Dissertation Fellowship - Finalist

2019 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation – \$15,929

2017 Research Development Grant, Institute for Public Knowledge, NYU – \$2,000

2017 Seed Grant, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University – \$500

2017 Predoctoral Summer Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, NYU – \$2,000

2017 Kinder Scholar, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University

2013-15 Post-Baccalaureate Fellow, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University

## Invited Presentations

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Wyndham-Douds, Kiara and Matthew Wolfe. 2022. "The Risk of Becoming a Missing Person: Evidence from California." Population Association of America 2022 Annual Meeting.

- Douds, Kiara Wyndham. 2020. "The Diversity Contract: Constructing Racial Harmony in a Diverse American Suburb." Stanford Sociology Colloquium Series.
- Douds, Kiara Wyndham. 2020. "The Diversity Contract: Constructing Racial Harmony in a Diverse American Suburb." American Sociological Association 115th Annual Meeting.
- Cowan, Sarah K. and Kiara Douds. 2019. "The Causal Effect of Cash Transfers on Birth Rates, the Composition of Mothers and Birth Outcomes: Exploring a Universal Basic Income." Guttmacher Institute.
- Douds, Kiara and Ethan Raker. 2019. "Temporal Trends and Geographic Heterogeneity in Ethnoracial Birth Disparities: Evidence from Natality Records, 1970-2010." Population Association of America 2019 Annual Meeting.
- Cowan, Sarah K. and Kiara Douds. 2019. "A Universal Basic Income Increases Birth Rates with Minimal Impact on Newborn Health." Population Association of America 2019 Annual Meeting.
- Douds, Kiara. 2018. "What Is Racial Inequality? The Missing Foundation." American Sociological Association 113th Annual Meeting.
- Douds, Kiara. 2018. "The Diversity Contract: Constructing Racial Harmony in Fort Bend County, Texas." Kinder Institute Research Seminar.
- Douds, Kiara. 2017. "Desires in Context: The Effect of Neighborhood College Degree Attainment on Adolescents' College Aspirations." American Sociological Association 112th Annual Meeting.
- Douds, Kiara and Delaram Takyar. 2017. "Adjudicating Aspirations: Using Causal Effect Estimation to Test Competing Conceptualizations of Educational Aspirations." American Sociological Association 112th Annual Meeting.
- Douds, Kiara. 2017. "Desires in Context: The Effect of Neighborhood College Degree Attainment on Adolescents' College Aspirations." Population Association of America 2017 Annual Meeting.
- Douds, Kiara. 2016. "The Racial Boundaries of Inequality: How Racial Hierarchies and White Identity Shape Whites' Explanations for Racial Inequality." American Sociological Association 111th Annual Meeting.
- Douds, Kiara. 2015. "Trust in the Bayou City: Do Racial Segregation and Discrimination Matter for Generalized Trust?" Urban Affairs Association 45th Annual Conference.
- Douds, Kiara and Jie Wu. 2014. "Trust in the Bayou City: Individual and Contextual Predictors of Generalized Trust in a Diverse Local Context." Metropolis' Responses to Migration and Urban Growth Workshop, Fudan University, Shanghai, China.
- Douds, Kiara and Jie Wu. 2014. "Trust in the Bayou City: Individual and Contextual Predictors of Generalized Trust in a Diverse Local Context." Spring Immigration Panel, University of Houston.

## **Professional Service**

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- Co-founder, Suburban Reading Group at NYU Institute for Public Knowledge (2019-present)
- Student representative, Sociology Environmental Impact Committee (2019-present)
- Co-organizer, Community and Urban Sociology ASA Section Pre-conference (2019)
- Student representative, Sociology Hiring Committee (2016, 2018)

Co-organizer, Sociology Graduate Student Association Spring Methods Workshop (2017)

Representative, Graduate Student Association (2016-2017)