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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, Geospatial analysis

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 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

- 2017 **Robinson III, John N.** *Forthcoming*. **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

Under Review

“Managing the Urban Crisis: Race and the Politics of Finance in Black Freedom Era Chicago”

“Mainstreaming Anti-poverty: Profit Status as Contested Category in the Affordable Housing Market”

Works in Progress

“Liquid City: Affordable Housing and the Politics of Racial Equity in the Age of Finance” (Book Manuscript)

“Affordable Housing and the Political Economy of Neighborhood Opportunity” (Journal article under preparation)

“Shady Markets: Law, Scandal and the Politics of Neoliberal Reform” (Journal article under preparation)

“Black after *Brown*: Public Housing Desegregation and the Black Spatial Imaginary” (Journal article under preparation)

“Race and Municipal Finance in Chicagoland,” with Josh Pacewicz and Isaac Martin (Journal article under preparation)

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2017 **Early Career Workshop Award**, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Annual Conference
- 2015 **Pathways Intern 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
- 2012 **ASA Minority Fellowship**, American Sociological Association (alternate)
- 2011 **MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Research Grant**, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University (with Albert Hunter), (\$1,225)

- 2011 **Graduate Fellowship**, Legal Studies Program at Northwestern University
- 2009 **Dean's Challenge Fellowship**, GMU Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
- 2009 **Most Outstanding Graduate Student**, GMU Department Sociology and Anthropology
- 2009 **2nd Place Best Graduate Student Paper Award**, National Council of Black Studies
- 2009 **Alpha Kappa Delta**, Sociology Honor Society
- 2008 **Cultural Diversity Fellowship**, James Madison University
- 2006 **Alpha Phi Sigma**, Criminal Justice Honor Society
- 2002 **Academic Achievers Scholarship**, Hampton University

PRESENTATIONS

2017

- “Racializing the Invisible Safety Net: The Case of Tax Credit Housing”
 - Paper presented at the annual meeting for the American Sociological Association. Panel on “New Directions in Urban Sociology.” Montreal, Canada, August 2017
 - Paper presented at the 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
 - Paper presented at the annual meeting for the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. Panel on “Social Exclusion and Welfare States.” Lyon, France, June 2017
- “Investing in Redress: Tax Credit Housing and the Politics of Racial Inequity in the Age of Big Finance”
 - **(Invited)** Globalizing Racial Capitalism, Racing the International series at the Center for Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, April 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
 - Social Science History Association. The Technologies of Bureaucracy and their Politics. 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
 - 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
- “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,” Paper presented at the 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,” Paper presented at the Law in Motion: Race and Property conference, Northwestern University Legal Studies Program. May 2015

2014 “From Problem to Profit: Tax Credit Housing as a Deviant Case of Urban Neoliberalism,” Paper presented at the annual meeting for the American Sociological Association. August 2014

2013 “Transplanting Urban Renewal: The Southwestern Roots of Public Housing Reform,” Paper presented at the annual meeting for the Law and Society Association. June 2013

2012

- “‘The New Property’ Meets the ‘New Urban Renewal’: Courts, Possessive Entitlement, and Public Housing Demolition,” Paper presented at the annual meeting for the Law and Society Association. June 2012
- “Rethinking the Historical Archive,” Moderator at the annual Northwestern Black Graduate Student Association’s Annual Research Conference. April 2012

2011

- “Institutions, Organizations, and Urban Poverty,” Paper presented at the annual meeting for the Association of Black Sociologists. August 2011

- “The Politics of Policy Failure: Public Housing Reform and the Rise of Mixed-Income Development,” Paper presented at the annual meeting for the American Sociological Association. August 2011

TEACHING AND ADVISING

- 2016 **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
- Sociology 101
 - Law and Society (200-level)
 - Race and Society (300-level)
 - Social Movements (300-level)
- 2009-2010 **Adjunct Instructor**, SPMT 304 Sport, Culture, and Society,
School of Recreation, Health and Tourism, George Mason University
- 2009-2010 **Academic Advisor**, CHSS Global Affairs program/Provost Global
Programs, George Mason University
- 2007-2009 **Graduate Teaching Assistant**, Sociology Dept, George Mason
University
- 2008-2009 **Visiting Lecturer**, Justice Studies, James Madison University

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2014 **Student Member**, Graduate Admissions Committee (Sociology Dept)
- 2013 **Student Member**, Graduate Affairs Committee (Sociology Dept)
- 2012 **Graduate Coordinator**, Scholars Strategy Network, Evanston Chapter
- 2011 **Graduate Coordinator**, (w/ Albert Hunter) Urban/communities
Workshop, Northwestern University
- 2011 **Community Service Coordinator**, Black Graduate Student Association,
Northwestern University
- 2010 **Co-chair**, Space and Place Reading Group, Northwestern University

- 2010 **Conference committee member**, Black Graduate Student Association,
Northwestern University
- 2010 **Representative for Grad Student Space Allocation and Décor**,
Graduate Sociology Association

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
- Section memberships: Urban and Community, Economic Sociology, Sociology of Law, Political Sociology, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Poverty, Inequality and Mobility
- 2007- Association of Black Sociologists
- 2006- Alpha Phi Sigma, Criminal Justice Honors Society