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Employment

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

Education

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

Research Interests

Race and Racism • Community and (Sub)urban Sociology • Demography • Health

Book

Wyndham, Kiara. *Diversityland: Hiding Racial Inequality in an American Suburb*. University of California Press.
Forthcoming.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Wyndham-Douds, Kiara and Sarah K. Cowan. 2024. "The Effects of Income on Newborn Health: The Case of a Universal Cash Transfer." *American Sociological Review*. [\[Link\]](#)

Wyndham-Douds, Kiara. 2023. "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* 9(2): 226-248. [\[Link\]](#)

Cowan, Sarah K. and Kiara Wyndham Douds. 2022. "Examining the Effects of a Universal Cash Transfer on Fertility." *Social Forces* 101:2(1003-1030). [\[Link\]](#)

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

Wolfe, Matthew and Kiara Wyndham “Missing Persons, Race, and Social Disadvantage.” Under review.

In Preparation (+ indicates student coauthor)

Wyndham, Kiara and Armin Sauermann.+ “The Relationship Between Racial and Economic Diversity in Suburbia.”

Wyndham, Kiara, Mark Wei*+, and Jordan Duffin Wong.*+ “Built to Last: Land Use Zoning and Segregation in St. Louis.” *Indicates equal authorship.

Wyndham, Kiara and L’Heureux Lewis-McCoy. “Measuring Suburbs.”

Grants and Fellowships

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| 2024 | Faculty Fellow, Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity, Washington University in St. Louis |
| 2023 | Weidenbaum Center Impact Grant (“St. Louis Zoning Atlas”), Washington University in St. Louis – \$65,000 |
| 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

Presentations

Wyndham-Douds, Kiara and Armin Sauermann. 2024. “The Relationship Between Racial and Economic Diversity in Suburbia.” American Sociological Association 119th Annual Meeting.

Wyndham-Douds, Kiara. 2024. “Introducing the St. Louis Zoning Atlas.”

- Workshop Series, Weidenbaum Center on the Economy, Government, and Public Policy, WashU
- St. Louis DataFest, Transdisciplinary Institute in Applied Data Sciences, WashU

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." Metropolises' 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.

Teaching

Instructor, Department of Sociology, Washington University in St. Louis

Fall 2022: Introduction to Research Methods

Spring 2023: Race and Place (Graduate)

Fall 2023: Introduction to Research Methods

Fall 2024: Introduction to Research Methods, Race and Place (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant, New York University

Fall 2016: Advanced Quantitative Analysis I

Spring 2017: Advanced Quantitative Analysis II

Fall 2017: Statistics for Social Research

Fall 2018: Race and Ethnicity

Professional Service

To the discipline:

Session Organizer, "Suburban, Exurban, and Rural Communities." Population Association of America (2025)

Session Organizer, "Suburbs, Small Towns and Midsize Cities." American Sociological Association (2024)

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee Member, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section (2023)

Co-organizer, Community and Urban Sociology ASA Section Pre-conference (2019)

To the department:

Co-Organizer of Race, Space, Place Workshop, WashU Sociology (2024 –)

Graduate Studies Committee (2022 –)

St. Louis Project Committee (2022 –)

Co-founder, Suburban Reading Group at NYU Institute for Public Knowledge (2019-2020)

Student representative, Sociology Environmental Impact Committee (2019-2020)

Student representative, Sociology Hiring Committee (2016, 2018)

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

Representative, Graduate Student Association (2016-2017)

Reviewer: American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Demography, Social Forces, City and Community, Du Bois Review, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Social Science Research, Social Problems, Socius, Journal of Economic Geography