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Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2017 Doctoral Degree (Expected), Rice University, Department of Sociology
 Advisor: James R. Elliott
 Dissertation Committee: James R. Elliott (Chair), Erin A. Cech, Randal L. Hall, Michael O. Emerson
- 2014 Visiting Graduate Student, University of Copenhagen, Department of Sociology
- 2012 Master's Degree, University of Memphis, Department of Sociology
 Committee: Wanda Rushing (Chair), Anna S. Mueller, Seth Abrutyn
 Master's Thesis Title: *Battles Between Bikes and Businesses: Collective Strategic Action in Memphis, Tennessee*
- 2010 Bachelor's Degree, Western Kentucky University, Sociology, History, Honors College graduate
 Committee: Carol Crowe-Carraco (Chair), Nancy Disher Baird, Audra Jennings
 Honors College Thesis Title: *Henry Hardin Cherry: The Early Period of a Life's Work*

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2015- Research Assistant, Rice University
 Supervising Professor: James R. Elliott, Associate Professor of Sociology
- 2012-15 Research Assistant, Rice University
 Supervising Professor: Michael O. Emerson, Professor of Sociology
- 2012 Research Assistant, University of Memphis
 Supervising Professor: Wanda Rushing, Professor of Sociology
- 2010-12 Graduate Assistant, University of Memphis
 Supervising Professor: Martin L. Levin, Chair, Department of Sociology

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environment, Urban Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Community

BOOKS

Emerson, Michael O.* and Kevin T. Smiley.* “Market Cities and People Cities: Copenhagen, Houston, and our Urban Future.” *Book manuscript in writing stages; under contract with NYU Press.*

*Equal co-authors.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

Smiley, Kevin T., Wanda Rushing and Michele Scott. 2016. "Behind a Bicycling Boom: Governance, Cultural Change and Place Character in Memphis, Tennessee." *Urban Studies* 53(1):193-209.

- Featured in [The Atlantic's CityLab](#) and the [London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy Blog](#)

Smiley, Kevin T., Tanvi Sharma,* Alan Steinberg, Sally Hodges-Copple,* Emily Jacobson,* and Lucy Matveeva.* "Public Opinion on Park Connectivity in Houston, Texas." *Environmental Justice* 9(1):1-7.

- Featured in [The Atlantic's CityLab](#)

*Denotes undergraduate student co-author.

UNDER REVIEW

Elliott, James R. and Kevin T. Smiley. "Commuting to Urban Pollution: Differentials in environment risk at home and work in Houston." *Under Review*

Smiley, Kevin T. "Who denies climate change? Testing conventional assumptions in a green capital and an energy city." *Under Review*

Smiley, Kevin T. and Michael O. Emerson. "Market and People Cities, and the Spirit of Capitalism in Urban Areas." *Under Review*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Smiley, Kevin T. "Social Capital and Air Quality in the Metropolitan United States." *Article in final stages*

Smiley, Kevin T. "Do strong neighborhoods keep out pollution? The case of Chicago." *Article in early stages*

Smiley, Kevin T., Michael O. Emerson, and Julie Werner Markussen. "Does religiously infused violence affect attitudes about immigration? Religious tolerance in the aftermath of violence in Copenhagen." *Article in writing stages*

OTHER REFEREED AND NON-REFEREED WORKS

Smiley, Kevin T. Forthcoming. "Altering Structures." In *(Un)Making Race and Ethnicity: A reader*, edited by M.O. Emerson, J. Bratter, and S. Chavez. New York: Oxford University Press. [Introduction to a section of an undergraduate Race & Ethnicity reader]

Smiley, Kevin T. 2012. "Battles Between Bikes and Businesses: Collective Strategic Action in Memphis, Tennessee." *University of Memphis Electronic Thesis & Dissertation (ETD) Repository*. Accessible at <https://umwa.memphis.edu/etd/>

Smiley, Kevin T. 2010. "Henry Hardin Cherry: The Early Period of a Life's Work." *Honors College*

Capstone Experience/Thesis Projects. Paper 251. Accessible at:
http://digitalcommons.wku.edu/stu_hon_theses/251/

GRANTS AND HONORS

2015. James T. Wagoner '29 Foreign Study Scholarship. (Grant for travel and research in Copenhagen, Denmark). \$3,392.09 grant.
2015. Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance Small Grant. (Grant for research on immigration beliefs in Copenhagen, Denmark). \$3,748 grant.
2015. Rice University Department of Sociology Conference Travel Stipend. \$750 grant.
2013. Rice University Department of Sociology Conference Travel Stipend. \$750 grant.
2009. Russell M. and Mary Z. Yaeger Scholarship Award. (Award for research conducted in the Special Collections of the Kentucky Library and Museum). \$1500 grant.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2016. Smiley, Kevin T. "Race and Air Quality in Urban America: How Metropolitan Contexts Condition Environmental Risk." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Environment and Technology Section Session on Advances in Meso-Level Research. Seattle, Washington. [Accepted for presentation]
2016. Smiley, Kevin T., and James R. Elliott. "Commuting Out of Urban Pollution: Flows To and From Industrially Produced Toxins in Houston." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Community and Urban Sociology Section on Urban Spatial Inequality. Seattle, Washington. [Accepted for presentation]
2016. Smiley, Kevin T. "Risky Social Capital: How Social Capital Accentuates Environmental Inequalities in Metropolitan America." *European Urban Research Association 2016 Annual Meeting*, Turin, Italy. [Accepted for presentation]
2016. Smiley, Kevin T. "Environmental Justice in Metropolitan America: Does a city's civic capacity create more inequalities?" *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia.
2015. Smiley, Kevin T. "Beliefs about Climate Change Seriousness in a Green Capital and Energy City: Evidence from Copenhagen and Houston." *Natural Hazards Workshop*, Broomfield, Colorado.
2015. Smiley, Kevin T. and Michael O. Emerson. "A Tale of Cities: Houston, Copenhagen, and our Urban Future." *Urban Affairs Association Conference*, Miami, Florida.
- Selected as Attendee for Graduate Student Workshops and Dissertation Intensive Session
2015. Smiley, Kevin T. "Cities and Environmental Attitudes: Evidence from Copenhagen, Denmark, and Houston, Texas." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana.
2014. Smiley, Kevin T. "Field-ing New Inquiries: Examining Collective Action in Cities using Field

Theory.” *Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Protest*, Canterbury, England, United Kingdom.

- 2013. Smiley, Kevin T. “Battles Between Bikes and Businesses: Collective Strategic Action in Memphis, Tennessee.” *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2013. Smiley, Kevin T. and Junia Howell. “The Preference Paradox: Sprawl versus Urbanism.” *Urban Affairs Association Conference*, San Francisco, California.
- 2012. Smiley, Kevin T. “New Public Spaces, Shifting Public Cultures: Memphis and the Adoption of Greenway Networks.” *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana.
- 2007. Thurman, Lindsey, Jeff Sorce, Ashley Belcher and Kevin T. Smiley. “WKU HonorsToppers: The Creation of an Honors Ambassador Organization.” *National Collegiate Honors Conference*, Denver, Colorado.

OTHER NON-CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2016. Elliott, James R. and Kevin T. Smiley. “A COUP? Commuting Out of Urban Pollution in Houston, Texas.” *Presentation for Students Talking About Population Health (STAPH) Research Meeting*, Urban Health Program, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.
- 2015. Smiley, Kevin T. “Environmental Justice in Urban Areas: Culture and Community in Copenhagen and Houston.” *90 Second Thesis Competition*, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Rice University.
- 2014. Emerson, Michael O. and Kevin T. Smiley. “A Tale of Cities: Houston, Copenhagen, and our Urban Future.” *Kinder Institute for Urban Research Seminar*, Rice University, Houston, Texas.
- 2012. Smiley, Kevin T. “New Public Spaces, Shifting Public Cultures: Memphis and the Adoption of Greenway Networks.” *Research Colloquium Series*, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

MEDIA COVERAGE

- 2016. “Why Race Matters in Planning Public Parks.” *The Atlantic’s CityLab*. March 23.
- 2016. “Massive investments in bicycling have got more people moving in Memphis, but they have also affected social inequality.” Invited blog post at *London School of Economics’ American Politics and Policy Blog*. February 23.
- 2015. “Do you trust other Houstonians?” *Houston Chronicle*. October 12.
- 2015. “What Copenhagen and Houston tell us about how ‘trust’ affects cities.” *Kinder Institute for Urban Research, The Urban Edge Blog*. October 6.
- 2014. “Bicycling Bias?” *Memphis Flyer*. November 20.
- 2014. “The Rise of Memphis as a Cycling City.” *Planetizen*. November 8.

2014. “Study Says Bicycling Boom Could Bring Gentrification.” *Memphis Flyer*. November 6.
2014. “How Memphis Became a Great Bicycling City.” *The Atlantic’s CityLab*. October 29.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant

2013. Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Sociology*, Rice University
2012. Lab Assistant, *Intermediate Statistics* (Graduate Level), University of Memphis
2011. Lab Assistant, *Senior Thesis Seminar*, University of Memphis
2010. Lab Assistant, *Social Statistics*, University of Memphis

Guest Lectures

2016. Guest Lecturer, *Community and Urban Sociology Seminar* (Graduate Level), Rice University.
2015. Guest Lecturer, *Public Sociology Seminar: Inequality in Memphis*, University of Memphis
2015. Guest Lecturer, *Social Theory*, Rice University
2014. Guest Lecturer, *Urban Transportation*, Rice University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Departmental Service

- 2014-15 Graduate Student Representative, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, Rice University
- 2014-15 Mentor, First Year Mentor Program, Department of Sociology, Rice University
- 2013 Member, Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Review Committee, Department of Sociology, Rice University
- 2013 Section Representative, Graduate Recruitment Weekend, Department of Sociology, Rice University
- 2011 Member, Associate Professor Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis
- 2011 Member, Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis

University Service

- 2016 Committee Member, Rich Endowment Fund Grant Spring 2016, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University
- 2015 Committee Member, Rich Endowment Fund Grant Fall 2015, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.
- 2015 Graduate Student Advisor to Houston Action Research team for Energy Efficiency in Houston Area, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.
- 2015 Graduate Student Advisor to Houston Action Research Team for Houston Parks and Recreation

Department Master Plan, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.

- Research led to publication in *Environmental Justice*.
- 2015 Judge, Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rice University.
2014 Departmental Representative, Quality Education Task Force, Rice University
2014 Breakout Session Leader, Graduate Student Association Orientation, Rice University

Manuscript Reviewer

Ethnic and Racial Studies

Other Selected Service

- 2016- Student attendee, Research meetings in Annapolis, Maryland, for the National Science Foundation National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center's funded project: "Computational Environmental Justice Analysis."
2015 Presider, Urban Environments Roundtable, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
2015 Attendee, Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Release Inventory Regional Workshop, Houston, Texas.
2013-15 Mentor, Program for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees, Houston, Texas
- Outstanding Volunteer for Fall 2014
- 2011 Group Facilitator, "Education Chat with Dr. Wanda Rushing." Stand for Children, Memphis, Tennessee
2008-09 Member, Student Advisory Committee to Governor's Higher Education Work Group, Commonwealth of Kentucky

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2011- American Sociological Association
Sections: Collective Behavior and Social Movements, Community and Urban Sociology, Comparative and Historical Sociology, Environment and Technology, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, Race, Class, and Gender, Race and Ethnicity
2011- Southern Sociological Society
2013- Urban Affairs Association

REFERENCES

References available on request.