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Education

Ph.D. Sociology (expected May 2018)
Rice University, Houston, Texas
Comprehensive Exam Areas: Race and Urban Sociology

MA Sociology (2015)
Rice University, Houston, Texas
Thesis Title: "Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?"
Committee Members: Drs. Jenifer Bratter, Rachel Kimbro, and Steve Murdock

BA Sociology (2013)
University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona

Areas of Interest

Race and Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Neighborhoods, Family Structure, Poverty

Publications

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. 2015. "Population Composition by Race and Ethnicity: North America." *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by Irma Elo, Andrew Foster, and James Wright.

Fellowships

Visiting Graduate Student Scholar (Fall 2015)
Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis
Funds Awarded: \$8,000

Papers in Progress

Whitehead, Ellen. "Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?"

Whitehead, Ellen. "Paying for their Stay: The Coresidence Circumstances of New Mothers."

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. "The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families."

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. "Single but not Alone: Extended Family Co-Residence, Race, and Poverty among Single Mother Families."

Bratter, Jenifer, Jeremy Porter, Ellen Whitehead, and Bridget K. Gorman. "Residential Segregation, Interracial Contact, and Black-White Differences in Self-Rated Health."

Whitehead, Ellen and William Rothwell. "Social Support or Isolation? An Examination of Multigenerational Households and Sexual Minorities"

Presentations

2016 "Single but Not Alone: Extended Family Co-Residence, Race, and Poverty among Single Mother Families." Accepted for presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 20-23, 2016.

"'Be My Guest': Concentrated Poverty, Race, and Family-Level Support Among New Mothers. Accepted for refereed roundtable at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 20-23, 2016.

"Paying for their Stay: The Coresident Circumstances of New Mothers." Accepted for presentation at the Center for Research on Families and Relationships International Conference. Edinburgh, Scotland. June 13-15, 2016.

"The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families." Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Washington, D.C. March 31-April 1, 2016.

"Paying for their Stay: The Coresident Circumstances of New Mothers." Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. April 13-16, 2016.

"The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Perceived Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families." (Presented by Dr. Jenifer Bratter) Council on Contemporary Families Annual Meeting. Austin, TX. March 4-5, 2016.

2015 "Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?" Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. October 14-16, 2015.

"The Ties That Bind Across Racial Lines: Comparing Kin Support Across Mixed-Race and Monoracial Families." (Presented by Dr. Jenifer Bratter) Cornell Population Center, Cornell University. September 18, 2015.

"Residence, Race, and Shared Resources: Does Kin Support Matter for Neighborhood Attainment?" Center for Poverty Research Fall Retreat, University of California, Davis. September 20-22, 2015.

“Sharing Resources: The Relationship Between Race, Kin Support, and Neighborhood Quality.” Study of Race and Ethnicity Graduate Group meeting. Rice University. April 7, 2015.

2014 “Exploring Segregation through Intersectionality: Family Structure, Race, and Class.” Center for the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Annual Graduate Symposium. Rice University. April 11, 2014.

Research Positions

2013-Present Graduate Research Assistant, Rice University
Working with Dr. Jenifer Bratter, Ph.D., Department of Sociology

2012 Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona
Worked with graduate student David McBee

Teaching Experience

2016 Guest Lecturer, “Inequality and Urban Life” (Sociology 470), Rice University

2015 Teaching Assistant, “Social Statistics” (Sociology 382), Rice University

Guest Lecturer, “Race, Society, and Population Change” (Sociology 543), Rice University

2013 Preceptor, “The Pursuit of Happiness: The Sociology of Happiness” (Sociology 357), University of Arizona

2011 Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Sociology” (Sociology 101), Cochise College

Service

Departmental

2015- Sociology Department Graduate Student Liaison to the Center for Teaching Excellence, Rice University

Member of the Undergraduate Paper Competition Committee
Department of Sociology, Rice University

Judge for the Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium
Rice University

Graduate Student Liaison
Student Wellbeing Office, Rice University

Graduate Student Representative
Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Rice University

Graduate Student Representative
GLBT Campus Climate Committee, Rice University

Graduate student liaison for graduate program recruitment weekend
Department of Sociology, Rice University

2014 Graduate Student Liaison
Student Wellbeing Office, Rice University

Graduate Student Representative
Office of Diversity and Inclusion, Rice University

Graduate Student Representative
GLBT Campus Climate Committee, Rice University

Graduate Student Mentor for new graduate student cohort
Department of Sociology, Rice University

Graduate student liaison for graduate program recruitment weekend
Department of Sociology, Rice University

2013 Undergraduate representative for the Undergraduate Studies Committee
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona

Professional

Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer: Population Research and Policy Review

Internships and Related Experience

2012-2013 Intern, Homeownership and Foreclosure Intervention Office
Primavera Foundation, Tucson, AZ

2009 Intern, Office of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords
Sierra Vista, AZ

Honors and Awards

2013 Department of Sociology Outstanding Senior Award (University of Arizona)

2012 Magellan Scholar (University of Arizona)

2011 All-Arizona Academic First Team Award