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Education

MA Sociology, Rice University, expected May 2015

BA Sociology, University of Arizona, May 2013

AA Sociology (with High Honors), Cochise College, May 2011

Areas of Interest

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

Publications

Bratter Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. *Forthcoming*. "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.

Papers in Progress

Whitehead, Ellen. "Sharing Resources: The Relationship between Race, Kin Support and Neighborhood Quality."

Bratter, Jenifer and Ellen Whitehead. "Single Mothers, Multigenerational Families and Poverty: Are there Benefits across Race?"

Whitehead, Ellen. "Exploring Segregation through Intersectionality: Family Structure, Race, and Class."

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

Presentations

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

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

Research Positions

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

Research Projects and Responsibilities:

Interracial Contact and Health Disparities, TXCRDC proposal (Jenifer Bratter, Mary Campbell, and Jarron Saint Onge)
Helped evaluate needed data and variables and construct data dictionary

Houston Neighborhood Library- Program for the Study of Ethnicity Race and Culture
Downloaded and compiled decennial census and American Community Survey data on Houston, Texas

“Smoking at a Racial Intersection: Interracial Unionship and Smoking Status.” (Jenifer Bratter and Jarron Saint Onge)
Provided data analysis assistance on paper

2012 Research Assistant
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona
Worked with graduate student David McBee with data collection and entry

Teaching Experience

2015 Teaching Assistant, “Social Statistics” (Sociology 382), Rice University
Guest Lecturer, “Race, Society, and Population Change” (Sociology 543), Rice University

2012-2013 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 Member of the Undergraduate Paper Competition Committee
Department of Sociology, 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

2014 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