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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2020- Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology
  - Faculty Affiliate, Center for Financial Security
  - Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty
- 2017-2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rice University

### EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2020-2021 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
- 2017- Fellow, Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University

### EDUCATION

- 2017 PhD, Sociology, New York University
- 2012 MA, Sociology, New York University
- 2008 BA, Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- Sociology Departmental Citation
  - Highest Honors
  - Phi Beta Kappa
- 2008 BA, Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley

### BOOKS

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. 2022. *Soaking the Middle Class: Suburban Inequality and Recovery from Disaster*. New York: Russell Sage.

- Author-Meets-Critics: ESS 2023
- Related media coverage in *The American Prospect*; CBS; CNN; *The Conversation*; Houston Public Media; *Jacobin*; Madison Community Radio; NBC; *New York Times*

**Besbris, Max**. 2020. *Upsold: Real Estate Agents, Prices, and Neighborhood Inequality*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

- Distinguished Book Award, Midwest Sociological Society, 2022
- Shortlisted, Alice Amsden Book Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2022
- Author-Meets-Critics: SASE 2021; ESS 2022
- Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Journal of Economic Sociology*; *Journal of Urban Affairs*; *Public Books*; *Social Forces*; *Symbolic Interaction*
- Related media coverage in *Bloomberg*; *Crain's New York Business*; *HousingWire*; *Insider*; *Jacobin*; NPR's *Think with Krys Boyd*

## **JOURNAL ARTICLES**

Robinson III, John N., Elizabeth Korver-Glenn, and **Max Besbris**. Forthcoming. "Racial Capitalism and Social Psychology: A Note for Future Research." *Social Psychology Quarterly*

Hayes, Adam and **Max Besbris**. 2022. "Earmarking Space: Relationality, Economic Judgments, and Housing Wealth." *Socio-Economic Review* doi: 10.1093/ser/mwac055

**Besbris, Max** and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. 2022. "Value Fluidity and Value Anchoring: Race, Intermediaries, and Valuation in Two Housing Markets." *Socio-Economic Review* doi: 10.109/ser/mwac012

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. 2022. "Best Laid Plans: How the Middle-Class Make Residential Decisions Post-Disaster." *Social Problems* 69:1137-1153.

- Related media coverage in *Front Burner*; *New York Times*; *Urban Edge*

**Besbris, Max**, John Kuk, Ann Owens, and Ariela Schachter. 2022. "Predatory Inclusion in the Market for Rental Housing: A Multi-City Empirical Test." *Socius* 8:1-16.

**Besbris, Max**, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. 2021. "The Unequal Availability of Rental Housing Information Across Neighborhoods." *Demography* 58:1197-1221.

Kuk, John, Ariela Schachter, Jacob William Faber, and **Max Besbris**. 2021. "The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Rental Market: Evidence from Craigslist." *American Behavioral Scientist* 65:1623-1648.

- Related media coverage in *Truthout*

Boeing, Geoff, **Max Besbris**, David Wachsmuth, and Jake Wegmann. 2021. "Tilted Platforms: Rental Housing Technology and the Rise of Urban Big Data Oligopolies." *Urban Transformations* 3:1-10.

Boeing, Geoff, **Max Besbris**, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. 2021. "Housing Search in the Age of Big Data: Smarter Cities or Same Old Blind Spots?" *Housing Policy Debate* 31:112-126.

**Besbris, Max** and Caitlin Petre. 2020. "Professionalizing Contingency: How Journalism Schools Adapt to Deprofessionalization." *Social Forces* 98:1524-1547.

- Related media coverage in Houston Public Media; *Study Hall*

**Besbris, Max**, Jacob William Faber, and Patrick Sharkey. 2019. "Disentangling the Effects of Race and Place in Economic Transactions: Findings from an Online Field Experiment." *City & Community* 18:529-555.

**Besbris, Max** and Shamus Khan. 2017. "Less Theory. More Description." *Sociological Theory*

35:147-153.

**Besbris, Max** and Jacob William Faber. 2017. "Investigating the Relationship Between Real Estate Agents, Segregation, and House Prices: Steering and Upselling in New York State." *Sociological Forum* 32:850-873.

- Student Paper Award, SASE
- Related media coverage in *Brick Underground*; *Newsday*; *SDP Radio*

Schachter, Ariela and **Max Besbris**. 2017. "Immigration and Neighborhood Change: Methodological Possibilities for Future Research." *City & Community* 16:244-251.

**Besbris, Max**. 2016. "Romancing the Home: Emotions and the Interactional Creation of Demand in the Housing Market." *Socio-Economic Review* 14:461-482.

- Student Paper Award, SASE
- Best Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, Consumers & Consumption Section of ASA

**Besbris, Max**. 2016. "Revanchist Masculinity: Gender Attitudes in Sex Work Management." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57:711-732.

- Sally Hacker Award Honorable Mention, Sociology of Sex and Gender Section of ASA
- Candace Rogers Award, Eastern Sociological Society
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of SSSP

**Besbris, Max**, Jacob William Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey. 2015. "Effect of Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112:4994-4998.

- Related media coverage in *CityLab*; *Next City*; *U.S. New and World Report*; *Washington Post*; *Wonkblog*

### **ARTICLES IN PROGRESS**

**Besbris, Max** and Gary Alan Fine. "Planning as Social Practice: The Formation and Blockage of Competitive Futures." (Under review)

Schachter, Ariela, John Kuk, **Max Besbris**, and Garrett Pekarek. "Inclusive but not Integrative: Ethnoracial Boundaries and the Use of Spanish in the Market for Rental Housing." (Under review)

Wohl, Hannah and **Max Besbris**. "Orientational Work: How Brokers Facilitate Transactions Through Interaction." (Under review)

Schachter, Ariela, John Kuk, **Max Besbris**, and Lydia Ho. "What's in a Name? Place Misrepresentation and Neighborhood Stigma in the Online Housing Market." (Under review)

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. "A Rapidly Changing Ecology of Aid: Help-Seeking and Stigma in the Aftermath of Disaster."

**Besbris, Max**, John N. Robinson III, and Hillary Angelo. "The Sociology of Real Estate." (Invited submission to the *Annual Review of Sociology*)

### **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Korver-Glenn, Elizabeth, Robin Bartram, and **Max Besbris**. Forthcoming. "Housing Market Intermediaries." In *The Sociology of Housing*, edited by Eva Rosen and Brian McCabe. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

**Besbris, Max**, Jacob William Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey. 2018. "The Geography of Stigma: Experimental Methods to Identify the Penalty of Place." Pp. 159-177 in *Audit Studies: Behind the Scenes with Theory, Method and Nuance*, edited by S. Michael Gaddis. New York: Springer.

Sharkey, Patrick, **Max Besbris**, and Michael Friedson. 2016. "Poverty and Crime." Pp. 623-636 in *The Oxford Handbook of the Social Science of Poverty*, edited by David Brady and Linda M. Burton. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sharkey, Patrick and **Max Besbris**. 2012. "Cities and Communities." Chapter 8 in *The Sociology Project: Introducing the Sociological Imagination*, edited by Jeff Manza, Lynne Haney, and Richard Arum. New York: Pearson.

### **OTHER PUBLICATIONS, BOOK REVIEWS, AND NEUROLOGY RESEARCH**

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. 2022. "How Hurricane Ian and Other Disasters Are Becoming a Growing Source of Inequality—Even Among the Middle Class." *The Conversation* Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. 2022. "How Hurricane Ian's Damage Could Exacerbate Inequality." *NBCNews* Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. 2022. "Losing Your Neighborhood to Climate Change Is Sometimes Necessary." *New York Times* Aug 25<sup>th</sup>.

Rhodes, Anna and **Max Besbris**. 2022. "After Hurricane Harvey, flood insurance created windfalls and fault lines for the middle class." *Urban Edge*. Kinder Institute.

**Besbris, Max**. 2022. Review of *A Detroit Story: Urban Decline and the Rise of Property Informality* by Claire W. Herbert. *Contemporary Sociology* 51:390-392.

**Besbris Max**. 2022. Review of *The Innovation Complex: Cities, Tech, and the New Economy* by Sharon Zukin. *Contemporary Sociology* 51:78-79.

**Besbris, Max**, Jacob Faber, and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. 2021. "Shifting the Burden of Proof to the Discriminators: A Proposal for Real Estate Industry Data Collection." Pp. 36-42 in *Racial Justice in Housing Finance*, edited by Megan Haberle and Sophia House. Washington DC: PRRAC.

**Besbris, Max**. Jan, 2021. "Home is Where the Money Is." *Consume This! Blog*. American Sociological Association.

**Besbris, Max** and Jacob W. Faber. 2020. "Furthering Fair Housing in the Residential Real Estate Industry." *Race & Poverty* 29: 7-8.

**Besbris, Max** and Caitlin Petre. Dec, 2019. "Professionalizing contingency." *Work in Progress Blog*. American Sociological Association.

**Besbris, Max**. Feb, 2017. "How real estate agents manage homebuyer's emotions and reshape preferences." *Work in Progress Blog*. American Sociological Association.

**Besbris, Max**. 2015. "Stigma." Pp. 1532-4 in *The Sage Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*, edited by Frederick F. Wherry and Juliet Schor. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Petre, Caitlin and **Max Besbris**. 2013. *Hitting a Moving Target: How Journalism Schools are Adapting to an Unstable Media Job Market*. Commissioned by the Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism, CUNY.

DeLeon, Jessica, Benno Gesierich, **Max Besbris**, Jennifer Ogar, Maya L. Henry, Bruce L. Miller, Maria Louisa Gorno-Tempini, and Stephen M. Wilson. 2012. "Elicitation of specific syntactic structures in primary progressive aphasia." *Brain and Language* 123: 183-90.

Wilson, Stephen M., Maya Henry, **Max Besbris**, Jennifer M. Ogar, Nina F. Dronkers, William Jerrold, Bruce L. Miller, and Maria Louisa Gorno-Tempini. 2010. "Connected speech production in three variants of primary progressive aphasia: linguistic features and neuroanatomical correlates." *Brain: A Journal of Neurology* 133: 2069-88.

## **GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

### **External:**

2021-2022      Russell Sage Foundation Grant Extension #1808-07960. "The Consequences of Ecological Disaster on Social Mobility and Economic Security"—\$18,468 (with Anna Rhodes)

2020-2022      National Science Foundation SES Grant #1947591/1947598/2041304. "Collaborative Research: Testing the Effects of Unequal Information in the Rental Housing Market"—\$378,793 (with Ariela Schachter)

- 2019-2020 Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant #1808-07960. “The Consequences of Ecological Disaster on Social Mobility and Economic Security”—\$34,971 (with Anna Rhodes)
- 2013 Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism. “How Journalism Schools are Adapting to an Unstable Media Job Market”—\$5,400 (with Caitlin Petre)
- 2012 Berlin Summer School in Social Sciences Fellowship
- 2011-2014 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship—\$138,000
- Internal:**
- 2022-2023 Center for Demography and Ecology Seed Grant, UW-Madison. “Rent and Mortality in the Metropolitan U.S.”—\$5,000
- 2022-2023 Graduate School Research Competition, UW-Madison. “Testing the Effects of Unequal Information in the Rental Housing Market”—\$41,655
- 2017-2018 Seed Grant, Social Science Research Institute, Rice University. “Post-Disaster Residential Instability among Middle-Class Households”—\$10,000 (with Anna Rhodes)
- 2016-2017 Dean’s Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts of Sciences, New York University—\$26,200
- 2015 Student Grant Award, Center for Social and Political Behavior, New York University—\$1,000
- 2014 Student Grant Award, Center for Social and Political Behavior, New York University—\$1,000
- 2012 Research Development Grant, Institute for Public Knowledge—\$2,084 (with Caitlin Petre)
- 2012 Predoctoral Summer Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University—\$3,000
- 2011 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, New York University—\$3,000

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2022 Shortlist, Alice Amsden Book Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2022 Distinguished Book Award, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2022 Junior Scholar Nominee for the Andrew Carnegie Fellowship, UW-Madison
- 2017 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention

- 2016 Best Student Paper Award, Consumers & Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention
- 2015 Student Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2014 Student Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2013 Outstanding Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University (Dept. nominee for NYU-wide teaching prize)
- 2012 Candace Rogers Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University (Dept. nominee for NYU-wide teaching prize)
- 2011 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

2023

- Natural Hazards Center, University of Colorado Boulder, March
- Hazard Reduction & Recovery Center, Texas A&M University, February
- Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, February

2022

- Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, October
- Institute for Research on Poverty, UW-Madison, October

2021

- Department of Sociology, Purdue University, February
- Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, January

2020

- Furman Center, New York University, October
- Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April
- Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, March
- Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, March

2019

- Department of Sociology, Cornell University, November
- Sociology of Housing Conference, Georgetown University, October
- Furman Center, New York University, June
- Department of Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, May
- Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard Kennedy School, March

2018

- Department of Sociology, Tulane University, September
- Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin, January

2017

- Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, November

2016

- Department of Sociology, UCLA, December
- Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College, October
- Department of Sociology, Rice University, October
- Ethnography Working Group, UCLA, April

### **CONFERENCE PAPERS (past 5 years)**

2022

- "Inclusive but not Integrative: Ethnoracial Boundaries and the Use of Spanish in the Market for Rental Housing." American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA

2021

- "Value Fluidity and Value Anchoring: Race, Intermediaries, and Valuation Processes in Two Housing Markets." ASA (virtual)
- "Earmarking Space: Relationality and Decisions Around Housing Wealth." ASA (virtual)

2020

- "Do Housing Voucher Holders Live in Affordable Neighborhoods?" Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (virtual)
- "Signals of Segregation: The Use of Spanish in Online Housing Advertisements." ASA (virtual)

2019

- "Professionalizing Contingency: How Journalism Schools Adapt to Deprofessionalization." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, New York, NY
- "The Effect of Homicide on Local Rent." Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA
- "The Effect of Homicide on Local Rent." Population Association of America, Austin, TX

2018

- "The Language of Segregation: Variation in the Description of Rental Housing Across Neighborhoods." ASA, Philadelphia, PA

### **TEACHING/ADVISING**

#### **Graduate Courses Taught:**

- Classical Sociological Theory; Economic Sociology; Urban Sociology

#### **Undergraduate Courses Taught:**

- Advanced Qualitative Methods; Methods of Sociological Inquiry; Senior Honors Research; Sociological Theory; Urban Sociology

#### **Advising:**

- *Dissertation*: Asia Bento (Rice), Adam Hayes (UW-Madison), Taylor Laemmler (UW-Madison), Sharan Mehta (Rice), Jason Nolen (UW-Madison)
- *Master's Thesis*: Asia Bento (Rice), Cullen Cohane (UW-Madison), Grace Nguyen (UW-Madison), Dan Seel (UW-Madison), Xiaoarui Zhang (Rice)



- *Senior Honors Thesis: Sarah Berton (Rice), Sophie Rodriguez (Rice), Bharathi Selvan (Rice)*

## **SERVICE**

### **Editorial Boards:**

- *American Sociological Review, 2023-*
- *Sociological Theory, 2020-2023*
- *Social Forces, 2018-*

### **Professional Association Positions:**

- Member, Joseph B. Gittler Award Committee of SSSP, 2021-2022
- Member, Robert and Helen Lynd Award for Lifetime Achievement Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section of ASA, 2020-2021
- Member, Robert E. Park Book Award Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section of ASA, 2019-2020
- Member, Nominations Committee, Organizations Occupations and Work Section of ASA, 2019-2020
- Member, Shils-Coleman Prize Committee, Theory Section of ASA, 2017-2018
- Member, Outstanding Publication Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section of ASA, 2017-2018
- Council Member, Consumers and Consumption Section of ASA, 2016-2017
- Member, Student Paper Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section of ASA, 2016-2017

### **Occasional Reviewer for:**

*American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; City & Community; Cityscape; Demography; Gender & Society; Housing Policy Debate; Housing Studies; International Journal of Urban and Regional Research; National Science Foundation; Oxford University Press; Population and Environment; Princeton University Press; Public Culture; Qualitative Sociology; Russell Sage Press; Social Forces; Social Problems; Socio-Economic Review; Sociological Forum; Sociological Methods & Research; Sociological Science; Sociological Theory; The Sociological Quarterly; Socius; Work and Occupations*

### **Department and University Service:**

- Faculty Advisor, Qualitative Methods Working Group, UW-Madison
- Member, Graduate Committee, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Member, Post-Doctoral Committee, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Chair, Office of Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Co-Founder, Qualitative Working Group, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Member, Technology Culture and Society Planning Committee, Rice University

### **Public Service:**

- Invited testimony given to the NY State Senate Standing Committee on Housing Construction and Community Development, Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Standing Committee on Consumer Protection, Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020