

# Alexander Mikulas | Sociologist

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## FORMAL EDUCATION

- In progress      Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison (expected Spring 2024)  
Dissertation: New Housing Landscapes in the Post-Recovery US Market: housing landscapes, corporate ownership, and racialized space  
Committee: Katherine Curtis (chair), Max Besbris, Keith Woodward (Geography)
- 2021                M.S. in Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison  
Thesis: Sense of Community in Context: A place-based perspective on two dimensions of community  
Committee: Katherine Curtis (chair), Michal Engelman, Chaeyoon Lim
- 2012                B.A. in Sociology at Seattle Pacific University, summa cum laude

## STATEMENT OF ACADEMIC INTEREST

My academic interests are primarily related to how race and race inequality manifest across space. The geographic distribution of many race inequalities is not random, but rather follows distinct spatial patterns tied to place characteristics, geographically bound social policies, place histories, and ascribed place meanings. My interests are in determining how such places become imbued with racial meaning, and how race inequality of many kinds then becomes patterned in geographic ways. Currently my efforts are focused towards understanding race inequality in housing landscapes.

## AWARDS/HONORS

- 2021                Janet R. Hankin Award – Financial support and acknowledgment for current graduate student who has distinguished themselves among their peers, specifically for students studying health sociology and related subfields.
- 2022                Crowe Scholarship for Pre-Dissertation Research – Departmental research award from Community & Environmental Sociology at UW-Madison

## GRANTS/FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019                Community Engaged Scholar Program Fellow, Medical College of Wisconsin – selective and intensive week-long embedded fellowship focusing on community engaged research on the social determinants of health in the urban Milwaukee area. Fellowship emphasized community partnerships, community driven research questions and agendas, and academic and disciplinary humility.

## ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

### Publications

2021 Evans, Linnea; Engelman, Michal; **Mikulas, Alexander**; Maleki, Kristen. "How are Social Determinants of Health Integrated into Epigenetic Research? A Systematic Review". *Social Science and Medicine*, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.113738>

### Manuscripts Under Review and in Process

"Temporal changes in the slavery-inequality relationship across states in the us south." Heather A. O'Connell, Katherine J, Curtis, **Alexander Mikulas**, Jack DeWard, Junho Lee. R&R at *Demography*, Spring 2023.

"The sequence of housing price change and racial segregation." Brenden Beck, Max Besbris, **Alexander Mikulas**. Target journal *Urban Affairs* for Spring 2023.

"Racial Landscapes in Apartment Listings: geolocating Craigslist housing posts." Max Besbris, John Kuk, Ariela Schachter, **Alexander Mikulas**.

### Conference Presentations

2023 "Neighborhood racial integration trajectories before and after the US foreclosure crisis: a spatio-temporal analysis ". **Alexander Mikulas**. Poster session at the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA; April 2023.

2023 "Home value change and racial residential segregation: temporal relationships at the metro-level". Max Besbris PhD, Brenden Beck PhD, **Alexander Mikulas**. Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA; April 2023.

2023 "Estimating small area racial composition for housing and foreclosure studies". **Alexander Mikulas**. Applied Demography Conference of the PAA; Annapolis, MD. February 2023.

2021 "Timing is everything: identifying how the legacy of slavery relationship changes over time". Heather A. O'Connell PhD, Katherine J, Curtis PhD, **Alexander Mikulas**, Jack DeWard PhD, Junho Lee PhD. **Poster Award Winner** at the 2021 Population Association of America; May 2021 (virtual conference).

2020 "Beyond Area Disadvantage: how disadvantage indexes make and miss the mark for predicting sense of community". **Alexander Mikulas**, Michal Engelman PhD, Kristen Malecki PhD, and Katherine J. Curtis PhD. Population Association of America, Washington, DC; June 2020 (impromptu virtual session due to COVID-19).

### Conference Activity

2023 Session Chair. *Critical Changes in the US Spatial-Racial Landscape*. Population Association of America 2023 Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA.

2023 Session Chair. *Housing and Neighborhoods*. Applied Demography Conference of the PAA Annual Conference, Annapolis MD.

## **TRAINING POSITIONS**

2022 – 2023	Center for Demography and Ecology Research Assistant, Supervising Faculty: Max Besbris UW-Madison
2020 – 2021	NICHD Trainee, Supervising Faculty: Katherine Curtis UW-Madison
2019 – 2020	NICHD Trainee, Supervising Faculty: Katherine Curtis UW-Madison
2018 – 2019	Center for Demography and Ecology Research Assistant, Supervising Faculty: Michal Engelman UW-Madison
2017 – 2018	Community and Environmental Sociology Research Assistant, Supervising Faculty: Michael Bell UW-Madison
2011 – 2013	Tent City III Community Liaison and Research Assistant, Supervising Faculty: Karen Snedker Seattle Pacific University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

AY Spring 2023	<sup>†</sup> Instructor of Record for Sociology 170: Population Problems – lectured 2x weekly for 16 weeks for the department’s flagship introductory sociology and social demography survey course, syllabus and additional information available upon request
AY 2021 – 2022	Teaching Assistant for Sociology 170: Population Problems, Supervising Instructor Monica Grant – discussion section TA for over 200 undergraduate students in the department’s flagship introductory sociology and social demography course, syllabus available upon request
AY Spring 2021	Research Teaching Assistant for Community and Environmental Sociology 645: Modern American Communities, supervising instructor Katherine Curtis – facilitated the semester research project component of the course for 12 undergraduate and graduate students; facilitated weekly research meetings; and guided students through a wide range of possible data sets, theoretical frameworks, and methodological tools

## **TEACHING EDUCATION**

AYs 2021 – 2023	<sup>†</sup> UW Madison College of Letters and Sciences Teaching Race and Ethnicity – University designed course to equip TAs, lecturers, and other instructors to effectively teach and lead courses related to race, ethnicity, and identity, 10 hours annually.
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## **MENTORING EXPERIENCE**

2022 –	<sup>†</sup> <i>NextGenPop</i> Research Pod Leader (undergraduate mentor) – summer research mentorship program for emerging and underrepresented population scholars, facilitated through the <a href="#">NextGenPop</a> initiative of the Population Association of America.
2018 – 2020	Graduate Student Mentor for incoming Sociology Graduate Students

### **INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE**

- 2021 – 2022     Community and Environmental Sociology Faculty Hiring Committee, Graduate Student Representative
- 2019 – 2022     Chair of Mental Health and Wellness Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association
- 2019             †Prospective Students Visit Day Coordinator
- 2017 – 2019     Cohort Representative to the Sociology Graduate Student Association

### **PUBLIC AND COMMUNITY ENGAGED SOCIOLOGY**

- 2020             †Training and Educational Seminar on Racial Health Disparities; presented to community healthcare workers July 2020 during the height of the COVID-19 crisis and the increased activity in the Movement for Black Lives after the murder of George Floyd
- 2019             †Fellow in the Community Engaged Scholars Immersion Program, Medical College of Wisconsin; fellowship program primarily focused on studying the social determinants of health in community settings and through community partnerships and collaborations
- 2011 – 2012     Community Based Participatory Researcher, Tent City III, Seattle WA; undergraduate research assistant position performing life history interviews with residents of Tent City III, a long-term encampment for Seattle's chronically unhoused community

### **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- 2017 –           American Sociological Association, Member
- 2017 –           Population Association of America, Member

† indicates mentorship to, outreach to, training for, or advocacy for BIPOC or other underrepresented students and communities both within and out of the university setting.