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PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2025- Associate Professor
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2021-25 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Public Policy
Promotion to Associate Professor with tenure granted after departure
Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University
- 2016-21 Assistant Professor of Policy Analysis and Management
College of Human Ecology, Cornell University

SCHOOLING

- 2016 Ph.D. in Sociology, New York University
Dissertation Title: "Parents, Schools, and Segregated Neighborhoods: Choice and Avoidance in Stratified Educational Contexts"
- 2013 M.A. in Sociology, New York University
- 2004 B.A. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS

- Waller, Maureen, Peter Rich, and Nathan Robbins. 2024. "Predation and the Disproportionate Risk of Driver's License Suspensions in Economically and Racially Marginalized Communities." *Socius* 10:1-18. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241234632>
- Bischoff, Kendra, and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2024. "Neighborhood Effects on Schools and Students." *The SAGE Handbook on Sociology of Education*, eds. Mark Berends, Barbara Schneider, and Stephen Lamb. SAGE Publications Limited (ISBN #978-1473967458).
- Rich, Peter and Ann Owens (equal authors). 2023. "Neighborhood-School Structures: A New Approach to the Joint Study of Social Contexts." *Annual Review of Sociology* 49:15.1-15.21.
- Owens, Ann and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2023. "Little Boxes All the Same? Racial/Ethnic Segregation and Educational Inequality Across the Urban-Suburban Divide." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(2):26-54.
- Michelmores, Katherine and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2023. "Contextual Origins of Black-White Educational Disparities in the 21st Century: Evaluating Long-Term Disadvantage Across Three Domains." *Social Forces* 101(4):1918-1947.
- Rich, Peter, Jennifer Candipan, and Ann Owens. 2021. "Segregated Neighborhoods, Segregated Schools: Do Charters Break a Stubborn Link?" *Demography* 58(2):471-98.

- Faber, Jacob and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2018. "Financially Overextended: College Attendance as a Contributor to Foreclosures During the Great Recession." *Demography* 55(5):1727-48.
- Besbris, Max, Jacob Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey (equal authors). 2018. "The Geography of Stigma: Experimental Methods to Identify the Penalty of Place" in *Audit Studies: Behind the Scenes with Theory, Method and Nuance*, ed. Michael Gaddis. New York, NY: Springer (ISBN #978-3319711522).
- Torche, Florencia and Peter Rich. 2017. "Declining Racial Stratification in Marriage Choices? Trends in Black/White Status Exchange in the United States, 1980-2010." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 3(1):31-49.
- Rich, Peter and Jennifer Jennings. 2015. "Choice, Information, and Constrained Options: School Transfers in a Stratified Educational System." *American Sociological Review* 80(5):1069-1098.
- Besbris, Max, Jacob Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey (equal authors). 2015. "The Effect of Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112(16): 4994-4998.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS

- Rich, Peter and Christian Sprague (equal authors). "Separate and Unequal Options: Neighborhood Educational Access in the Era of School Choice." Revise and resubmit at the *American Journal of Sociology*. Working paper available at SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/5euhc>.
- Rich, Peter. "Backlash or Inertia? A Micro-to-Macro Analysis of White Population Loss in Desegregating City School Districts, 1970-1990." Revise and resubmit at the *American Journal of Sociology*. Working paper available via email.
- Barron, Borris, Matthew Hall, Peter Rich, Itai Cohen, and Tomas Arias. "When All Measures Fail the Same Way: A Fundamental Correction to American Segregation Trends." Under review at the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. Early working paper draft available at SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/q2s7c>.
- Rich, Peter, Haowen Zheng, and Christian Sprague. "Inequality in the Competition for Access to High-Achieving and High-Growth Schools Across Metropolitan Area Housing Markets." Manuscript in preparation. Working paper available upon request.
- Rich, Peter and Christian Sprague. "Measuring Neighborhood Educational Access to School Quality Using Big Data." Manuscript in preparation.
- Rich, Peter. "Race, Resources, and Test-Scores: What Schooling Characteristics Motivate the Housing Choices of White Parents?" Manuscript in preparation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Rich, Peter. 2024. Book review of *Collateral Damages: Landlords and the Urban Housing Crisis* by Meredith Greif (Russell Sage Foundation, 2022). *American Journal of Sociology* 130(1):259-262.

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2024 Research proposal awarded by the Russell Sage Foundation for “Understanding and Reducing Socioeconomic and Racial Disparities in Driver's License Suspension” with Maureen Waller (\$173,804).
- R01 research proposal submitted to the National Institutes of Health for “Structural Racism in Driver’s License Suspensions and its Impact on Racial Health Disparities: Results from a National Experiment” with Maureen Waller (submitted October 2024, awaiting review).
- R01 research proposal submitted to the National Institutes of Health for “School-based health services for children affected by the drug crisis and the modification effects of individual, policy, and social determinants” with Angelica Meinhofer and Maria Fitzpatrick (revision submitted July 2024; awaiting funding decision). This project was also awarded a 2024 Cornell Cross-Campus Health Policy Seed Grant.
- 2022-23 Cornell Center for Social Sciences Grant Development Fellowship Program for “Hidden Black-White Disparities in the Pursuit of Educational Opportunity.”
- 2021 National Education Research Database on Schools (Georgetown University) grant for “Racial Segregation and Racial Inequality in School Funding Across the Urban-Suburban Divide” with Ann Owens (\$5,000).
- 2020-21 Cornell Center for Social Sciences Faculty Fellow and Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality Faculty Grant Award for “Dividing Lines: School District Boundaries and the Geography of Unequal Opportunity.”
- 2016-17 Cornell Population Center (CPC) and Syracuse Center for Aging and Policy Studies (CAPS) Seed Grant Award for “Trajectories of Student Disadvantage: Unpacking Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility across Childhood” with Katherine Micheltore.
- 2016 Paper awards for “White Parental Flight and Avoidance” (American Sociological Assoc.):
- Sociology of Education Section: David Lee Stevenson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
 - Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
 - Sociology of Population Section: Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2015-17 Fellow, Institute for Education Sciences Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program (IES-PIRT), NYU. Program supports rigorous causal analysis of topics in education across disciplines. Second year of fellowship award declined.
- 2015-16 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award (1519017, \$3,170).
- 2014-15 Russell Sage Foundation (Award 83-14-09) Intergenerational Mobility in the United States Award for “The Foreclosure Crisis and College Enrollment” with Jacob Faber (\$13,878).

INVITED TALKS AND CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (organized by project)

Separate and Unequal Options: Neighborhood Educational Access in the Era of School Choice

- Invited talk at the Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program at New York University (New York, NY – October 2025)
- International Network of Analytical Sociologist's Annual Meeting (New York – June 2025)
- Invited talk at the Institute of Analytical Sociology (Norrköping, Sweden – April 2025)
- Invited talk at the Center for Advanced Social Science Research at New York University (New York, NY – March 2025)
- Invited talk at the University of Chicago Stone Center's Conference on Schools, Inequality, and Social Mobility (Chicago, IL – November 2024)
- Invited talk at the Institute of Analytical Sociology's Workshop on Empirically Calibrated Simulations (Athens, Greece – December 2023)
- U.S. Census Bureau Workshop on Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality (virtual – November 2023)
- American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA – August 2023)
- Syracuse-Cornell Economics of Education Workshop (Syracuse, NY – May 2023)
- Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA – April 2023)
- Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Fall Meeting (Washington, DC – November 2022)
- Princeton Education Research Seminar (virtual – September 2022)

Inequality in the Competition for Access to High-Achieving and High-Growth Schools Across Metropolitan Area Housing Markets

- Invited talk at the Center for Research on Educational Opportunity at the University of Notre Dame (South Bend, IN – February 2025)
- ASA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA – August 2023)
- PAA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA – April 2023)
- International Sociological Association (ISA) RC28 Social Stratification 2022 Summer Meeting (South Bend, IN – August 2022)

Policy Backlash or Structural Inertia? A Micro-Macro Analysis of White Residential Decline from Desegregating City School Districts Between 1970 and 1990

- Invited talk at the University of North Carolina Computational Social Science Working Group (Chapel Hill, NC – April 2024).
- Invited talk at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Demography Seminar at the Center for Demography and Ecology (Madison, WI – February 2024).
- Invited talk at IPUMS 30th Anniversary Research Showcase (Minneapolis, MN – October 2023)
- International Network of Analytical Sociologist's Annual Meeting (Princeton, NJ – June 2023)
- Cornell Population Center Conference on the New Demography of Migration and Mobility (Ithaca, NY – May 2023)

Measuring Neighborhood Educational Access to School Quality Using Big Data

- APPAM Fall Meeting (Atlanta, GA – November 2023)
- Invited talk at the Mansueto Institute at the University of Chicago (virtual – October 2021)
- Invited talk at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences (Madison, WI – September 2021)
- Invited talk at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center Brown Bag Speaker Series (virtual – March 2021)

- Invited talk at the Brown University Sociology Colloquium (virtual – March 2021)

Neighborhood-School Structures: A New Approach to the Joint Study of Social Contexts

- ISA 2023 Summer Meeting (virtual – June 2023)

Little Boxes All the Same? Racial/Ethnic Segregation and Educational Inequality Across the Urban-Suburban Divide

- PAA Annual Meeting (virtual – April 2022)
- Russell Sage Foundation Suburban Inequality Conference (virtual – November 2021)

Segregated Neighborhoods, Segregated Schools: Do Charters Break a Stubborn Link?

- APPAM Fall Meeting (Denver, CO – November 2019)
- ASA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA – August 2018)
- PAA Annual Meeting (Denver, CO – April 2018)

School District Segregation and the Racial Dynamics of Parental Residential Sorting Since 1970

- APPAM Fall Meeting (Denver, CO – November 2019)
- Invited talk at the Department of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH – October 2019)
- Panel Study of Income Dynamics User's Conference at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI – September 2019)
- Invited talk at the Texas A&M University (College Station, TX – May 2019)

Contextual Origins of Black-White Educational Disparities in the 21st Century

- ISA RC28 Social Stratification Summer Meeting (Princeton, NJ – August 2019)
- ASA Annual Meeting (New York, NY – August 2019)
- APPAM Fall Meeting (Chicago, IL – November 2017)
- Cornell Population Center – Center for Aging and Population Studies (CPS-CAPS) Upstate Population Workshop (Syracuse, NY – October 2017)

Race, Resources, and Test-scores: What Schooling Characteristics Motivate the Housing Choices of White Parents?

- Syracuse/Cornell Workshop in Education and Social Policy (Syracuse, NY – May 2017)
- PAA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL – April 2017)
- Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (Washington, DC – March 2017)
- APPAM Annual Meeting (Washington, DC – November 2016)

Other invited speaking engagements:

- “Beyond Intentions: Addressing Racial Inequality with Public Policy.” Invited talk at the Program for Research on Youth Development and Engagement (Ithaca, NY – May 2019)
- “Methods Workshop: Using Discrete Choice Models to Investigate Segregation: Discussion of Statistical Procedures, Model Interpretations, and Practical Considerations” (with Pat Goldsmith). Invited talk at Texas A&M University (College Station, TX – May 2019)

TEACHING AND MENTORSHIP

Courses taught:

- Social Problems in the US: S17, F18, F19, F21, F22, F23, F24, S26
- Introductory Statistics: F18, F19, F21, F22, F24, S26
- Spatial Demography (PhD-level): F16, S19, S20, S22, S23, S24, S25

Cornell graduate field membership:

Public Policy, Sociology, Demography, Systems Engineering, Public Affairs

Active PhD Advisees:

Lillian Dodderidge, Cornell Sociology
Thelonious Goerz, Cornell Sociology
Lydia Homandberg, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy
Kayla Jones, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy
Chae Kim, Cornell Sociology
Hao Liang, Cornell Sociology
Alicia Marquez, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy
Álvaro Padilla Pozo, Cornell Sociology
Jillian Royal, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy
Laura Sullivan, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy

Former PhD Advisees (successfully defended):

Alex Cooperstock, Cornell Sociology (2024)
Megan Doherty Bea, Cornell Sociology (2019)
Peter Cody Fiduccia, Cornell Development Sociology (2022)
Wonjeong Jeong, Cornell Sociology (2024)
Meaghan Mingo, Cornell Sociology (2023)
Cody Reed, Cornell Sociology (2025)
Christian Sprague, Cornell Systems Engineering (2023, co-chair with Oliver Gao)
Haowen Zheng, Cornell Sociology (2025)

MA and Undergraduate Advisees:

Lotoya Francis, Cornell Industrial and Labor Relations, Undergraduate Thesis Reader (2022)
Alexandra Gibbons, Cornell Sociology, Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (2022)
Andrew Juan, Cornell Brooks Public School of Public Policy, Undergraduate Thesis Reader (2025)
Joanne Le, Cornell Policy Analysis and Management, Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (2023)
Emma Lester, Cornell American Studies, Undergraduate Thesis Reader (2020)
Rifqi Maulana, Cornell Regional Science, Master's Thesis Committee (2024)
Utkarsh Misra, Cornell Systems Engineering (2025)
Kaye Nantah, Cornell Sociology, Master's Thesis Committee (2024)
Joseph Saitta, Cornell City and Regional Planning, Master's Thesis Committee (2017)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Editorial service:

Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2025-
Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2024-
Editorial Board, *Social Science Research*, 2024-
Editorial Advisory Board, *Social Problems*, 2018-21

Referee:

American Education Research Journal, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Applied Spatial Analysis and Policy, City and Community, Demography, Economics of Education Review, Education Finance and Policy, Educational Policy, Educational Researcher, Housing Policy Debate, Journal of Urban Affairs, Nature, Population Research and Policy Review, Race and Social Problems, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social

Science Research, Society and Mental Health, Sociology of Education, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Science, Socius, Spatial Demography, Springer Nature, Urban Studies

Affiliations

Center for Demography & Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Faculty Affiliate (2025-)
Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Faculty Affiliate (2025-)
Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell University, Faculty Affiliate (2016-25)
Cornell Center for Social Sciences, Cornell University, Faculty Affiliate (2016-25)
Cornell Population Center, Cornell University, Faculty Affiliate (2016-25)
Department of American Studies, Cornell University (2017-25)
Cornell Health Policy Center, Cornell University (2025)

National and international service:

Awards Committee, ASA Sociology of Education Section's Piere Bourdieu Book Award, 2025
Awards Committee, ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section's Jane Addams Article Award, 2024
Dissertation Opponent for "The Urban Tapestry: Essays on the Relationship Between Social Networks and Residential Segregation" by Laura Fürsich, Institute of Analytical Sociology, Linköping University, 2024
Discussant, ASA Annual Meeting Presidential Session, "Desegregation, Affirmative Action and 'Diversity Work' in K-12 and Higher Education: Cross-Sector Sociological Connections for 21st Century Policy and Practice," 2023
Session Organizer, PAA Annual Meeting, "Racial and Ethnic Variation in the Determinants of Child Well-Being," 2021
Discussant, ASA Annual Meeting, "Homeownership and the Reproduction of Inequality," 2019
Discussant, PAA Annual Meeting, "The Nexus of Neighborhood and School Segregation," 2019
Awards Committee, ASA Sociology of Education Section's David Lee Stevenson Award, 2018
Discussant, PAA Annual Meeting Annual Meeting, "Neighborhoods, Education, and Socioeconomic Well-being," 2018
Discussant, PAA Annual Meeting Annual Meeting, "Schools, Neighborhoods, and Inequality," 2016

University of Wisconsin-Madison service:

Spatial Demography Research Area Co-Director, Center for Demography & Ecology, 2025-26
Department of Sociology Standing Committee for Preliminary Exams: Demography & Ecology (2025-), Education (2025-), Race & Ethnicity (2025-), and Social Stratification (2025-)

Cornell University service:

Faculty Senator, 2024-25
Coordinator, Brooks School Working Group on Education Policy and Big Data, 2023-25
Coordinator, Cornell Population Center SpacePop Working Group, 2023-25
Advisory Board, Center of the Study of Inequality, 2022-25
Curriculum Committee, Cornell Graduate Field of Sociology, 2021-25
Graduate Admissions, Cornell Graduate Field of Sociology, 2018 and 2024
Panelist, President's Event on Freedom of Expression in the Classroom, 2023
Organizer, Population Center "New Demography of Migration and Mobility" Conference, 2023
Affiliate, Cornell Systems and Society Research Lab, 2022-23
Speaker Selection Committee, Brooks School of Public Policy, 2021-23
Fellow, Cornell Center for Social Sciences, 2020-21
Diversity Committee, College of Human Ecology, 2018-20

Speaker Selection Committee, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, 2017-2020

Faculty Judge, Elsie Van Buren Rice Speech Contest, College of Human Ecology, 2018

Panelist: Faculty Panel 101 for Admitted Students and their Families, 2018

Faculty Interviewer, McNair Scholars Program, 2018

Mentor, College of Human Ecology Faculty Partner Program for URM freshmen, 2017-18

Speaker Selection Committee, Innovations in Population Science Speaker Committee, 2017-18

Graduate Awards Committee, Field of Sociology, 2017