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EDUCATION

- 2002-Present Harvard University, Department of Sociology and Social Policy
Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy, expected in May 2007
Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy
Dissertation Fellow, Weatherhead Center Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics
Research Fellow, Institute for Quantitative Social Science
- Dissertation:* “The Enduring Inequality of Race and Place: Racial Inequality in the Neighborhood Environment over the Life Course and across Generations” (abstract is attached)
Committee: Robert J. Sampson (chair), William Julius Wilson, Christopher Winship
- 1996-2000 Brown University
B.A. in Public Policy and American Institutions, *Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude*
Honors Thesis: “From Welfare to What? An Exploration of Outcomes from Training and Education Programs Serving the Welfare Caseload, and the Implications for Welfare Reform in Rhode Island”

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2006 “Social Isolation over Childhood in Chicago Neighborhoods.” Recipient of the Robert K. Merton Award for Social Theory and Public Policy, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy.
- 2006 “Contextual Mobility: A Life Course Perspective.” Dissertation Fellowship, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Project on Justice, Welfare and Economics, Harvard University.
- 2006 “Contextual Mobility: A Life Course Perspective.” Research Grant, Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University.
- 2003-2007 Doctoral Fellowship, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality and Social Policy, Harvard University.
- 2005-2006 Dr. Stephen G. Jones and Wanda W. Jones Scholarship, Harvard University.

AWARDS

- 2006 Aage B. Sorensen Award for the Most Outstanding Qualifying Paper in Sociology, Harvard University.
- 2004 Bok Center Award for Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University’s Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning.
- 2000 Noah Krieger Prize for Most Outstanding Thesis in the Department of Public Policy, Brown University.

JOURNAL ARTICLES (PEER-REVIEWED)

- Sharkey, Patrick. Forthcoming. "Navigating Dangerous Streets: The Sources and Consequences of Street Efficacy." *American Sociological Review*.
- Sharkey, Patrick. Forthcoming. "Survival and Death in New Orleans: An Empirical Look at the Human Impact of Hurricane Katrina." *Journal of Black Studies, Special Edition on Katrina*.
- Ratcliffe, Caroline, Demetra Nightingale, and Patrick Sharkey. Forthcoming. "What Affects County Welfare Performance? An Analysis of South Carolina's Welfare Program." *American Review of Public Administration*.
- Lane, Julia, Kelly Mikelson, Patrick Sharkey, and Doug Wissoker. 2003. "Pathways to Work for the Low-Income Population: The Effect of Work in the Temporary Help Industries." *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management* 22(4):581-598.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Sharkey, Patrick. 2006. "Were Whites Really More Likely to Die in Katrina? A Re-analysis of Data on Race and the Casualties of Katrina." Cambridge, MA: New Vision: An Institute for Policy and Progress.
- Burt, Martha and Patrick Sharkey. 2002. "The Role of Medicaid in Improving Access to Care for Homeless People." Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute.
- Burt, Martha, Dave Pollack, Abby Sosland, Kelly Mikelson, Elizabeth Drapa, Kristy Greenwalt, and Patrick Sharkey. 2002. "Evaluation of Continuums of Care for the Homeless." Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute.
- Aron, Laudon Y. and Patrick Sharkey. 2002. "The 1996 National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients: A Comparison of Faith-Based and Secular Non-Profit Programs." Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute.
- Ratcliffe, Caroline, Patrick Sharkey and Demetra Nightingale. 2002. "Measuring and Assessing County Welfare Performance: A Performance Analysis of the South Carolina Family Independence Program." Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute.
- Lane, Julia, Kelly Mikelson, Patrick Sharkey, and Doug Wissoker. 2001. "Low-Income and Low-Skilled Workers' Involvement in Nonstandard Employment." Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute.
- Anton, Thomas, Jack Coombs, Richard Francis, and Patrick Sharkey. 2001. "Against the Tide: Welfare Reform in Rhode Island." Providence, RI: Brown University Policy Reports.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

- Sampson, Robert J. and Patrick Sharkey. "The Reproduction of Racial Inequality: Neighborhood Selection as a Social Process." (under review)
- Sharkey, Patrick. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Context: Is the Ghetto Inherited?" (under review)
- Sharkey, Patrick. "Neighborhood Inequality and Economic Mobility."
- Sharkey, Patrick. "The Geography of Young Adulthood: Continuity and Change in the Neighborhoods of Young Adults in Chicago."

PRESENTATIONS

- “The Geography of Young Adulthood: Persistence and Change in the Residential Contexts of Young Adults.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2006.
- “The Social Sources of Street Efficacy: An Agentic Perspective on Adolescent Violent Behavior in Urban Neighborhoods.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. 2005.
- “Pathways to Work for Low-Income Populations: How Important Are Alternative Work Arrangements?” (with Julia Lane). The Society of Labor Economists Annual Meeting, Baltimore. 2003.
- “The 1996 National Survey of Homeless Assistance Providers and Clients: A Comparison of Faith-Based and Secular Non-Profit Programs” (with Laudan Y. Aron). Presentation before the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation. 2002.
- “What Affects Welfare Recipients’ Employment Prospects? A Performance Analysis of South Carolina’s Welfare Program” (with Caroline Ratcliffe). The Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) Annual Meeting, Washington D.C. 2002.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2004-Present Research Assistant for Professor Robert Sampson and the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods. Current research agenda focuses on residential mobility and the implications for the stratification of neighborhood environments in Chicago.
- 2002-2005 Research Assistant for Professor William Julius Wilson’s Joblessness and Urban Poverty Program. Research agenda focused on adolescent development within disadvantaged neighborhoods in Boston, Chicago and San Antonio.
- 2000-2002 Research assistant at The Urban Institute’s Labor and Social Policy Center, Washington, D.C. Research focused on issues related to the low-wage labor market, state welfare programs, and homelessness.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

The stratification of America’s neighborhoods; intergenerational mobility across neighborhood environments; the consequences of residential stratification for adolescent development; urban crime and violence; social policy; quantitative methods.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004 Sociology 198: Crime and Disorder in the City. Instructor: Robert J. Sampson.
- 2004 Sociology 166: Poverty and Public Policy in America. Instructor: Gesemia Nelson.
- 2003 Sociology 305: Graduate Student Teaching Practicum.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*

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Dissertation Title: “The Enduring Inequality of Race and Place: Racial Inequality in the Neighborhood Environment over the Life Course and across Generations”

ABSTRACT

Despite the resurgence of interest in the neighborhood as a dimension of stratification, fundamental questions about continuity and change in families’ residential environments remain unanswered. My dissertation draws on the extensive literature on economic and social mobility in America to examine *contextual mobility*, defined as the extent to which inequalities in neighborhood environments persist over the life course and across generations. Using two data sources that track individuals’ neighborhood environments as they change over time—the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods and the Panel Study of Income Dynamics—I analyze the persistence and transmission of neighborhood environments, and the processes by which neighborhood inequality is generated and maintained. Preliminary findings suggest that the neighborhood is an extremely *rigid* dimension of stratification. I find that racial inequalities in the neighborhood environment are likely to persist over individual lifetimes and across successive generations of family members. In particular, African-Americans are extremely unlikely to advance out of America’s poorest neighborhoods over time, suggesting that the persistence of the ghetto in the lives of African-American families represents a fundamental, and enduring, dimension of racial inequality in America.