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PROFESSIONAL POSITION

Assistant Professor, University of Oregon

September 2008-

Research and teaching interests: Measurement of race and ethnicity, comparative racial formation, stratification and mobility, immigration, social demography, social psychology and research methods

EDUCATION

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**
Sociology and Demography, May 2008

(Re)Modeling Race: Incorporating Racial Theory into Survey Research on Inequality
Committee: Michael Hout (chair), Claude Fischer, Michael Omi and Sandra Smith.

Qualifying exams: Race and Ethnicity, Stratification, Sociological Theory, Demography

M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**
Demography, 2005
Sociology, 2004

B.A. **University of Washington, Seattle**
with college honors in Sociology, 1999

PUBLICATIONS

“(Re)Modeling Race: Moving From Intrinsic Characteristic to Multidimensional Marker of Status” In *Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions*, ed. Charles Gallagher. Social Forces Publishing, 2008.

“Double-Checking the Race Box: Examining Inconsistency Between Survey Measures of Observed and Self-Reported Race.” *Social Forces* 85 (2006): 57-74.

Fischer, Claude S., Michael Hout and Aliya Saperstein. "Where Americans Came From: Race, Immigration and Ancestry," Pp. 23-56 in Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years*. Russell Sage, 2006.

Century of Difference was recognized with the 2007 Otis Dudley Duncan Award for Outstanding Scholarship in Social Demography, Section on Sociology of Population, American Sociological Association.

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Does Social Status Shape Race? The Effect of Changes in Social Position on Racial Classification and Identification" (with Andrew Penner)
to be presented at the meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC-28), August 9, Stanford

"The Race of a Criminal Record: How Incarceration Colors Racial Perception"
(with Andrew Penner)

"Capturing Complexity: Which Aspects of Race Matter When?"

"Different Measures, Different Mechanisms: Explaining Racial Health Disparities in the U.S."

AWARDS, HONORS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Finalist, Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program	2008
Chancellor's Dissertation-Year Fellowship, University of California	2007-08
Graduate Division Summer Research Grant, UC-Berkeley	2007
Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC-Berkeley	2006-07
Training grant, National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Fellowship for pre-doctoral training in demography	2003-06
Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2002
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Washington	1999
Howard B. Woolston Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington Annual award recognizing academic excellence	1998
Mary Gates Honors Scholarship, University of Washington One of two four-year, full-tuition scholarships awarded per entering class	1995-99
Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship, State of Washington Federally-funded award recognizing the Top 1 percent of graduating seniors in Washington State	1995-99

REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- “The Race of a Criminal Record: How Incarceration Colors Racial Perception”
Population Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2008 (with Andrew Penner)
- “What You See and What She Gets: Isolating the Effect of Inconsistent Racial Classification on Women's Earnings and Income” PAA Meeting, New Orleans, April 2008 (with Bryan Sykes)
- “(Re)Modeling Race: A Latent Variable Approach for Research on Racial Inequality,”
Conference on Social Statistics and Ethnic Diversity, Montreal, Quebec, December 2007.
- “(Re)Modeling Race: How Latent Variables Advance Research on Racial Inequality,”
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 2007.
- “The Many Dimensions of Race: Capturing Complexity with Latent Variables,”
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, March 2007.
- “Inheriting Race: Classification of U.S. Newborns in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study,”
Population Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 2006 (with Marcel Paret).
- “Separate and Unequal: Observed and Self-reported Race in the General Social Survey,”
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2004.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Summer Institute for Faculty: *Engaging Students with Diverse Identities* September 2008
University of Oregon
- Teaching Assistant, *Racial and Ethnic Inequality* Fall 2005
University of California, Berkeley, Professor Sandra Smith
- Teaching Assistant, *Social Consequences of Population Issues* Fall 2004
University of California, Berkeley, Professor John Wilmoth
- Semester-long seminar: *Designing Courses to Enhance Student Motivation* Spring 2006
University of California, Berkeley (Psychology 290)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- ICPSR workshop, *Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling with Latent Variables*. Instructor: Kenneth Bollen. July 2006
- Research Assistant, “Fertility Intentions and Outcomes,” funded by NIH. Summer 2006
PI: Jennifer Johnson-Hanks.
- Research Assistant, “The New Inequalities Project,” funded by Russell Sage. 2002-03
Co-PI: Michael Hout.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Assistant, Berkeley Population Center Fall 2006
Coordinated successful R-21 development grant proposal to NICHD (PI: Michael Hout)
- Assistant Editor, *Contexts Magazine* 2003-04
Reviewed and edited articles, wrote research notes, managed the editorial office, and oversaw 6-8 graduate student editors for the award-winning journal of the American Sociological Association

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- Reviewer, *Social Forces* 2008-
- Undergraduate Mentor, Department of Sociology, UC-Berkeley 2007-08
One-on-one mentoring of a sociology undergraduate preparing an honors thesis
- Space Coordinator, Department of Demography, UC-Berkeley 2007-08
Responsible for allocating graduate student work space, liaison between students and faculty

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Population Association of America 2004-
- American Sociological Association 2004-
Sections: Sociology of Population and Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- Research Committee on Stratification and Mobility (RC-28) 2008-

REFERENCES

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