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EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Sociology, The University of New Mexico, 2014 - present

Assistant Professor of Sociology, The City College of New York (CUNY), 2009 - 2014

EDUCATION

PhD in Sociology, Stanford University, 2009
Dissertation: "Geographic Mobility & Homophily"

MA in Sociology, Stanford University, 2002

BA in Philosophy (minor in Psychology), Northwestern University, 1996

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

McFarland, Daniel, James Moody, Jeff A. Smith, David Diehl and Reuben J. Thomas. 2014. "Network Ecology and Adolescent Social Structure." *American Sociological Review* 79,6:1088-121.

Thomas, Reuben J. and Noah P. Mark. 2013. "Population Size, Network Density, and the Emergence of Inherited Inequality." *Social Forces* 92,2:521-44.

Rosenfeld, Michael J. and Reuben J. Thomas. 2012. "Searching for a Mate: The Rise of the Internet as a Social Intermediary." *American Sociological Review* 77,4:523-47.

McFarland, Daniel A. and Reuben J. Thomas. 2006. "Bowling Young: How Youth Voluntary Associations Influence Adult Political Participation." *American Sociological Review* 71,3:401-25.

BOOK CHAPTERS

England, Paula and Reuben J. Thomas. 2006. "The Decline of the Date and the Rise of the College Hook Up." in Arlene Skolnick and Jerome Skolnick (ed.) *Family in Transition*. Boston: Allyn and Bacon.

Reprinted 2009 in Susan J. Ferguson (ed.) *Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology*. New York: McGraw Hill.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Thomas, Reuben J. 2014. "Online Dating Can Change The World, But So Far It Hasn't." *Issues: Understanding Controversy and Society*. ABC-CLIO, 2014. Web. 16 Sept. 2014.

Rosenfeld, Michael J., Reuben J. Thomas, and Maja Falcon. 2011 and 2014. How Couples Meet and Stay Together, Waves 1, 2, and 3: Public version 3.04, plus wave 4 supplement version 1.02 [Computer files]. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Libraries.

Thomas, Reuben J. and Daniel A McFarland. 2010. "Joining Young, Voting Young: The Effects of Youth Voluntary Associations on Early Adult Voting." Working Paper No. 73, The Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE), Tufts University, Medford, MA.

PRESENTATIONS

August 2015. "Romantic Social Closure." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, How Race Affects Finding Partners for Sex, Romance, or Marriage Thematic Session (Invited Panelist), Chicago, IL.

August 2014. "Measuring Romantic Brokerage and Foci." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Policy and Research Workshop: How Couples Meet and Stay Together - A New Longitudinal Family Data Set (Invited Panelist), San Francisco, CA.

August 2013. "Is Online Dating a Revolution Without Consequences?" Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Thematic Panel on The Changing American Family (Invited Panelist), New York, NY.

February 2013. "Online Dating: Two Decades of a Revolution in Mating, and its Consequences." Anthro Tech: Anthropology in Technology Meetup (Invited Speaker), New York, NY.

February 2012. "The Story of Us: Differences in the Telling of How Couples Met." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Telling the Family Story Regular Paper Session, New York, NY.

August 2011. "How Americans (Mostly Don't) Find an Interracial Partner: Race and Gender Differences in the use of Social Foci for Couple Formation." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Race and Intimate Relationships Regular Session, Las Vegas, NV.

March 2011. "Extracurricular Activities and the Youth Vote." Annual Convening of the Illinois Civic Mission Coalition (Invited Speaker), Oak Brook, IL.

March 2009. "Geographic Mobility and Social Foci." International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, San Diego, CA.

August 2007. "Bowling Young II: How Youth Voluntary Associations Affect Voting in Early Adulthood." (with Daniel A. McFarland) Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Political Sociology Section Roundtable, New York, NY.

June 2007. "Bowling Young II: How Youth Voluntary Associations Affect Voting in Early Adulthood." Service Learning Works-in-Progress Seminar at The Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement (CIRCLE), University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

August 2006. "Geographic Mobility and Homophily." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Demography Section Session, Montreal, QC.

April 2006. "Network Transitivity and Intergroup Relations." International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Vancouver, BC.

August 2004. "Population Size, Network Density, and the Emergence of Inherited Inequality." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Mathematical Sociology Regular Session, San Francisco, CA.

June 2003. "When Dissent Is Good: The Interplay Between Reputation and Social Networks in an Artificial Society." (with Joshua Miller, Daniel Steinbock and Elena Zinchenko) Santa Fe Institute Complex Systems Summer School, Santa Fe, NM.

TEACHING

The University of New Mexico:

Couples, Family and Friendship, Spring 2015

Advanced Social Statistics I (Graduate), Spring 2015, Spring 2016,

Spring 2017

Advanced Social Statistics II (Graduate), Fall 2014, Spring 2016, Fall 2016,
Fall 2017

The City College of New York:

Methods and Techniques of Sociological Research, Fall 2009, Spring 2010,
Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Sociological Statistics, Fall 2009, Fall 2010, Fall 2011, Spring 2013,
Spring 2014

Quantitative Analysis (Graduate), Spring 2010, Spring 2011, Spring 2012

Analyzing Evidence I (Graduate), Fall 2012, Fall 2013

Social Networks, Spring 2011, Spring 2012, Spring 2013, Spring 2014

Teaching Assistant, Stanford University:

Mixed Methods Research Design (Graduate), Spring 2005

Sex and Love in Modern Society, Winter 2005

Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2002, Fall 2003, Spring 2003

Statistical Software Consultant, Social Science Data & Software, Stanford
University Libraries: Fall 2005 – Spring 2009

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Occasional Peer Reviewer, for a number of journals

Department/University Service:

The University of New Mexico:

Sociology & Criminology Outcomes Assessment Coordinator 2015-

Sociology & Criminology Colloquia Committee, 2014-15, 2016-17

The City College of New York:

College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Faculty Council, 2013-14

Sociology Search Committee, 2012-13

CCNY Periodic Review Report Steering Committee, 2011-12

Sociology Website and IT Committee Chair, 2011-14

Einsteins in the City Conference, Program Committee 2011

Sociology Masters Program Committee, 2009-13

Co-Director, 2011-12

Stanford University:

Sociology Admissions Committee, 2006-07

Sociology Curriculum Committee, 2005-06

Sociology Graduate Student Social Committee Co-Chair, 2003-04

Sociology Computing Committee, 2002-03

MEDIA MENTIONS

New York Times, “First Comes Tinder. Then Comes Marriage?” Sophia Kercher, April 19, 2017.

Business Insider, “Here's how American couples actually meet their significant others,” Erin Brodwin, September 12, 2016.

Digital Trends, “Tinder will look quaint beside the future of digital dating,” Brian Heart, August 15, 2016.

Washington Post, “There are only three ways to meet anyone anymore,” Roberto Ferdman, March 8, 2016.

Fusion.net, “Does online dating lead to marriage?” Hannah Smothers, November 16, 2015.

Washington Post, “Absolutely everything science knows about how Tinder’s changing the way we date,” Caitlin Dewey, August 13, 2015.

Market Watch, “Would You Buy Shares in an Adultery Website?” Quentin Fottrell, April 27, 2015.

CQ Researcher, “Online Dating,” Barbara Mantel, March 20, 2015

Albuquerque Journal, “Couples Navigate Online Dating,” Donna Olmstead, February 8, 2015.

Futurity.org, “Why some high schools have more cliques,” Jonathan Rabinovitz, November 10, 2014.

The New Republic, “Why Do Some High Schools Have 'Mean Girls' and Others Don't? A New Study Explains,” Molly Mirhashem, November 7, 2014.

Atlanta Journal & Constitution, Get Schooled Blog, “New Study: Why Cliques Flourish in Some High Schools and Not Others,” Maureen Downey, November 7, 2014.

Stanford Report, “Stanford Researcher Explores Why Cliques Thrive in Some High Schools More Than Others,” Edmund L. Andrews, November 6, 2014.

Market Watch & New York Post, “5 Extreme Ways to Succeed at Online Dating,” Quentin Fottrell, September 13, 2014.

Market Watch, “Want a New Job? Use an Online Dating Site,” Quentin Fottrell, August 1, 2014.

Huffington Post, "It's Good Business: OkCupid's Decision to Block Mozilla Firefox," Jess Carbino, April 1, 2014.

Market Watch, "Walter Mitty's eHarmony counselor costs \$5,000," Quentin Fottrell, December 28, 2013.

Daily Mail (UK), "Be a Real-Life Walter Mitty! eHarmony Launches Personal Matchmaking Service - But at \$5,000 it's for High-Rollers Only," Sadie Whitelocks, December 27, 2013.

Market Watch, "For \$5,000, Dating Site Will Be Your Wingman," Quentin Fottrell, November 3, 2013.

Boston Globe, Uncommon Knowledge, "Inequality: Blame Social Networks?" Kevin Lewis, August 11, 2013.

MIT Technology Review, "Romancing the Phone," C. J. Pascoe, August 5, 2013.

Market Watch, "Does Online Dating Lead to Happier Marriages?" Quentin Fottrell, June 5, 2013.

Market Watch, "10 Things Dating Sites Won't Tell You," Quentin Fottrell, February 8, 2013.

Boston Review, "E-Disharmony? Online Dating Isn't Threatening Monogamy," Claude Fischer, January 8, 2013.

The Daily Nebraskan, "Online Dating Offers Cheaper, Successful Alternative to In-Person Dating," Jovanna Balquier, December 7, 2012.

The Berkeley Blog, "Meeting, Mating and the Web," Claude Fischer, August 7, 2012.

NPR, Intern Edition (interview) "Away From Keyboard: Online Users Connect In Person," Christopher Egusa, August 2012.

Atlanta Black Star, "Even With Internet Dating Options, Some Remain Single by Choice," Stanley Yorker, July 2, 2012.

Wall Street Journal, "Quantifying the Online-Dating Revolution," and Week in Ideas, "Relationships: Digital Dating Dominates," Chris Shea, June 29, 2012.

Slate.com, "The Internet Dating Market," Matthew Yglesias, June 14, 2012.

El Confidencial (Madrid), “¿Cuánto dura una pareja que te echas por Internet?” Luis Boulosa, March 5, 2012.

CCNY News, “Internet Leads to More Dates, But Not More Relationships,” Ellis Simon, March 1, 2012.

Victoria Times Colonist, “Modern Lovers Tend to Overlook the Single Best Reason for Valentine’s Day,” Richard Watts, February 14, 2012.

WBUR, “Goodbye Yente: Online Dating Trumps Traditional Matchmaking, Study Finds,” Rachel Zimmerman, February 7, 2012.

Futurity.org, “Online Dating Dumps the Stigma,” February 6, 2012.

Andrew Z Morning Show, 100.7 The Vibe, Toledo, OH, "You Have a Less Than 1% Chance of Meeting Your Future Spouse at the Grocery Store," Gina The News Mommy, January 11, 2012.

Jezebel.com, “You Won’t Meet Prince Charming at the Supermarket, No Matter What Crystal Light Says,” Anna North, January 10, 2012.

USA Today, “Interracial Marriage: More Accepted, Still Growing,” Sharon Jayson, November 7, 2011.

Turnstyle News (interview), “The Unethical, Not So Random Science of Online Dating,” Charlie Foster, May 17, 2011.

ABC\Discovery News, “Does Online Dating Work?” Cristen Conger, February 11, 2011.

The Economist, “Love at First Byte,” December 29, 2010.

Time.com, “How Couples Meet,” Laura Blue, August 17, 2010.

Radio Nacional de Colombia (interview), “Un 30 de las Parejas Actualmente se Conocen Online,” Hernan Restrepo, August 16, 2010.