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Education

- Current** **Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy**, Princeton University
Certificate in Demography
Examinations in Education and Inequality, Urban Sociology, and Demography
Committee: Jennifer Jennings (chair), Filiz Garip, Brandon Stewart
- May 2018** **B.A. in Sociology (with Honors)**, University of Southern California
Minors in Spatial Science and Education and Society
Graduated *summa cum laude* (GPA: 3.99/4.00)
Honors Thesis: “*Charter Schools and the Growing Opportunity Gap in California.*”

Research Interests

Education	Social Stratification	Demography
Quantitative Methods	Urban Sociology	Social Policy

Current Research

- Forthcoming** “Complicating the Suburban Advantage: Examining Racial and Gender Inequality in Suburban and Urban School Settings” (with Emily Miller). *Sociology of Education*.
- Under Review** “The Paradox of Prestige: How Selective High Schools Shape Advanced Math Enrollment”
- Works in Progress** “How School Admissions Policies Shape Beliefs about Fairness and Inequality”
- “A Computational Approach to School Choice Tradeoffs and Trajectories”
- “The Distribution of Foster and Homeless Students Across Charter and Non-Charter Schools” (with Jennifer Jennings)

Fellowships and Grants

- 2025** Postgraduate Research Associates Program
- 2025** Dean’s Completion Fellowship
- 2023-2025** Prize Fellowship in the Social Sciences
- 2023-2025** Overdeck Family Foundation Education Innovation Fund (\$9,000)
- 2019-2024** President’s Fellowship, Princeton University
- 2021-2022** Charles Ames Brooks, Class of 1905, Fellowship
- 2018-2019** Fulbright Student Research Grantee to Brazil (\$15,400)
- 2018** Renaissance Scholarship, University of Southern California (\$10,000)
- 2017** Summer Undergraduate Research Fund Award, University of Southern California (\$2,500)
- 2016** Student Opportunities for Academic Research Award, University of Southern California (\$1,700)
- 2016** Gold Family Scholarship, University of Southern California (\$3,000)
- 2016** Summer Undergraduate Research Fund Award, University of Southern California (\$2,000), *declined*
- 2014-2018** Trustee Scholarship, University of Southern California (Full Tuition Scholarship)

Awards and Recognition

- 2021 Graduate School Teaching Award, Princeton University
- 2021 Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award, Princeton Sociology
- 2018 Discovery Scholar Distinction for Outstanding Student Research, University of Southern California
- 2018 Order of Troy Award for Student Leadership, University of Southern California
- 2018 Honorable Mention in Research Category, University of Southern California Undergraduate Writer's Conference
- 2018 Gamma Theta Upsilon International Honor Society in Geography
- 2017 Phi Beta Kappa National Honor Society
- 2014-2018 Dean's List (all semesters), University of Southern California

Presentations

- 2024 "A Clustering Approach to School Choice Tradeoffs and Trajectories"
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, August.
- 2024 "Beyond Averages: A Clustering Approach to School Choice and Post-Match Outcomes"
RC28 Summer Meeting, Providence, RI, August.
- 2024 "Methods, Data, & Decisions for Understanding Suburban-Urban School Inequality." With Emily Miller.
Future of Families Summer Data Training Workshop, New York, June.
- 2024 "From Match to Matriculation: Post-Match Behaviors in a Centralized School Choice System"
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Columbus, April.
- 2023 "How School Admissions Policies Shape Beliefs about Fairness and Inequality."
Princeton University Education Research Section, November.
- 2023 "Complicating the Suburban Advantage: Exploring Racial and Gender Inequality Between Suburban and Urban School Settings."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August.
- 2023 "Selective Schools as Frog Ponds: Heterogeneity of Math Course-Taking Pathways."
RC28 Summer Meeting, Ann Arbor, MI, August.
- 2023 "Methods, Data, & Decisions for Understanding Suburban-Urban School Inequality." With Emily Miller.
Future of Families Summer Data Training Workshop, New York, June.
- 2022 "High School Selectivity and Advanced Math Course-Taking Patterns: Evidence from New York City"
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, August.
- 2022 "Race and Place-Based Differences in School Discipline and Sense of Belonging Among Students in Suburban and Urban Schools"
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Atlanta, April.

- 2021** “Advanced Math Course-Taking and Selective High Schools in NYC”
Princeton University Education Research Section, November.
- 2021** “The Distribution of Foster and Homeless Students Across Charter and Non-Charter Schools.” With Jennifer Jennings.
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August.
**Virtual due to COVID-19*
- 2021** “Retesting Relative Education Theory Using a Metro-Level Approach.” With Joseph Sageman.
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, May.
**Poster Session; Virtual due to COVID-19*
- 2021** “URM Representation in Elite Professoriate.” With Miguel Centeno, Diana Enriquez, Ferdose Idris, Vivek Nemana, and Vicki Yang.
Princeton University Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, March.
**Virtual due to COVID-19*
- 2020** “School Choice and Racial Segregation in New York City’s Universal Pre-K Program.” With Jennifer Jennings and Scott Latham.
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, August.
**Virtual due to COVID-19*
- 2018** “Charter Schools and the Growing Opportunity Gap in California.”
University of Southern California Undergraduate Research Symposium, April
**Poster Session*
- 2017** “Inequalities in the School Contexts of Advantaged and Disadvantaged Children.”
UCLA Paulo Freire Institute, August

Teaching Experience

- Spring 2022** Teaching Assistant
Dr. Paul Starr, Princeton University
SOC 201: American Society and Politics
- Summer 2021** Teaching Assistant
Freshman Scholars Institute, Princeton University
SOC 245: Visualizing Data
- Spring 2021** Teaching Assistant
Dr. Brandon Stewart, Princeton University
SOC 306: Machine Learning with Social Data: Opportunities and Challenges
- Fall 2020** Teaching Assistant
Dr. Brandon Stewart, Princeton University
SOC 400/500: Applied Social Statistics (Graduate-level course)
- Summer 2020** Teaching Assistant
Freshman Scholars Institute, Princeton University
FSI SOC: Visualizing Society

2016-2018 Mentor-Tutor
Student-Athlete Academic Services, University of Southern California
Individual and Group Tutoring in Sociology, Statistics, Spanish, and Writing

Research Assistantships

2019-2023 Graduate Research Assistant
Dr. Jennifer Jennings, Professor of Sociology, Princeton University
School Choice and Racial Segregation in New York City's Universal Pre-K Program

2019-2021 Graduate Research Assistant
Dr. Miguel Centeno, Musgrave Professor of Sociology, Princeton University
Academic Trajectories of Underrepresented Minority Faculty Members in the Professoriate.

2016-2017 Undergraduate Research Assistant
Dr. Ann Owens, Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Southern California
Inequalities in the School and Neighborhood Contexts of High- and Low-income Children.

Service

2021-2023 Graduate Teaching Fellow, McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, Princeton

2022-2023 Graduate Student Council Representative, Office of Population Research

2021-2022 Graduate Student Council Representative, Princeton Sociology

2021-2022 Graduate Student Mentor, Graduate Scholars Program

2020-Present Office of Population Research Graduate Student Committee, Princeton University

2015-2018 Undergraduate Sociology Club Founder and President, Univ. of Southern California

Association Memberships

American Sociological Association

Population Association of America

Languages and Skills

Fluency in English (native) and Spanish (heritage speaker)

Working Proficiency in Portuguese

Proficient in R, Stata, Excel, and ArcGIS