

**Curriculum Vitae**  
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**Education**

2003 Ph.D. Sociology and Demography, University of Pennsylvania  
1999 A.M. Demography, University of Pennsylvania  
1997 B.A. Urban Studies, College of Wooster

**Areas of Specialization**

Stratification, Urban Sociology, Higher Education, Residential Segregation, Immigration

**Academic Employment**

2010- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut  
2004- Research Associate, Center for Population Research, University of Connecticut  
2004-2010 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut  
2003-2004 Visiting Research Associate, Office of Population Research, Princeton University  
2001-2004 Project Manager, National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania  
1999-2001 Research Assistant, National Longitudinal Survey of Freshmen, University of Pennsylvania  
1998 Research Assistant to Douglas S. Massey, University of Pennsylvania  
1997-1998 Research Assistant, Mexican Migration Project, University of Pennsylvania

**Funding**

2010-2011 “Examining the Impact of the Housing Boom on Minority Neighborhood Access” June 2010-January 2011 University of Connecticut Large Grant Competition (\$17,776)  
2009-2011 “Social Capital, School Choice, and Student Success: Examining the Linkages Among High School Students in the ELS” AERA grant with joint sponsors National Science Foundation and National Center for Education Statistics NSF #DRL-0634035 (\$34,949)  
2008 “Supplementary Training for Inter-group Contact Project” June 2008. University of Connecticut Small Grant Competition (\$900)  
2007 “Statistical Study of Emerging New Immigration Destinations” January 2007-October 2007. Russell Sage Foundation (\$35,000)  
2006 “Supplementary Training for Hispanic Geographic Expansion Project” June 2006. University of Connecticut Small Grant Competition (\$850)  
2005-2006 “Hispanic Geographic Expansion: Exploring Trends in Residential and School Segregation.” June 2005-May 2006. University of Connecticut Large Grant Competition (\$9,775)

**Publications**

**Books**

Charles, Camille Z, Mary J. Fischer, Margarita Mooney, and Douglas S. Massey. 2009. *Taming the River: Negotiating the Academic, Financial, and Social Currents in Selective Colleges and Universities*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Massey, Douglas S., Camille Z. Charles, Garvey Lundy, and Mary J. Fischer. 2003. *Source of the River: The Social Origins of Freshmen at America's Selective Colleges and Universities*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

### **Book Chapters**

Fischer, Mary J., and Marta Tienda 2006. 'Redrawing Spatial Color Lines: Hispanic Metropolitan Dispersion, Segregation and Economic Opportunity', pp. 100-137 in *Hispanics and the Future of America*, National Academies Press.

### **Articles**

Fischer, Mary J. 2010. Forthcoming. "How do College Students Find Summer Jobs? The Role of Institutional Contacts in Employment Outcomes" *Social Science Quarterly*

Fischer, Mary J. 2010. "Immigrant Educational Outcomes In New Destinations: An Exploration of High School Attrition" *Social Science Research* 39(4):627-541.

Fischer, Mary J. 2010. "A Longitudinal Examination of the Role of Stereotype Threat and Racial Climate on College Outcomes for Minorities at Elite Institutions" *Social Psychology of Education* 13(1):19-40.

Fischer, Mary J. 2008. "Does Campus Diversity Promote Friendship Diversity? A Look at Inter-Racial Friendships in College" *Social Science Quarterly* 89(3):631-655.

Fischer, Mary J. 2008. "Shifting Geographies: Examining the Role of Suburbanization in Black's Declining Segregation" *Urban Affairs Review* 43(4):475-496.

Fischer, Mary J. 2007. 'Settling into Campus Life: Differences by Race/Ethnicity in College Involvement and Outcomes.' *Journal of Higher Education* 78(2): 125-161.

Fischer, Mary J. and Douglas S. Massey. 2007. 'The Effects of Affirmative Action in Higher Education' *Social Science Research* 38:531-549.

Massey, Douglas S., Mary J. Fischer, and Chiara Capoferro. 2006. 'International Migration and Gender in Latin America: A Comparative Analysis.' *International Migration* 44(5):3-195.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2006. 'The Long Term Consequences of Segregation: Minority Performance at Selective Academic Institutions.' *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, volume 29, number 1, pp. 1-26.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2005. 'Stereotype Threat and the Academic Performance of Students at Selective Colleges and Universities.' *DuBois Review*, volume 2, issue 1, pp. 45-67.

Fischer, Mary J. and Julie A. Kmec. 2004. 'The Mediating Effects of Neighborhoods on Young Adult Socioeconomic Success.' *Sociological Perspectives*, Volume 47, Issue 4, pp. 507-527.

Fischer, Mary J. and Douglas S. Massey. 2004. 'The Ecology of Racial Discrimination.' *City and Community*, Volume 3, Number 3, pp.221-241.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2003. 'The Geography of Inequality in the United States, 1950-2000.' In *Brookings-Wharton Papers on Urban Affairs: 2003*. William G. Gale and Janet Rothenberg Pack, eds. Washington, DC: Brookings Institution Press.

Fischer, Mary J. 2003. 'The Relative Importance of Class and Race in Determining Residential Outcomes in U.S. Urban Areas, 1970-2000' *Urban Affairs Review*. Volume 38, Number 5, pp. 669-696.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2001. 'Segregation of Asians in U.S. Metropolitan Areas 1980-1990,' *EurAmerica*, Volume 31, Number 2, pp. 1-30.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 2000. 'How Segregation Concentrates Poverty,' *Ethnic & Racial Studies*, Volume 23, Number 4, pp. 670-691.

Fischer, Mary J. and Douglas S. Massey. 2000. 'Residential Segregation and Ethnic Enterprise in U.S. Metropolitan Areas,' *Social Problems*, Volume 47, Number 3, pp. 408-424.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 1999. 'Does Rising Income Bring Integration? New Results for Blacks, Hispanics, and Asians in 1990,' *Social Science Research*, Volume 28, Number 3, pp. 316-326.

Massey, Douglas S. and Mary J. Fischer. 1998. 'Where We Live, In Black and White,' *The Nation*, Volume 267, Number 20, p. 25.

### **Book Reviews**

Fischer, Mary J. FORTHCOMING 2010. Review of *Once the American Dream: Inner-Ring Suburbs of the Metropolitan United States* by Bernadette Hanlon. *City and Community*

Fischer, Mary J. 2006. Review of *Redefining Urban and Suburban America: Evidence from Census 2000 Volume 2* edited by Alan Berube, Bruce Katz, and Robert E. Lang. *Journal of Regional Science* 46(4): 792-794.

### **Works in Progress and Under Review**

Fischer, Mary J. 2010. "The Effects of Interracial Contact in College on the Interracial Attitudes of White Students" (under review)

Fischer, Mary J. and Travis Lowe 2010 "Examining the Impact of the Housing Boom on Minority Neighborhood Access" (in preparation)

Fischer, Mary J. and Rachel Leventhal-Weiner 2010 "Individual and School Level Social Capital: Variations across School Contexts" (in preparation)

Beasley, Maya and Mary J. Fischer 2010 "Stereotype Threat and Attrition from Science and Math Majors" (revising)

Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel and Mary J. Fischer 2010 "Peer Effects and School Choice" (in preparation)

Fischer, Mary J., Jennifer Lundquist, and Thomas Cooke 2010 "Residential Segregation: The Mitigating Effects of Prior Military Experience." (in preparation)

## Conference Participation and Invited Talks

- 2010 "Immigrant Educational Outcomes in New Destinations: An Exploration of High School Attrition" Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Dallas, April 15-17.
- 2009 "Immigrant Educational Outcomes in New Destinations: An Exploration of High School Attrition" Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University, December 9 (invited)
- 2007 The Effects of Interracial Contact on Whites Interracial Attitudes American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York August 10-14.
- 2007 Shifting Geographies: Examining the Role of Suburbanization in Black's Declining Segregation Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, March 28-30.
- 2006 Does Campus Diversity Promote Friendship Diversity? A Look at Inter-Racial Friendships in College American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal Canada
- 2006 How do College Students Find Summer Jobs? The Role of Institutional Contacts in Employment Outcomes, Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 30-April 1
- 2006 Shifting Geographies: Examining the Role of Suburbanization in Black's Declining Segregation, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, March 23-26 (invited)
- 2005 Networks to the Future: Social Contacts and Job Search Strategies Used by College Students, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, August 13-16, 2005
- 2005 The Geographic Dispersion of Hispanics, Implications for Racial Segregation, Department of Public Policy Lunch Seminar Series, University of Connecticut, April 5, 2005. (invited)
- 2005 Spatial Color Lines: Hispanic Metropolitan Dispersal, Segregation, and Economic Opportunity', Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, March 31-April 2. (with Marta Tienda)
- 2005 The Geographic Dispersion of Hispanics, Implications for Racial Segregation, University of Massachusetts SADRI Research in Progress Seminar, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, March 22. (invited talk)
- 2004 Exploring the Effects of Affirmative Action at Selective Colleges and Universities, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 28-30, 2004. (with Douglas S. Massey, invited)
- 2004 Discussant for session 'Causes and Consequences of Housing Segregation', Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Atlanta, October 28-30, 2004. (invited)
- 2004 Gender and International Migration in Latin America: A Comparative Perspective, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, August 14-17. (with Douglas S. Massey and Chiara Capoferro)
- 2004 The Transition to College: Racial/Ethnic Differences in Adjustment and Outcomes, Population Association of America Annual Meetings, Boston, April 1-3.
- 2003 Residential Segregation and Housing Discrimination: The Experience of Immigrants to the US., Warsaw, Poland to the Institute of Public Affairs, October 26. (invited)
- 2003 The Ties that Bind: How Connections Made During the College Transition Affect College Outcomes, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, August 16-19.
- 2003 Determinants of Female Migration from Latin America to the United States: A Comparison Between Mexico and the Dominican Republic, LAMP Conference, Costa Rica, April 3-5 (with Douglas S. Massey).
- 2002 The Geography of Inequality in the United States, 1950-2000, Brookings-Wharton Conference on Urban Affairs, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC, October 24-25.
- 2002 Effects of Prior Interracial Contact on the Black and Hispanic Integration into College, American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 16-19.
- 2002 The Long-Term Consequences of Segregation', Population Association of America, Atlanta, May

- 9-11 (with Douglas S. Massey)
- 2002 Neighborhood Context and the Relationship between Adolescent Family Social Capital and Later Life Outcomes, Population Association of America, Atlanta, May 9-11 (with Julie A. Kmec)
- 2002 How Adolescent Family, Neighborhood, and School Contexts Jointly Affect Early Adulthood Outcomes, Society for Research on Adolescence Biannual Meeting, New Orleans, April 11-14 (with Julie A. Kmec)
- 2001 The Relative Importance of Class and Race in Determining Residential Outcomes in U.S. Urban Areas, 1970-1990, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Anaheim California, August 17-21
- 2001 The Mediating Effects of Neighborhoods on Young Adult Socioeconomic Success (with Julie A. Kmec), American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Anaheim California, August 17-21
- 2001 The Marriageable Male Hypothesis in an Elite Environment (with Douglas S. Massey) paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of American, Washington, D.C., March 29-31
- 2001 Contextual Continuities and Discontinuities in Adolescent Lives (with Frank F. Furstenberg) paper presented at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of American, Washington, D.C., March 29-31
- 2000 Contextual Continuities and Discontinuities in Adolescent Lives (with Frank F. Furstenberg), paper presented at the American Sociological Associations Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., August 12-16.
- 2000 Packaging a Social Movement, paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Washington, D.C., August 12-16.
- 2000 The Relative Importance of Class and Race in Determining Residential Outcomes in U.S. Urban Areas, 1970-1990, paper presented at the Population Association of American Annual Meetings, Los Angeles, California, March 23-25.
- 1999 Residential Segregation and Ethnic Enterprise in U.S. Metropolitan Areas (with Douglas S. Massey), paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Chicago, Illinois, August 6-10.
- 1999 Residential Segregation and Ethnic Enterprise in U.S. Metropolitan Areas (with Douglas S. Massey), paper presented at the Population Association of American Annual Meetings, New York, New York, March 25-27.

### **Honors and Awards**

E. Digby Baltzell Dissertation Prize, University of Pennsylvania, 2003  
 Phi Beta Kappa, College of Wooster, 1997  
 Raymond R. Day Prize in Urban Studies, College of Wooster, 1997  
 Departmental Honors, College of Wooster, 1997

### **Courses Taught**

Statistics Soc 207QC/3211Q (Fall 2007, Fall 2008, Spring 2010), Population Soc 255 (Fall 2004, Spring 2006, Fall 2006); Class, Power, and Inequality Soc 265/3421 (Fall 2005, Fall 2006, Spring 2007, Fall 2009, Spring 2010); Urban Sociology Soc 280 (Spring 2005, Spring 2006); Public Policy and Social Inequality Soc 4051 (Fall 2008)

### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association  
Population Association of America  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management  
Eastern Sociological Society

### **Professional Service**

Council Member, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2008-2010

Organizer for PAA 08 Session Urbanization Processes

Ad-Hoc Reviewer for: NSF, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, DuBois Review, City and Community, Demography, European Sociological Review, Social Problems, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Education, Population Research and Policy Review, Urban Affairs Review, Social Science Research, Ethnic and Racial Studies, United States Department of Housing and Urban Development

### **Departmental/University Service**

*University of Connecticut*

Graduate Programming Committee (Fall 09-Spring 10)  
Graduate Programming Committee (Fall 08-Spring 09)  
Computing Committee (Fall 08-Spring 09)  
Search Committee Member, Sociology (Fall 07)  
Undergraduate Programming Committee (Fall 06-Spring 07)  
Graduate Programming Committee (Spring 06)  
Search Committee Member, Sociology/African American Studies Junior Hire, (Fall 05-Spring 06)  
Co-organizer for Center for Population Research Seminar Series (Fall 04- )  
Urban Studies Committee Member (Fall 04-Spring 05)  
Search Committee Member, Center for Population Research, Junior Economic Hire (Dec. 04-Mar 05)

*University of Pennsylvania*

Graduate Student Coordinator, Race, Ethnicity, and Urban Colloquium Series, 1999-2000  
Graduate and Professional Student Association (GAPSA) Council Representative, 1998

### **Graduate Students at the University of Connecticut**

*Current PhD Students:*

Rachel Leventhal-Weiner, Sociology  
Travis Lowe, Sociology

*Past Dissertation Committees:*

2007 Andrew Fullerton Sociology

*M.A. Theses (completed):*

\* signifies Fischer was Chair  
2010 \*Rachel Leventhal-Weiner, Sociology  
2009 Travis Lowe, Sociology  
2009 Annie Scola-Wisnesky, Sociology  
2008 Michael McFarland, Sociology  
2005 Cathyann Yellen, Geography