

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**Education:**

M.A. May 2009. Sociology. University of Connecticut.

Master's Thesis: "In Good Company: An Examination of the Effects of Peer Groups, School Climate, and School Types on High School Achievement, Aspirations, and Attrition" (Chair: Mary J. Fischer)

M.A. May 2003. Higher and Postsecondary Education.  
Teachers College, Columbia University

B.A. May 2000. Economics.  
Rutgers College, Rutgers University

**Research and Teaching Interests**

Sociology of Education

Urban Sociology/Sociology of Community

Social Stratification

**Awards**

2009 Department of Sociology Fall Pre-Dissertation Fellowship

2009 Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship

**Publications Under Review**

Rachel Leventhal-Weiner and Michael Wallace. "Racial Differences in High School Dropouts: A Comparison of Metropolitan Statistical Areas." Under review at *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*.

**Works in Progress**

Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "In Good Company: An Examination of the Effects of Peer Groups, School Climate, and School Types on High School Aspirations and Achievement." To be submitted for review at *Sociology of Education* Spring 2010.

Rachel Leventhal-Weiner and Mary Fischer. "Neighborhood Context of School Choice Decisions."

Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Educational Inequality and Human Rights: Who is Left Behind? Public Opinion of Education in the U.S."

## **Presentations**

- 2009 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Education Inequality and Human Rights: Who is Left Behind?" Presented at the Graduate Human Rights Conference, Storrs, CT. April.
- 2009 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner and Michael Wallace. "Racial Differences in High School Dropout Rates for U.S. Metropolitan Areas." Presented at the Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore, Maryland. March.
- 2008 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Racial Differences in Dropout Rates for U.S. Metropolitan Areas." Presented at the Urban Research Symposium, Storrs, CT. May.

## **Research Experience**

- 2009 (Summer) Research assistant, Mary J. Fischer. Research support for "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.
- 2007 (Spring and Fall) Research assistant, Mary J. Fischer: Provided support for Russell Sage Foundation Project studying new destinations of immigrant populations.
- 2006 (Fall) Research assistant, Mary J. Fischer: Provided support for multiple projects in progress studying immigration, student employment, and higher education. Tasks included literature review and descriptive data analysis.

## **Teaching Experience**

### Lecturer

- Spring 2010 Sociology 1001W: Introduction to Sociology, writing intensive  
Fall 2009 Sociology 1001: Introduction to Sociology, Discussion sections

### Teaching Assistant

- Spring 2009 Sociology 3901: Urban Sociology, Professor Andrew Deener:  
Fall 2008 Sociology 3211Q: Quantitative Methods, Professor Mary Fischer  
Spring 2008 Sociology 3311: Deviance Behavior, Professor Clinton Sanders

## **Departmental Service**

- 2009-Present Graduate Program Committee Student Representative  
2008-2009 Undergraduate Advising Assistant (4 semesters)  
2007-2008 Graduate Program Committee Student Representative

## **Honors**

- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa, Rutgers College  
1996-2000 Rutgers College Honors Program

## **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association

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