

SARAH ELIZABETH FARR

(She/Her)

April 2022

Departments of Sociology and
Community & Environmental Sociology
University of Wisconsin-Madison
8128 Sewell Social Sciences Building
1180 Observatory Drive Madison, WI 53706

sfarr@wisc.edu
www.sarahefarr.com

EDUCATION

In Progress Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation: “The Politics of Place: Property, Place-making, and Neighborhood Inequality”

Committee Chair: Gay Seidman

Preliminary Examinations: Sociology of Economic Change and Development, Communities and Urban Sociology

Ph.D. Minor: Geography

2019 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2010 B.A., History and Latin American Studies, University of Chicago

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Property, Homeownership, and Housing
Place and Neighborhoods
Valuation
Inequality and Segregation
Work and Livelihood

Gentrification and Urban Development
Spatial Analysis
Interview Methods
Ethnographic Methods
Historical-Comparative Methods

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Farr, Sarah. “Producing and Emplacing Difference: Property Regulation, Segregation, and Urban Fragmentation in Mexico City.” (Draft available)

Farr, Sarah. “The Politics of Distribution: Homeownership, Taxation, and Neighborhood Improvement Districts in Milwaukee, WI.” (Extended abstract available)

Farr, Sarah. “Urban Property, Urban Livelihoods: The Moral Economy of Place.” (Extended abstract available)

Sarah Farr, Terri Friedline, Xan Wedel. “Neighborhood Racial Change and the Locational Decisions of Financial Services Pre- and Post-Recession in Metro Detroit.” (Extended abstract available)

Farr, Sarah. “The Spatial Distribution of Median Home Value Estimate Reliability from the American Community Survey (ACS).” (Extended abstract available)

PUBLICATIONS

Book Chapters

- 2013 Farr, Sarah, Brenda Andazola Acosta, and Rachel Micah-Jones. "Información inaccesible: la falta de transparencia en el reclutamiento de trabajadores mexicanos en los Estados Unidos y las violaciones a los derechos humanos." In *Migrar en las Américas: movilidad humana, información y derechos humanos*, edited by Rodolfo Córdova Alcaraz, Pablo Ceriani Cernadas, and José Knippen. Mexico City: Gedisa, 2013.

Book Reviews

- 2019 Review of *Migrants and City-Making: Dispossession, Displacement, and Urban Regeneration* by Ayse Çağlar and Nina Glick Schiller (Duke University Press, 2018). *International Sociology Reviews* 34(5) 604-613.

Policy Research and Reports

- 2013 *Recruitment Revealed: Fundamental Flaws in the H-2 Temporary Worker Program and Recommendations for Change*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. Co-authored.
- 2012 *Monitoring International Labor Recruitment: A Cross-Visa Exploration of Regulatory Challenges*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. Co-authored.

Other

- 2015 Farr, Sarah. "New Tool for Temporary Migrant Workers Seeks to Reduce Risk for Trafficking." *Human Trafficking Search*. June 22.
- 2009 Farr, Sarah. "Medical Emergency: The University of Chicago Hospitals face a crisis of conscience." *The Chicago Weekly*. March 12.

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS & HONORS

External

- 2022 Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- 2020 Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship (postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19)
- 2016-2019 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation
- 2016 Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship (Honorable Mention)
- 2010 Fulbright-García Robles Research Grant, Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Internal

- 2022 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020 Crowe Scholarship for Graduate Student Dissertation Research Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2016 Fieldwork Award, Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 Crowe Scholarship for Grad Student Thesis Research Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Declined)
- 2016 Student Research Travel Award, Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2016 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2015 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago Chapter
- 2010 General Honors in the College, University of Chicago
- 2009 Human Rights Internship Grant, University of Chicago

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2022 (Accepted) “Producing and Emplacing Difference: Property Regulation, Spatialization, and Urban Fragmentation in Mexico City.” Section Paper Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8.
- 2022 (Accepted) “Neighborhood Racial Change and the Locational Decisions of Financial Services in Metro Detroit.” Section Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8. Co-authored with Terri Friedline and Xan Wedel.
- 2022 (Declined) “Neighborhood Improvement Districts and the Politics of Property in Milwaukee.” Section Paper Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8.
- 2022 (Accepted) “Neighborhood Improvement Districts and the Politics of Property in Milwaukee.” Oral Presentation. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-7.
- 2016 “Expanding the Metropolis: Popular Land Occupations and the Expropriation of Protected Agricultural Land in Mexico City’s Periphery.” Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference. Lexington, Kentucky.

INVITED TALKS

- 2016 “Guestworker Programs, Recruitment Agencies, and International Labor Migration.” Guest lecture for Professor Gay Seidman’s seminar *The Sociology of Development*, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2014 “El fraude en el reclutamiento y el Derecho de Acceso a la Información Pública.” Panelist for the presentation of edited volume *Migrar en las Américas: movilidad humana, información y derechos humanos* (Gedisa, 2013). Mexico City, Mexico.

- 2014 “Derechos humanos y el programa de visas H-2.” Conference on Subcontracting and Labor Rights in Mexico City: Realities and Challenges. Legislative Assembly, Mexico City.

TEACHING & MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

- 2021 Lecturer, Data Management for Social Science Research, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison, Spring 2021. The course, designed for undergraduates interested in social science research, introduces students to quantitative data management and basic programming. Topics include data cleaning, documentation, recoding variables, descriptive statistics, dealing with missing data, merging and appending datasets, processing observations across subgroups, reshaping data, and programming for data management.
- 2018-2021 Teaching Assistant, Methods of Sociological Inquiry (SOC 357), Department of Sociology, UW-Madison (four semesters). I led two twice-weekly seminar-style discussion sections and graded assignments for 30 undergraduate students. The course introduces undergraduate students to sociological methods and covers research ethics, research design, sampling procedures, basic survey design, ethnographic methods, and interviewing.
- 2019 Conversational English Tutor, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison (Fall Semester). I met for two hours each week with a small group of international students to help them improve their conversational English skills.
- 2010-2015 Popular Educator for Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. in Mexico City. I led dozens of community education workshops with migrants and migrant families and trained migrant leaders as peer educators and policy advocates.
- 2007-2008 Classroom Assistant and Mentor for Gear-Up/Freshman Connection in Chicago. I assisted in a 7th/8th grade Chicago Public School classroom, facilitated small group tutoring, and provided mentoring services.
- 2006-2007 Tutor for the Chicago Youth Program in Chicago. I tutored elementary school students in a weekly one-on-one tutoring program for low-income youth on Chicago’s South Side.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020-2021 Research Assistant for Professor Jenna Nobles, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. I assisted Professor Nobles in the construction of a database of administrative immigration records related to border crossings at the US-Mexico border during the 1920s-1950s. I managed a team of undergraduate students and assist with programming and data management.
- 2015-2016 Research Assistant for Professor Monica White, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. I assisted with research on the topics of agricultural economy in the U.S. South after emancipation, sharecropping, and the civil rights movement for Professor Monica White’s book, *Freedom Farmers* (2018).
- 2011-2015 Project Coordinator for the Justice in Recruitment Project at Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. I coordinated the Justice in Recruitment Project, a policy, research, and education project regarding the recruitment and employment of Mexican migrant workers

recruited to work in the U.S. on H-2A and H-2B. The project included a survey of over 200 migrant workers; analysis of policy documents, legal cases, and administrative data; dozens of community workshops; dissemination of findings with U.S. and Mexican government agencies, press and radio, and through the publication of several reports.

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

- 2022 Coordinator, Spatial Thinking Brownbag, Department of Environmental & Community Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2019 Conversational English Tutor, Greater University Tutoring Service, UW-Madison
- 2017 Cohort Representative, Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2016 Prospective Student Hospitality Committee Member, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2011-2015 Justice in Recruitment Project Coordinator, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Inc. Mexico City.
- 2009-2010 Midwest/Chicago Regional Organizer, United Students Against Sweatshops. Chicago, IL.

LANGUAGES

- English: Native language
- Spanish: Fluent
- Portuguese: Basic reading and conversation

TECHNICAL SKILLS

R, Stata, GeoDa, Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Sociological Association (ASA)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)