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### EDUCATION

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- Expected Aug 2024* Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
Dissertation: *The Politics of Homeownership: Property Relations, Distributive Struggles, and Group Formation*  
Committee: Gay Seidman (chair), Katherine Curtis, Max Besbris, Jenna Nobles, Stephen Young (Geography)  
Preliminary Exams: Economic Change & Development; Communities & 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

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Community & Urban Sociology	Social Policy	Spatial Analysis
Economic Sociology	Group Formation	Qualitative Methods
Homeownership & Housing Markets	Place Inequality	Historical-Comparative Methods
Work & Livelihood	Collective Action	

### MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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Peter Catron, María Vignau-Loría, and **Sarah Farr**. “Contextual Boundaries: Skin Tone Stratification and Skill Transferability Among Mexican Immigrants in the Age of Mass Migration.” Accepted at *Demography*. ([Working paper available here](#))

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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- Sarah Farr. “Segregation Beyond Sorting: Homeownership Pathways, Market Expansion, and the Production of Emplaced Social Difference in Mexico City” ([Working paper available here](#))
- “The Moral Economy, Revisited: Custom, Contention, and Popular Market Regulation” ([Working paper available here](#))
- “Municipalized Neighborhoods: Community Governance and Differentiated Citizenship in Milwaukee” ([Working paper available here](#))
- “Coordination, Redistribution, or Regulation? Examining the Aims of Taxation Through Resident-Initiated Neighborhood Assessment Districts”
- “Beyond Use and Exchange: How Competing Conceptualizations of Property Value Organize Social Relationships”

### PUBLICATIONS

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## 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. [Published in Spanish. English: “Inaccessible Information: The Lack of Transparency in the Recruitment of Mexican Workers in the United States and Human Rights Violations.”]

## Book Reviews

- 2019 **Farr, Sarah**. 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. ([Available here](#))

## Policy Reports

- 2013 *Recruitment Revealed: Fundamental Flaws in the H-2 Temporary Worker Program and Recommendations for Change*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante. Lead Author. ([Available here](#))
- 2012 *Monitoring International Labor Recruitment: A Cross-Visa Exploration of Regulatory Challenges*. Centro de los Derechos del Migrante. Lead Author. ([Available here](#))

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

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### External Fellowships & Grants

- 2020 (2022) Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship\*
- 2016-2019 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation
- 2010 Fulbright-García Robles Research Grant, Fulbright U.S. Student Program

### Internal Fellowships & Grants

- 2023 Dissertation Fellowship, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020 Crowe Scholarship for Graduate Student Dissertation Research, 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, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Declined)
- 2015 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2009 Human Rights Internship Grant, University of Chicago

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\* Postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19

**Awards & Honors**

- 2016 Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
- 2010 Phi Beta Kappa, University of Chicago Chapter
- 2010 Honors in the College, University of Chicago

**Small Grants**

- 2024 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2023 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2022 Lee Student Support Fund, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
- 2022 Graduate Student Travel Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 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

**CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION**

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- 2024 [Scheduled] “Municipalized Neighborhoods: Community Governance and Differentiated Citizenship in Milwaukee.” Regular Session Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. August 9-13.
- 2024 [Scheduled] “Segregation Beyond Sorting: Homeownership Pathways, Market Expansion, and the Production of Emplaced Social Difference.” Junior Theorists Symposium. Montreal, Canada. August 8.
- 2024 “Municipalized Neighborhoods: Community Governance and Differentiated Citizenship in Milwaukee.” Community and Urban Sociology Section Mini Conference. Virtual. April 12.
- 2023 “The Moral Economy, Revisited: Custom, Contention, and Popular Market Regulation.” Economic Sociology Section Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.
- 2023 “Contextual Boundaries: Skin Tone Stratification and Skill Transferability Among Mexican Immigrants in the Age of Mass Migration.” Racial and Ethnic Inequality Regular Session Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21. (Co-authored with Peter Catron and María Vignau-Loría)
- 2022 “Producing and Emplacing Difference: Property Regulation, Spatialization, and Urban Fragmentation in Mexico City.” Community and Urban Sociology Section Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8.
- 2022 “Neighborhood Racial Change and the Locational Decisions of Financial Services in Metro Detroit.” Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Roundtable. American Sociological

Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 5-8. Co-authored with Terri Friedline and Xan Wedel.

- 2022 “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. February 26-27.

## INVITED TALKS

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- 2016 “Guestworker Programs, Recruitment Agencies, and International Labor Migration.” Guest lecture for *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. [Presented in Spanish. English: “Fraud in Recruitment and the Right to Access Public Information”]
- 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. [Presented in Spanish. English: “Human Rights and the H-2 Visa Program”]

## TEACHING

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### **Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Summer Program in Quantitative Methods, University of Michigan**

2023 - Summer *Teaching Assistant*, Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis

### **Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison**

2021 - Spring *Lecturer*, Data Management for Social Science Research (Soc 365)  
 2020 - Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)  
 2020 - Spring *Teaching Assistant*, Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)  
 2019 - Fall *Teaching Assistant*, Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)  
 2019 - Spring *Teaching Assistant*, Methods of Sociological Inquiry (Soc 357)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2020-2023 Research Assistant for Professor Jenna Nobles, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison. Construction and management of a database of administrative immigration records related to border crossings at the US-Mexico border during from 1919-1952.
- 2015-2016 Research Assistant for Professor Monica White, Department of Community & Environmental Sociology, UW-Madison. Madison, WI. Primary and secondary research on the agricultural economy in the U.S. South after emancipation, sharecropping, and the civil rights movement.

2011-2015 Justice in Recruitment Project Coordinator, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante. Research on the recruitment and employment of Mexican migrant workers in the U.S. on temporary work visas. Included a survey of over 200 migrant workers; analysis of policy documents, legal cases, and administrative data; policy advocacy with U.S. and Mexican government agencies; dissemination of findings through press, radio, and public reports.

### **UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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2022 Coordinator, Spatial Thinking Workshop, 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 Chair, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

### **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

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2011-2015 Justice in Recruitment Project Coordinator, Centro de los Derechos del Migrante, Mexico City.

2009-2010 Midwest Regional Organizer, United Students Against Sweatshops, Chicago, IL.

### **LANGUAGES & SOFTWARE**

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Languages: English (native language), Spanish (fluent)

Software: R, STATA, GeoDa, Qualtrics

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association (ASA)

- Community and Urban Sociology Section
- Theory Section
- Economic Sociology Section
- Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section

### **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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#### **Gay Seidman**

Martindale Bascom Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Wisconsin-Madison  
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#### **Katherine J. Curtis**

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