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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024 - Postdoctoral Research Fellow/Project SPLICE, Department of Health Management & Policy, University of Michigan

EDUCATION

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

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	

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

2024 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.” *Demography*. Forthcoming.

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](#))

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PREPARATION

- Sarah Farr. “Segregation Beyond Sorting: Homeownership Pathways, Market Expansion, and the Production of Emplaced Social Difference in Mexico City.” ([Working paper available here](#))
- Sarah Farr. “Tradition, Contention, and Popular Market Regulation: The Moral Economy of Property in Mexico City.” ([Working paper available here](#))
- Sarah Farr. “Municipalized Neighborhoods: Community-Controlled Poverty Governance and Differentiated Citizenship in Milwaukee.” ([Working paper available here](#))
- Sarah Farr. “Coordination, Redistribution, or Regulation? Examining the Aims of Taxation Through Resident-Initiated Special Assessment Districts.”
- Sarah Farr. “Beyond Use and Exchange: How Competing Conceptualizations of Property Value Organize Social Relationships.”
- Sarah Farr. “Property Rights, Agrarian Reform, and International Migration: Evidence from Early Twentieth Century Mexico.”
- Sarah Farr and Christian J. Castro Martinez (equal authorship). “Cultural Blocs, Urban Institutions, and Political Articulation in Mexico City.”

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, & AWARDS

External Fellowships & Grants

- 2020 (2022) Fulbright-Hays Doctoral Dissertation Research Abroad Fellowship*
- 2016-2019 Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation

* Postponed to 2022 due to COVID-19

2010 Fulbright-García Robles Research Grant, Fulbright U.S. Student Program

Competitive 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

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

2024 “Municipalized Neighborhoods: Community Governance and Differentiated Citizenship in Milwaukee.” Regular Session Panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Canada. August 9-13.
2024 “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

- 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

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

UNIVERSITY & DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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

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

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

Software: R, STATA, GeoDa, Qualtrics

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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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