

# Peter Rich

## Curriculum Vitae

Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy  
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### Employment

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2016-present      Assistant Professor of Sociology and Public Policy  
Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy, Cornell University

Affiliations: Cornell Population Center, Center for the Study of Inequality, Cornell Center for the Social Sciences, and Department of American Studies

Graduate field membership: Public Policy, Sociology, Demography, Systems Engineering, and Public Affairs

### Education

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2016              Ph.D. in Sociology, New York University  
Dissertation: *Parents, Schools, and Segregated Neighborhoods: Choice and Avoidance in Stratified Educational Contexts*  
Committee: Florencia Torche (chair), Michael Hout, and Patrick Sharkey

2013              M.A. in Sociology, New York University

2004              B.A. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley

### Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

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Waller, Maureen, Peter Rich, and Nathan Robbins. Forthcoming. "Predation and the Disproportionate Risk of Driver's License Suspensions in Economically and Racially Marginalized Communities." *Socius* (Accepted February 2024).

Rich, Peter and Ann Owens (equal authors). 2023. "Neighborhood-School Structures: A New Approach to the Joint Study of Social Contexts." *Annual Review of Sociology* 49:15.1-15.21.

Owens, Ann and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2023. "Little Boxes All the Same? Racial/Ethnic Segregation and Educational Inequality Across the Urban-Suburban Divide." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(2):26-54.

Micheltmore, Katherine and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2023. "Contextual Origins of Black-White Educational Disparities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Evaluating Long-Term Disadvantage Across Three Domains." *Social Forces* 101(4):1918-1947.

- Rich, Peter, Jennifer Candipan, and Ann Owens. 2021. "Segregated Neighborhoods, Segregated Schools: Do Charters Break a Stubborn Link?" *Demography* 58(2):471-98.
- Faber, Jacob and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2018. "Financially Overextended: College Attendance as a Contributor to Foreclosures During the Great Recession." *Demography* 55(5):1727-48.
- Torche, Florencia and Peter Rich. 2017. "Declining Racial Stratification in Marriage Choices? Trends in Black/White Status Exchange in the United States, 1980-2010." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 3(1):31-49.
- Rich, Peter and Jennifer Jennings. 2015. "Choice, Information, and Constrained Options: School Transfers in a Stratified Educational System." *American Sociological Review* 80(5):1069-1098.
- Besbris, Max, Jacob Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey (equal authors). 2015. "The Effect of Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112(16): 4994-4998.

### Other Publications

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- Rich, Peter. Forthcoming. Book review of *Collateral Damages: Landlords and the Urban Housing Crisis* by Meredith Greif (Russell Sage Foundation, 2022). Accepted by the *American Journal of Sociology* (Publication planned for July 2024).
- Bischoff, Kendra, and Peter Rich (equal authors). 2024. "Neighborhood Effects on Schools and Students." *The SAGE Handbook on Sociology of Education*, eds. Mark Berends, Barbara Schneider, and Stephen Lamb. SAGE Publications Limited (ISBN #978-1473967458).
- Besbris, Max, Jacob Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey (equal authors). 2018. "The Geography of Stigma: Experimental Methods to Identify the Penalty of Place" in *Audit Studies: Behind the Scenes with Theory, Method and Nuance*, ed. Michael Gaddis. New York, NY: Springer (ISBN #978-3319711522).

### Works in Progress

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- Rich, Peter and Christian Sprague (equal authors). "Separate and Unequal Options: Neighborhood Educational Access in the Era of School Choice." Under review, *American Journal of Sociology*. Working paper available at SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/5euhc>.
- Rich, Peter. "Policy Backlash or Structural Inertia? A Micro-Macro Analysis of White Residential Decline from Desegregating City School Districts Between 1970 and 1990." Working paper available upon request.
- Barron, Borris, Matthew Hall, Peter Rich, and Tomas Arias. "The Dissimilarity Index Was Never Compositionally Invariant." Working paper available at SocArXiv: <https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/q2s7c>.
- Rich, Peter and Christian Sprague. "Measuring Neighborhood Educational Access to School Quality Using Big Data." Manuscript in preparation.

Rich, Peter, Haowen Zheng, and Christian Sprague. "Inequality in the Competition for Access to High-Achieving and High-Growth Schools Across Metropolitan Area Housing Markets." Working paper available upon request.

Rich, Peter. "Race, Resources, and Test-Scores: What Schooling Characteristics Motivate the Housing Choices of White Parents?" Manuscript in preparation.

### **Grants, Fellowships, and Awards**

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- 2023 National Institutes of Health R01 research proposal for "School-based health services for children affected by the drug crisis and the modification effects of individual, policy, and social determinants" with Angelica Meinhofer and Maria Fitzpatrick (under review, submitted October). This project was awarded a Cornell Cross-Campus Health Policy Seed Grant for 2024.
- Russell Sage Foundation research grant for "Understanding and Reducing Socioeconomic and Racial Disparities in Driver's License Suspension" with Maureen Waller (letter of interest accepted; full proposal submission planned for February 2024).
- 2022-23 Cornell Center for Social Sciences Grant Development Fellowship Program for "Hidden Black-White Disparities in the Pursuit of Educational Opportunity."
- 2021 National Education Research Database on Schools (Georgetown University) grant for "Racial Segregation and Racial Inequality in School Funding Across the Urban-Suburban Divide" with Ann Owens.
- 2020-21 Cornell Center for Social Sciences Faculty Fellow and Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality Faculty Grant Award for "Dividing Lines: School District Boundaries and the Geography of Unequal Opportunity."
- 2016-17 Cornell Population Center (CPC) and Syracuse Center for Aging and Policy Studies (CAPS) Seed Grant Award for "Trajectories of Student Disadvantage: Unpacking Free/Reduced Price Lunch Eligibility across Childhood" with Katherine Micheltore.
- 2016 Paper awards for "White Parental Flight and Avoidance" (American Sociological Assoc.):
- Sociology of Education Section: David Lee Stevenson Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
  - Section on Inequality, Poverty and Mobility: Outstanding Graduate Student Paper
  - Sociology of Population Section: Graduate Student Paper Award
- 2015-17 Fellow, Institute for Education Sciences Predoctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Program (IES-PIRT), NYU. Program supports rigorous causal analysis of topics in education across disciplines. Second year of fellowship award declined.
- 2015-16 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award (1519017).
- 2014-15 Russell Sage Foundation (Award 83-14-09) Intergenerational Mobility in the United States Award for "The Foreclosure Crisis and College Enrollment" with Jacob Faber.

## **Selected Presentations** (organized by project)

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### Policy Backlash or Structural Inertia? A Micro-Macro Analysis of White Residential Decline from Desegregating City School Districts Between 1970 and 1990

- April 2024: Invited talk (planned) at the University of North Carolina Computational Social Science Working Group (Chapel Hill, NC).
- February 2024: Invited talk (planned) at the University of Wisconsin Demography Seminar at the Center for Demography and Ecology (Madison, WI).
- October 2023: Invited talk at IPUMS 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Research Showcase (Minneapolis, MN)
- June 2023: International Network of Analytical Sociologist's Annual Meeting (Princeton, NJ)
- May 2023: Cornell Population Center Conference on the New Demography of Migration and Mobility (Ithaca, NY)

### Separate and Unequal Options: Neighborhood Educational Access in the Era of School Choice

- December 2023: Invited talk at the Institute of Analytical Sociology's Workshop on Empirically Calibrated Simulations (Athens, Greece)
- November 2023: U.S. Census Bureau Workshop on Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality (virtual)
- August 2023: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)
- May 2023: Syracuse-Cornell Economics of Education Workshop (Syracuse, NY)
- April 2023: Population Association of America (PAA) Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- November 2022: Association for Public Policy and Management (APPAM) Fall Meeting (Washington, DC)
- September 2022: Princeton Education Research Seminar

### Measuring Neighborhood Educational Access to School Quality Using Big Data

- November 2023: APPAM Fall Meeting (Atlanta, GA)
- October 2021: Invited talk at the Mansueto Institute at the University of Chicago (Chicago, IL – virtual presentation)
- September 2021: Invited talk at the University of Wisconsin Interdisciplinary Training Program in Education Sciences (Madison, WI)
- March 2021: Invited talk at the University of Michigan Population Studies Center Brown Bag Speaker Series (Ann Arbor, MI – virtual presentation)
- March 2021: Invited talk at the Brown University Sociology Colloquium (Providence, RI – virtual presentation)
- October 2020: Ezra Roundtable Seminar Series for Systems Engineering at Cornell University (Ithaca, NY – virtual presentation)

### Inequality in the Competition for Access to High-Achieving and High-Growth Schools Across Metropolitan Area Housing Markets

- August 2023: ASA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)
- April 2023: PAA Annual Meeting (New Orleans, LA)
- August 2022: International Sociological Association RC28 Social Stratification 2022 Summer Meeting (South Bend, IN)

### Neighborhood-School Structures: A New Approach to the Joint Study of Social Contexts

- June 2023: International Sociological Association 2023 Summer Meeting (Melbourne, Australia – virtual presentation)

### Little Boxes All the Same? Racial/Ethnic Segregation and Educational Inequality Across the Urban-Suburban Divide

- April 2022: PAA Annual Meeting (Atlanta, GA – virtual presentation)
- November 2021: Russell Sage Foundation Suburban Inequality Conference (New York, NY – virtual presentation)

### Segregated Neighborhoods, Segregated Schools: Do Charters Break a Stubborn Link?

- November 2019: APPAM Fall Meeting (Denver, CO)
- April 2018: PAA Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)
- August 2018: ASA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)

### School District Segregation and the Racial Dynamics of Parental Residential Sorting Since 1970

- November 2019: APPAM Fall Meeting (Denver, CO)
- October 2019: invited talk at the Department of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati (Cincinnati, OH)
- September 2019: Panel Study of Income Dynamics User's Conference at the University of Michigan (Ann Arbor, MI)
- May 2019: invited talk at the Texas A&M University (College Station, TX)

### Contextual Origins of Black-White Educational Disparities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

- August 2019: International Sociological Association RC28 Social Stratification Summer Meeting (Princeton, NJ)
- August 2019: ASA Annual Meeting (New York, NY)
- November 2017: APPAM Fall Meeting (Chicago, IL)
- October 2017: Cornell Population Center – Center for Aging and Population Studies (CPS-CAPS) Upstate Population Workshop (Syracuse, NY)

### Race, Resources, and Test-scores: What Schooling Characteristics Motivate the Housing Choices of White Parents?

- April 2017: PAA Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL)
- May 2017: Syracuse/Cornell Workshop in Education and Social Policy (Syracuse, NY)
- March 2017: Association of Education Finance and Policy Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)
- November 2016: APPAM Annual Meeting (Washington, DC)

### Other speaking engagements and invited discussant roles:

- August 2023: “Desegregation, Affirmative Action and ‘Diversity Work’ in K-12 and Higher Education: Cross-Sector Sociological Connections for 21st Century Policy and Practice.” Invited discussant role at the ASA Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA)
- August 2019: “Homeownership and the Reproduction of Inequality.” Invited discussant role at the ASA Annual Meeting (New York, NY)
- May 2019: “Beyond Intentions: Addressing Racial Inequality with Public Policy.” Invited talk at the Program for Research on Youth Development and Engagement (Ithaca, NY)
- May 2019: “Methods Workshop: Using Discrete Choice Models to Investigate Segregation: Discussion of Statistical Procedures, Model Interpretations, and Practical Considerations” (with Pat Goldsmith). Invited talk at Texas A&M University (College Station, TX)
- April 2019: “The Nexus of Neighborhood and School Segregation.” Invited discussant role at the PAA Annual Meeting (Austin, TX)
- April 2018: “Neighborhoods, Education, and Socioeconomic Well-being.” Invited discussant role at the PAA Annual Meeting (Denver, CO)

## Teaching and Advising

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### *Courses:*

Social Problems in the US (Cornell, ~200 students): S17, F18, F19, F21, F22, F23, F24 planned  
Introductory Statistics for Public Policy (Cornell, ~75 students): F18, F19, F21, F22, F24 planned  
Spatial Demography (Cornell, PhD-level, ~20 students): F16, S19, S20, S22, S23, S24

### *Active PhD Advisees:*

Alex Cooperstock, Cornell Sociology  
Lillian Dodderidge, Cornell Sociology  
Lydia Homandberg, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy  
Wonjeong Jeong, Cornell Sociology  
Kayla Jones, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy  
Alicia Marquez, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy  
Álvaro Padilla Pozo, Cornell Sociology  
Cody Reed, Cornell Sociology  
Jillian Royal, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy  
Laura Sullivan, Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy  
Haowen Zheng, Cornell Sociology

### *PhD Advisees (successfully defended):*

Megan Doherty Bea, Cornell Sociology, 2019  
Peter Cody Fiduccia, Cornell Development Sociology, 2022  
Meaghan Mingo, Cornell Sociology, 2023  
Christian Sprague, Cornell Systems Engineering, 2023 (co-chair)

### *MA and Undergraduate Advisees:*

Lotoya Francis, Cornell Industrial and Labor Relations, Undergraduate Thesis Reader (2022)  
Alexandra Gibbons, Cornell Sociology, Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (2022)  
Joanne Le, Cornell Policy Analysis and Management, Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (2023)  
Emma Lester, Cornell American Studies, Undergraduate Thesis Reader (2020)  
Rifqi Maulana, Cornell Regional Science, Master's Thesis Committee (in progress)  
Kaye Nantah, Cornell Sociology, Master's Thesis Committee (in progress)  
Joseph Saitta, Cornell City and Regional Planning, Master's Thesis Committee (2017)

## Professional Service

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### *2023-24:*

American Sociological Association: Community and Urban Sociology Section Awards Committee  
Cornell Brooks School Working Group on Education Policy and Big Data: Faculty Coordinator  
Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Advisory Board  
Cornell Field of Sociology: Graduate Admissions Committee  
Cornell Field of Sociology: Graduate Curriculum Committee  
Cornell Population Center "SpacePop" Working Group on Spatial Inequality: Faculty Coordinator

### *2022-23:*

Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy: Speaker Series Committee  
Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Advisory Board  
Cornell Field of Sociology: Graduate Curriculum Committee  
Cornell Population Center: New Demography of Migration and Mobility Conference organizer  
Cornell Systems and Society Research Lab: Faculty affiliate

### *2021-22:*

Cornell Brooks School of Public Policy: Speaker Series Committee  
Cornell Field of Sociology: Graduate Curriculum Committee

2020-21:

Cornell Center for Social Sciences: Faculty Fellow  
Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Junior Faculty Writing Group  
Population Association of America 2021 Annual Meeting Session Organizer

2019-20:

Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Junior Faculty Writing Group  
Cornell College of Human Ecology: Diversity Committee  
Cornell Department of Policy Analysis and Management: Speaker Series Committee

2018-19:

Cornell Board of Trustees and Cornell University Council: Annual Meeting Classroom Host  
Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Junior Faculty Writing Group  
Cornell College of Human Ecology: Diversity Committee  
Cornell College of Human Ecology: Judge, Elsie Van Buren Rice Speech Contest  
Cornell College of Human Ecology: Faculty Panel 101 for Admitted Students and their Families  
Cornell College of Human Ecology: Faculty Partner Program (Mentorship for URM freshmen)  
Cornell Department of Policy Analysis and Management: Speaker Series Committee

2017-18:

American Sociological Association, Sociology of Education: Graduate Paper Award Committee  
Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Junior Faculty Writing Group  
Cornell Graduate Field of Sociology: Graduate Admissions Committee  
Cornell McNair Scholars Program, Faculty Interviewer  
Cornell Population Center: Innovations in Population Science Speaker Committee

2016-17:

Cornell Center of the Study of Inequality: Junior Faculty Writing Group  
Cornell Center for Teaching Excellence: Faculty Institute for Diversity  
Cornell Graduate Field of Sociology: Graduate Awards Committee

*Editorial service:*

Social Problems, Editorial Advisory Board (2018-21)

*Occasional academic peer review:*

American Education Research Journal	Race and Social Problems
American Journal of Sociology	Social Currents
American Sociological Review	Social Forces
City and Community	Social Problems
Demography	Social Science Research
Economics of Education Review	Sociology of Education
Education Finance and Policy	Sociological Methods and Research
Educational Policy	Sociological Methodology
Educational Researcher	Sociological Science
Housing Policy Debate	Socius
Journal of Research on Educational Effectiveness	Spatial Demography
Journal of Urban Affairs	Springer Nature
Population Research and Policy Review	Urban Studies