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AREAS OF INTEREST

Urban Sociology; Intersectionality; Social Inequalities; Sex & Gender; Race and Racism; Qualitative and Quantitative Research Methods; Sociological Theory

EDUCATION

PhD Candidate in Sociology, University of Illinois-Chicago (Expected: May 2022)

Dissertation: "Getting Rich or Getting By?: Owner-Occupant Landlords in Chicago's Segregated Neighborhoods"

Committee: Maria Krysan (Chair, UIC), Andy Clarno (UIC), Amy Bailey (UIC), Brenda Parker (UIC), and Stefanie DeLuca (Johns Hopkins)

MA Sociology, George Washington University (January 2014)

Thesis: "Exclusion and Space in Washington, DC: Exploring the Neighborhood Terrain of Race, Class, and Gender"

Received GWU Sociology's Excellence in Research and Writing Graduate Award (2014) and Honorable Mention for the DC

Sociological Society's Irene B. Thauber Graduate Student Paper Award

Readers: Ivy Ken (Advisor, GWU) and Gregory D. Squires (GWU)

BA Philosophy, Wittenberg University (May 2007)

Thesis: "Gender Essentialism and the Action-Oriented in Cross-Cultural Feminist Research Methodology"

Advisor: Miguel Martinez-Saenz (St. Francis College)

GRANTS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

External

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| 2021 | Urban Institute's Housing Crisis Research Collaborative (\$25,885), with P.I. Anna Reosti, American Bar Foundation |
| 2021-22 | PEO Scholar Award, PEO International (\$20,000) |
| 2008-09 | Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellowship in Women and Public Policy, Institute for Women's Policy Research (\$21,000) |
| 2007-08 | Fulbright Award (Kingston, Jamaica), U.S. Department of State (\$21,000) |

Internal

2018	Provost's Graduate Research Award, University of Illinois-Chicago (\$5,000)
2018	Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy Dissertation Research Award, University of Illinois-Chicago (\$2,000)
2018	Alice J. Dan Dissertation Research Award, University of Illinois-Chicago (\$1,000)
2017	Provost Award for Graduate Research, University of Illinois Chicago (\$2,250)
2013	David P. Street Memorial Scholarship, University of Illinois-Chicago (\$5,000)
2011-13	University Fellowship, George Washington University (\$32,000 over 2 years)
2012	Urban Food Taskforce Research Grant, George Washington University (\$800)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Scarborough, William and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. 2021. "How Cultural Environments Shape Online Sentiment toward Social Movements: Place Character and Support for Feminism." *Sociological Forum*. DOI (Early View): <https://doi.org/10.1111/socf.12686>

Ken, Ivy and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. 2021. "Not Additive, Not Defined: Mutual Constitution in Feminist Intersectional Studies." *Feminist Theory*. DOI (Early View): <https://doi.org/10.1177/1464700120987393>

Helmuth, Allison Suppan. 2019. "'Chocolate City, Rest in Peace': White Space-Claiming Practices and the Exclusion of Black People in Washington, DC." *City and Community* 18.3: 724:769.

Steele, Sarah and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. 2018. "Predicting Ambivalence: When Same-Sex Sex is Only 'Sometimes Wrong'." *Journal of Homosexuality*. 66.3: 421-442.

Academic Book Chapters

Ken, Ivy and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. Forthcoming. "The Memphis School," in Routledge Companion for Intersectionality, eds. Jennifer Nash and Samantha Pinto. Routledge Publishers.

Helmuth, Allison Suppan and Amy Kate Bailey. 2017. "Gender, Segregation, and Military Enlistment," in *Gender in the 21st Century: The Stalled Revolution and the Road to Equality*, eds. Shannon N. Davis, Sarah Winslow, David J. Maume. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.

Henrici, Jane M., **Allison Suppan Helmuth**, and Angela Carlberg. 2012. "Doubly Displaced: Women and Public Housing after Katrina," in *The Women of Katrina*, eds. Elaine Enarson and Emmanuel David. Nashville, TN: Vanderbilt University Press.

Book Reviews

Helmuth, Allison Suppan and Brenda Parker. 2018. Review of “Constructive Feminism: Women’s Spaces and Women’s Rights in the American City,” by Daphne Spain. *Planning Perspectives* 33.3:491-492.

Henrici, Jane M. and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. 2014. Review of “Driven from New Orleans: How Nonprofits Betray Public Housing and Promote Privatization,” by John Arena. *Sociological Inquiry* 84.3:492.

Data Tool

Bailey, Amy Kate and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. Forthcoming (beta test version: May 2019). *National ZIP Code Crosswalk*. 1990-2010.

Research Briefs, Policy Reports, and White Papers

Helmuth, Allison Suppan, Maria Krysan, and Deanna Christianson with Rowena Crabbe. 2017. “Affirmatively Marketing Housing in Oak Park, Illinois: A Tool for Integration.”

Helmuth, Allison Suppan, Deanna Christianson, Rowena Crabbe, and Maria Krysan. 2016. “Who Are the Clients of the Oak Park Regional Housing Center? And Who Among them Makes An Affirmative Move?”

Scarborough, William, Sarah Steele, Rowena Crabbe, **Allison Suppan Helmuth**, and Maria Krysan. 2014. “Welcome Home: How the Housing Crisis Has Affected Small Apartment Building Owners in the Austin Neighborhood—And What Can Be Done”

Helmuth, Allison Suppan and Claire Cook. 2012. “DC Farm to School Network: Summary of the Arcadia Farm Field Trip Pre- and Post-Data.”

Helmuth, Allison Suppan and Jane M. Henrici. 2010. “[Women in New Orleans: Race, Poverty, and Hurricane Katrina](#).” Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Henrici, Jane M., **Allison Suppan Helmuth**, Frances Zlotnick, and Jeff Hayes. 2010. “[Women in Poverty during the Great Recession](#).” Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Henrici, Jane M., **Allison Suppan Helmuth**, and Jackie Braun. 2010. “[Women, Disasters, and Hurricane Katrina](#).” Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Henrici, Jane M., **Allison Suppan Helmuth**, and Rhea Fernandes. 2010. “[Mounting Losses: Women and Public Housing after Hurricane Katrina](#).” Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Lovell, Vicky and **Allison Suppan Helmuth**. 2009. “[Parents as Child-Care Providers: A Menu of Parental Leave Models](#).” Washington, DC: Institute for Women’s Policy Research.

Miller, Kevin, **Allison Suppan Helmuth**, and Robin Farabee-Siers. 2009. [*The Need for Paid Parental Leave for Federal Employees: Adapting to a Changing Workforce*](#). Washington, DC: Institute for Women's Policy Research.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2014-2020 *Research Assistant* to Dr. Maria Krysan, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Collaborated with Dr. Krysan and peer colleagues on a range of academic research and community-engaged sociology projects, including co-writing research briefs, conducting interviews, designing surveys, coding and analyzing qualitative and quantitative data, and co-presenting findings to community partners
- 2015-2016 *Project Manager and Research Assistant* to Dr. Amanda Lewis, Chicago-Neighborhood Schools Connection Study, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Collaborated with the project P.I. to train 25 graduate student researchers in qualitative interview methods and draft the research instruments
 - Managed the data collection of 130 research interviews over eight months
 - Collaborated with peer colleagues and P.I.'s to code and analyze qualitative data
- 2015 *Research Assistant* to Dr. Amy Bailey, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Cleaned and coded administrative data for quantitative analysis
 - Collaborated to write academic papers and presentations
- Summer 2013 *Research Assistant* to Dr. Bill Bielby, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Conducted a literature review on race, gender, and class equity in U.S. and South African contexts

ACADEMIC TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Recognition

- 2019 Recipient of the [Graduate Student Teaching Award](#) in recognition of outstanding teaching in the Department of Sociology, University of Illinois-Chicago

Experience

- 2017-2021 *Instructor of record*, Dept. of Sociology, University of Illinois-Chicago
- Soc. 425 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Fall 2019)
 - Soc. 225 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Summer 2017, 2018 and Fall 2018)
 - Soc. 245 Social Inequalities (Fall 2017, Spring 2019, Spring 2020)
 - Soc. 215 Sociology of Childhood (Fall 2020, Spring 2021)
- 2020 *Adjunct Instructor*, Dept. of Sociology and Criminology, Dominican University
- Soc. 250 Urban Sociology (Spring 2020)
 - Soc. 362 Research Methods (Spring 2020)
- 2013-2017 *Teaching Assistant*, Dept. of Sociology, University of Illinois-Chicago

- Soc. 300 Sociological Research Methods (Fall 2016; Spring 2017 and 2018)
- Soc. 225 Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Summer 2016)
- Soc. 501 Graduate Student Qualitative Methods Practicum (Spring 2015)
- Soc. 200 Sociology of Childhood (Fall 2013; Spring 2014; Fall 2014)

2011-2013 *Teaching Assistant*, Dept. of Sociology, George Washington University

- Techniques of Data Analysis / Statistics (Spring 2013)
- Intro to Sociology (Fall 2011; Spring 2012)
- Sociological Research Methods (Fall 2012)

UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING

2021 Independent Study advisor to Alexandra Cesar

2020 Capstone Research Advisor to Emoonah McClerkin, “Examining the Cultural Stressors and Coping Mechanisms of Black Women College Students,” Undergraduate Thesis, Honor’s Program, University of Illinois-Chicago, Chicago, IL.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2021-2022 Junior Scholar Advisory Board, *Gender & Society*

2021-2022 Liaison for Chicago Ethnography Conference

2020-2021 Graduate Student Representative (elected) of the Community and Urban Sociology Section (CUSS) of the American Sociological Association

2014-2020 Graduate Student Coordinator of UIC Sociology’s Neighborhoods, Housing, and Urban Sociology (NHUS) reading group

2019-2020 Graduate Student Coordinator of UIC Sociology’s Quantitative Methods Workshop

2017-2019 UIC Sociology Graduate Student Buddy (providing peer mentorship to first-year graduate students)

2016-2017 Committee member to organize “One Department, One Book,” a year-long activity series celebrating W.E.B. DuBois’ legacy in sociology and the book *A Scholar Denied* by Aldon Morris

Reviewer for *City & Community* and *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*

RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

- 2020 “You Won’t Believe How Much You Need This: Accounting for ZIP Code Boundary Changes, 1990-2015,” presented with Amy K. Bailey at University of Washington’s Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CDSE) Seminar Series, April 24.
- 2017 Panelist, invited by Tech2Action Chicago to speak in a social justice seminar series about the role of technology in creating “white space” in a gentrified Washington, DC neighborhood, June 12.

Conference Presentations

- 2020 “Small Building Landlords and Alternative Rental Economies,” presented at the American Sociological Association’s annual meeting via Zoom due to COVID-19.
- 2020 “Who Makes a Good Tenant? Rental Decisions of Small-Building Landlords,” accepted to present at the Midwest Sociological Society’s annual meeting (cancelled due to COVID-19).
- 2019 “Women Landlords in Chicago’s Low-Income Neighborhoods,” presented the Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL, March 16th.
- 2018 “Making Moves: If and For Whom Does Affirmative Marketing Support Affirmative Moves,” (based on research co-authored with Maria Krysan, Rowena Crabbe, and Deanna Christianson) presented at the Population Association of America’s annual meeting in Denver, Colorado.
- 2017 “Confronting Confusion in Intersectionality’s Legacy: Are Race, Sexuality, Class, and Gender Mutually Constituted?” (with Ivy Ken), presented at the American Sociological Association’s annual meeting in Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 “Gender, Sexuality, and race in US Housing Policy: Existing Research and Future Directions,” roundtable presentation at Sociologists for Women in Society winter meeting in Albuquerque, New Mexico.
- 2016 “Racial Residential Segregation in a Chicago Suburb: Which Housing Searchers make Integrative Moves?,” presented with Deanna Christianson (based on research with Maria Krysan and Rowena Crabbe) at a roundtable at American Sociological Association’s annual meeting in Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Accounting for ZIP Code Boundary Changes, 1990-2010,” poster presentation with Amy K. Bailey at the Population Association of America’s annual meeting in Washington, DC.

- 2015 “Tracking Changes in ZIP Code Boundaries: 1990-2010” (based on research with Amy K. Bailey), presented at the Southern Demographic Association’s annual meeting in San Antonio, TX.
- 2015 “Residential Segregation and Military Enlistment,” (based on research with Amy K. Bailey), presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Predicting Ambivalence: When Same-Sex Sex is Only ‘Sometimes Wrong’,” presented with Sarah Steele, roundtable discussion at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Chicago.
- 2015 “Military Enlistment and Racial Segregation: Racial and Gender Patterns of Military Participation” (based on research with Amy K. Bailey), presented at the Southern Sociological Society annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, March 26,
- 2013 “Mutual Constitution in Race-Class-Gender Scholarship” (based on research with Ivy Ken), presented at a roundtable of the American Sociological Association annual meeting in New York City, August 10.
- 2013 “Exclusion and Space in Washington, DC: Exploring the Neighborhood Terrain of Race, Class, and Gender, presented at Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, March 21.
- 2012 “Specifying Mutual Constitution: An Actor-Network Theory Approach to Race-Class-Gender,” presented with Ivy Ken at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, August 18.
- 2012 “Urban Backyard Chicken Farming in Kingston, Jamaica: Unique Challenges and Strategies for Success,” Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting in New York City, February 24.
- 2010 “Intersectionalities and Intersections: Women and Urban Planning after Hurricane Katrina,” Presented at American Anthropological Association annual meeting in New Orleans, LA, November 21.
- 2010 “Space in the City: Women, Public Housing, and Urban Planning after Hurricane Katrina,” presented with Jane M. Henrici at the “Hurricane Katrina: Bringing Hurricane Katrina Research Back to the Community,” conference, hosted by the Center for Policy and Resilience, University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast, June 4-5.
- 2008 “Urban Small-Scale Poultry Farming in the Kingston Metropolitan Area, presented at the Fulbright Enhancement Seminar, Boca Chica, Dominican Republic, March 35.
- 2006 “Notions of Wellbeing and the Fulfillment of Needs: An Investigation of the Challenges and Successes of Backyard Poultry Farmers,” presented at the University of the West Indies Social Welfare Training Center, May.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Antiracism and Equity Educator (United Schools Network, Columbus, Ohio)

2017 – 2020 Consultant – Designed and delivered lectures and workshops to elementary and middle school teachers and administrators (triennially, in small groups of 30 up to large groups of 120) on topics such as the history of racial residential segregation; antiracist teaching practices; intersectionality; inequality across gender and sexuality; and contemporary racial justice social movements.

Institute for Women’s Policy Research (Washington, DC)

2010 – 2011 Research Analyst
Managed and trained 9-person Analysis Team to code qualitative data from 19 nations for the World Bank’s 2012 World Development Report: Gender Equality and Development

2009-2010 Research Assistant
Managed NVIVO database of 200+ ethnographic interviews and provided research, writing, data collection, and analysis assistance for ethnographic study on women and public housing after Hurricane Katrina

2008-2009 Mariam K. Chamberlain Fellow in Women and Public Policy
Provided general research assistance for IWPR initiatives, including ‘Poverty, Welfare, & Income Security’ and ‘Employment, Education, & Economic Change’

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (active in the Community and Urban Sociology Section (CUSS) and member of the Race, Class, Gender Section; Sex and Gender Section; and the Sociology of Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM) Section)

Sociologists for Women in Society
Population Association of America
Southern Demographic Association
Southern Sociological Society
Midwest Sociological Society