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Appointments

Maurice P. Daring Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, 2018 –
Executive Committee, Program in Journalism, 2019 –
Affiliate, Office of Population Research, 2017 –
Affiliate, Program in Law and Public Affairs, 2017 –
Affiliate, Kahneman-Treisman Center for Behavioral Science and Public Policy, 2017 –

Professor of Sociology, Princeton University, 2017–2018

Contributing Writer, *The New York Times Magazine*, 2017 –

John L. Loeb Associate Professor of the Social Sciences, Harvard University, 2015–2017
Co-Director, Justice and Poverty Project, 2015–2017
Faculty Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2015–2017
Faculty Fellow, Pforzheimer House, 2013–2017
Steering Committee, Program on Inequality & Social Policy, Kennedy School, 2012–2017

Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Studies, Harvard University, 2012–2015

Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University, 2010–2013

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2010

Committee: Mustafa Emirbayer (Chair), Robert Hauser, Ruth López Turley, Felix Elwert,
Jane Collins, Timothy Smeeding

Dissertation: “Eviction and the Reproduction of Urban Poverty”
Winner of the Lumpkin Dissertation Award

M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2004

B.S., Justice Studies, Arizona State University, 2002
B.S., Communication, Arizona State University, 2002
Outstanding Graduate of the College of Public Programs
Summa Cum Laude

Research & Teaching Interests

Poverty, Public Policy, Urban Sociology, Race & Ethnicity, Work, Theory, Ethnography

Books

Desmond, Matthew, *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the America City*. New York: Crown, 2016, pp. 418.

- ♦ Winner, Pulitzer Prize for General Nonfiction
- ♦ Winner, National Book Critics Circle Award
- ♦ Winner, Carnegie Medal for Nonfiction, American Library Association
- ♦ Winner, PEN / John Kenneth Galbraith Award for Nonfiction
- ♦ Winner, PEN/New England, Best Book of Nonfiction
- ♦ Winner, Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers, 1st Place for Nonfiction
- ♦ Winner, Heartland Prize, *Chicago Tribune*
- ♦ Winner, The Robert F. Kennedy Book Award for Human Rights
- ♦ Winner, Silver Gavel Award, American Bar Association, the Association's highest honor for work that "foster's the American public's understanding of law and the legal system"
- ♦ Winner, Mirra Komarovsky Book Award, Eastern Sociological Society
- ♦ Winner, Coif Book Award, Order of the Coif Honor Society
- ♦ Winner, Harriet Beecher Stowe Prize for Writing to Advance Social Justice
- ♦ Finalist, C. Wright Mills Award, *Los Angeles Times* Book Prize in Current Affairs, Kirkus Prize

- ♦ Best Books of 2016: *New York Times*, *New Yorker*, *Washington Post*, *Boston Globe*, *Library Journal*, *Barnes and Nobel*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *National Public Radio*, *Public Books*, *Politico*, *Amazon*, *Esquire*, *Kirkus Review*, *Evening Standard*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Bookpage*, *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Milwaukee Journal Sentinel*, *Library Journal*

- ♦ Best Books of the decade/century:
 - Ten Best Nonfiction Books of the 2010s by *TIME*
 - Best 19 Books from the 2010s by *Vox*
 - Top 14 Urban Planning Books of the Decade by *Planetizen*
 - Top 26 Best Works of Nonfiction of the Decade by *Lithub*
 - Best 50 Nonfiction Books of the Last 100 Years by *Book Riot*
 - 100 Best Social Policy Books of All Time by *Book Authority*

- ♦ Translated into Korean, Japanese, Chinese (Simplified and Complex), Spanish, German, Italian, Polish, French
- ♦ Book symposium in *Yale Law Journal Forum*, 2017
- ♦ Author Meets Critics Session, *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting, 2017

Desmond, Matthew (ed.), *Severe Deprivation in America, Volumes I & II*. RSF: *The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation, 2015, pp. 290.

Emirbayer, Mustafa, and Matthew Desmond, *The Racial Order*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2015, pp. 476.

- ♦ Theory Prize for Outstanding Book, American Sociological Association
- ♦ Book symposium in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, 2016

Desmond, Matthew, and Mustafa Emirbayer, *Race in America*. New York: Norton, 2015, pp. 500.

First Edition: *Racial Domination, Racial Progress: The Sociology of Race in America*. New York: McGraw-Hill, 2009, pp. 648.

Desmond, Matthew, *On the Fireline: Living and Dying with Wildland Firefighters*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2007, pp. 369.

- ◆ Max Weber Award for Distinguished Scholarship, American Sociological Association
- ◆ Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award
- ◆ C. Wright Mills Award Finalist

Articles & Chapters

Desmond, Matthew, and Greisa Martinez Rosas, “Beyond the Easiest Cases: Creating New Narratives for Criminal Justice and Immigration Reform,” *The Square On Project: Reimagine Justice: Executive Session on the Future of Justice Policy*, December 2021.

Slee, Gillian, and Matthew Desmond, “Eviction and Voter Turnout: The Political Consequences of Housing Instability,” *Politics & Society* (2021), published online.

Desmond, Matthew, “Capitalism,” in *The 1619 Project: A New Origin Story*, edited by Nikole Hannah-Jones (New York: One World, 2021), 165–85.

Hepburn, Peter, Emily Lemmerman, Olivia Jin, and Matthew Desmond, “Neighborhoods with Highest Eviction Filing Rates Have Lowest Levels of COVID-19 Vaccination,” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 7 (2021): 1–3.

Gromis, Ashley, and Matthew Desmond “Estimating the Prevalence of Eviction in the United States: New Data from the 2017 American Housing Survey,” *Cityscape* 23 (2021): 279–89.

Desmond, Matthew, “Introduction,” to Barbara Ehrenreich’s *Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting By in America*, 20th Anniversary Edition (New York: Metropolitan Books, 2021).

Hepburn, Peter, Renee Louis, Joe Fish, Emily Lemmerman, Anne Kat Alexander, Timothy Thomas, Robert Koehler, Emily Benfer, and Matthew Desmond, “U.S. Eviction Filing Patterns in 2020,” *Socius* 7 (2021): 1–18.

Devin Q. Rutan and Matthew Desmond, “Durable Pathways to Homelessness: The Concentrated Geography of Eviction,” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 693 (2021): 64–81.

Gracie Himmelstein and Matthew Desmond, “Eviction and Health: A Vicious Cycle Made More Deadly by a Pandemic,” *Health Affairs* (2021): 1–6.

Gracie Himmelstein and Matthew Desmond, “Eviction and Adverse Birth Outcomes: A Population-Based Study,” *JAMA Pediatrics* 175 (2021): 494-500.

- Lillian Leung, Peter Hepburn, and Matthew Desmond, "Serial Eviction Filing: Civil Courts, Property Management, and the Threat of Displacement," *Social Forces* 100 (2021): 316–44.
- Porton, Adam, Ashley Gromis, and Matthew Desmond, "Inaccuracies in Eviction Records," *Housing Policy Debate* 31 (2020): 377–94.
- Peter Hepburn, Renee Louis, and Matthew Desmond, "Racial and Gender Disparities among Evicted Americans," *Sociological Science* 7 (2020): 10–23.
- Desmond, Matthew, Andrew V. Papachristos, and David S. Kirk, "Evidence of the Effect of Police Violence on Citizen Crime Reporting," *American Sociological Review* 85 (2020): 184–90.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Nathan Wilmers, "Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation, Profit, and Risk in Rental Markets," *American Journal of Sociology* 124 (2019): 1090–124.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Adam Travis, "Political Consequences of Survival Strategies among the Urban Poor," *American Sociological Review* 83 (2018): 873–900.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Bruce Western, "Poverty in America: New Directions and Debates," *Annual Review of Sociology* 44 (2018): 305–18.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Heavy Is the House: Rent Burden among the American Urban Poor," *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 42 (2018): 160–70.
- Desmond, Matthew, "How Housing Dynamics Shape Neighborhood Perceptions," in *Evidence and Innovation in Housing Law and Policy*, edited by Lee Fennell and Benjamin Keys (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2017), 151–73.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Carl Gershenson, "Who Gets Evicted? Assessing Individual, Neighborhood, and Network Factors," *Social Science Research* 62 (2017): 362–77.
- Desmond, Matthew, Andrew V. Papachristos, and David S. Kirk, "Police Violence and Citizen Crime Reporting in the Black Community," *American Sociological Review* 81 (2016): 857–76 (Lead article).
- Desmond, Matthew, and Kristin L. Perkins, "Are Landlords Overcharging Housing Voucher Holders?" *City and Community* 15 (2016): 137–62.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Kristin L. Perkins, "Household and Housing Instability," *Urban Affairs Review* 52 (2016): 421–36.
- Greenberg, Deena, Carl Gershenson, and Matthew Desmond, "The Disparate Impact of Eviction," *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* 51 (2016): 115–58.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Carl Gershenson, "Housing and Employment Insecurity among the Working Poor," *Social Problems* 63 (2016): 46–67.

- Desmond, Matthew, "Severe Deprivation in America: An Introduction," *RSF: The Russell Sage Journal of the Social Sciences* 1 (2015): 1–11.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Monica Bell, "Poverty, Housing, and the Law," *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 11 (2015): 15–35.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Tracey Shollenberger, "Forced Displacement from Rental Housing: Prevalence and Neighborhood Consequences," *Demography* 52 (2015): 1751–72.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Rachel Tolbert Kimbro, "Eviction's Fallout: Housing, Hardship, and Health," *Social Forces* 94 (2015): 295–324.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Weihua An, "Neighborhood and Network Disadvantage among City Dwellers," *Sociological Science* 2 (2015): 329–50.
- Desmond, Matthew, Carl Gershenson, and Barbara Kiviat, "Forced Relocation and Residential Instability among Urban Renters," *Social Service Review* 89 (2015): 227–62.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Who Speaks for the Dispossessed?" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 38 (2015): 1258–63.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Unaffordable America: Poverty, Housing, and Eviction," *Fast Focus: Institute for Research on Poverty* 22 (2015): 1–6.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Relational Ethnography," *Theory and Society* 43 (2014): 547–79.
- Desmond, Matthew, "How Should We Study Social Suffering?" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 37 (2014): 1761–66.
- Desmond, Matthew, Weihua An, Richelle Winkler, and Thomas Ferriss, "Evicting Children," *Social Forces* (2013) 92: 303–27.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Is Democratic Regulation of High Finance Possible?" *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 649 (2013): 180–84.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Nicol Valdez, "Unpolicing the Urban Poor: Consequences of Third Party Policing on Inner-City Women," *American Sociological Review* 78 (2013): 117–41.
- ♦ *Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship in Race, Gender, and Class*, *Am. Sociological Assoc.*
 - ♦ *Distinguished Article in the Sociology of Law (honorable mention)*, *Am. Sociological Assoc.*
- Desmond, Matthew, "Eviction and the Reproduction of Urban Poverty," *American Journal of Sociology* 118 (2012): 88–133.
- ♦ *Jane Addams Award for Best Article in Community and Urban Sociology*, *Am. Sociological Assoc.*
 - ♦ *Oliver Cromwell Cox Award for Best Article on Ethnic and Racial Minorities*, *Am. Sociological Assoc.*
 - ♦ *John Hope Franklin Prize for Best Article on Race, Racism, and the Law*, *Law and Society Assoc.*

- ◆ Reprinted in the *Sage Handbook for of the 21st Century* (2016)
- Desmond, Matthew, “Disposable Ties and the Urban Poor,” *American Journal of Sociology* 117 (2012): 1295–1335 (Lead article).
- ◆ French translation: “*Les liens jetables et la pauvreté urbaine*,” *Communications* 98 (2016): 67–79.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Mustafa Emirbayer, “To Imagine and Pursue Racial Justice,” *Race, Ethnicity and Education* 15 (2012): 259–89.
- Emirbayer, Mustafa, and Matthew Desmond, “Race and Reflexivity,” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35 (2012): 574–599 (Lead article in a symposium).
- ◆ Commentaries by Kimberly McClain DaCosta, John L. Jackson, Jr., Wendy Leo Moore, Mary Pattillo, Stephen Steinberg, Sudhir Venkatesh, Howard Winant
- Turley, Ruth López, and Matthew Desmond, “Contributions to College Costs by Married, Divorced, and Remarried Parents,” *Journal of Family Issues* 32 (2011): 767–90.
- Desmond, Matthew, “Making Firefighters Deployable,” *Qualitative Sociology* 34 (2011): 59–77.
- ◆ Reprinted in A. Wharton (Ed.), *Working in America: Continuity, Conflict, and Change in a New Economic Era*, Fourth Edition (New York: Paradigm Publishers, 2014).
- Turley, Ruth López, Matthew Desmond, and Sarah Bruch, “Unanticipated Educational Consequences of a Positive Child-Parent Relationship,” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 72 (2010): 1377–90.
- Martin, John Levi, and Matthew Desmond, “Political Position and Social Knowledge,” *Sociological Forum* 25 (2010): 1–26 (Lead article).
- Desmond, Matthew, and Ruth López Turley, “The Role of Familism in Explaining the Hispanic-White College Application Gap,” *Social Problems* 56 (2009): 311–34.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Mustafa Emirbayer, “What is Racial Domination?” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 6 (2009): 335–55.
- ◆ Reprinted in S. Ferguson (Ed.), *Race, Gender, Sexuality, and Social Class* (London: Sage, 2012).
 - ◆ Reprinted in S. Ferguson (Ed.), *Mapping the Social Landscape: Readings in Sociology*, Sixth Edition (New York: McGraw-Hill, 2012).
- Desmond, Matthew, “Becoming a Firefighter,” *Ethnography* 7 (2006): 387–421 (Lead article).
- ◆ Spanish Translation: “*Haciéndose bombero*,” *Apuntes de Investigación del Cecyp* 20 (2011): 93–128.
 - ◆ Reprinted in S. Delamont (Ed.), *Ethnographic Methods in Education* (London: Sage, 2011).
 - ◆ Reprinted in R. Hobbs (Ed.), *Ethnography in Context* (London: Sage, 2011).

Desmond, Matthew, “Des morts incompetents,” *Actes de la recherche en sciences sociales* 165 (2006): 8–27 (Lead article).

Under Review

“Beyond Urban Displacement: Suburban Poverty and Eviction” (with Devin Rutan and Peter Hepburn), revising and resubmitting for *Urban Affairs Review*

“State and Federal Eviction Moratoria and Rental Housing Stabilization Measures During the COVID-19 Pandemic” (with Emily Benfer, Robert Koehler, Alyx Mark, Valerie Nazzaro, Anne Kat Alexander, Peter Hepburn, and Danya Keene), revising and resubmitting for *Housing Policy Debate*

“Estimating the National Prevalence of Eviction in the United States Using Millions of Public Court Records, 2000–2018” (with Ashley Gromis, James Hendrickson, Lavar Edmonds, Lillian Leung, Adam Porton, and Ian Fellows), revising and resubmitting for *PNAS*

“Evictions from Public Housing” (with James Hendrickson and Ashley Gromis), revising and resubmitting for *Cities*

“The Racially Disparate Influence of Filing Fees on Eviction Rates” (with Henry Gomory, Douglas Massey, and James Hendrickson)

“Resignation without Relief: Poverty Governance and the Relinquishing of Parental Rights” (with Gillian Slee)

“Beyond Gentrification: Housing Loss, Poverty, and the Geography of Displacement” (with Peter Hepburn and Renee Louis)

“Calling on Kin: Poverty Governance and the Family Safety Net in Child Protective Services” (with Madeleine Gilson and Gillian Slee)

Magazine Pieces

Desmond, Matthew, “Evicting the Landlord,” *The New York Times Magazine*, October 18, 2020.

Desmond, Matthew, “White Hoods,” *The New York Times Magazine*, September 23, 2020.

Desmond, Matthew, “Can America’s Middle Class be Saved from a New Depression?” *The New York Times Magazine*, May 27, 2020.

Desmond, Matthew, “Exposed, Afraid, Determined,” profile of Homeless-Outreach Worker, *The New York Times Magazine*, April 1, 2020.

Desmond, Matthew, “In Order to Understand the Brutality of American Capitalism, You Have to Start on the Plantation,” *The New York Times Magazine*, 1619 Issue, August 14, 2019.

- ♦ *Longreads* Best of 2019, Business Writing

Desmond, Matthew, “Dollars on the Margins,” *The New York Times Magazine*, February 23, 2019.

Desmond, Matthew, “Devah Pager,” *The New York Times Magazine*, December 30, 2018.

Desmond, Matthew, “Why Work Doesn’t Work Anymore,” *The New York Times Magazine*, September 11, 2018.

- ♦ *Longreads* Best of 2018, Business Writing

Desmond, Matthew, “Riots are the Language of the Unheard,” *The Atlantic*, April 3, 2018.

Desmond, Matthew, “House Rules,” *The New York Times Magazine*, May 9, 2017.

- ♦ *Longreads* Best of 2017, Political Writing

Desmond, Matthew, “Forced Out,” *The New Yorker*, February 8 & 15, 2016.

Desmond, Matthew, “Bottoms Up,” *Contexts* 8 (2009): 69–71.

- ♦ Nominated for the Claude S. Fisher Award for Excellence in *Contexts*

Desmond, Matthew, “The Lie of Heroism,” *Contexts* 7 (2008): 56–58.

Essays and Editorials

Desmond, Matthew, “The Moratorium Saved Us. It Really Did,” *New York Times*, September 30, 2021.

Desmond, Matthew, “Dasani Showed Us What It’s Like to Grow Up Homeless. She’s Still Struggling,” *Sunday Review, New York Times*, September 30, 2021.

Desmond, Matthew, “Don’t Let Eviction Spread the Virus,” *New York Times*, August 30, 2020.

Durana, Alieza, and Matthew Desmond, “A Massive Wave of Evictions is Coming. Temporary Bans Won’t Help,” *Washington Post*, April 8, 2020.

Sandel, Megan, and Matthew Desmond, “Investing in Housing for Health Improves Both Mission and Margin,” *JAMA*, October 31, 2017.

Desmond, Matthew, “Housing,” *State of the Union Report*, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, June 1, 2017.

Desmond, Matthew, and Andrew V. Papachristos, “Why Don’t You Just Call the Cops?” *New York Times*, October 1, 2016.

Desmond, Matthew, “The Eviction Economy,” *New York Times*, March 6, 2016.

Desmond, Matthew, “Evictions: A Hidden Scourge for Black Women,” *Washington Post*, June 16, 2014.

Desmond, Matthew, “Fighting Wildfires, Processing Death,” *New York Times*, July 6, 2013.

Desmond, Matthew, “Tipping the Scales in Housing Court,” *New York Times*, November 29, 2012.

Desmond, Matthew, “Housing Crisis in the Inner City,” *Chicago Tribune*, April 18, 2010.

Desmond, Matthew, “Who’s Helping the Evicted?” *Everyday Sociology*, June 13, 2009.

Desmond, Matthew, “The Real W-2 Problem is Stagnant Pay,” *Wisconsin State Journal*, April 11, 2008.

Published Academic Interviews

“Look, There are Winners and Losers and There are Losers because There are Winners: Understanding Relational Sociology with Matthew Desmond,” with Giovanni Semi, *Rassegna Italiana di Sociologia* 61 (2020): 191–208.

“Penser l’expulsion à différentes échelles,” with Saskia Sassen, *L’Année Sociologique* 68 (2018): 305–18.

Policy Reports

Gromis, Ashley, and Matthew Desmond. Forthcoming (2020). *New Estimates of Formal and Informal Evictions in America*. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Washington, D.C.

Desmond, Matthew. 2017. *Child Poverty Reduction through Housing Support*. Memo Prepared for the Board on Children, Youth, and Families, The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, D.C.

Desmond, Matthew. 2010. *Evictions in Milwaukee County 2008–2009: Estimating the Impact of Aid from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act*. Commissioned by Community Advocates, Milwaukee, WI.

Datasets Designed

Eviction Tracking System, 2020. Principal Investigator.

COVID-19 Housing Policy Scorecard, 2020. Principal Investigator.

Eviction Lab National Database, 2018. Principal Investigator.

Milwaukee Rental Property Owners Survey (MRPOS), 2015. Principal Investigator.

Milwaukee Area Renters Study (MARS), 2009–2011. Principal Investigator.

Milwaukee Eviction Court Study (MECS), 2011. Principal Investigator.

Exhibitions

EVICTED, National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., April 14 2018–May 19, 2019

Awards

- 2020 Inclusive Voices Award, American Association for Public Opinion Research
- 2018 The Observer, 2018’s Most Powerful People in Residential Real Estate
- 2018 Sheila Crowley Housing Justice Award (inaugural award), National Low Income Housing Coalition
- 2018 Stowe Prize, Harriet Beecher Stowe Center
- 2018 Barrett Honors College Distinguished Alumnus
- 2017 Heartland Literary Prize for Nonfiction, Chicago Tribune
- 2017 Outstanding Achievement, Wisconsin Library Association Literary Award Committee
- 2017 William Julius Wilson Early Career Award from the Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2016 *Politico* 50, one of “fifty people across the country who are most influencing the national political debate”
- 2016 Theory Prize for Outstanding Book, American Sociological Association Theory Section
- 2016 Human Security Award, Blum Center for Poverty Alleviation
- 2016 Justice Studies Outstanding Undergraduate Alumni Award, Arizona State University

- 2016 Honorary Life Member, Little Portion Community Project (UK)
- 2015 MacArthur Fellow, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation
- 2015 Clark Award, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University
- 2014 Distinguished Article Award (honorable mention), American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Law
- 2014 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship, Best Award, American Sociological Association Section on Race, Gender, and Class
- 2014 John Hope Franklin Prize “to recognize exceptional scholarship in the field of Race, Racism, and the Law,” Law and Society Association
- 2013 Oliver Cromwell Cox Award for Best Article, American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2013 Jane Addams Award for Best Article, American Sociological Association Section on Community and Urban Sociology
- 2011 Wisconsin Fair Housing Network Partnership Award
- 2011 Lumpkin Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 Nominated for the Claude S. Fisher Award for Excellence in *Contexts*
- 2009 Max Weber Award for Distinguished Scholarship, American Sociological Association Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Best Book Prize
- 2009 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, Eli Ginzberg Award, “for a project involving solutions to major health and welfare problems in urban settings”
- 2009 University of Wisconsin Graduate School, Multicultural Graduate Network, Graduate Student Mentor Award
- 2008–09 University of Wisconsin System Institute on Race and Ethnicity Graduate Scholars Associates
- 2008 C. Wright Mills Award Finalist, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2008 Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 James D. Thompson Award, American Sociological Association Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Best Graduate Student Paper

- 2006 Distinction, Preliminary Examination in Comparative-Historical Sociology
- 2004 University of Wisconsin-Madison Innovation in Teaching Award
- 2004 Excellence in Teaching by a Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology
- 2004–05 Institute for Research on Poverty Graduate Research Fellow

Grants & Fellowships

- 2021 Charles and Lynn Schusterman Family Philanthropies, “Incarceration and Income Insecurity in Old Age,” with Devin Rutan
- 2021 Arnold Venutres, Criminal Justice Research, “Incarceration and Income Insecurity in Old Age,” with Devin Rutan
- 2021 Russell Sage Foundation, “Eviction in the Aftermath of COVID-19,” with Peter Hepburn
- 2021 Community Foundation of New Jersey, Eviction Lab gift
- 2020 Funders for Housing and Opportunity, “Eviction Lab Proposal: Engaging Communities”
- 2020 The JPB Foundation, “The Eviction Lab”
- 2020 Azure Cloud Computing, Center for Statistics and Machine Learning
- 2020 C3.ai Digital Transformation Institute, “Housing Precarity, Eviction, and Inequality in the Wake of COVID-19,” \$500,000 (with Karen Chapple, co-PI)
- 2019 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “The Eviction Lab”
- 2019 Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, “The Eviction Lab”
- 2019 Surgo Foundation, “Who Owns America?”
- 2017 The JPB Foundation, “The Eviction Lab”
- 2017 Ford Foundation, “The Eviction Lab”
- 2017 Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, “The Eviction Lab”
- 2016 Butler Family Fund, “Eviction in America: Changing the National Debate”

- 2016 Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, “Eviction in America: Law, Housing, and Poverty”
- 2016 Ford Foundation, “Justice and Poverty Project 2.0,” Co-PI with Bruce Western
- 2016 W.T. Grant Scholars Program, “Understanding the American Child Welfare System”
- 2015 National Science Foundation, “IBSS: Global Urbanization and Housing Affordability: Poverty, Property, and the City” (#1520103), Principal Investigator
- 2015 Joint Center for Housing Studies, Student Research Assistant Support Grant, “Neighborhood-Level Consequences of Eviction”
- 2015 Harvard University Office of Undergraduate Education, Course Innovation Funds for Sociology 177: Poverty in America
- 2014 Ford Foundation, “Justice and Poverty Project,” Co-PI with Bruce Western
- 2014 Russell Sage Foundation, “Severe Deprivation in America: Journal Issue and Conference”
- 2014 Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, Junior Faculty Research Assistance Grant
- 2013 Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, “Milwaukee Area Renters Study”
- 2012 Malcolm Wiener Center for Social Policy, “Eviction and the Reproduction of Urban Poverty”
- 2010 The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, “Milwaukee Area Renters Study”
- 2010 The William F. Milton Fund, Harvard University, “Eviction and the Reproduction of Inner-City Poverty”
- 2009 Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, “Eviction and the Reproduction of Inner-City Poverty”
- 2008 The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, “Eviction and the Reproduction of Inner-City Poverty”
- 2008 Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship, National Research Council of the National Academies
- 2008 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Grant, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: The Dynamics of Eviction in the Inner-City Housing Market”

- 2008 American Philosophical Society Franklin Research Grant, “The Dynamics of Eviction in Inner-City Milwaukee”
- 2007 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant, “The Causes and Consequences of Eviction”
- 2007 Institute for Research on Poverty Dissertation Grant, “The Causes and Consequences of Eviction”

Conference Papers

- Rutan, Devin and Matthew Desmond, “The Suburbanization of Eviction,” Russell Sage Foundation Author’s Conference, New York, NY, November 5, 2021.
- Slee, Gillian and Matthew Desmond, “Resignation without Relief: Poverty Governance and the Relinquishing of Parental Rights.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 10, 2021.
- Mleczko, Matthew and Matthew Desmond, “Using Natural Language Processing to Construct a National Zoning and Land Use Database,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Virtual, November 13, 2020.
- Rutan, Devin and Matthew Desmond, “Durable Pathways to Homelessness: The Concentrated Geography of Eviction,” Annals of American Academy of Political and Social Science Author’s Conference, Virtual, May 21, 2020.
- Gomory, Henry and Matthew Desmond, “The Role of Corporate Landowners in the Gentrification Process,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Virtual, April 8, 2020.
- Hepburn, Peter, Renee Louis, and Matthew Desmond, “Racial and Gender Disparities among Evicted Americans,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Virtual, April 8, 2020.
- Hendrickson, James, Ashley Gromis, and Matthew Desmond, “The Role of Public Housing in the National Eviction Crisis,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 8, 2019.
- Rutan, Devin and Matthew Desmond, “Suburban Poverty and the Migration of Eviction,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Denver, CO November 8, 2019.
- Slee, Gillian and Matthew Desmond, “Evictions and Voting: Forced Mobility and Participatory Inequality,” Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, November 8, 2019.

- Gomory, Henry and Matthew Desmond, "Who Owns Our Cities: Differences Between Large and Small-scale Landlords in the Eviction Process," American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, August 9, 2019.
- Leung, Lillian, Peter Hepburn, and Matthew Desmond, "Serial Evictions: Property Managers, Tenants, and Civil Court Sanctions," American Sociological Association Annual Conference, New York, NY, August 9, 2019.
- Edmonds, Lavar, Peter Hepburn, Ashley Gromis, and Matthew Desmond, "Understanding Eviction Judgment Amounts in the United States," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 10–13, 2019.
- Gomory, Henry, and Matthew Desmond, "Neighborhoods and Violence in the Housing Crisis," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 10–13, 2019.
- Gromis, Ashley, James Hendrickson, Lavar Edmonds, Lillian Leung, Adam Porton, and Matthew Desmond, "Estimating the National Prevalence of Eviction Using Millions of Public Court Records," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 10–13, 2019.
- Hepburn, Peter and Matthew Desmond, "Stable Poverty: Describing the Characteristics of Low-Eviction Poor Neighborhoods," Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 10–13, 2019.
- Desmond, Matthew. "Poverty in America: New Directions and Debates," American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 13, 2018.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Nathan Wilmers, "Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation and Profit-Seeking in Rental Markets," American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 15, 2017.
- Desmond, Matthew, "The Rise of the Unaffordable World," American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 14, 2017.
- Desmond, Matthew, "How Housing Dynamics Affect Neighborhood Perceptions," Evidence and Innovation in Housing Law and Policy, University of Chicago Law School, June 4, 2016.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Parenting in Poverty," American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 22–25, 2015.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Kristin Perkins, "Are Housing Choice Voucher Holders Being Overcharged?" Urban Affairs Association, Miami, FL, April 8–11, 2015.
- Desmond, Matthew, Carl Gershenson, and Barbara Kiviat, "Forced Relocation and Residential Instability among Urban Renters," Society for Research in Child Development, Philadelphia, PA, March 21, 2015.

- Desmond, Matthew, "Stability Costs too Much: Poor Families, Eviction, & the Affordable Housing Crisis," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Presidential Plenary Panel, San Francisco, CA, August 18, 2014.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Kristin Perkins, "Housing and Household Instability," Population Association of American, Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, May 2, 2014.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Andrew Papachristos, "Police Brutality and Legal Cynicism: The Beating of Frank Jude," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 9–13, 2013.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Tracey Shollenberger, "Poverty, Housing, and the Mechanisms of Neighborhood Selection," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 9–13, 2013.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Andrew Papachristos, "Police Brutality and Legal Cynicism: The Beating of Frank Jude," Violence at the Urban Margins, University of Texas, April 4–5, 2013.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Tracey Shollenberger, "A Mechanism-Based Model of Neighborhood Selection: Why and How Poor Families Move," Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Baltimore, MD, November 9–10, 2012.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Rachel Kimbro, "The Effects of Eviction on Poor Mothers," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, August 17–20, 2012.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Disposable Ties and the Urban Poor," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 13–17, 2010.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Eviction and the Feminization of Urban Poverty," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 8–11, 2009.
- Emirbayer, Mustafa, and Matthew Desmond, "Race and Reflexivity," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA August 8–11, 2009.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Eviction and the Reproduction of Urban Poverty," Urban Ethnography: Its Traditions and Its Future, Yale University, April 24–26, 2008.
- Desmond, Matthew, and Ruth López Turley, "Staying Home for College: An Explanation for the Hispanic-White Education Gap," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY August 11–14, 2007.
- Desmond, Matthew, "The Incompetent Dead," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, August 11–14, 2006.
- Desmond, Matthew, "Becoming a Firefighter," Eighth Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL April 15, 2006.
- López Turley, Ruth, and Matthew Desmond, "Contributions to College Costs by Married and

Divorced Parents,” Institute for Research on Poverty Seminar, Madison, December 8, 2005.

López Turley, Ruth, and Matthew Desmond, “Contributions to College Costs by Married and Divorced Parents,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 13–16, 2005.

Desmond, Matthew, “The Logic of Risk: Tracing the Firefighting Habitus,” Second Annual Putting Bourdieu to Work Conference, Berkeley, CA, May 12–13, 2005.

Congressional Testimonies & Federal Briefings

House Democratic Caucus and the Majority Leader Task Force on Poverty and Opportunity, Virtual Panel on Poverty, September 20, 2021

“Evictions and COVID-19,” White House Summit on Eviction Prevention, June 30, 2021

“Bold, Bipartisan Solutions to the Housing Crisis,” Congressional Briefing, January 14, 2020

“Evictions and COVID-19,” Democratic Senators Briefing, June 3, 2020

“Housing Crisis During a Pandemic: Protecting Tenants, Landlords, and Homeowners from the Economic Fallout,” Attorneys General COVID-19 Briefing, May 22, 2020

“On the Brink of Homelessness: How the Affordable Housing Crisis and the Gentrification of America Is Leaving Families Vulnerable” testimony before the House Financial Services Committee, January 14, 2020

“The Eviction Crisis Act of 2019,” Congressional Briefing, January 14, 2020

“Evictions in America,” United States Senate, December 13, 2018

“Evictions in America,” Congressional Briefing, April 12, 2018

“Children and Families Facing Eviction in the U.S.,” Congressional Briefing, July 19, 2017

“Race, Domestic Violence, and Third-Party Policing,” White House Briefing, December 16, 2016

“Unaffordable Housing, Poverty, and Eviction in America,” roundtable with Financial Services Committee Democrats, June 8, 2016

“Nuisance Ordinances, Eviction, and Domestic Violence,” briefing with the Department of Justice, June 8, 2016

“Unaffordable Housing, Poverty, and Eviction in America,” testimony before the Congressional Steering and Policy Committee, April 14, 2016

Commencement Speeches

University of Mississippi, Fall Convocation, Oxford, MS, August 27, 2019
Georgia State University, Convocation, Keynote, August 19, 2018

Distinguished Lectures & Keynote Speeches

“Evictions and the COVID-19 Pandemic”

Metropolitan Housing Coalition Annual Meeting, Keynote, June 10, 2021
United Way Ventura County, Keynote, United to End Homelessness Symposium, April 11, 2021
Mayor’s Innovation Project Annual Summit, Keynote, November 17, 2020
Spelman College, Keynote, Summit on Homelessness & Poverty, September 2, 2020

“Evictions in America”

University of Pennsylvania, Keynote, Journal of Law & Public Affairs Symposium, February 5, 2020
Temple University, Public Policy Lab Symposium, Keynote, September 5, 2019
Northwestern University Institute for Policy Research, 50th Anniversary Keynote Lecture, June 6, 2019

“Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation, Profit, and Risk in Rental Markets”

James A. Thomas Lecture, Yale Law School, January 28, 2019

“Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City”

Connecticut Legal Aid, Keynote, June 16, 2021
Habitat for Humanity Seattle, Keynote, May 25, 2021
New York Housing Conference, Keynote, December 4, 2019
Legal Services of New Jersey Annual Conference, Plenary Address, November 26, 2019
Fresno Housing Authority, Keynote, November 7, 2019
Virginia Commonwealth University, Common Book Program, Keynote, October 16, 2019
Rutgers University-Camden, Rutgers Reads Keynote, September 26, 2019
University of South Florida, Frontier Forum Lecture Series, Keynote, September 19, 2019
Jacksonville Area Legal Aid, Robert J. Beckham Equal Justice Awards, Keynote, September 18, 2019
Colorado Health Foundation, Annual Colorado Health Symposium, Keynote, July 25, 2019
Big Brothers Big Sisters of America, Keynote, June 26, 2019
United Church of Christ, Milwaukee General Synod, Keynote, June 22, 2019
Catholic Charities of Fort Worth, Keynote, April 25, 2019
Fox Cities Reads, Keynote, April 11, 2019
Habitat for Humanity Greater San Francisco, Keynote, November 2, 2018
SUNY Corning Community College, Water R. Smith Visiting Scholar Series, October 24, 2018
University of Arkansas, Winthrop Rockefeller Distinguished Lecture, October 11, 2018
Habitat for Humanity of Michigan, Keynote, September 26, 2018
Harriet Beecher Stowe Center, Keynote, September 5, 2018
Northeastern University, First Pages Lecture, September 4, 2018
Oklahoma Coalition for Affordable Housing, Keynote, August 22, 2018

Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, Keynote, August 21, 2018
Habitat for Humanity, Keynote, May 10, 2018
Pathstone Corporation, Keynote, May 9, 2018
Columbia University School of Social Work, Lucille N. Austen Lecture, January 25, 2018
Trinity University, Reading TUgether, Keynote, August 23, 2017
Indiana Wesleyan University, Luther Lee Lecture, March 20, 2017
Literary Arts, Everybody Reads 2017, Keynote, March 9, 2017
Seattle University, Search for Meaning Festival, Keynote, February 25, 2017
Colorado College, Daniel Patrick O'Connor Memorial Lecture, February 23, 2017
University of Richmond, Edward C. and Mary S. Peple Library Lecture, February, 1, 2017
Calvin College, January Series, January 5, 2017
J. Ronald Terwilliger Foundation, Housing America's Families, Dallas, November 18, 2016
Cornell University, Center for the Study of Inequality, November 16, 2016
University of Pennsylvania, Annual Urban Studies Lecture, November 14, 2016
Mercy Housing Lakefront, Keynote, November 2, 2016
Bellwether Housing Annual Fund, October 19, 2016
Utah Housing Coalition, Keynote Address, October 18, 2016
Model Scholar Lecture, Urban Studies, Stanford University, October 17, 2016
California County Welfare Directors Association Annual Conference, Keynote, October 7, 2016
Washington State Housing Finance Commission Conference, Keynote, October 6, 2016
Reclaiming Vacant Properties Conference, Keynote, September 30, 2016
Public Justice Center, Jane Harrison Speaker Series, September 29, 2016
Salem State University, School of Social Work 30th Anniversary Keynote, September 24, 2016
Boston College, Lowell Humanities Series, September 21, 2016
Rogers Williams University and Housing Works Rhode Island, Keynote, September 14, 2016
National Alliance to End Homelessness, Plenary Speaker, July 28, 2016
Georgetown Law School and Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, Keynote, June 9, 2016
Housing Partnership Network, Keynote, June 3, 2016
Boston Redevelopment Authority, Keynote, June 2, 2016
American Bar Association Forum, Keynote, May 27, 2016
Distinguished Lecture in Sociology, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany, May 9, 2016
Yale University, Keynote at Symposium on the Inner-City School, April 22, 2016
Rutgers University, Social Science Dean's Distinguished Lectureship, April 13, 2016
Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio, April 11, 2016
Arizona State University, Distinguished Alumni Lecture, April 7, 2016
Harvard Law School, David A. Grossman Memorial Lecture, April 5, 2016
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Alumni Keynote, March 2, 2016

“The American Affordable Housing Crisis: Eviction, Exploitation, Poverty, and Survival”
Featured Speaker at the launch of the Center for Poverty and Social Research, Columbia
University, May 21, 2015

“Risky Ethnography: Five Seductions”
Keynote Speaker, *Risk, Safety, and Security in an Anthropological Perspective*
University of Aarhus, Denmark, September 6, 2011

“Locked Up and Locked Out: Eviction, Race, and Poverty in the Inner City”
Keynote Speaker, McGee Lecture Series: Marquette University, October 11, 2010

Invited Presentations

“Housing + Covid-19: The Pandemic's Impact on American Homeowners and Tenants”
HousingWorks Austin, November 5, 2021

“Candid Conversation About Eviction Prevention and Homelessness in America”
Lotus Campaign, Charlotte, NC, September 22, 2021

“Gathering in Remembrance and Hope: Reflections on the Pandemic”
Princeton University, September 19, 2021

“Eviction Prevention Now and After COVID-19”
Bipartisan Policy Center Webinar, June 23, 2021

“The Role of Race in Housing”
Fannie Mae Webinar, May 24, 2021

“Evicted in Chester County: A Conversation with Dr. Matthew Desmond”
Friends Association for Care & Protection of Children PA, May 13, 2021

“COVID and the US Housing Crisis”
Princeton School of Public and International Affairs Fellows Dinner, May 4, 2021

“State of the Nation: American Inequality in the Age of the Pandemic”
Princeton University, Office of Population Research, March 11, 2021

“Re-imagining What a Justice System Could Look Like”
Presidential Plenary Session, Eastern Sociological Society, February 19, 2021

“Evictions and the COVID-19 Pandemic”
Brookings Institution, Oscar E. Kiessling Seminars in Economics, December 15, 2020
National Education Association, December 4, 2020
Arizona Housing Coalition, November 10, 2020
Northeast New Jersey Legal Services, Pro Bono Partnerships Project, October 28, 2020
Metropolitan Inter-Faith Association, October 15, 2020
National Housing Partnership Foundation, October 14, 2020
Legal Aid Nebraska, October 8, 2020
Building Industry Association of Philadelphia, October 1, 2020
RAND Corporation, Homelessness and Housing Strategy Group, August 11, 2020
"Proposing Studies of Strategies to Address Structural Roots of Inequality"
William T. Grant Foundation, November 9, 2020

“Justice on the Trail: The Future of Justice and Democracy”

Square One Project, Columbia University, August 18, 2020

“Fireside Chat: A Conversation with Dr. Matthew Desmond”

National Energy and Utility Affordability Coalition, 2020 NEUAC Annual Conference,
Wednesday, August 5, 2020

“Hawaii’s Coming COVID Eviction Crisis & How to Stop It”

University of Hawaii, July 28, 2020

“*Evicted* and the Racial Divide in the NYC Housing Crisis”

Robin Hood Foundation, July 22, 2020

“How COVID-19 is Exposing Housing Inequality”

The Briefing (NowThis and Appeal News) with Rep. Katie Porter and Maeve Elise Brown, July
21, 2020

“Tracking Evictions During the COVID-19 Crisis”

National Low Income Housing Coalition, National Call on Coronavirus and Homelessness and
Housing, June 22, 2020

Urban Institute, June 17, 2020

“American Eviction: Why a Nation of Renters Can't Make Rent”

Richland Library, Central Carolina Community Foundation, Columbia, SC, June 5, 2019

“Do the Poor Pay More for Housing? Exploitation, Profit, and Risk in Rental Markets”

University of Pennsylvania, December 5, 2018

New York University, September 17, 2018

“Evictions in America”

Los Angeles Business Council, February 19, 2021

The Urban Institute, Washington D.C., April 12, 2018

“Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City”

StriveTogether October 5, 2021

Trinity Church Wall Street, April 29, 2021

Virginia Humanities, Virginia Festival of the Book, December 9, 2020

National Council of Teachers of English Annual Conference, Baltimore, MD, November 21,
2019

Community Foundation for the Greater Capital Region, Albany, NY, November 14, 2019

Roxbury Latin School, Boston, MA, October 3, 2019

Michigan State University, One Book, One Community, Lansing, MI, August 25, 2019

Warrick Dunn Charities, Atlanta, GA, June 9, 2019

Center for Effective Philanthropy, Minneapolis, MN, May 9, 2019

Harrisburg Area Community Colleges, South Central Community Action Programs, Gettysburg,
PA, March 29, 2019

Boston University, Power of Narrative Conference, Boston, MA, March 23, 2019

Habitat for Humanity Greater Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN, February 28, 2019

Hennepin County Public Library, Minneapolis, MN, January 29, 2019
AARP, Washington, D.C., December 13, 2018
Bunker Hill Community College, Boston, MA, November 15, 2018
Neighbor to Neighbor, Fort Collins, CO, October 10, 2018
National Building Museum, Washington, D.C., September 13, 2018
John Adams Institute, Amsterdam, Neatherlands, July 4, 2018
The Milaneseana, Milan, Italy, June 28, 2018
Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development, Paris, France, May 29, 2018
Federal Reserve Bank, New York, NY, May 21, 2018
Arlington Public Library, Arlington, VA, May 17, 2018
Jewish Family Services of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI, May 16, 2018
UJA Federation of New York, New York, NY, May 8, 2018
Northern Kentucky University, Highland Heights, KY, April 19, 2018
Cuyahoga Public Library, Cleveland, OH, March 15, 2018
Kalamazoo Public Library, Kalamazoo, MI, March 16, 2018
Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ, March 1, 2018
University of California Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA, February 22, 2018
East Carolina University, Greenville, SC, January 16, 2018
Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness, New York, NY, January 11, 2018
City Arts & Lectures, San Francisco, CA, November 29, 2017
Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, Stanford, CA, November 28, 2017
Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL, November 9, 2017
Minnesota Housing Partnership, Minneapolis, MN, October 21, 2017
University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, WI, October 19, 2017
Adventist University, Orlando, FL, October 3, 2017
Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, FL, October 2, 2017
Pigsah Legal Services Annual Poverty Forum, Asheville, NC, September 28, 2017
Center for the Living City, Charlotte, NC, September 27, 2017
National Book Festival, Washington, DC, September 2, 2017
Southern Methodist University, August 24, 2017
Community Shelter Board, Columbus, OH June 7, 2017
E*TRADE Financial Corporation, Washington, D.C., May 26, 2017
Fannie Mae Multifamily DUS Meeting, Charleston, SC, May 23, 2017
Christ Church Cathedral, Cincinnati, OH, May 15, 2017
University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work, May 10, 2017
Rice University, Kinder Institute Forum Lecture, May 9, 2017
Habitat for Humanity Philadelphia, May 4, 2017
Housing Development Corporation MidAtlantic, April 26, 2017
Christian Community Action, New Haven, CT April 25, 2017
Furman University, April 19, 2017
Metropolitan St. Louis Equal Housing and Opportunity Council, April 6, 2017
University of Iowa College of Public Health, April 4, 2017
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, March, 21, 2017
Neighborhood Partnerships, Portland, OR, March 10, 2017
University of California, Irvine, Human Security Award Lecture, March 8, 2017
Vassar College, Urban Studies Program Urban Talk Series, February, 7, 2017
Habitat for Humanity International, January 31, 2017

Columbia University, December 15, 2016
National Science Foundation, December 14, 2016
NeighborWorks America Annual Conference, December 13, 2016
Center for Budget and Policy Priorities Annual Meeting, December 2, 2016
Clark University, November 30, 2016
Spirit and Place Festival, Indianapolis, IN, November 13, 2016
Southern Book Festival, Nashville, TN, October 15, 2016
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, August 4, 2016
Martha's Vineyard Author Series, July 24, 2016
Federal Reserve Board, June 9, 2016
MacArthur Fellows Gathering, May 22, 2016
Labyrinth Books of Princeton, May 18, 2016
Princeton University, Department of Sociology, May 17, 2016
Chicago Humanities Festival, May 15, 2016
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, April 29, 2016
National Low Income Housing Coalition, April 28, 2016
Johns Hopkins University, April 21, 2016
Library of Philadelphia, April 14, 2016
Bank of America National Advisory Committee, April 5, 2016
The Guardian (London) 5 x 15, March 23, 2016
Royal Society for Encouragement of Arts, Manufactures & Commerce (UK), March 22, 2016
London School of Economics, March 21, 2016
New England Independent Booksellers Association, March 18, 2016
Literati Bookstore, Ann Arbor, MI, March 16, 2016
University of Chicago, March 15, 2016
Loyola University Chicago School of Law, March 15, 2016
Kansas City Public Library, March 14, 2016
Carter Presidential Library, Atlanta, GA March 10, 2016
Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University, March 9, 2016
Barnes and Noble Q&A with Adrian LeBlanc, March 8, 2016
PNC Bank and A Wider Circle, Washington, DC, March 4, 2016
Malcolm Wiener Center, Harvard Kennedy School, March 3, 2016
Marquette University Law School, On the Issues, March 1, 2016
Nieman Foundation, Harvard University, February 10, 2016
American Library Association, Boston, MA, January 9, 2016

“Poverty, Power, and Pragmatism”

Pragmatism and Sociology, University of Chicago, August 21, 2015

“Housing, Poverty, and the Law”

The Yale Law School, April 2, 2015
Harvard Law School, March 23, 2015
Bucknell University, October 1, 2010

“The American Affordable Housing Crisis: Eviction, Exploitation, Poverty, and Survival”

University of California, Davis, Center for Poverty Research, November 20, 2015
The Ohio State University, Form/Huber Colloquium, October 9, 2015

University of Bern, Switzerland, September 16, 2015
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, April 30, 2015
University of Chicago, Department of Sociology, April 29, 2015
Yale University, Department of Sociology, April 3, 2015
National Low Income Housing Coalition Legislative Forum, Washington, D.C., March 1, 2015
New York Law School, Housing Justice Forum, December 5, 2014
University of Washington, Sociology Colloquium, May 13, 2014
West Coast Poverty Center, Seattle, WA, May 12, 2014
University of Georgia, Sociology Colloquium, April 11, 2014
Brown University, Sociology Colloquium, March 11, 2014
Governance and the Politics in the Changing American City, Harvard, October 11, 2013
Inequality Reexamined: Conference in Honor of Christopher Jencks, Harvard, October 11, 2013
Stanford University, Sociology Colloquium, October 17, 2013
University of Pennsylvania, Sociology Colloquium, October 23, 2013

“The Disparate Impact of Eviction”

Housing Justice Network Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA October 16, 2013

“The Role Research on Policy”

Australian National University, March 19, 2013

“Managing Economic Uncertainty through Better Governance”

Australian National University, March 18, 2013

“Housing Court, the Economics of Rental Housing, and the Quality of Life in NYC”

New York City’s Housing Court at 40, March 11, 2013

“Mechanisms of Neighborhood Selection: Why and How Poor Families Move”

University of Queensland, Australia, March 20, 2013

Northwestern, Department of Sociology Colloquium, February 28, 2013

NYU Law School, Law, Economics, & Politics of Urban Affairs, February 13, 2013

UCLA, Department of Sociology, February 8, 2013

Harvard School of Public Health, December 13, 2012

“The Problem of Technocratic Democracy”

MIT, Department of Anthropology, December 7, 2012

“The Milwaukee Area Renters Study”

Center for Housing Policy, Chicago, IL, October 26, 2012

“Exploiting the Inner City”

MIT-Harvard University, Economic Sociology Seminar, February 20, 2013

Yale University, Symposium on Inequality, September 7, 2012

University of York, Research Seminar: Symbolic Power and Urban Inequality, May 31, 2012

“Race in the European Imagination”

Counsel for European Studies, Boston, MA, March 23, 2012

“Relational Ethnography”

University of Chicago, Department of Sociology, April 29, 2015
University of California, Los Angeles, Department of Sociology, February 9, 2013
University of Amsterdam, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, September 9, 2011

“The Incompetent Dead”

University of Freiburg, Institute for Advanced Studies, September 12, 2011
University of Aarhus, Denmark, Department of Anthropology and Ethnography, September 6, 2011

“The Ethnographer and The Scholar”

University of Wisconsin-Madison, December 3, 2012
Rice University, Department of Sociology, October 6, 2011
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, August 21, 2011
Second Boston Community Meeting of Field Researchers, MIT, May 21, 2011

“Unpolicing the Urban Poor: Consequences of Third-Party Policing on Inner-City Women”

University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Law School, April 8, 2013
American Civil Liberties Union, National Headquarters, New York, NY, February 14, 2013
Max Planck-Sciences Po Center, Paris, France, January 21, 2013
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, December 3, 2012
University of Chicago, Department of Sociology, November 26, 2012
King’s College London, Department of Management, May 30, 2012
Organizational Studies Seminar, MIT Sloan School of Management, April 29, 2011
Organizational Behavior Seminar, Harvard Business School, February 14, 2011
Harvard Law School, March 7, 2011

“Disposable Ties and the Urban Poor”

Sociology Colloquium, Rice University, October 7, 2011
Poverty and Marginality in the Americas, University of Texas at Austin, April 1, 2011
Center for Wealth and Inequality Seminar Series, Columbia University, February 10, 2011
Sociology Colloquium, The State University of New York at Buffalo, October 18, 2010
Sociology Colloquium, Brandeis University, November 4, 2010

“Eviction and the Reproduction of Urban Poverty”

Harvard Law School, Faculty Colloquium, March 25, 2013
Cultures et Sociétés Urbaines, Université de Paris, June 4, 2012
London School of Economics, Sociology Department, May 29, 2012
University of California, Berkeley, Sociology Colloquium, March 20, 2012
University of Amsterdam, Sociology & Anthropology Colloquium, September 8, 2011
University of Texas at Austin, Sociology Colloquium, September 10, 2009
University of Michigan, Sociology Department, November 2, 2009
Duke University, Sociology Department, November 9, 2009
Harvard University, Sociology Department, November 16, 2009
Rice University, Sociology Department, November 19, 2009
Purdue University, Sociology Colloquium, April 20, 2009
Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University, March 31, 2009

“Are Poor Women Bearing the Brunt of the Eviction Crisis?”
Institute for Research on Poverty, April 24, 2009

“Making Workers Deployable”
British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Coventry, UK, March 28–30, 2008

Teaching & Advising

Graduate Courses

Princeton University

Sociology 502: Modern Sociological Theory
Sociology 503: Techniques and Methods of Social Science
Sociology 545: Advanced Sociological Fieldwork I
Sociology 561: American Racism

Harvard University

Sociology 204: Classical Sociological Theory
Sociology 234: Ethnographic Fieldwork
Sociology 310: Qualifying Paper Workshop
Sociology 503: Techniques and Methods of Social Science

Undergraduate Courses

Princeton University

Sociology 207: Poverty in America

Harvard University

Sociology 97: Tutorial in Social Theory
Sociology 177: Poverty in America
Social Studies 98md: Race in America
Social Studies 98na: The American Ghetto

Visiting Courses

“Poverty in America,” University of Bern, Switzerland (September 14–18, 2015)

Current Advisees

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Dissertation Committees

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Jasmin Sandelson (Chair), Distinction
Adam Travis (Chair)
Monica Bell
Blythe George
Jonathan Mijs
Kelley Fong

Undergraduate Theses Chaired

Princeton University

Ana DeJesus, Sociology, 2018
Mark Fossati, Sociology, 2019
Madeleine Gilson, Sociology, 2019
Chase Hommeyer, Sociology, 2019
Kelli Calhoun, Sociology, 2020
Tyler Desiré, Sociology, 2020
Chase Williams, Sociology, 2020

Harvard University

Madeline Halimi, Social Studies, 2015 (*Magna Cum Laude*)
Tianhao He, Sociology, 2015 (High Honors)
Gillian Slee, Social Studies, 2016 (*Summa Cum Laude*)
Paige Woods, Social Studies, 2016

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Devin Rutan
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Princeton University

University-Wide

American Studies Senior Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2019
Program in Journalism Visiting Ferris and McGraw Professors Search Committee, Fall 2019

Departmental

Sociology Junior Faculty Search Committee, Fall 2020
Faculty Search Committee, India Specialist, Fall 2017
Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, Spring 2018, Fall 2019
Graduate Committee, Fall 2017–Spring 2018

Harvard University

University-Wide

Faculty Fellow, Pforzheimer House, 2013–2017
Standing Committee on Research Policy, 2015–2017
Advisory Network, Y2Y Harvard Square Homeless Shelter, 2016–2017
Winter Session Presentation on Writing a Senior Thesis, 2013, 2014
Hoopes Prize Social Science Committee, 2012, 2014
Steering Committee, Qualitative Social Science at Harvard, 2012

Departmental

Department of Sociology, General Written Examination Committee, 2015
Department of Sociology, Committee on Undergraduate Degrees, 2015
Department of Sociology, Graduate Admissions Committee, 2012, 2014
Department of Sociology, Junior Search Committee, 2012
Department of Sociology, Website Committee, 2012
Department of Sociology, Committee on Higher Degrees, 2013–14, 2014–15
Kennedy School of Government, Social Policy Graduate Admissions Committee, 2012, 2016

Professional

Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2015–2017
Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory*, 2011–2014

John Hope Franklin Prize Committee Chair, Law and Society Association, 2015
ASA Session Organizer: Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility: Extreme Poverty, Annual Meeting, 2014
Cox Article Award Committee Chair, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, 2014

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, ASA Section on Community and Urban Sociology, 2014
Max Weber Award Committee, ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations, & Work, 2010
Thompson Award Committee, ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations, & Work, 2008

Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Demography*, *University of Chicago Press*, *Oxford University Press*, *University of California Press*, *Russell Sage Foundation*, *W. T. Grant Foundation*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociological Theory*, *City and Community*, *Ethnography*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Men & Masculinities*, *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *International Journal of Crime, Law, and Justice*, *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*, *Housing Policy Debate*

Community

Turner Center for Housing Innovation, Advisory Board, 2021 –
New Jersey Administrative Office of the Courts, Advisory Committee on Access and Fairness, 2019 –
Cabinet Member, Habitat for Humanity, U.S. Advocacy Campaign, 2018 –
Research Consultant (pro bono), Columbia Legal Services, Seattle, WA, 2014
Research Consultant (pro bono), ACLU, New York City, NY, 2013 –
Research Consultant (pro bono), Community Advocates, Milwaukee WI, 2010
Research Consultant (pro bono), Legal Action of Wisconsin, Inc., Milwaukee, WI, 2009

Affiliations and Academic Memberships

Advisory Board, Economic Hardship Reporting Project, 2017 –
Advisory Board, *Pathways Magazine*, 2017 –
Advisory Board, Homefront, 2017 –
Co-Chair, Task Force on Engaging Sociology, ASA, 2017 –
Directorate Member, Center for Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University, 2016 –
Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, 2011 –
Senior Research Associate, Hutchins Center, Harvard University, 2017 –
Member: Inequality Measurement, Interpretation, and Policy Network, 2013 –
Member: Association for Public Policy Management and Analysis, 2011 –
Member: American Sociological Association, 2002 –
Member: Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2010 –
Member: Law and Society Association, 2013 –
Member: Eastern Sociological Society, 2016 –
Elected Member: Sociological Research Association, 2018 –