

Ryan Finnigan

rfinnigan@ucdavis.edu

<http://www.ryanmfinnigan.com>

Department of Sociology
University of California, Davis
One Shields Avenue
Davis, CA 95616

Appointments

- 2020– **Associate Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis
- Affiliate**, Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis
- 2014– **Affiliate**, Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute (ESSPRI), University of California, Irvine
- 2014–2020 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis
- 2012–2014 **Research Fellow**, Unit on Inequality and Social Policy, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany

Education

- 2013 **Ph.D. in Sociology**, Duke University
Dissertation: “New Urban Structural Change and Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Wages, Homeownership, and Health”
Committee: David Brady (chair), Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Linda George, Lisa Keister, and Kenneth Land
- 2010 **M.A. in Sociology**, Duke University
Concentrations: Stratification, Demography
- 2007 **B.A. in Sociology**, Indiana University, Bloomington (with Highest Distinction)
B.S. in Mathematics, Indiana University, Bloomington (with Highest Distinction)
Minor Concentrations: Physics, Astronomy/Astrophysics

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Forthcoming* David Brady, Ryan Finnigan, and Sabine Hübgen. “Reply: The Relationship Between Single Motherhood, Employment and Poverty.” *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2021 Ryan Finnigan. “The Growth and Shifting Spatial Distribution of Tent Encampments in Oakland, California.” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 693(1): 284–300
- 2021 Ryan Finnigan. “Self-Reported Impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic for People Experiencing Homelessness in Sacramento, California.” *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*
- 2020 David Brady, Ryan Finnigan, Ulrich Kohler, Joscha Legewie. “The Inheritance of Race Revisited: Childhood Wealth and Income, and Black-White Disadvantages in Adult Life Chances.” *Sociological Science* 7: 599–627
- 2020 Ryan Finnigan. “Rainbow-Collar Jobs? Occupational Segregation by Sexual Orientation in the United States.” *Socius* 6:1–17

- 2019 Tarik Abou-Chadi and Ryan Finnigan. "Rights for Same-Sex Couples and Attitudes toward Gays and Lesbians in Europe." *Comparative Political Studies*, 52(6): 868–895
- 2019 Ryan Finnigan and Kelsey D. Meagher. "Past Due: Combinations of Housing and Utility Hardship in the United States." *Sociological Perspectives* 62(1): 96–119
- 2018 Ryan Finnigan and Savannah Hunter. "Occupational Composition and Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Varying Weekly Work Hours," pp.165–193 in *Research in the Sociology of Work*, vol. 32, edited by Ethel Mickey and Adia Harvey Wingfield.
- 2018 Ryan Finnigan. "Varying Weekly Work Hours and Earnings Instability in the Great Recession." *Social Science Research* 74: 96–107
- 2018 Bill McCarthy, Angela Carter, Mikael Janson, Cecilia Benoit, and Ryan Finnigan. "Poverty, Material Hardship, and Mental Health among Workers in Three Frontline Service Occupations." *Journal of Poverty* 22(4): 334–354
- 2018 Ryan Finnigan and Jo Mhairi Hale. "Working 9 to 5? Union Membership and Work Hours and Schedules." *Social Forces* 4(1): 1,541–1,568
- 2017 David Brady, Ryan Finnigan, and Sabine Hübgen. "Rethinking the Risks of Poverty: Prevalences and Penalties in Comparative Perspective." *American Journal of Sociology* 123(3): 740–786
- 2014 Ryan Finnigan. "Racial and Ethnic Stratification in the Relationship between Homeownership and Self-Rated Health." *Social Science & Medicine* 115: 72–81
- 2014 David Brady and Ryan Finnigan. "Does Immigration Undermine Public Support for Social Policy?" *American Sociological Review* 79(1):17–42
- 2013 David Brady, Regina Baker, and Ryan Finnigan. "When Unionization Disappears: State-Level Unionization and Working Poverty in the U.S." *American Sociological Review* 78(5): 872–896

Other Writing

- 2021 Ryan Finnigan. "Pandemic Compounds Hardships for People Experiencing Homelessness in Sacramento, CA." UC Davis Center for Poverty Research—Policy Brief, Vol. 9 No. 9
- 2020 Ryan Finnigan. "Greater Resources Required to Protect People Experiencing Homelessness from COVID-19." UC Davis Center for Poverty Research—Policy Brief, Vol. 8 No. 9
- 2018 Brian Halpin, Savannah Hunter, and Ryan Finnigan. "How Precarious Scheduling Hurts Workers — And What Can Be Done to Mitigate Problems." Scholars Strategy Network
- 2018 Ryan Finnigan and Kelsey D. Meagher. "Missed Housing and Utility Payments Are Common and Persistent in the United States" UC Davis Center for Poverty Research—Policy Brief, Vol. 7 No. 3

- 2018 Ryan Finnigan. Review of *Singlewide: Chasing the American Dream in a Rural Trailer Park*, by Sonya Salamon and Katherine MacTavish. *Journal of Children and Poverty* 24(2): 165–166
- 2018 Ryan Finnigan. “Risk Factors for Poverty Are Stronger in the US than Many Other Countries.” UC Davis Center for Poverty Research—Policy Brief, Vol. 6 No. 2
- 2018 David Brady, Ryan Finnigan, and Sabine Hübgen. “Single Mothers Are Not the Problem.” *New York Times*, February 8th
- 2016 Ryan Finnigan. Review of *Ethnic Stratification and Economic Inequality around the World: The End of Exploitation and Exclusion?* by Max Haller with Anja Eder. *Czech Sociological Review* 52(6): 1,100–1,102
- 2016 Ryan Finnigan and Jo Mhairi Hale. “Growth in Irregular Work Increased Poverty During and After Great Recession.” UC Davis Center for Poverty Research—Policy Brief, Vol. 5 No. 2

Fellowships & Grants

- 2021 UC Davis Academic Senate Small Grant (\$2,000)
- 2018–19 University of California Hellman Fellowship (\$20,000)
- 2017 Junior Faculty Research Grant, UC Davis Institute for Social Sciences (\$4,000)
- 2017 Russell Sage Foundation, “Work Hours and Schedules and Well-Being: Causation and Cumulative Effects,” Grant No. 77-18-01 (\$15,335)
- 2015 UC Davis Center for Poverty Research funding for graduate student research assistant, “Non-Standard Work and Well-Being through the Great Recession.” (\$9,200)
- 2012 Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University Graduate School
- 2009–12 Duke Population Research Institute Pre-Doctoral Training Grant, National Institute of Aging, Grant No. 5T32-AG-000139-22, P.I.: Kenneth Land
- 2008–9 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Duke University
- 2005–6 Wrubel Math and Science Scholarship, Indiana University
- 2003–7 Indiana Freese Scholarship, Indiana University

Honors & Awards

- 2021 Graduate Program Advising and Mentoring Award, University of California, Davis
- 2019 Outstanding Mentorship Award from the University Honors Program, University of California, Davis
- 2018 Outstanding Article award from the ASA section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
- 2014 Honorable mention for Outstanding Article from the ASA section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
- 2009 Honorable Mention for Best Student Paper, Student Forum Advisory Board, American Sociological Association
- 2007 Phi Beta Kappa

Selected Presentations (invited when noted)

- 2020 "The Growth and Shifting Spatial Distribution of Tent Encampments in Oakland, California." Conference for *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science (invited)*; conference on "Poverty amid Plenty: The Experience of Poverty Amid Plenty in the Bay Area" (*invited*)
- 2019 "Cumulative Experiences of Irregular Work Schedules and Mental Well-Being." Russell Sage/Kellogg Foundation conference on non-standard work (*invited*)
- 2019 "Convergence in Earnings by Sexual Orientation in the United States." American Sociological Association, New York
- 2019 "Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Intergenerational Economic Security." University of California, Merced (*invited*); Population Association of America, Austin, TX
- 2018–19 "Childhood Family Structure, Education, and Intergenerational Mobility in the United States." American Sociological Association, Philadelphia; University of Pennsylvania Population Studies Center (*invited*); Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis (*invited*)
- 2018 "Invisible White Poverty? How Racial Stereotypes Undermine Anti-Poverty Policy." Diversity & Inclusion Seminar Series, UC Davis Cancer Treatment Center (*invited*)
- 2018 "When the Techies Come to Town? High-Income Migration and Housing Cost Burdens." Population Association of America, Denver, CO
- 2016 "What's New about the New Economy? An Empirical Assessment of Metropolitan Labor Market Change." Economic Sociology mini-conference on the New Economy, Seattle
- 2016 "Unionization and Work-Hour Variability in the Great Recession." American Sociological Association, Seattle
- 2016 "Trade-Offs between Housing and Utility Costs in the United States." Population Association of America, Washington D.C.

- 2015 “Poverty Measurement and Risk Profiles.” UC Berkeley School of Social Welfare
(invited)
- 2015 “Low-Wage Work and the Occupational Structure.” American Sociological Association, Chicago
- 2015 “Racial Segregation, Population Change, and Minority Homeownership, 1980-2010.” Population Association of America, San Diego
- 2014 “The Added Burden: Racial and Ethnic Inequalities in Housing Cost Burden.” American Sociological Association, San Francisco
- 2014 “Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Employment Insecurity across Business Cycles.” Population Association of America, Boston
- 2012–13 “The New Economy and Racial and Ethnic Wage Inequalities, 1989–2010.” American Sociological Association, Denver; WZB Berlin Social Science Center; University of California at Davis *(invited)*
- 2013 “Income Inequality, Population Aging, and Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities,” Population Association of America, New Orleans
- 2011–12 “Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Homeownership and Housing Market Dynamics, 1980 to 2010.” Duke Population Research Institute; WZB Berlin Social Science Center; Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.; Southern Sociological Association, New Orleans
- 2010 “Racial and Ethnic Stratification in the Distribution of Health by Homeownership,” American Sociological Association, Atlanta

Courses Taught

- 2017–21 Soc 295: Graduate Seminar in Stratification, UC Davis (~7 students, taught three times)
- 2019–21 Soc 159: Sociology of Work and Employment (90 students, taught twice)
- 2015–21 Soc 46B: Introduction to Social Data Analysis—Statistics, UC Davis (70–110 students, taught 7 times)
- 2014–20 Soc 3: Social Problems, UC Davis (150–200 students, taught 9 times)
- 2018–20 Soc 12Y: Data Visualization, UC Davis (70–100 students, taught three times)
- 2015 Soc 141: Industrialization and Social Change, UC Davis (70 students)

Student Committees (committee chair when noted)

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor (all as chair): Utieyin Ekwejunor-Etchie, Gautham Ganesan, Ruth Rothstein, Heather Van Buskirk

Qualifying Paper: Emily Breuninger (chair), Courtney Caviness, Bridget Clark, Savannah Hunter (chair), Angelita Repetto (chair), Michelle Rossi (chair), Emily Searl (chair), Alana Stein, Duane Wright

Qualifying Exam: Eric Balcom (chair), Carlos Becerra, Angela Carter, Bridget Clark, Konrad Franco, Jess Gold, Jo Mhairi Hale, Jessie Halpern-Finnerty, Beth Hart, Josh Hayes, Savannah Hunter, Christopher Lawrence, Nathan Menard, Michelle Rossi, Alana Stein (chair), Eden Volkov, Duane Wright (chair)

Dissertation: Angela Carter, Jess Gold, Jo Mhairi Hale, Josh Hayes, Savannah Hunter (chair), Christopher Lawrence, Michelle Rossi (chair)

Professional, University, and Departmental Service

2014–15, 20–21	Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2014–15, 20–21	Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2016–17, 20–21	Faculty Recruitment Committee, Community and Regional Development, UC Davis
2020–21	Graduate Program Advisor, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2018, 2021	Graduate School Internal Fellowship Reviewer, UC Davis
2015–16, 19–20	Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2015–16, 19–20	Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2014–15, 17–20	Power & Inequalities Workshop, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2019	Devah Pager Outstanding Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
2019	Conference Program Committee, American Sociological Association section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work
2018–19	Faculty Mentor for HSI (Hispanic Serving Institutions): Pathways to the Professoriate
2018–19	Graduate Admissions Committee, UC Davis
2017–18	Graduate Student Portfolio Review Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2016	UC MEXUS grant review committee, University of California
2016	Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2016–17	Professional Development Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
2015	Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility

Ad-Hoc Peer Reviewed for:

Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Contexts, Demography, European Political Science Review, European Sociological Review, The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Housing Policy Debate, Housing Studies, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Journal of Human Resources, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Politics, the National Academy of Sciences, the National Science Foundation, Oxford University Press, PLoS One, Political Behavior, Population Research and Policy Review, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Review of Social Economy, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science Research, Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Focus, Sociological Forum, Sociological Spectrum, The Sociological Quarterly, Sociology Compass, Socius, Urban Affairs Review, Work & Occupations