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Appointments

- 2014– Present **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Poverty Research, University of California, Davis
Faculty Affiliate, Economic Self-Sufficiency Policy Research Institute (ESSPRI), University of California, Irvine
- 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 (click for link to published versions)

- Forthcoming Ryan Finnigan and Savannah Hunter. “Occupational Composition and Racial/Ethnic Inequalities in Varying Weekly Work Hours.” *Research in the Sociology of Work*
- Forthcoming Ryan Finnigan and Jo Mhairi Hale. “Working 9 to 5? Union Membership and Work Hours and Schedules.” *Social Forces*
** Covered by Bloomberg, KTRH NewsRadio, HR News*
- Forthcoming 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*
- 2017 David Brady, Ryan Finnigan, and Sabine Huebgen. “Rethinking the Demographic Risks of Poverty: Prevalences and Penalties in Comparative Perspective.” *American Journal of Sociology* 123(3):740-786
** Related opinion editorial published in New York Times*

- 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

Work in Progress (drafts available)

- Ryan Finnigan and Kelsey Meagher. "Trigger Events for Trade-Offs between Housing and Utility Hardships in the United States." *Revise & Resubmit*
- Tarik Abou-Chadi and Ryan Finnigan. "Rights for Same-Sex Couples and Attitudes toward Gays and Lesbians in Europe." *Revise & Resubmit*
- Ryan Finnigan. "Varying Weekly Work Hours and Earnings Instability in the Great Recession." *Revise & Resubmit*
- Bill McCarthy, Angela Carter, Mikael Janson, Cecilia Benoit, and Ryan Finnigan. "Demands, Rewards and the Mental Health Implications of Precarious Work." *Under Review*
- Ryan Finnigan. "The New Economy and Racial and Ethnic Wage Inequalities."
- Ryan Finnigan. "Racial Segregation, Population Change, and Minority Homeownership, 1980-2010."
- Ryan Finnigan. "What's New about the 'New Economy'? An Empirical Assessment of Metropolitan Labor Market Change in the United States."
- Ryan Finnigan. "Childhood Family Structure, Education, and Intergenerational Mobility in the United States."

Other Publications

- Forthcoming Ryan Finnigan. "Risk Factors for Poverty Are Stronger in the US than Many Other Countries." UC Davis Center for Poverty Research Policy Brief
- 2018 David Brady, Ryan Finnigan, and Sabine Hübgen. "Single Mothers Are Not the Problem." *New York Times*, February 8th.
- 2016 Ryan Finnigan and Joanna 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, Honors, and Awards

- 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)

- 2014 Honorable mention for Outstanding Article from the ASA section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility
- 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
- 2009 Honorable Mention for Best Student Paper, Student Forum Advisory Board, American Sociological Association
- 2007 Phi Beta Kappa
- 2005–6 Wrubel Math and Science Scholarship, Indiana University 2003–7 Indiana Freese Scholarship, Indiana University

Selected Presentations

- 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
- 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 Finnigan, Ryan. “Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Employment Insecurity across Business Cycles.” Population Association of America, Boston
- 2012-3 Finnigan, Ryan. “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
- 2013 “Income Inequality, Population Aging, and Racial/Ethnic Health Disparities,” Population Association of America, New Orleans
- 2011-2 Finnigan, Ryan. “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 Finnigan, Ryan. "Racial and Ethnic Stratification in the Distribution of Health by Homeownership," American Sociological Association, Atlanta

Courses Taught

- 2018 Soc 12Y: Data Visualization in the Social Sciences, UC Davis (70 students)
 2017 Soc 295: Graduate Seminar in Stratification, UC Davis (7 students)
 2014-7 Soc 3: Social Problems, UC Davis (150-200 students, taught 6 times)
 2015-7 Soc 46B: Introduction to Social Data Analysis-Statistics, UC Davis (70-105 students, taught 3 times)
 2015 Soc 141: Industrialization and Social Change, UC Davis (70 students)

Student Committees

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor: Ruth Rothstein, Gautham Ganesan, Utieyin Ekwejunor-Etchie
Qualifying Paper: Emily Breuninger, Courtney Caviness, Bridget Clark, Duane Wright, Michelle Rossi

Qualifying Exam: Angela Carter, Bridget Clark, Jo Mhairi Hale, Jessie Halpern-Finnerty, Beth Hart, Josh Hayes, Nathan Menard, Duane Wright (chair)

Dissertation: Angela Carter, Jo Mhairi Hale, Josh Hayes

Professional and Departmental Service

- 2018 Graduate Student Fellowship Reviewer, UC Davis
 2017-18 Graduate Student Portfolio Review Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2017-18 Power & Inequalities workshop coordinator, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2016 UC MEXUS grant review committee, University of California
 2016 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2016 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Community and Regional Development, UC Davis
 2016-7 Professional Development Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2015-6 Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2015-6 Graduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2014-15 Power & Inequalities workshop coordinator, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2014-5 Undergraduate Program Committee, Department of Sociology, UC Davis
 2014 Postdoctoral Recruitment Committee, Unit on Inequality and Social Policy, WZB Berlin Social Science Center
 2011-2 Graduate Student Liaison for The Center for LGBT Life, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

- 2010-2 | President of DukeOUT, Graduate and Professional LGBT Student Organization, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- 2010-2 | LGBT Task Force for Institutional Equality, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina
- 2010 | Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Duke University
- 2009-10 | Prospective Student Visit Coordinator, Department of Sociology, Duke University

Ad-Hoc Reviewer for: Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Demography, European Political Science Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Family Issues, the National Science Foundation, Political Behavior, Population Research and Policy Review, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Compass, Sociological Forum, Sociological Spectrum, The Sociological Quarterly, Urban Affairs Review, Work & Occupations