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## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. (expected) June 2009, Sociology, The Ohio State University

Dissertation (see attached abstract): **“Racial and Ethnic Integration in U.S. Metropolitan Neighborhoods: Patterns, Complexities and Consequences”**

Committee: Lauren J. Krivo (chair), Vincent Roscigno, Rachel Dwyer

Ph.D. Candidacy Exam Areas: Race and Ethnicity, Urban Stratification

M.A. in Sociology, 2002, Baylor University

B.A. in Sociology, 2000, Baylor University

### **PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS**

Research: Neighborhood Integration, Discrimination in Housing and Labor Markets, Racial and Ethnic Inequality, Crime and Safety in Neighborhoods, Mixed Methods

Teaching: Race and Ethnicity, Urban Sociology, Research Methods, Statistics, Theory, Demography, Crime and Community, Social Stratification

### **RESEARCH AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND HONORS**

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development - Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant. “Neighborhood Integration, Housing Inequality, and Safety.” January 2008-June 2009. \$24,968

Harvard University-University of Manchester Workshop on Immigration and Social Change. University of Manchester, U.K. June 9-20 2008. (Offered but declined)

Summer Research Fellowship-Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University. “The Contexts of Housing Discrimination.” July-September 2006.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Roscigno, Vincent, Diana L. Karafin, and Griff Tester. Forthcoming. "The Complexities and Processes of Racial Housing Discrimination." *Social Problems*.
- Pager, Devah and Diana L. Karafin. Forthcoming. "Bayesian Bigot? Statistical Discrimination Stereotypes, and Employer Discrimination." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. (January 2009)
- Karafin, Diana L. 2008. "Housing Audits" in Richard T. Schaefer (ed.) *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- Karafin, Diana L. and Vincent J. Roscigno. 2007. "The Contexts of Housing Discrimination." Pp.153-170 in *The Face of Discrimination* by Vincent J. Roscigno. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Roscigno, Vincent, Diana L. Karafin, and Griff Tester. 2007. "The Multidimensional Nature of Housing Discrimination." Pp. 171-186 in *The Face of Discrimination* by Vincent J. Roscigno. New York: Rowman & Littlefield.
- Krivo, Lauren J., Ruth D. Peterson, and Diana L. Karafin. 2006. "Perceptions of Crime and Safety in Racially and Economically Distinct Neighborhoods." Pp. 237-255 in *The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity and Crime in America*, edited by Ruth D. Peterson, Lauren J. Krivo, and John Hagan. New York: New York University Press.

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS – POLICY REPORTS**

- Karafin, Diana L. 2008. "Community Courts Across the Globe: A Survey of Goals, Performance Measures, and Operations" *Prepared for and Published by Open Society Institute for South Africa*.  
[http://www.osf.org.za/File\\_Uploads/docs/community\\_court\\_world\\_text\\_web.pdf](http://www.osf.org.za/File_Uploads/docs/community_court_world_text_web.pdf)

## **MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW OR IN PROGRESS**

- Karafin, Diana L. "Racial and Ethnic Neighborhood Integration: New Insights and Complexities." *Planned submission October 2008*
- Karafin, Diana L. "Is Neighborhood Integration a Panacea? A Critical Race Perspective."
- Karafin, Diana L. "Crime and Safety across Diverse Types of Integrated Neighborhoods."

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **RESEARCH**

- 2008-present Princeton University, Department of Sociology – Graduate Research Associate  
Project Title: Employers and Perceptions of Discrimination  
Principal Investigator: Devah Pager
- 2006-2007 The Center for Court Innovation, New York City  
Project Title: Community Courts Across the Globe  
Funded by: Open Society Institute for South Africa
- 2005-2006 Princeton University – Graduate Research Associate  
Project Title: Discrimination in the Low-Wage Labor Market  
Principal Investigators: Bruce Western and Devah Pager
- 2004-2005 Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University Graduate Research Associate  
Project Title: Perceptions of Crime and Safety in Racially And Economically Distinct Neighborhoods  
Principal Investigators: Ruth D. Peterson and Lauren J. Krivo
- 2004 Ohio State University, Ohio Discrimination Project – Research Associate  
Project Title: Discrimination in Housing  
Principal Investigator: Vincent Roscigno

### **TEACHING**

- 2003-2004 Ohio State University, Department of Sociology – Independent Instructor  
Course: Introduction to Sociology
- 2000-2002 Baylor University, Department of Sociology - Graduate Teaching Assistant  
Courses: Race and Ethnicity, Social Stratification, Statistics

### **TEACHING – INVITED GUEST LECTURER**

- 2007 Georgia State University - Department of Sociology  
Course: Race and Ethnic Relations  
Lecture Title: “Mass Incarceration, Race, and Discrimination in the Labor Market.”

## **TEACHING – INVITED GUEST LECTURER – Continued**

- 2007            The Center for Court Innovation (New York, NY), Research Department  
Lecture Title: “Court Innovation and Research: Incorporating Race, Class,  
and Gender.”
- 2006            Ohio Wesleyan University, Department of Sociology  
Course: Urban Sociology  
Lecture Title: “Patterns, Causes, and Consequences of Racial Residential  
Segregation.”
- 2006            Ohio State University, Department of Sociology  
Course: Cities and Communities  
Lecture Title: “Residential Segregation and Housing Discrimination.”
- 2005            Ohio State University, Department of Sociology  
Course: Introduction to Sociology  
Lecture Title: “Discrimination in U.S. Housing Markets.”

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

- Pager, Devah and Diana L. Karafin. “Bayesian Bigot? Statistical Discrimination, Stereotypes, and Employer Discrimination.” Harvard University-Revisiting Moynihan Conference, Cambridge, September, 2007.
- Karafin, Diana L. “Measuring Success in Community Court Innovation: The Bronx Community Solutions Experiment.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, August, 2007. Regular Session.
- Karafin, Diana L. “Going To Scale with Problem-Solving Justice.” University of Maryland Law School-Innovations in Community Justice Conference. Baltimore, March, 2006.
- Tester, Griff and Diana L. Karafin. “The Multidimensional Nature of Housing Discrimination.” Ohio State University, Department of Sociology, Columbus, October, 2005.
- Karafin, Diana L. and Griff Tester. “Inequality, Social Closure, and Housing Discrimination.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, August, 2005. Regular Session.
- Krivo, Lauren J., Ruth Peterson, and Diana L. Karafin. “Perceptions of Crime and Safety in Racially and Economically Distinct Neighborhoods.” Annual Summer Workshop of the Racial Democracy, Crime & Justice Network. Columbus, July, 2005.

## **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS - Continued**

Karafin, Diana L., Griff Tester, and Vincent Roscigno. "The Face of Housing Discrimination." Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Charlotte, April, 2005. Regular Session.

Karafin, Diana L., Amanda Ripke, and Reginald Byron. "Community Capacity Complexities: The Case of a Gentrifying Neighborhood." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August, 2004.

Karafin, Diana L. "Physicians' Perceptions of and Practices Toward Obese Patients." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August, 2002.

## **PROFESSIONAL & SERVICE ACTIVITIES**

- Ad-hoc Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*
- Annual Participant: "Racial Democracy, Crime, & Justice" Network Summer Workshop. NSF funded. Summer 2004 – Summer 2008. Columbus, OH.
- Founder and Chair: "Race, Class, and Gender and the Courts" Working Group. The Center for Court Innovation. October 2006-December 2007. New York, NY. (Group remains currently active)
- Organizer and Discussant: Session on Medical Sociology, Southwestern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, 2003.
- Member:  
American Sociological Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
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**Dissertation Abstract**  
**“Integration in U.S. Metropolitan Neighborhoods: Patterns, Complexities, and Consequences”**

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My dissertation critically assesses the current framing and understanding of U.S. racial and ethnic neighborhood integration in an increasingly heterogeneous society. Using information from the Neighborhood Change Database, and unique data on crime and mortgage lending from the National Neighborhood Crime Study, I extend existing research by illuminating *complexities* in the patterns and consequences of metropolitan neighborhood integration between 1980 and 2000. I challenge the often implied, yet rarely empirically validated, assumption that neighborhood integration is a simple remedy for the deleterious consequences associated with residential segregation within the context of a racialized society. Analyses are guided by current race perspectives seeking to move beyond a focus on residential proximity to whites as the sole means for improving outcomes.

Using data for neighborhoods embedded within metropolitan contexts, I first provide a descriptive portrait of the frequency and stability of integration over two decades based on a typology which more fully incorporates *differential* combinations of Latinos, Blacks, Whites, and Others in neighborhoods than heretofore employed. I find vast differentiation in the frequency, stability, and paths of change among various types of integrated contexts. The proportion of integrated contexts grew from 17.3% to 29.2% between 1980 and 2000, almost exclusively due to a drop in White contexts. Stability across the integrated contexts ranges from 0 to 72%. Latino-White, Black-White, and Latino-Black contexts were the most common form of integration, with Latino-Black contexts remarkably stable (72%), and Latino-White and Black-White contexts much less stable (47% and 52%, respectively). Other forms of integration involving combinations of three or more racial and ethnic groups were less common and virtually entirely unstable.

I then evaluate the factors associated with stable integration versus various patterns of neighborhood change using hierarchical multinomial models. The results demonstrate that net of various metropolitan and neighborhood population and housing characteristics, the most advantaged integrated contexts were the *least stable* and the most likely to transition to all White contexts. In contrast, the most disadvantaged integrated contexts were the *most stable*, with those that do change being more likely to transition to predominantly Black or Latino contexts. The final portion of the research assesses differentiation in levels of advantage/disadvantage, employment, crime, and housing inequality across the diverse types of integration in a national sample. While there is tremendous variation in the levels of crime and mortgage lending across the spectrum of integrated contexts, I expect a clear hierarchy across neighborhood types. Integrated contexts comprised *solely* of historically subordinated groups, such as Black-Latino neighborhoods, should have the highest levels of crime and housing mortgage inequality. In contrast, contexts with Whites and Others (predominantly Asians), and Whites and Latinos, should have significantly lower levels of crime and higher levels of access to housing mortgage capital. Overall, my results underscore the problematic nature of making a single generalization of stable racial and ethnic integration as a “success story.” Situating my findings within the broad urban stratification and race theory literatures, I discuss the theoretical implications of my findings for understanding the shifting U.S. racial order and inequality across the residential landscape.