

## ZAWADI RUCKS-AHIDIANA

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### EDUCATION

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- Expected 2018 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
Dissertation: "Portraits of Gentrification: When Neighborhood Change Becomes News, 1990-2014"  
Committee: Claude Fischer (co-chair), Margaret Weir (co-chair), Sandra Smith, Carolina Reid (Department of City and Regional Planning)  
Qualifying exams: Urban sociology, poverty, and theory
- 2014 Master's in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2012 Master's in Public Administration, New York University, Wagner School of Public Service  
Specialization in policy analysis and housing policy
- 2002 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Policy, University of Maryland, College Park  
Concentration: Land Use (Geography department)  
Certificate: African-American Studies  
Citation: French  
Citation: Environmental Studies, College Park Scholars

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Urban sociology, race and ethnicity, cultural sociology, inequality

### GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- 2017-2018 Dissertation Fellowship, American Association of University Women
- 2017-2018 Bendix Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, University of California, Berkeley
- 2017-2018 Alternate and Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2016-2018 Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Graduate Fellows Program, University of California, Berkeley
- 2015 Student Mentoring and Research Teams (SMART) Program, University of California, Berkeley
- 2014 Small Research Grant, University of California, Berkeley
- 2014-2015 Mentored Research Award, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013-2014 Cota Robles Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
- 2013 Social Science and Policy Forum Summer Institute of Inequality, University of Pennsylvania
- 2012-2013 Cota Robles Fellow, University of California, Berkeley

### AWARDS AND HONORS

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- 2014 Honorable mention, Student Paper Award for the ASA Community and Urban Sociology Section
- 2012 Robert Berne Award of Leadership, New York University
- 2012 President's Service Award, New York University
- 2002 Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2000-2002 Dean's List, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, College Park
- 1999-2002 Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, University of Maryland, College Park

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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2016-2017	Qualitative Methods Lead for D-Lab, University of California, Berkeley
2014-2015	Graduate Student Researcher for David Harding, University of California, Berkeley
2014	Graduate Student Researcher for Neil Fligstein, University of California, Berkeley
2013-present	Qualitative Data Analysis Consultant and Trainer, D-Lab, University of California, Berkeley
2013	Graduate Student Researcher for Claude Fischer, University of California, Berkeley
2010-2012	Qualitative Research Associate, Community College Research Center, Teachers College, Columbia University
2010-2011	Consultant, MDRC, New York, NY
2010	Research Analyst II, MDRC, New York, NY
2008-2009	Research Analyst I, MDRC, New York, NY
2006-2007	Research Assistant II, MDRC, New York, NY
2004-2006	Research Assistant I, MDRC, New York, NY

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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2017	Instructor for Race and Ethnic Relations in the U.S., UC Berkeley, Sociology
2016	Guest Lecturer on Qualitative Data Analysis, UC Berkeley, Sociology
2016	Qualitative Data Analysis Instructor for the Digital Humanities Berkeley Summer Intensive, UC Berkeley
2016	Guest Lecturer on Qualitative Data Analysis, UC Berkeley, Social Welfare
2015	Guest Lecturer on Qualitative Research, UC Berkeley, Political Science
2015	Guest Lecturer on Black Gentrification, UC Berkeley, Sociology
2015	Graduate Student Instructor for Evaluation of Evidence, UC Berkeley, Sociology
2015	Guest Lecturer on Policy and Racial Segregation, UC Berkeley, School of Social Welfare
2014	Guest Lecturer on Qualitative Data Analysis, UC Berkeley, School of Education and School of Public Health
2012	Adjunct Professor for Program Analysis and Evaluation, New York University, Wagner School of Public Service
2002-2004	Assistante de Langue Etrangère (Foreign Language Assistant), Lycée Alain and Lycée Marguerite de Navarre, Alençon, France

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Peer-Reviewed Journals

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. Revise and resubmit. "How Experiences of Economic Instability Influence Goals for the Future: The Employment and Education Goals of Section 8 Voucher Holders in a Workforce Development Program."

Bickerstaff, Susan, Melissa Barragan, and Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana. 2017. "Experiences of Earned Success: Community College Students' Shifts in College Confidence." *International Journal of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education*.

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. 2017. "Cultural Implications of Historical Exclusion for the Racial Wealth Gap: How Ideal Financial Behavior Varies by Race." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*.

Fligstein, Neil and Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana. 2016. "The Rich Stay Richer: The Effects of the Financial Crisis on Household Well-being, 2007-2009." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 28.

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi and Ariel H. Bierbaum. 2015. "Qualitative Spaces: Integrating Spatial Data for a Mixed Methods Approach." *The International Journal of Qualitative Methods* 14(2).

### Book Chapters

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi and David James Harding. 2015. "Urban Poverty." In *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*.

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. 2014. "Navigating the Shift: The Instructor Role in the Online Classroom." In *Cases on Critical and Qualitative Perspectives in Online Higher Education*.

### Reports

Bork, Rachel Hare and Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana. 2013. *Role Ambiguity in Online Courses: An Analysis of Student and Instructor Expectations*. New York, NY: Community College Research Center.

Verma, Nandita, Betsy Tessler, Cynthia Miller, James Riccio, Zawadi Rucks, and Edith Yang. 2012. *Working Towards Self-Sufficiency: Early Findings from a Program for Housing Voucher Recipients in New York City*. New York, NY: MDRC.

Bickerstaff, Susan, Melissa Barragan, and Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana. 2012. *"I Came in Unsure of Everything": Community College Students' Shifts in Confidence*. New York, NY: Community College Research Center.

Karp, Melinda Mechur, Susan Bickerstaff, Zawadi Rucks-Ahidiana, Rachel Hare Bork, Melissa Barragan, and Nicole Edgecombe. 2012. *College 101 Courses for Applied Learning and Student Success*. New York, NY: Community College Research Center.

Riccio, James, Nadine Dechausay, David Greenberg, Cynthia Miller, Zawadi Rucks, and Nandita Verma. 2010. *Toward Reduced Poverty Across Generations: Early Findings from New York City's Conditional Cash Transfer Program*. New York, NY: MDRC.

Seith, David and Zawadi Rucks. 2009. *Toward Growth and Equality: A Framework for Monitoring Outcomes for Residents and Housing Markets in Camden and the South Jersey Region*. New York, NY: MDRC.

Tessler, Betsy, David Seith, and Zawadi Rucks. 2008. *Moving from Jobs to Careers: Engaging Low-Wage Workers in Career Advancement*. New York, NY: MDRC.

### Web Publications

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. 2011. "Choice Neighborhoods: The Future for Affordable Housing?" *Wagner Review* feature (<http://www.thewagnerreview.org/2011/11/choice-neighborhoods-a-brighter-future-for-affordable-housing-policy/>).

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi, David J. Harding, and Heather Harris. "Race and the Geography of Opportunity in the Post-Prison Labor Market."

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. "The Real Households of Section 8: Past Experiences, Perceptions, and the Potential for Self-Sufficiency."

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. Under review. "Moving On Up: Race and Upward Neighborhood Succession."

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. "Class Inequality in Space: The Spatial Process of Class Reorganization from 1970 to 2009."

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. "Coding for Consistency: Strategies for Maximizing the Utility of Qualitative Data Analysis".

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi. "The Racialization of 'Gentrification' in the United States."

Rucks-Ahidiana, Zawadi and Rachel Hare Bork. "How Social Capital Supports and Informs the Transition to Community College."

## **PRESENTATIONS**

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*The De-Racialization of Latino Space: Gentrification and Race in San Francisco, 1990-2014* (2017). To be presented at the Latinas/os and Gentrification session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference.

*Race and the Geography of Opportunity in the Post-Prison Labor Market* (2017). To be presented at the Racial and Ethnic Inequality session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference.

*Racialization of Gentrification in the United States* (2015). Presented at the Race-Class Connection session at the Social Science and History Association (SSHA) annual conference.

*Upward Neighborhood Succession and Class Segregation from 1970 to 2009* (2015). Presented at the Residential Segregation session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference.

*Class Inequality in Space: The Spatial Process of Class Reorganization from 1970 to 2009* (2015). Presented at the Urbanization and Urban Change session at the Population Association of America (PAA) annual conference.

*The Racialization of 'Gentrification' in the United States* (2015). Presented at the Gentrification and Race in Comparative Perspectives session at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual conference.

*Moving On Up: Upward Neighborhood Succession and Race, 1970 to 2009* (2014). Presented at the Urban Dynamics session at the Social Science and History Association (SSHA) annual conference.

*Moving On Up: Race and Upward Neighborhood Succession* (2014). Presented at the Racial Segregation, Diversity, and Exclusion session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference.

*Racial Composition and Gentrification Trends: Does Racial Composition Relate to Neighborhood Change?* (2014). Presented at the Making Sense of Gentrification session at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual meeting.

*Perceptions, Expectations, and Racial Wealth Inequalities* (2013). Presented at the Racial Inequality session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference.

*Network Gains for Academic Success: How New Community College Students' Social Ties Support College Integration* (2013). Presented at the Sustaining Lives: New Research on the Academic Pathways of Community College Students regular paper session at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual meeting.

*Re-Operationalizing the Social in Socio-Academic Integration* (2013). Presented at the Social Capital and Networks in Education regular paper session at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) annual meeting.

*Gaining Information for Academic Success: How New Community College Students' Social Ties Contribute to Socio-Academic Integration and College Persistence* (2012). Presented at the Integration in Higher Education session at the American Sociological Association (ASA) annual conference.

*Enhancing the Online Experience through Interactive Technologies: An Empirical Analysis of Technology Usage in Community College* (2012). Presented at the American Educational Research Association (AERA) annual conference.

*Optimizing Transfer through Student Success Courses* (2012). Presented at the League for Innovation in the Community College annual Innovations conference.

*Enhancing Online Course Outcomes: An Exploration of Teaching & Learning at Two Community Colleges* (2011). Presented at the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM) annual conference.

*Beyond Bells and Whistles: Leveraging Interactive Technologies to Enhance Online Learning* (2011). Presented at the Sloan Consortium annual conference.

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

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American Sociological Association  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Population Association of America  
Social Science History Association  
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management

## **SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES**

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- Graduate student representative on the Hiring Committee at UC Berkeley (2016)
- Undergraduate Mentor in sociology at UC Berkeley (2015-2016)
- Co-leader of the Qualitative Methods Group of the D-Lab at UC Berkeley (2013-2016)
- Co-leader of the Sociologists of Color and Allies in the sociology department at UC Berkeley (2013-2016)
- Organizer of graduate student workshop on race/ethnicity and inequality at UC Berkeley (2013-2015)
- Co-organizer of graduate student workshop on neighborhood dynamics at UC Berkeley (2013)
- Board member of Wagner's Black Student Alliance (BSA) (2011-2012)
- Founder of CCRC's Atlas-TI User Group (2011)
- Peer Advisor to incoming Wagner MPA students (2010-2012)
- Co-leader of qualitative work group that organized an NVivo User Group at MDRC (2009-2010)
- Co-chair of MDRC's Diversity Council (2007-2008)
- Founder of MDRC's Eco-Committee (2006)