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## EDUCATION

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### University of Chicago

Ph.D., Sociology

(*expected*) June 2019

*Dissertation:* Jumping the Ladder: How Low-Income and First-Generation Students Navigate Social Mobility Through College

*Committee:* Kristen Schilt (chair), John Levi Martin, Anna Mueller, and Forrest Stuart

Graduate Certificate in Gender and Sexuality Studies

M.A., Sociology

2015

### Reed College

B.A., Sociology

2013

Phi Beta Kappa

### Umpqua Community College

A.A., Transfer – Sociology

2010

Phi Theta Kappa, Jacoby Award

## RESEARCH and TEACHING INTERESTS

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Social mobility, inequality and stratification, education, culture, organizations, urban sociology, theory, qualitative methods

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Melissa Osborne.** 2018. "Who Gets 'Housing First?': Eligibility Determination in an Era of Housing First Homelessness." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. doi.org/10.1177/0891241617753289

- 2017 Best Graduate Student Paper Competition, Sociology and Social Welfare Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2017 Graduate Student Paper Award, First Place, Midwest Sociological Society
- 2017-18 Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, Social Sciences Division, University of Chicago

Anna Mueller, Seth Abrutyn, and **Melissa Osborne.** 2017. "Durkheim's "Suicide" in the Zombie Apocalypse." *Contexts*. 16(2):44-49.

Anna Mueller, Tania Jenkins, **Melissa Osborne**, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O'Conner, and Vineet Arora. 2017. "Gender Differences in Attending Physicians' Feedback for Residents in an Emergency Medical Residency Program: A Qualitative Analysis." *Journal of Graduate Medical Education*. 9(5): 577-585.

- Recognized as one of the Top Articles in Medical Education 2017 by the American Pediatric Association

Forrest Stuart, Amada Armenta, and **Melissa Osborne**. 2015. "Legal Control of Marginal Groups." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*. 11:235-54.

## UNDER REVIEW

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**Melissa Osborne**. "Learning to Play the Field: Extended Advantages of Elite Secondary Education for Low-Income College Students."

- 2018 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Children and Youth

Seth Abrutyn, Anna Mueller, **Melissa Osborne**. "How Suicide Becomes a More Accessible Option: Examining the Cultural Underpinnings of Suicide Diffusion in a Cohesive Community." *Revise and Resubmit at Society and Mental Health*.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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**Melissa Osborne**. "Success in a Silo: How Organizational Support Impacts Low-Income and First-Generation College Students"

Alexandra Brewer, **Melissa Osborne**, Anna Mueller, Arjun Dayal, Daniel O'Conner, and Vineet Arora. "Blame, Bias, and the Benefit of the Doubt: Producing Gender Inequality in Emergency Medicine."

**Melissa Osborne**. "The Role of Social Isolation in Reentry Recidivism."

## AWARDS and HONORS

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| 2018 | Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Children and Youth.               |
| 2018 | Robert Dentler Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Sociological Practice and Public Sociology.    |
| 2018 | Robert Park Lectureship, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago  |
| 2018 | Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago                                  |
| 2017 | Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Sociology and Social Welfare Division |
| 2017 | Graduate Student Paper Award, First Place, Midwest Sociological Society  |
| 2010 | Coca-Cola New Century Scholar Award  |
| 2010 | <i>USA Today's</i> All-USA Academic Team Award   |

## FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

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| 2018    | Beth B. Hess Memorial Scholarship Award, Awarded by: SWS, SSSP, and ASA (\$18,000) |
| 2018-19 | Benjamin Bloom Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of Chicago (\$27,000)      |
| 2018-19 | <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , Editorial Fellowship (\$18,000)             |
| 2018    | Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute Fellow, UT Austin            |
| 2018    | Henderson Research Grant, University of Chicago (\$3,000)                          |
| 2018    | American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Grant (\$250)               |
| 2018    | Sociology of Education Association Graduate Student Travel Grant (\$250)           |

- 2018 Chicago Ethnography Incubator Graduate Student Fellow, University of Chicago
- 2017 University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences Dissertation Research Grant (\$4,000)
- 2017 Center for the Study of Race, Politics, and Culture Graduate Research Grant (\$1,600)
- 2017 Midwest Sociological Society Research Grant (\$2,500)
- 2017 Lee Student Support Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems (\$250)
- 2017 Travel Grant, Midwest Sociological Society (\$200)
- 2017 Graduate Council Travel Grant, University of Chicago (\$600)
- 2016-17 Urban Doctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago
- 2013-16 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Fellowship (\$50,000)
- 2012 Alta S. Corbett Grant for Research on Public Policy Issues, Reed College (\$3,000)
- 2012 Betty Gray Scholarship for Academic Excellence, Reed College
- 2011 Edward H. Cooley Scholarship, Reed College
- 2010-13 Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship

## INVITED TALKS

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“Learning to Play the Field: Extended Advantages of Elite Secondary Education for Low-Income College Students.”

- Socioeconomic Empowerment Summit. University of Chicago. 2018
- Workshop on Education Lecture Series. University of Chicago. 2018-19

“Who Gets ‘Housing First’?: Eligibility Determination in an Era of Housing First Homelessness.”

- US-China Forum on Innovation on the Urban-Rural Continuum. Hong Kong University. 2017.
- Urban and Community Studies Workshop. Northwestern University. 2017.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Learning to Play the Field: Extended Advantages of Elite Secondary Education for Low-Income College Students.”

- Sociology of Education Association Annual Conference. February 2018.
- Midwest Sociological Society’s Annual Conference. Minneapolis. March 2018.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. March 2018.
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. August 2018.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. August 2018.

“Who Gets ‘Housing First’?: Eligibility Determination in an Era of Housing First Homelessness.”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal. August 2017.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Montreal. August 2017.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. April 2017.
- Midwest Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, Milwaukee. April 2017.

“He’s Ready to Launch!: Gender and Implicit Bias in Emergency Medical Residency Programs.” with Anna Mueller, Rebecca Ewert, Daniel O’Conner, Arjun Dayal, and Vineet Arora.

- Midwest Sociological Society’s Annual Meeting, Milwaukee. April 2017.
- Sociologists for Women in Society’s Winter Meeting, Albuquerque. February 2017

“Constructing the Vulnerable Body: Authenticating and Documenting Eligibility in an Era of Housing First Homelessness.”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle. August, 2016.
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Seattle. August, 2016.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Instructor

Sociology of Higher Education (2018-19) *Winner of a Robert Park Lectureship for self-designed course.*

### Teaching Assistant

Policing the City (2017-18).

Sociology of Deviant Behavior (2017-18).

Urban Structure and Process (2016-17).

Gender and Sexuality in World Civilization (2016-17).

Power, Identity, and Resistance II (2015-16).

Power, Identity, and Resistance III (2015-16).

## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2016-18 Graduate Research Assistant. **Dr. Anna Mueller** *Emergency Medical Education*. University of Chicago. Responsibilities included developing coding nodes, coding data, managing and formatting data, developing analytic framework, managing the work of three other graduate student assistants, assisting in grant writing, and writing with Dr. Anna Mueller.

2014-15 Graduate Research Assistant. **Dr. Forrest Stuart** *Policing of Marginalized Groups*. University of Chicago. Responsibilities included collecting and analyzing existing literature, producing summarizations, data management, constructing an analytic framework for the data, and writing with Drs. Stuart and Armenta.

2011-12 Undergraduate Research Assistant. **Dr. Alec Campbell** *Military Contractors*. Reed College. Responsibilities include accessing and analyzing archival and government data, data management, conducting data cleaning, analyzing data on government contractors of host-country nationals, and writing the grant funded research report with Dr. Alec Campbell.

## SERVICE

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### University

2017- Founder & Organizer, First Generation Students in Sociology, University of Chicago

2017-18 Planning Committee, First-Generation Student Conference, University of Chicago

2017-18 Student Advisory Council, FLI Network University of Chicago

2017-18 Mellon Sawyer Seminar Graduate Assistant, University of Chicago

2016- Dean's Advisory Council, University of Chicago Social Science Division

2016- Organizing Committee, Chicago Ethnography Incubator, University of Chicago

2016-17 Co-Chair, Society for Social Research (SSR), University of Chicago

- 2015-17 Co-Coordinator, Urban Workshop at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL
- 2015-16 Treasurer, Society for Social Research (SSR), University of Chicago
- 2014-15 Chair, Society for Social Research (SSR), University of Chicago
- 2014-15 Chair, University of Chicago Sociology Spring institute
- 2011-13 Committee Member, Reed College Campus Climate Study

**Discipline**

- 2018-19 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2018 Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology and Social Welfare Division of SSSP
- 2017-18 Manuscript Board, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2015-17 Book Review Board, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2015-16 Organizing Committee, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference
- 2014-15 Organizing Committee, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Engendering Change Conference
- 2014-15 Organizing Committee, 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference
- Occasional Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *SAGE Open*

**Professional**

- 2018- Executive Board, Reed College Alumni Board
- 2017- Diversity and Inclusion Committee Co-Chair, Reed College Alumni Board
- 2016- Chair, Reed College Peer Mentor Program Alumni Advisory Board
- 2016-17 Outreach Committee Chair, Reed College Alumni Board
- 2015-18 At-Large Board Member, Reed College Alumni Board

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association  
 Sociologists for Women in Society  
 Society for the Study of Social Problems  
 Sociology of Education Association  
 Midwest Sociological Society

**REFERENCES**

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