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## EMPLOYMENT

**Bowdoin College**, July 2006 – present.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology.  
Affiliate Faculty, Africana Studies Program.

**Towson University**, August 2003 – June 2006.

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice.  
Affiliate Faculty, Metropolitan Studies Program.

## EDUCATION

**Ph.D., University of Maryland College Park, May 2003**

Department of Sociology. Dissertation: *Urban Structure and Individual Outcomes: The Effects of Economic and Racial Segregation on the Black-White Gap in Employment Rates.*

Comprehensive examinations in Stratification and Theory. Other areas of concentration: urban sociology, statistics/methods, social psychology, and demography.

**Master of Arts, University of Maryland College Park, May 1996**

Department of American Studies. Thesis: *Generating X: The Construction of Generation X Identity in Films of the 1990s.* Areas of concentration: popular culture, film and television, youth culture.

**Bachelor of Arts, Swarthmore College, May 1993**

Major: English Language and Literature.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

America in the 1970s  
Introduction to Social Research  
Urban Sociology  
Race and Ethnicity  
Introduction to Sociology  
Honors Introduction to Sociology  
Sociological Theory  
Inequality in American Society  
The Sociology of Race, Class, and Gender

## PUBLICATIONS

### *Peer reviewed*

- Moore, Laura and Seth Ovadia. 2006. "Accounting for Spatial Variation in Tolerance: The Effects of Education and Religion." *Social Forces* 84: 2205-22.
- Ovadia, Seth. 2004. "Ratings and Rankings: Reconsidering the Structure of Values and their Measurement." *International Journal of Social Research Methodology: Theory & Practice* 7: 403-14.
- Ovadia, Seth. 2003. "The Dimensions of Racial Inequality: Occupational and Residential Segregation Across Metropolitan Areas in the United States." *City & Community* 2: 313-33.
- Ovadia, Seth. 2003. "Suggestions of the Postmodern Self: Value Changes in American High School Students, 1976-1996." *Sociological Perspectives* 46: 239-56.  
- Abstracted in "Discoveries: New and Noteworthy Social Research," *Contexts* 3(1): 8-9.
- Cotter, David A., Joan Hermsen, Seth Ovadia, and Reeve Vanneman. 2001. "The Glass Ceiling Effect." *Social Forces* 80: 655-82.
- Ovadia, Seth. 2001. "Race, Class, and Gender Differences in High School Seniors= Values: Applying Intersection Theory in Empirical Analysis." *Social Science Quarterly* 82: 340-56.
- Ritzer, George, and Seth Ovadia. 2000. "The Process of McDonaldization is Not Uniform, nor are Its Settings, Consumers or the Consumption of Its Goods and Services." Pp. 33-49 in M. Gottdiener, ed. *New Forms of Consumption: Consumers, Culture, and Commodification*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.  
- Reprinted in George Ritzer, *Explorations in the Sociology of Consumption: Fast Food, Credit Cards and Casinos*, Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage, 2001, pp. 58-70.

### *Non-peer reviewed*

- Ovadia, Seth. Forthcoming, 2008. "Generations and Generational Conflict." In *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*, ed. Roger Chapman. Armonk, NY: M. E. Sharpe.
- Ovadia, Seth. 2006. Book review of *Analyzing Inequality: Life Chances and Social Mobility in Comparative Perspective*, edited by Stefan Svallfors. *Social Forces* 85: 1053-55.

## PRESENTATIONS

- "Race, Wealth, and Neighborhood Quality." American Sociological Association meeting, New York, NY, August 2007 (with Rachael Woldoff).
- "Religious Contexts and Teen Childbearing." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, April 2007 (with Laura Moore).
- "Panel Data in a Contextual Model: A Three-Level Hierarchical Approach." Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE, April 2006.

- “A Multilevel Analysis of American Attitudes Toward Homosexuality,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2005 (with Laura Moore).
- “Time, Place, Race, Gender, and Employment.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2004.
- “Explaining Intolerance: The Significance of Context.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, March 2004 (with Laura Moore).
- “Racial Segregation and/or Economic Segregation?: Assessing the Effects of Segregation on Racial Differences in Employment.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, August 2003.
- “Does Residential Segregation Affect Intercity Mobility?” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2003.
- “The Glass Ceiling Effect.” Syracuse University Project Advance Sociology Workshop, November 2002.
- “Sociological Theories About the Rise in Consumption: What Do the Data Suggest?” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, March 2002 (with Todd Stillman).
- “How Race Matters Differently: Occupational and Residential Segregation Across Metropolitan Areas in the United States.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 2001.
- “The Role of Credit Cards in the Increase in Consumption.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Anaheim, CA, August 2001 (with George Ritzer and Todd Stillman).
- “Occupational and Residential Segregation in Metropolitan Areas: Is There A Relationship?” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, March 2001.
- “Ratings or Rankings?: Measuring Value Change in Societies.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, August 2000.
- “Value Change in American High School Students, 1976-1996.” American Association for Public Opinion Research Annual Meeting, Portland, OR, May 2000.
- “Race, Class, and Gender Differences in High School Students’ Values.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, March 2000.
- “Selling Friends: The Making of a ‘Surprise’ Hit.” Popular Culture Association of America National Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, March 1996.
- “Creating Trends: Popular Media and Generation X.” Mid-Atlantic Graduate Communication Conference, College Park, MD, April 1995.

## **CURRENT PROJECTS**

“A Multilevel Analysis of American Attitudes Toward Homosexuality.” Under review, *Social Forces* (with Laura Moore).

“Simple Exposure and Sustained Exposure: How Urban Characteristics Affect Employment Rates.” Paper in preparation for submission to journal.

“Race, Wealth, and Neighborhood Quality.” Paper in preparation for submission to journal (with Rachael Woldoff).

“Religious Contexts and Teen Childbearing.” Paper in preparation for submission to journal (with Laura Moore).

“Neighborhood and Urban Level Correlates of Neighborhood Racial Change in the 1990s.” Anticipated submission to 2008 American Sociological Association meeting.

“Leaving (for) Las Vegas: Urban Characteristics and Intercity Migration.” Paper in preparation for submission to journal.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

Fletcher Family Research Grant, “White Flight, Gentrification, and Stable Diversity: Race in America’s Urban Neighborhoods, 1970 to 2000,” \$1600.

Towson University Summer Research Grant, “Leaving (for) Las Vegas: Urban Characteristics and Intercity Migration,” \$3300.

Towson University College of Graduate Research and Education Incentive Grant, “Urban Racial Inequality: Measurement, Causes, and Consequences,” \$3300.

Towson University Faculty Development and Research Award, “Explaining Tolerance: The Significance of Context,” \$900.

George M. Phillips Award (for “contributions to topics involving community and public concerns”), College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2003.

Irene B. Taeuber Graduate Student Paper Award, District of Columbia Sociological Society, 2002 (for “How Race Matters Differently: Occupational and Residential Segregation Across Metropolitan Areas in the United States”).

Excellence in Teaching Award, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland, 2002.

C. Wright Mills Fellowship, University of Maryland Department of Sociology, 1998-2002.

Graduate School Fellowship, University of Maryland, 1998-1999, 2000-2001.

American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award, 2001.

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

Member, Robert E. Park Article award committee, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology section, 2006-07.

Contributor, *American Sociological Association Theory Syllabus Guide*, edited by Patricia Lengermann, Jill Niebrugge-Brantley, and Andrea Brenner.

Roundtable presider and/or discussant, Community and Urban Sociology section, American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, 2004, 2006.

Guest on *The Marc Steiner Show*, WYPR-FM, Baltimore, for discussion about race, class, and the response to Hurricane Katrina, September 8, 2005.

Interviewed on WJZ-TV (Baltimore CBS affiliate) about social disorder in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina, September 2, 2005.

Occasional reviewer:

*American Journal of Sociology*  
*Social Forces*  
*City & Community*  
*Work and Occupations*  
*Social Science Quarterly*  
McGraw-Hill Publishing  
Wadsworth Publishing  
Sage Publications

Member, American Sociological Association  
Community and Urban Sociology section  
Racial and Ethnic Minorities section

Member, Eastern Sociological Society

Member, Southern Sociological Society

## COLLEGE AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Honors Thesis Committee Member:

Michel Bamani, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, 2007-08.

Larissa Curlik, "A Spectacle in the City: The Portland Public Market" (Self-designed major in Environmental Design), 2006-07.

Faculty advisor, West Virginia Alternative Spring Break, 2006-07.

Member, Academic Computing Committee, 2007-08.

Member, Sociology/Anthropology governance review subcommittee.