

CURRICULUM VITAE

Academic Experience

Instructional

Instructor of Sociology (Part-time), Houston Community College Houston, TX	2016 – present
Adjunct Lecturer of Sociology, University of Houston – Downtown Houston, TX	2017 – present
Adjunct Instructor of Sociology, Lone Star College – North Harris Houston, TX	2014 – 2015
Teaching Assistant, Louisiana State University Baton Rouge, LA	2010 – 2013

Program Leadership & Administration

P-TECH Grant Administrator, Houston Independent School District Houston, TX	2022 – present
Director of Dual Credit and College Readiness, Energized for STEM Academy Houston, TX	2017 – 2021

Education

Ph.D., Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2015
Dissertation Fellowship Recipient, 2014-2015
Dissertation: *Mind Playing Tricks: Individualism, Upward Mobility, and the
Commitment to Self-Determination Among the Urban Poor*
M.A., Sociology, Louisiana State University, 2013
B.A., Political Science, Concordia University Chicago, 2008 (summa cum laude)
A.A., William Rainey Harper College, 2006

Scholarly Interests

Urban community; culture and identity; inequality and poverty; immigration

Publications

- Bryerton, Will. 2017. "Attached or Entrenched? Community Attachment and Place Construction in Southwest Houston, an American *Banlieue*." *Sociological Spectrum*, 37(3): 171-187.
- Bryerton, Will. 2016. "That 'Every Man for Himself' Thing: The Rationales of Individualism Among the Urban Poor." *Sociological Inquiry*, 86(1): 79-102.
- Bryerton, Will. 2016. "Coming Up or Coming to Grips? Upward Mobility, the American Dream, and Young Residents of Houston's Fifth Ward." *Sociological Focus*, 49(2): 103-118.

Under Review

- "Sages of The Street: Violence Management and Neighborhood Conflict Among Crime- and Violence-Exposed Young Males in Southwest Houston." Submitted to *Journal of Youth Studies* on August 23, 2022.

Conference Presentations & Activity (Sole presenter unless otherwise noted)

- "Studying Community Attachment in New, Multi-Ethnic Communities." Paper presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV. March 25, 2016.
- (with Gene Stubbson) "Coming Up, with Pants Hanging Down: The internalization of mixed messages on achievement and social mobility among youths and young adults in a low-income Houston neighborhood." Presented at the annual meeting of the California Sociological Association (Subcultures in American Society session). Riverside, CA. November 8, 2014.
- "No Excuses: Assertions of Responsibility Among Very Low-Income Residents of Houston's Fifth Ward." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the California Sociological Association (Creating Community session). Riverside, CA. November 8, 2014.
- "Poverty, Responsibility, and Inter-generational Mobility: Taking Fault, Taking Offense or Taking the High Ground?" Presented at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting. San Antonio, TX. April 17, 2014.
- "Contemporary Sociology Research." Session chair at the Southwestern Social Science Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, April 17, 2014.
- "Serving the Suburban Poor: A Comparison of Suburban Anti-poverty Organizations and Community Development Corporations." Presented at the annual meeting of the Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL. March 2, 2013.

Invited Presentations & Media Outreach

"Best Practices in Engaging and Retaining a Diverse Workforce." Invited panelist at Texas Diversity and Leadership Conference, Houston, TX. April 20, 2017.

"No Really, What Would Jesus Do? A candid conversation to move beyond tragedy, work towards reconciliation, and begin to heal." Invited panelist on *Wednesday Night Live* discussion on police-community relations. Pleasant Hill Ministries, Houston, TX. July 13, 2016.

"Mass Incarceration and Educational Inequality in Black America." Invited panelist on *About Us*, produced by the Texas Southern University School of Communication. Houston, TX. April 28, 2016.

"All On Me: Rugged Individualism, Personal Responsibility, and Conflicted Consciousness in Houston's Fifth Ward." Invited presenter at Louisiana State University's Sociology Graduate Student Association Meeting. Baton Rouge, LA. February 21, 2014.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Sociology, Contemporary Social Problems, Culture & Society

Future / Additional Teaching Interests

Urban & Community Sociology; Latino Stratification, Inequality, and Migration in the U.S.; Drugs and Society, Sociology of the Self and Identity

Service

Juvenile Probation Mentor, Houston ReVision, Houston, TX, 2016 - present

Mentor, PAIR Houston (Partnership for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees), Houston, TX, 2022 - present

Research Assistant, Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation, Houston, TX, 2013-2014

Counselor, Pleasant Hill Leadership Institute, Houston, TX, 2013-2014

Counselor, Respond Now (emergency help and homelessness prevention agency), Chicago Heights, IL, 2012