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EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

PhD in Sociology (expected May 2013)

Dissertation: *Unequal Playing Fields, Same Game: Variations in Students' Approaches to the College Application Process at Racially and Socioeconomically Diverse High Schools*

Committee: Kathryn Edin, William Julius Wilson, Mary Brinton, Jal Mehta (Harvard Graduate School of Education)

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

AM in Sociology, March 2010

Field Examination: *The Intersection of Gender, Race, and Class in Educational Contexts* (with Distinction)

Qualifying Paper: *The Social Integration of Minority Students at a Majority White School*

General Exams: Social Stratification, Organizations, Race and Ethnicity, Culture

University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA

BA in Sociology with Distinction, Concentration in Structures of Opportunity and Inequality, Minor in Urban Education, *magna cum laude*, May 2003

Thesis: *Magnet vs. Neighborhood Public Schools: How high school type affects the ways in which students navigate the college admissions process*

Advisor: Frank Furstenberg

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Inequality, Sociology of Education, Gender, Race and Ethnic Relations, Social Stratification, Youth and Crime, Children and the Family, Qualitative Methods

AWARDS AND GRANTS

National Academy of Education/Spencer Dissertation Fellowship	2012-2013
GSAS Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Harvard University	2012-2013
Sociology Department Travel Award, Harvard University	Spring 2012
Merit/Graduate Society Term Time Research Fellowship, Harvard University	Spring 2012
Taubman Center Urban Dissertation Fellowship, Harvard University	Fall 2011
Graduate Student Council Summer Research Award, Harvard University	Summer 2011
Myra Sadker Dissertation Award, Myra Sadker Foundation	Spring 2011
Graduate Student Council Conference Grant, Harvard University	Spring 2011
Center for American Political Science Graduate Research Seed Grant, Harvard University	Fall 2010
E. Digby Baltzell Award in Sociology, University of Pennsylvania	Spring 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Holland, Megan M. 2012. "Only Here for the Day: The Social Integration of Minority Students at a Majority White High School." *Sociology of Education* 85(2): 101-120.

Holland, Megan M. Forthcoming. "Gender Inequality: College Enrollment and Completion" in *Sociology of Education: An A to Z Guide* Edited by James Ainsworth and J. Geoffrey Golson.

WORKING PAPERS

DeLuca, Stefanie and **Megan M. Holland**. "College or Careers? Postsecondary Institutions and Trade Schools in the Transition to Adulthood among Low Income African American Youth."

Holland, Megan M. "Recruiting Disadvantaged Students: The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Reproducing Inequality."

Holland, Megan M. "Well, My Friend Loved It: The Role of Friendship Networks in the College Search Process."

Holland, Megan M. and Jal Mehta. "Invited Accountability."

PRESENTATIONS

Holland, Megan M. "Well, My Friend Loved It: The Role of Friendship Networks in the College Search Process." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (New York City, February 2012).

Holland, Megan M. and Jal Mehta. "Invited Accountability." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, February 2011).

Holland, Megan M. "Two Worlds, One School: Gender Differences in the Social Integration of Minority Students into a Majority White School." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting (Boston, March 2010).

Holland, Megan M. "The Social Integration of Minority Students at a Majority White School." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, August 2009).

Holland, Megan M. "Negotiating Race and Gender in High School: How Schools Impact Achievement Through Status Rewards." Harvard-Oxford-Stockholm Aage Sorenson Memorial Conference (Stockholm, April 2009).

Holland, Megan M. "Negotiating Race and Gender in High School: How Schools Impact Achievement Through Status Rewards." Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium (Columbia University, March 2009).

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Pennsylvania and Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD Summer 2010
Research Assistant

"Housing and Neighborhoods" Kathryn Edin, Professor of Public Policy and Management

- Participated in extensive qualitative methods training
- Conducted in-depth interviews with youth age 15-24 on multiple subjects including education, employment, family and friends

Harvard University, Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA 2008-2009
Research Assistant

"Accountability Across the Professions" Jal Mehta, Assistant Professor of Education

- Researched, analyzed and coded newspaper and professional journal articles
- Conducted literature reviews on accountability and commensuration
- Outlined journal articles and book chapters

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, MA Spring 2007
Research Assistant

"The Socio-cultural Context of Schools" Prudence Carter, Assistant Professor of Sociology

- Conducted participant observation for four months at a high school
- Recruited students for interviews and administered surveys
- Conducted small-group interviews with high school students

Public/Private Ventures, Philadelphia, PA

Summer 2005

Research and Evaluation Intern

“Life Experiences of Riker’s Island Inmates”

- Coded and analyzed data from life history interviews and wrote memos describing patterns and trends
- Conducted literature reviews on issues related to recidivism

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, MA

Undergraduate Thesis Advisor

2012-Present

- Advise undergraduates on all aspects of research including: developing research questions and proposals, research design, conducting field research, analysis
- Provide comments and suggestions on thesis drafts

Collegewise, Chatham, NJ

2010-Present

College Admissions Counselor

- Assist and advise high school students on all aspects of the college admissions process.
- Tutor students in SAT and ACT preparation

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, MA

Spring of 2010-2012

Senior Thesis Grader

- Read and graded five undergraduate student theses
- Provided detailed comments for students

Harvard University, Department of Social Studies, Cambridge, MA

Spring of 2009-2010

Senior Thesis Grader

- Read and graded four undergraduate student theses
- Provided detailed comments for students
- Participated in oral exams on theses with students and professors in the department

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, MA

2009-2010

Departmental Writing Fellow

- Assisted undergraduates with all aspects of the writing process including brainstorming, outlining,, drafting and editing papers
- Prepared and conducted writing workshops for undergraduate students
- Interviewed professors and teaching fellows on best practices and developed guide to writing in sociology.

Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Cambridge, MA

2008-2010

Teaching Fellow

- The American Family (Spring 2010) *Head Teaching Fellow*
- Qualitative Social Analysis – Graduate Level (Fall 2009) *Distinction in Teaching Award*
- Social Interaction (Spring 2009)
- Class and Culture (Fall 2008)

Veritas Tutors, Cambridge, MA

2007-2010

SAT and English Tutor

- Tutored students in SAT and ACT preparation
- Developed and taught middle and high school English curriculum for home-schooled students

Teach For America/Gentry High School, Indianola, MS

2003-2005

English Teacher

- Created lesson plans for and taught six high school English classes
- Founded, designed and implemented ACT preparation class

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

Harvard University, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning

- Christensen Leadership Seminar Participant
- Bok Center Graduate Writing Fellow

Fall 2009

Spring 2009

Harvard University, Sociology Department

- Committee on Undergraduate Degrees Representative
- Graduate Admissions Committee Student Representative
- Graduate Student Council Representative

2009-2010

2008-2009

2007-2008

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teach for America, Recruiting and Admissions

- Alumni Board
- Phone Interviewer

2010 –2011

2010 –2011

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society