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EMPLOYMENT

Neubauer Family Assistant Professor, University of Chicago	2017-Present
Director, Crime Law and Politics Lab	2017-Present
Visiting Scholar, American Bar Foundation	2016-Present
American Bar Foundation	
Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame	2016-2017
Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2014-2016
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholar in Health Policy, Harvard University	2012-2014

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology	2012
Northwestern University	
B.A. in Public Policy Studies (with High Honors)	2007
DePaul University	

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Urban Sociology; Crime, Law, and Deviance; Race; Mixed Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Books

- Vargas, Robert. 2016. *Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio*. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Winner - 2016 Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Outstanding Book Prize
 - Co-Winner - 2017 Outstanding Book Prize, ASA Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict
 - Co-Winner – 2017 Best Book Award, ASA Section on Political Sociology
 - Finalist – 2016 Society for the Study of Social Problems C. Wright Mills Book Award

Articles (* Denotes Equal Co-authorship)

*Flores, Rene, and Robert Vargas. 2017. “Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Insurance Coverage: What has Changed After the Affordable Care Act?” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. [Forthcoming]

Vargas, Robert and Phil McHarris. 2017. “Race and State in City Police Spending Growth: 1980-2010.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 3(1):96-112.

Vargas, Robert. 2016. "How Health Navigators Legitimize the Affordable Care Act to the Uninsured Poor." *Social Science and Medicine* Vol 165:263-270.

Vargas, Robert. 2014. "Criminal Group Embeddedness and the Adverse Effects of Arresting a Gang's Leader." *Criminology* 52(2):143-168. [Lead Article]

- Winner of the 2011 Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Law and Society Division Student Paper Competition, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Vargas, Robert. 2011. "Being in "Bad" Company: Power Dependency and Status in Adolescent Susceptibility to Peer Influence." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 74(3): 310-332.

- Winner of the 2009 Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Second Year Paper Northwestern University Department of Sociology

RESEARCH GRANTS

"The Evolution of Urban Homicide Dynamics: 1870-2003" 2017-2022

CAREER Grant \$400,377

National Science Foundation

"Violence, Space, and Educational Opportunity in a Chicago Barrio" 2010

Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant \$10,000

National Science Foundation

"Violence, Space, and Educational Opportunity in a Chicago Barrio" 2010

Graduate Research Grant \$3000

Dissertation Research Grant

Northwestern University

"Violence, Space, and Educational Opportunity in a Chicago Barrio" 2010

Institute of Educational Sciences \$3000

Dissertation Research Grant

Northwestern University

Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate \$1500 2009

Tuition for attending the University of Michigan Survey Research Center Course

On Combining Quantitative and Qualitative Methods

Spencer Research Grant \$39,565 2009

Co-PI (with PI: Lincoln Quillian)

Spencer Foundation

Frisen Grant \$1000 2008

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

MacArthur Foundation Summer Research Grant \$1000 2008

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

EDITORIALS AND REVIEW ESSAYS

2016. "It's on Us to Stop the Mini Civil Wars Being Waged On Our Streets." (With Rashawn Ray) Public Radio International. July 12, 2016.

2016. Book Review in *Sociological Forum*. "The Insane Chicago Way: The Daring Plan by Chicago Gangs to Create a Spanish Mafia." By John Hagedorn

2016. "Engaging Uninsured Cynics of the ACA." Illinois Health Matters Blog. January 13th, 2016.

2015. "How to End Chicago's Cycle of Violence" CNN Opinions. November 6th, 2015.

2014. Book Review in *City and Community*. "Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress Toward Racial Inequality." By Patrick Sharkey.

HONORS AND AWARDS

New Scholar Award, Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology	2016
Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Summer Research Fellow - Rutgers University	2016
Honorable Mention - Art Stinchcombe Dissertation Prize in Organization Studies	2012
University of Chicago Provost Post-Doc (Turned Down)	2012
National Science Foundation Minority Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Turned Down)	2012
Karpf Prize, Northwestern University Department of Sociology	2011
Institute for Educational Sciences (IES) Pre-Doctoral Fellow	2008-2011
Ronald E. McNair Scholar	2005-2007

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

"(Not) Enrolling in Obamacare: Policy Feedback and Health Insurance Access Among the Urban Poor."

- CommunityHealth Chicago, Chicago, IL (2016)
- Schweitzer Fellows Conference, Chicago, IL (2016)
- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (2015)
- University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology (2015)
- Annual Meeting of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology Dept, Race and Ethnicity Workshop (2014)
- University of Michigan, CIRLI Workshop (2014)
- Harvard University, RWJ Scholars in Health Policy Seminar Series (2014)
- International Conference on Urban Health, University of Manchester, UK (2014)

"Race and State in the Growth of City Police Spending 1980-2010."

- Boston College, Department of Sociology (2014)
- Harvard University, Quantitative Methods Workshop (2014)
- Harvard University, Immigration Workshop (2014)

"Wounded City: Violent Turf Wars in a Chicago Barrio."

- University of Chicago, Department of Sociology (2017)

- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal (2017)
- University of Notre Dame, Latino Studies Seminar (2017)
- Northern Illinois University, Department of Sociology (2017)
- American Bar Foundation, Fellows Research Advisory Committee (2016)
- University of California-Berkeley, Department of Sociology (2016)
- Chicago Latino Writers Initiative, Annual Meeting (2016)
- University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Department of Sociology (2016)
- University of Illinois-Chicago, Department of Sociology (2016)
- American Bar Foundation, Research Seminar Series (2016)
- Rutgers University, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network Conference (2016)
- University of Chicago, Neubauer Collegium (2016)
- DePaul University, Department of Public Policy (2016)
- Purdue University, Department of Sociology (2016)
- University of Tennessee-Knoxville, Critical Criminology Conference (2016)
- Association of American Geographers, Annual Meeting, (2016)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Social Psychology and Microsociology Workshop (2015)
- University of Texas-Austin, Department of Sociology (2015)
- University of Notre Dame, Department of Sociology (2015)
- University of Michigan, Department of Sociology (2014)
- University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration (2014)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Politics Culture and Society Workshop (2013)
- Harvard University, Urban Social Processes Workshop (2012)
- Northwestern University, Urban/Community Workshop (2012)
- Northwestern University Ethnography Workshop (2012)

“Danger on the Horizon: Violence and Community Organization Access Among Latino Youth.”

- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York (2013)

“Subversion and Fear of Gang Crime.”

- Brown University Department of Sociology (2011)
- University of Chicago Department of Sociology (2011)
- University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Sociology (2011)
- Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems Las Vegas (2011)
- Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Francisco (2011)
- The Northwestern University Organizations Working Group (2011)
- Multi-Disciplinary Program in Educational Sciences Workshop (2011)
- The Chicago Ethnography Conference, South Bend, IN (2011)
- Northwestern University Culture Workshop (2011)
- Northwestern University, SION (2011)

“Criminal Group Embeddedness and the Consequences of Arresting a Gang’s Leader.”

- Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, (2013)

- Northwestern University Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop (2011)
- Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA (2011)

“Being in “Bad” Company: Power Dependency and Status in Adolescent Susceptibility to Peer Influence.”

- Institute for Policy Research and Sciences Po Joint-Conference, Paris, France (2010)
- Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Sociological Society, Chicago, IL (2010)
- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (2009)
- Northwestern University, Ethnography Workshop (2008)

INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invited Panelist, “Latin@ Criminology: Setting a New Agenda for Research, Policy, and Justice.” American Society of Criminology Meeting. November 2016.

Invited Participant, “The Future of Latinos in the United States Conference.” The American Bar Foundation. June 2016

Invited Discussant, “Schools as Urban Governance Institutions.” Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, March 2016

Invited Panelist on Graduate School Diversity, McNair Academy, DePaul University, August 2015

Invited Panelist, Author Meets Critic for Patrick Sharkey’s *Stuck in Place: Urban Neighborhoods and the End of Progress Toward Racial Inequality*, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2014

Invited Organizer, Thematic Session on the Alignment of Policing and Social Services in the City, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 2014.

Invited Panelist on Summer Research Opportunity Program Preparation, McNair Academy, DePaul University, May 2013.

Invited Keynote Address, DePaul University, McNair Scholars Program Banquet, June 2012

Invited Keynote Address, DePaul University, Public Policy Department Graduation Ceremony, June 2012

Invited Panelist on the Graduate School Application Process, McNair Scholars Program, DePaul University, November 2011.

Invited Panelist on the Northwestern Graduate School Experience, Multicultural Affairs, Northwestern University, May 2011.

Invited Panelist on Professionalism and The Graduate School Application Process. McNair Scholars Program, DePaul University, March 2011.

Invited Panelist on the Graduate School Admissions Process, DePaul University, July 2010.

Invited Speaker, “The Consequences of Neighborhood Violence.” Little Village Youth Forum, Chicago, IL, March 2010.

Invited Panelist, Alumni Success, DePaul University, January 2010.

Invited Panelist, Graduate School Admissions Process, Northwestern University, Summer Research Opportunities Program, June 2009.

Invited Panelist, Symposium on Latinos in Graduate School, DePaul University, October 2008.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member, <i>American Sociological Review</i>	2016-Present
Faculty Coordinator, Microsociology Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2015-2016
Graduate Student Job Placement Committee, University of Wisconsin-Madison	2014-2016
Reviewer for ASA Latina/o Studies Student Paper and Best Article Competition	2011
McNair Scholars Program DePaul University – Consultant	2008-Present
Graduate Student Coordinator - Ethnography Workshop, Northwestern University	2009-2012
President of the Sociology Graduate Student Association	2009-2010

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *City and Community*, *Criminology*, *Ethnography*, *Journal of Research on Adolescence*, *Law and Society Review*, *Population Research and Policy Review*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *Social Forces*

ADVISING

Dissertation Committee Member for:

Nicholas Barnes (UW-Madison), Dagoberto Cortez (UW-Madison), Daanika Gordon (UW-Madison), Matt Moehr (UW-Madison), David Rangel (UW-Madison)

Undergraduate Advisees Now in Graduate School:

Sophie Gottlieb (UW-Madison), Sean Lenz (UW-Madison), Phil McHarris (Boston College), Emily Persons (Harvard), Kayla Prieto-Hodge (Boston College), Olivia Weltz (UW-Madison)

REFERENCES

(Available Upon Request)