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Academic Appointments

2017- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

Education

2017 Ph.D. Sociology, Rice University, Houston, Texas

2013 M.A. Sociology, Rice University, Houston, Texas

2010 B.A. Sociology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

Research Interest

Urban Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Inequality and Mobility, Quantitative Methodology

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2017 Elliott, James R. and **Junia Howell**. "Beyond Disasters: A Longitudinal Analysis of Natural Hazards' Unequal Impacts on Residential Instability." *Social Forces*. 95(3): 1181-1207. DOI: 10.1093/sf/sow086

2017 **Howell, Junia** and Michael Emerson. "So What 'Should' We Use? Evaluating the Impact of Five Racial Measures on Markers of Social Inequality." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 3(1):14-30. DOI: 10.1177/2332649216648465

2015 Timberlake, Jeffrey M., **Junia Howell**, Amy Baumann Grau, and Rhys H. Williams. "Who 'They' Are Matters: Effects of Immigrant Stereotypes on Public Assessments of the Impact of Immigration." *The Sociological Quarterly*. 56 (2): 267-299. DOI: 10.1111/tsq.12076

Other Refereed Works

2016 **Howell, Junia**. "Ideologies." In *(Un)Making Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*, edited by Michael O. Emerson, Jenifer Bratter and Sergio Chavez. New York, New York: Oxford University Press.

- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** "Thinking Strategically." In *(Un)Making Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*, edited by Michael O. Emerson, Jenifer Bratter and Sergio Chavez. New York, New York: Oxford University Press.

Under Review

Howell, Junia and James R. Elliott. "Damage Done: The Longitudinal Impacts of Natural Hazards on Wealth Polarization in the United States."

Howell, Junia. "Neighborhood Effects in Cross-Nation Perspective: A Longitudinal Analysis of Impacts on Intergenerational Mobility in the United States and Germany."

Howell, Junia and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. "Neighborhoods Race and the 21st-Century Housing Appraisal Industry."

Howell, Junia. "What Type of Racial Segregation Drives Socioeconomic Inequality?"

Howell, Junia, Michael Emerson and Valerie Lewis. "The Multifaceted Relationship between Neighborhood Preferences and Ongoing Racial Segregation."

Howell, Junia. "The Truly Advantaged: Re-Conceptualizing the Implicit 'Neighborhood' of Neighborhood Effects."

Other Publications and Technical Reports

- 2016 O'Connell, Heather A. and **Junia Howell.** "Disparate City: Understanding Rising Levels of Concentrated Poverty and Affluence in Greater Houston." Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia.** "Community Survey Report and Proposed Action Steps." Community Safety Initiative: Helping Our Own Development, Southeastern Houston Transformation Alliance and Agape Development.
- 2012 Emerson, Michael O., Jenifer Bratter, **Junia Howell**, P. Wilner Jeanty, and Mike Cline. "Houston Region Grows More Racially/Ethnically Diverse, With Small Declines in Segregation: A Joint Report Analyzing Census Data from 1990, 2000, and 2010." Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.

Works in Progress

Howell, Junia. "Who's The Implicit Reference Group?: The Policy Implications of Urban Sociological Methodological Assumptions."

Grants

- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** Rice University Department of Sociology Travel Grant. \$750.
- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** Kinder Institute for Urban Research Travel Grant. \$500.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia.** Rice University Department of Sociology Travel Grant. \$750.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia.** “Fostering Opportunities: The Role of Policy, City Characteristics, and Urban Spatial Segmentation on the Intergenerational Transmission of Socioeconomic Status,” *Wagoner Foreign Study Scholarship*. \$7,500.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia.** “Fostering Opportunities: Policies, City Characteristics, and Segregation’s Impact on Intergenerational Socioeconomic Status,” *Rice University’s Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Improvement Grant*. \$2,500.

Fellowships and Honors

- 2017 Princeton Society of Fellows, Finalist.
- 2017 Graduate Instructor of Record Award, Finalist. Rice University.
- 2013 Scholarship for Social Psychology—Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program, University of Michigan. \$3,500.
- 2013 Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Paper Prize For a Methodological Contribution—Rice University
Introducing the Index of Segregation: A Multi-Group Segregation Measure.

Conference Presentations and Papers

- 2017 **Howell, Junia** and James R. Elliott. “Wealth Polarization and Natural Hazards: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Cumulative Effects on Inequality.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** “What Type of Racial Segregation Drives Socioeconomic Inequality? A Review of the Empirical Evidence.” *Racial Segregation Conference—Innovations in the Measurement and Analysis of Racial Segregation*, College Station, Texas.

- 2016 Elliott, James R. and **Junia Howell**. "The Cumulative Effect of Natural Hazard Exposure on Socioeconomic Inequality." *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, Washington.
- 2016 **Howell, Junia** and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. "Neighborhood Racial Biases in 21st Century Housing Appraisals." *Urban Affairs Association*, San Diego, California.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia**. "Demystifying the Great and Powerful Oz? A Cross-National Comparison of Neighborhood Effects on Socioeconomic Mobility." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia**. "Beyond Neighborhoods: The Role of City Segregation on Economic Mobility." *Urban Affairs Association*, Miami, Florida.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia**. "Racialization Not Assimilation: The Racialized Residential Segmentation of Latino and Asian Immigrants." *Urban Affairs Association*, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2013 Smiley, Kevin and **Junia Howell**. "The Preference Paradox: Sprawl versus Urbanism" *Urban Affairs Association*, San Francisco, California.
- 2012 Timberlake, Jeffrey M., **Junia Howell**, Amy Baumann Grau, and Rhys H. Williams. "Effects of Immigrant Stereotypes on Public Assessments of the Impact of Immigration." *American Sociological Association*, Denver, Colorado.
- 2012 **Howell, Junia**. "The Color Ladder: The Challenge of the 21st Century." *Rice Centennial Research Symposium*. Houston, Texas.

Teaching Experience

Instructor

- 2016 Social Statistics (SOC 382), Rice University, Spring.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- 2016 Intro to Statistics for Masters Students (GLBL 503), Rice University, Fall.
- 2015 Quantitative Data Analysis I (SOC 582), Rice University, Spring.
- 2013 Marginalized Urban Populations (SOC 600), Rice University, Fall.
- 2013 Inequality and Urban Life (SOC 470), Rice University, Spring.

Guest Lectures

- 2014 "Probability: Chances Are You Will Need It." Social Statistics, Rice University.
- 2012 "Approaching Statistical Research Questions." Social Statistics, Rice University.

Quantitative Skills and Data Management Projects

Additional Quantitative Training

- 2013 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program, University of Michigan (Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Longitudinal Data Analysis; Social Network Analysis).

Contracted Data Management

- 2013 **Howell, Junia**. Geocoded and Created Contextual Data Set for the Portrait of American Life Survey (PALS) Waves 1 and 2.
- 2012 **Howell, Junia** and Rose Medeiros. Created Longitudinal Attrition Weights and Corresponding Documentation for the Portrait of American Life Survey (PALS) Wave 2.

User Written Statistical Packages

- 2016 **Howell, Junia**. Gini. *Stata*. Finds the Gini inequality index for observations within a particular sub-group and saves it in a new variable.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia**. Information. *Stata*. Finds Theil's (1972) Information (H) index for all observations in the data set or within each bysort group.
- 2013 **Howell, Junia**. Segregation. *Stata*. Finds the Segregation or Dissimilarity Index for all observations in the data set or within each bysort group.
- 2012 **Howell, Junia**. Entropy. *Stata*. Finds Theil's (1972) Entropy index for each observation or for a given group and saves it in a new variable.

Computer Languages and Programs

Stata; R; Excel; ArcGIS; Python; SAS

Community Engagement

Consulting

- 2014 Community Safety Initiative: Helping Our Own Development, Southeastern Houston Transformation Alliance and Agape Development, Houston, Texas.

2013 Community Needs Survey and Demographic Markers, Agape Development, Houston, Texas.

2012 Poverty and Homelessness Services Evaluation, City Gospel Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Workshops

2016 Using Census and American Community Survey Data for Nonprofit Analysis and Fundraising, Agape Development, Houston, Texas.

Professional Practitioner Experience

2010-2011 Youth and Young Mothers Community Engagement, Winton Community Free Methodist, Cincinnati, Ohio.

2010-2011 Mathematics Tutor for At-Risk Youth, Cincinnati Public Schools.

2009 Sex Trafficking Research and Community Engagement, National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Professional Activities and Service

Manuscript Reviewer For

Qualitative Sociology
Social Forces
Social Problems
Social Science Research
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity
The Sociological Quarterly

Institutional Service

2012 Rice University Undergraduate Sociology Paper Contest Judge.

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association
Community and Urban Sociology
Racial and Ethnic Minorities
Inequality, Poverty and Mobility

Urban Affairs Association

References

Available Upon Request