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AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Urban Sociology, Inequality & Poverty, Law & Governance, Housing, Health, Ethnography

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver, 2015 – present

EDUCATION

The University of Chicago	English	B.A. 2004
The University of Texas at Austin	Sociology	M.A. 2009
The University of Texas at Austin	Sociology	Ph.D. 2015

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Esther Sullivan. Forthcoming, August 2018. *Manufactured Insecurity: Mobile Home Parks and Americans' Tenuous Right to Place*. University of California Press.

Articles

Esther Sullivan. 2017. "Moving Out: Mapping Mobile Home Park Closures to Analyze Spatial Patterns of Low-Income Residential Displacement" *City & Community* 16 (3): 304–329.

Esther Sullivan. Forthcoming. "Dignity Takings and "Trailer Trash:." The case of mobile home park mass evictions." *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 92 (3).

Esther Sullivan. 2017. "Displaced in Place: Manufactured housing, mass eviction, and the paradox of state intervention." *American Sociological Review* 82 (2): 243-269.

Esther Sullivan. 2016. "(Un)Intentional Community: Power and expert knowledge in a sustainable lifestyle community." *Sociological Inquiry* 86 (4): 540-562

Esther Sullivan. 2016. "Individualizing Utopia: Individualist Pursuits in a Cohousing Community." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 45 (5): 602-627.

Esther Sullivan and Edna Ledesma. 2015. "Same Trailer, Different Park." *Contexts* Winter.

Esther Sullivan and Carlos Olmedo. 2015. "Informality on the Urban Periphery: Housing Conditions and Self-help Strategies in Texas Informal Subdivisions." *Urban Studies* 52 (6): 1038-1053.

Esther Sullivan. 2014. "Halfway Homeowners: Eviction and Forced Relocation among Homeowners in Manufactured Home Parks in Florida." *Law & Social Inquiry* 39 (2): 474-497.
*Winner of American Bar Foundation *Law & Social Inquiry* Graduate Student Paper Prize.

Esther Sullivan and Peter M. Ward. 2012. "Sustainable housing applications and policies for low-income self-build and housing rehab." *Habitat International* 36 (2): 312-323.

Other

Esther Sullivan and Carlos Olmedo. "Away from cities, informal developments provide affordable housing for those on low incomes, but conditions are often poor." London School of Economics American Politics and Policy forum: USAPP. July 15, 2014. <http://bit.ly/1qCKS7B>

LBJ School of Public Affairs. 2010. "Urban Sustainability and Renewable Energy Applications for Colonia-Type Housing in the Southern U.S." Policy Report by Peter M. Ward and Esther Sullivan. Latin America Housing Network.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

CU Denver Collaborative Research Fellowship, June 2016, \$4000

CU Denver New Faculty Grant, March 2016: \$12,468

CU Denver High Impact Practices Writing Intensive Courses Learning Communities Grant, \$2000

CU Denver ORS National Science Foundation Grants Conference Travel Grant, 2015: \$1200

CU Denver CLAS Dissemination Grant, 2015: \$1000

American Fellowship, American Association of University Women, 2014: \$20,000.

American Association of University Women Texas Chapter Dissertation Fellowship, 2014: \$2500.

National Science Foundation and American Sociological Association travel grant for International Sociological Association XVIII World Congress, 2014: \$1500.

William C. Powers Fellowship, The University of Texas at Austin, 2012: \$36,000.

Harry E. and Bernice M. Moore Fellowship, Hogg Foundation for Mental Health, 2012: \$20,000.

Dean's Prestigious External Fellowship supplement, The University of Texas, 2012: \$1,000.

Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies Grant, 2011: \$10,000.

INVITED TALKS

“The Socio-Spatial Dimensions of Disaster Risk in Mobile Home Parks: Learning From the 2013 Colorado Floods.” Presented at the fall seminar of the Center for Science and Technology Policy Research (CSTPR) at the Cooperative Institute for Research in Environmental Sciences (CIRES), a partnership of the University of Colorado Boulder and NOAA. November 2017.

Plenary Address: Public Health in The Rockies. Keystone, CO. October 4th, 2017.

Plenary Address: I’M Home Conference. Prosperity Now. Providence, RI. October 2-4, 2017.

Invited Presentation: I’M Home Conference. CFED. San Antonio, TX. November 14-16, 2016.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

“The Social Life of Housing Crisis.” American Anthropological Association, Washington DC. December 3rd, 2017.

“Halfway Homeowners, Halfway Citizens: Mobile Home Parks and Uneven Recovery After the 2013 Colorado Floods.” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning. Denver, CO. October 2017

“Daily life under the ‘specter of dislocation.’” American Sociological Association. Montreal, Canada. August 14th, 2017.

“Property takings and mobile home park evictions.” Law & Society Association. Mexico City, Mexico. June 23rd 2017.

“Displaced in Place: Social Policy and Forced Relocation from Mobile Home Parks in Comparative Perspective,” Social Science History Association, Baltimore MD, November 12-15, 2015

“Mapping mass eviction: Geospatial analysis of closed mobile home parks in the greater metropolitan area of Houston TX,” American Sociological Association, Chicago IL, August 21-25, 2015

“State governance of mass eviction in low-income mobile home communities,” Law & Society Association, Seattle WA, May 28-30 2015.

“Managing mass eviction: Forced relocation in mobile home parks and the paradox of state intervention,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 16-19, 2014.

“Assessing housing’s contribution to poor health: a mixed-method geospatial and case study approach in Texas informal periurban communities,” International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan, July 17-20, 2014.

“Halfway Homeowners: Eviction and Forced Relocation among Homeowners in Manufactured Home Parks in Florida,” American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-13, 2013.

“Informal Development in Low-income Communities: Housing Conditions and Self-help Strategies in Informal Subdivisions in Texas,” International Sociological Association RC43 Conference: At home with the Housing Market, Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, July 10-12, 2013.

“Informal Development in Low-income Communities: Housing Conditions and Self-help Strategies in Informal Subdivisions in Texas,” American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 18th, 2012.

“Manufacturing Insecurity: Assessing Eviction and Displacement of Mobile Home Park Residents,” American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 20th 2011.

“(Un)Intentional Community: Legitimizing Power in a Collectivist Organization,” American Sociological Association, Atlanta GA, August 17th 2010.

“Community when Convenient: Individualist Pursuits in a Communal Organization,” British Sociological Association, Glasgow, Scotland April 7th 2010.

“Sustainable Home Retrofitting Technologies for Low-Income Communities and *Colonias*,” Latin American Housing Network Policy Conference, Austin TX, May 2010.

“The Nature of the Innerburbs in Comparative Perspective,” Latin American Housing Network Policy Conference, Austin TX, April 2009.

PUBLIC DISSEMINATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

TEDxMileHigh Talk. Ellie Caulkins Opera House, Denver, July 7, 2017:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gV8Cy8rlock>

Urban Institute, *How Housing Matters*: <https://howhousingmatters.org/articles/different-state-policies-affect-evicted-manufactured-homeowners/>

Colorado Public Radio, “Colorado Matters.” On-air interview May 23rd, 2017:

<http://www.cpr.org/news/story/the-denver-metros-hunger-for-housing-is-squeezing-its-few-mobile-home-parks>

London School of Economics American Politics and Policy Blog. Esther Sullivan and Carlos Olmedo discuss housing informality in the US:

<http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2014/07/15/away-from-cities-informal-developments-provide-affordable-housing-for-those-on-low-incomes-but-conditions-are-often-poor/>

Media

VOX Curbed. “Mobile-home parks represent changing face of affordable housing challenge”:

<https://www.curbed.com/2017/11/10/16633964/mobile-home-parks-represent-changing-face-of-affordable-housing-challenge>

Huffington Post: “Why Some Cities Are Buying Mobile Home Parks” :

https://www.huffingtonpost.com/entry/why-some-cities-are-buying-trailer-parks_us_59ef4eebe4b08bce72fe03b2?section=us_huffpost-partners

The Denverite: <https://www.denverite.com/mobile-homes-35666/>

National Geographic, "National Geographic Explorer." Season 10, Episode 8, "Mobile Home Economics: <http://channel.nationalgeographic.com/explorer/videos/mobile-home-economics/>

Houston Press, "Houston's Trailer Parks Offer Cheap Housing in a Pricey City, But With a Catch" May 23rd, 2017: <http://www.houstonpress.com/news/houstons-trailer-parks-offer-cheap-housing-but-leave-residents-vulnerable-9485409>

The Atlantic, CityLab, "The Other Affordable Housing Crisis": <http://www.citylab.com/housing/2015/09/the-other-affordable-housing-crisis/406405/>

Follow-up in *The Atlantic* CityLab, "One thing HUD Can Do To Help Save Trailer Parks": <http://www.citylab.com/housing/2015/09/one-thing-hud-can-do-to-save-trailer-parks/407395/>

PRODUCED PLAYS

"One Week in October" An original play exploring the life, death, and revolutionary writings of Frantz Fanon. Produced at The University Theatre, Chicago, May 2004.

*Winner of the Olga and Paul Menn Foundation Prize for dramatic literature.

"Benched" An original play debuted at The New Playwright's Festival. Miami, 2000.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor, the University of Colorado Denver

Courses: Sociological Theory, Sociology of Law, Urban Sociology, Poverty & Inequality

Assistant Instructor, The University of Texas at Austin

Courses taught:

Rich and Poor in America: A Sociological Perspective, Fall 2014

Introduction to Urban Problems, Spring 2014

Co-director, Graduate Seminar: "Sustainability for Low-income Housing"

The University of Texas Sustainable Cities Program, Spring 2010

Co-designed and co-taught a graduate level seminar, which resulted in reports to the Latin American Housing Network and several non-profit organizations as well as a two-day capstone conference held at UT-Austin.

Teaching Assistant, The University of Texas at Austin, 2004-2011

Sociological Theory

Introduction to Sociology

Criminal Justice

Social Psychology and the Law

Social Transformation of Love and Relationships

Signature Course Teaching Assistant: Life and Death Decisions, 2009

Signature courses are meant to provide a rigorous intellectual experience for first year students. They require specialized training for teaching assistants who direct separate small group sessions.

Supplemental Instructor: Introduction to Sociology, 2007

Supplemental Instruction aims to improve student performance in historically difficult classes by offering discussion sections with specially trained graduate students.

Supplemental Instructors receive semester-long training and evaluation to help students process course material more effectively by modeling and discussing critical thinking and writing skills.

Assistant Teacher: Neighborhood Schools Program, Chicago Public Schools, 2000-2004

Assistant teacher in two different inner city Chicago Public Schools, one elementary school and one alternative school for pregnant and mothering teenage girls. Specialized in intensive Language Arts instruction in overcrowded classrooms. Awarded the Neighborhood Schools Program Teaching Award in 2003.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Steering Committee: Poverty and Marginality in the Americas: An Ethnography Workshop, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT-Austin, Spring 2011

Referee for three peer-reviewed journals: *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociological Insight*

Invited lecturer: Applied Sociology, UT-Austin, Fall 2010

Invited panel participant: Supervised Teaching, UT-Austin, Spring 2009

Graduate Mentor in Sociology, 2009-2014

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member: American Sociological Association (Sections on Community and Urban Sociology and Inequality, Poverty and Mobility), British Sociological Association, Urban Affairs Association