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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2023 - 2024 Postdoctoral Associate. New York University.  
- The Institute of Human Development and Social Change.  
- Project coordinators: Rachel Fish and Kenneth Shores.

## EDUCATION

2018 - 2023 Ph.D. Sociology of Education. New York University.  
- Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development.  
- Diss: “Essays on the dynamics of Black-White advanced course-taking inequalities.”  
- Committee: L’Heureux Lewis-McCoy (chair); Samuel Lucas; Erez Hatna; Ravi Shroff.

2018 - 2021 M.Phil. Sociology of Education. New York University.

2017 - 2018 Ph.D. student, Economics. City University of New York.

2014 - 2017 B.A. Economics with Math. Emphasis, University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## AREAS OF RESEARCH

Topics: Racial inequality; Education policy; Organizations; Social networks.  
Approaches: Computational methods; Mathematical sociology.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

**João Souto-Maior** & Ravi Shroff. “[Differences in academic preparedness do not fully explain Black-White enrollment disparities in advanced high school coursework.](#)” *Sociological Science* (forthcoming). [ [code](#) ]

## PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

**João Souto-Maior.** “Hoarding without hoarders: unpacking the emergence of opportunity hoarding within schools.” *Revise and Resubmit at Sociology of Education*. [ [preprint](#) ]

**João Souto-Maior.** “The presence of White students and the emergence of Black-White within-school inequalities: two interaction-based mechanisms.” [ [preprint](#) ]

Rachel Fish, Kenneth Shores & **João Souto-Maior.** “Critical appraisal of the evidence on racial disproportionality in special education.”

## PAPERS IN PREPARATION

**João Souto-Maior**, Kenneth Shores & Rachel Fish. “The use of unrepresentative national samples and the misestimation of racial disproportionality in special education.”

**João Souto-Maior**. “The usefulness of agent-based modeling approaches to school organization research.”

**João Souto-Maior**. “Systems of curricular differentiation and the emergence of Black-White disparities in advanced course-taking.”

**João Souto-Maior**. “School practices, parental networks, and unequal access to school resources between Black and White students.”

## EXTRACURRICULAR TRAINING

2023      Selected participant. American Mathematical Society’s Summer program on Complex Social Systems. [ [details](#) ]

2022      Selected participant. Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences, Duke University. [ [details](#) ]

## PRESENTATIONS

### *Conference presentations*

**João Souto-Maior**. 2023. “Unpacking the emergence of opportunity hoarding: an agent-based model of Black-White educational disparities within schools.” *Annual Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists (Princeton, PA)*.

**João Souto-Maior**. 2023. “From individual- to group-level educational advantages: unpacking the emergence of opportunity hoarding within Schools.” *Annual Group Processes Conference (Philadelphia, PA)*.

**João Souto-Maior**. 2023. “Hoarding without hoarders: collateral effects of information diffusion on Black-White educational inequalities within schools.” *American Sociological Association: Sociology of Education Roundtables (Philadelphia, PA)*.

**João Souto-Maior**. 2022. “Black-White advanced enrollment inequalities and the racial composition of schools: an agent-based modeling investigation.” *American Sociological Association: Session on Mathematical and Computational Approaches to Studying Inequality (Los Angeles, CA)*.

**João Souto-Maior**. 2022. “Black-White advanced enrollment inequalities and the racial composition of schools: an agent-based modeling investigation.” *Joint US-Japan Conference on Mathematical Sociology and Rational Choice (Los Angeles, CA)*.

### *Other presentations*

**João Souto-Maior.** 2021. “Opportunity hoarding and Black-White inequalities in advanced enrollment: a simulation-based approach.” *NYU’s Race and Ethnicity Workshop (virtual)*.

### TEACHING

#### *Laboratory instructor*

2019 - 2021 Undergraduate Basic Statistics. NYU (5 semesters).

#### *Teaching assistant*

2022 Why Does College Cost So Much? NYU (Fall).

2022 Intro to US Education: Historical and Contemporary Perspectives. NYU (Fall).

2022 Qualitative Methods in International Education. NYU (Spring).

#### *Seminar leader*

2016 - 2017 Research, Creative Work and the Public Good. UW-Madison (Fall and Spring).

2015 - 2016 Research, Creative Work and Society. UW-Madison (Fall and Spring).

### SELECTED WORK EXPERIENCES

2021 - 2023 Technical Reviewer. Journal on Education in Emergencies.

2018 - 2019 Research Assistant. Prof. Arun Sundararajan, NYU Stern School of Business.

2018 Research Assistant. Prof. Kathryn Moeller, UW-Madison School of Education,  
Prof. Rebecca Tarlau, Stanford School of Education.

2015 - 2017 Research Assistant. Prof. Kathryn Moeller, UW-Madison School of Education.

### FUNDING AND AWARDS

2023 NYU Steinhardt Dissertation Finishing Award.

2023 NYU Steinhardt Research & Travel Grant.

2023 American Mathematical Society, Summer program on Complex Social Systems.

2022 NYU Steinhardt Dissertation Writing Grant.

2022 NYU Steinhardt Research & Travel Grant.

2022 Russell Sage Foundation, Summer Institute in Computational Social Sciences

2018-2022 NYU Steinhardt Doctoral Fellowship.

2017-2018 CUNY Graduate Center Doctoral Fellowship.

2016 UW-Madison Margaret E. and Allard Smith Scholarship.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2022 - Occasional Reviewer. Journal on Education in Emergencies.  
2022 - Podcast Host. New Books in Education, a channel of the New Books Network.  
2020 Technical Reviewer. ASA's Sociology of Education Section.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association (Sections: Mathematical Sociology; Sociology of Education).

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

Quantitative analysis: R (primary); Python; Stata  
Agent-based modeling: NetLogo (primary); Python.