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## Education

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- PhD Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison Expected May 2020  
*Dissertation:* “Intergenerational social mobility and family formation in the United States”  
*Committee:* Christine Schwartz (chair), Eric Grodsky, Sarah Halpern-Meekin, John Allen Logan, Nora Cate Schaeffer  
*Preliminary Exams:* Demography & Ecology; Social Stratification (with distinction)  
*Minor:* Education Studies
- MA Sociology, University of Montana 2013  
*Thesis:* “Motivation and Education: Performance, Satisfaction, and Commitment among Pharmacy Students”
- BA Sociology, University of Montana 2011  
University Scholar  
*Honors Thesis:* “The Bureaucratization of Education: Examining Peer Education Programs at the University of Montana”

## Areas of Interest

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Social Stratification, Social Demography, Sociology of the Family, Sociology of Education, Survey Methodology

## Papers Under Review or In Progress

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**Michael D. King.** “College as a Great Equalizer: Marriage and Assortative Mating among First- and Continuing-Generation College Students.” *Under Review.*

**Michael D. King.** “College Characteristics and Educational Assortative Mating among College Graduates.”

Schwartz, Christine R. and **Michael D. King.** “The Changing Role of Mothers’ Status in Children’s Destinies.”

**King, Michael D.** and Nora Cate Schaeffer. “Issues in Using Bipolar Response Categories: Numeric Labels and the Middle Category.”

## Honors and Awards

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- 2019, 2013 University Fellowship. Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2019 Award for Excellence in Teaching by a Lecturer. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2016, 2015 NICHD Traineeship. Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2013 Graduate Assistant Teaching Award. University of Montana.
- 2010–2013 Osterheld Award. Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, University of Montana.
- 2011 Award for Academic Excellence in Sociology. Department of Sociology, University of Montana.
- 2010 Watkins Scholarship. Davidson Honors College, University of Montana.
- 2010 Kain/McKay Scholarship in Applied Sociology. Department of Sociology, University of Montana.
- 2009 Jane Buttrey Memorial Scholarship. Davidson Honors College, University of Montana.
- 2007–2011 Presidential Leadership Scholarship. University of Montana.
- 2007–2011 Governor’s Post-Secondary Scholarship. State of Montana.

## Technical Reports

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- Hollist, Dusten, Jacob Coolidge, Wesley Delano, Ian Greenwood, **Michael King**, Tyson McLean, Patrick McKay, Chuck Harris, James Burfeind, Dan Doyle. 2012. “Assessing the Mechanisms that Contribute to Disproportionate Minority Contact in Montana’s Juvenile Justice Systems.” Montana Board of Crime Control Technical Report. Helena, MT: MT Board of Crime Control.
- Hollist, Dusten, Jacob Coolidge, Wesley Delano, Ian Greenwood, **Michael King**, Tyson McLean, Patrick McKay, James Burfeind, Chuck Harris, Daniel Doyle. 2012. “The Montana Pre-Adjudicatory Detention Risk Assessment Instrument: A Validation and Assessment Study.” Montana Board of Crime Control Technical Report. Helena, MT: MT Board of Crime Control.

## Research Experience

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- Research Assistant. The Changing Role of Mothers’ Status in Children’s Destinies. University of Wisconsin-Madison, PI: Christine Schwartz. 2018–2019.
- Research Assistant. Building on STEP. University of Wisconsin-Madison, PI: Eric Grodsky. 2014–2017.

Research Assistant. Disproportionate Minority Contact in Montana's Juvenile Justice System. University of Montana, PI: Dusten Hollist. 2011–2013.

Research Assistant. Race and the Weakening of Negative Status Beliefs. University of Montana, PI: Kathy J. Kuipers. 2011–2012.

Research Assistant. Venture Activism: Social Entrepreneurship, Institutional Change and the Future of Social Movements in the US. University of Montana, PI: Daisy Rooks. 2011.

Research Assistant. Adolescent Non-Medical Prescription Drug Misuse. University of Montana, PI: Dusten Hollist. 2010.

## Teaching Experience

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### University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology

Instructor                      Statistics for Sociologists I (Summer 2018)  
   Statistics Bootcamp for Incoming Graduate Students (2016–2018)

Teaching Assistant      Introduction to Survey Methods (Fall 2017, Fall 2018)

### University of Montana, Department of Sociology

Teaching Assistant      Social Statistics (2 semesters)  
   Sociological Research Methods (3 semesters)  
   Race, Gender, and Class (1 semester)

### University of Montana, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry

Teaching Assistant      College Chemistry I (5 semesters)  
   College Chemistry II (9 semesters)

## Conference Papers & Presentations

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**King, Michael D.** “Revisiting Trends in the Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Status and Family Structure.” Paper presented at the summer meeting of the International Sociological Association's Research Committee 28 (RC28). Princeton, NJ. 2019.

**King, Michael D.** “College Characteristics and Assortative Mating Patterns among First-Generation College Students.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York. 2019.

**King, Michael D.** “First-Generation College Students and the Timing of Marriage.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, PA. 2018.

**King, Michael D.** “The Great Equalizer Revisited: Educational Attainment, Marriage, and Spousal Characteristics.” Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Denver, CO. 2018.

- Schwartz, Christine R. and **Michael D. King**. "The Changing Role of Mothers' Status in Children's Destinies." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL. 2017.
- King, Michael D.** "First-Generation College Students and the Timing of Union Formation." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Chicago, IL. 2017.
- King, Michael.** "Marriage Outcomes of First-Generation College Graduates: Marital Market Constraint or Incomplete Assimilation?" Poster presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America. Washington, DC. 2016.
- King, Michael.** "Motivation and Education: Examining Pharmacy Students at the University of Montana." Paper presented at the University of Montana Graduate Student and Faculty Research Conference. Missoula, MT. 2013,
- Kuipers, Kathy, Krista Caffrey, Sara Gone, **Michael King**, and Emily Steinberg. "Race and the Weakening of Negative Status Beliefs." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. San Diego, CA. 2012.
- King, Michael.** "The Bureaucratization of Education: Examining Peer Education Programs at the University of Montana." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Western Regional Honors Council. Park City, UT. 2011.

## **Academic Service**

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- Referee. *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Social Problems*. 2015-present.
- Governing Board Chair. Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2017-2019.
- Evaluation and Improvement of Instruction Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2017-2019.
- Technology and Communication Officer. Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2015-2017.
- Graduate Student Mentor. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2016-2017.
- Graduate Program Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2015-2016.
- Professionalization Committee. Sociology Graduate Student Association, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2015-2016.
- Graduate Student Representative. Faculty Meetings, Department of Sociology, University of Montana. 2012-2013.
- Graduate Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Montana. 2012-2013.
- Assistant Professor Search Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Montana. 2011-2012.

## **Professional Membership**

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American Sociological Association

Section Membership: *Education; Family; Inequality, Poverty and Mobility; Population*

ISA Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28)

Population Association of America