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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Stratification & Inequality • Sociology of Education • Quantitative Methods • Social Policy

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Columbia University 2022-

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Co-Director, Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality

Faculty Affiliate, Columbia Population Research Center

University of Michigan

2021-2022

Postdoctoral Fellow, Education Policy Initiative, Ford School of Public Policy Research Affiliate, Center for Inequality Dynamics

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology of Education & Education Policy

2021

Stanford University

M.A., Sociology

2019

Stanford University

2016

B.S.E., Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering University of Pennsylvania

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- Forth. Marissa E. Thompson* and Sam Trejo* "My School District Isn't Segregated: Experimental Evidence on the Effect of Information on Parental Preferences Regarding School Segregation". Conditionally accepted at Sociology of Education. [Working Paper]
- 2023 René F. Kizilcec, Rachel B. Baker, Elizabeth Bruch, Kalena E. Cortes, Laura T. Hamilton, David Nathan Lang, Zachary A. Pardos, **Marissa E. Thompson**, and Mitchell L. Stevens. "From Pipelines to Pathways in the Study of Academic Progress". *Science*. [Link]
- 2023 Kaylee T. Matheny*, **Marissa E. Thompson***, Carrie Townley-Flores*, and Sean F. Reardon. "Uneven Progress: Recent Trends in Academic Performance Among U.S. School Districts". *American Education Research Journal*. [Link]
- 2021 **Marissa E. Thompson**. "Grade Expectations: The role of first-year grades in predicting the pursuit of STEM majors for first- and continuing-generation students". *The Journal of Higher Education*. [Link]
- 2021 Sorathan Chaturapruek, Tobias Dalberg, Marissa E. Thompson, Sonia Giebel, Monique H.

^{*} denotes equal authorship

Harrison, Ramesh Johari, Mitchell L. Stevens, and René Kizilcec. "Studying Undergraduate Course Consideration at Scale". AERA Open. [Link]

- 2020 Adina D. Sterling, Marissa E. Thompson, Shiya Wang, Abisola Kusimo, Shannon Gilmartin, and Sheri Sheppard. "The Confidence Gap Predicts the Gender Pay Gap Among STEM Graduates". Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (PNAS). [Link]
- 2019 Shannon Gilmartin, **Marissa E. Thompson**, Emily Morton, Helen Chen, Anne Colby, and Sheri Sheppard. "Entrepreneurial Intent of Engineering and Business Undergraduate Students". *Journal of Engineering Education*. [Link]
- Ki Jun Yu, Duygu Kuzum, Suk Won Hwang, Bong Hoon Kim, Halvor Juul, Nam Heon Kim, Sang Min Won, Ken Chiang, Michael Trumpis, Andrew G. Richardson, Huanyu Cheng, Hui Fang, Marissa E. Thompson, Hank Bink, Delia Talos, Kyung Jin Seo, Hee Nam Lee, Seung Kyun Kang, Jae Hwan Kim, Jung Yup Lee, Younggang Huang, Frances E. Jensen, Marc A. Dichter, Timothy H. Lucas, Jonathan Viventi, Brian Litt, and John A. Rogers. "Bioresorbable silicon electronics for transient spatiotemporal mapping of electrical activity from the cerebral cortex". Nature Materials. [Link]

Working Papers & Manuscripts Under Review:

Marissa E. Thompson. "Examining the Black Gender Gap in Educational Attainment: The Role of Institutional Punishment". (3rd Revise & Resubmit)

Marissa E. Thompson, Christina Weiland, Meghan P. McCormick, Catherine Snow, and Jason Sachs. "The role of early schooling in shaping inequality in academic, executive functioning, and social-emotional skills". (Under Review)

Other Publications:

2021 Marissa E. Thompson. "Who's getting pulled in weed-out courses for STEM majors?" Brown Center Chalkboard, Brookings Institution. [Link]

TEACHING

Columbia University

Race, Discrimination, and Racial Inequalities on Both Sides of the Atlantic (Undergraduate)

Sociology of Education (Undergraduate)

Sociology of Education (Graduate)

Fall 2023

Workshop on Wealth and Inequality (Graduate)

Fall 2022, Fall 2023

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

Columbia Population Research Center Grant, Columbia University – \$20,000

2022

for "Race, Genetic Ancestry, and Context: Exploring How Genetic Ancestry Tests Influence Conceptions of Race"

P.I.s Marissa Thompson, Sam Trejo, Daphne Martschenko, & AJ Alvero

Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Grant – \$2,702,034

2022-2026

for "Early First-Dollar Categorical Need-Based Aid: A New Model for Making College Affordable?" P.I. Kevin Stange

Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Postdoctoral Training Fellowship

2021-2022

Center for American Democracy Grant, Stanford University – \$2,000 for "Understanding Parental Attitudes Towards School Segregation" P.I.s Marissa Thompson and Sam Trejo	2020-2021
Karr Family Fellowship, Stanford University	2018-2019
Institute of Education Sciences (IES) Predoctoral Training Fellowship	2017-2019
Graduate Fellowship in Science and Engineering, Stanford University	2016-2021
Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Fellowship, Stanford University	2016-2021
HONORS & AWARDS	

Outstanding Predoctoral Fellow Award, Institute of Education Sciences (IES)	2021
Zeisberg Best Research Award in Chemical Engineering, American Institute of Chemical Engineers	2017
Melvin C. Molstad Prize in Chemical Engineering, University of Pennsylvania	2016
Exceptional Service Award, University of Pennsylvania	2016

INVITED EXTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

- * denotes scheduled presentations
- 2023 University of Michigan, Center for Academic Innovation University of Houston, Identity & Academic Motivation Lab
- 2022 Columbia University, Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality Drexel University, Pennoni Honors College (Panel) Pennsylvania State University, College of Education Columbia University, Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences Research Seminar
- University of Michigan, Ford School of Public Policy 2021 Howard University, School of Education University of Florida, College of Education Columbia University, Department of Sociology
- École Normale Supérieure, Département d'Études Cognitives 2020

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PROCEEDINGS

2023 Sociology of Education Association Population Association of America RC-28: Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility* American Sociological Association*

- 2022 American Sociological Association Association of Black Sociologists
- 2021 American Sociological Association Association for Education Finance and Policy Empowering Learners in AI

2020	Association for the Study of Higher Education
2019	Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Sociology of Education Association Association for Education Finance and Policy American Sociological Association
2018	American Society of Engineering Education American Sociological Association

WORKSHOPS

Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS)

2023

University of Pennsylvania

Philadelphia, PA

Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research

2017

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) Ann Arbor, MI

DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

Graduate Admissions Committee, Columbia University	2023
Academic Co-Chair, Black Graduate Student Association, Stanford University	2020-2021
M.A. Representative, Association of Sociology Graduate Students, Stanford University	2020-2021
Social Chair, Graduate School of Education Student Guild, Stanford University	2017-2018

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & MEMBERSHIPS

Board of Directors, Sociology of Education Association	2023-2025
Outstanding Publication Award Committee, ASA Section on Methodology	2023
Program Committee, Association of Black Sociologists	2023
Clifford Clogg Award Committee, ASA Section on Methodology	2022
Council Member (Student), ASA Section on Methodology	2021-2023

Professional Association Memberships:

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)

Population Association of America (PAA)

RC-28: Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility

Sociology of Education Association (SEA)

Reviewer:

AERA Open, American Educational Research Journal, American Sociological Review, Peabody Journal of Education, Social Currents, Sociological Focus, Sociology of Education, The Journal of Higher Education