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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**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, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy  
Research Affiliate, Center for Inequality Dynamics

## EDUCATION

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**Ph.D., Sociology of Education & Education Policy** 2021  
Stanford University

**M.A., Sociology** 2019  
Stanford University

**B.S.E., Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering** 2016  
University of Pennsylvania

## PUBLICATIONS

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\* denotes equal authorship

### Peer-Reviewed Publications:

- Forth.* **Marissa E. Thompson.** “Examining the Black Gender Gap in Educational Attainment: The Role of Exclusionary School Discipline & Criminal Justice Contact”. Forthcoming at *Social Forces*.
- 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”. Forthcoming at *Sociology of Education*. [Preprint]
- Forth.* **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”. Forthcoming at *Socius*.
- 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. 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]
- 2016 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]

## Other Publications:

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

## TEACHING

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### Columbia University

Race, Discrimination, and Racial Inequalities on Both Sides of the Atlantic (Undergraduate)	Fall 2023
Sociology of Education (Undergraduate)	Spring 2023
Sociology of Education (Graduate)	Fall 2022
Workshop on Wealth and Inequality (Graduate)	Fall 2022, Fall 2023

## GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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Alliance Joint Projects Grant, Columbia University – \$15,000 for “A Columbia-Sciences Po Joint Course: Race, Discrimination and Racial Inequalities on Both Sides of the Atlantic” P.I.s Thomas DiPrete, Mirna Safi & Marissa Thompson	2023
Columbia Population Research Center Seed Grant, Columbia University – \$20,000 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	2022
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 <i>"Understanding Parental Attitudes Towards School Segregation"</i> 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

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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 PRESENTATIONS

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\* denotes scheduled presentations

2023	University of Michigan, Center for Academic Innovation University of Houston, Identity & Academic Motivation Lab Columbia University, Population Research Center Pennsylvania State University, Population Research Institute* University of Wisconsin - Madison, Wisconsin Center for Educational Research* University of Wisconsin - Madison, Experimental Methods in Sociology Workshop* Yale University, Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality* University of Pennsylvania, Population Studies Center*
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
2021	University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Howard University, School of Education University of Florida, College of Education Columbia University, Department of Sociology
2020	École Normale Supérieure, Département d'Études Cognitives

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & PROCEEDINGS

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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

## DEPARTMENTAL & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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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

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Session Organizer, PAA Annual Meeting	2024
Board of Directors, Sociology of Education Association	2023-2025
Outstanding Publication Award Committee, ASA Section on Methodology	2023
Program Committee, ABS Annual Meeting	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, European Sociological Review, Peabody Journal of Education, Social Currents, Sociological Focus, Sociology of Education, The Journal of Higher Education*