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Employment

Assistant Professor, 2018-Present
Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice
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Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, 2018.
M.A. in Quantitative Methods in the Social Sciences, Columbia University, 2010
B.A. in Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles, 2008

Academic Writing

Kurwa, Rahim. *Indefensible Spaces: Policing and the Remaking of Segregation in the Antelope Valley*. (in progress).

Kurwa, Rahim. "[Policing, Property, and the Production of Racial Segregation](#)." (forthcoming). *The Sociology of Housing*. University of Chicago Press.

Kurwa, Rahim, and Susila Gurusami. "[Carceral Migrations: Reframing Race, Space, and Punishment](#)." *Social Service Review* 96, no. 2 (2022): 353-388.

Gurusami, Susila, and Rahim Kurwa. "[From Broken Windows to Broken Homes: Homebreaking as Racialized and Gendered Poverty Governance](#)." *Feminist Formations* 33, no. 1 (2021): 1-32.

- Honorable Mention, ASA Sex and Gender Section's Distinguished Article Award

Kurwa, Rahim. "[Review: The Upper Limit: How Low-Wage Work Defines Punishment and Welfare](#)." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 50, no. 1 (2021): 33-35

Kurwa, Rahim. "[Opposing and Policing Racial Integration: Evidence from the Housing Choice Voucher Program](#)." *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 17, no. 2 (2020): 363-387.

- Graduate Student Paper Award, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association

Kurwa, Rahim. "[The New 'Man in the House' Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers Turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities](#)." *Housing Policy Debate* 30, no. 6 (2020): 926-949.

Kurwa, Rahim. "[Building the Digitally Gated Community: The Case of Nextdoor.](#)" *Surveillance & Society* 17, no. 1/2 (2019): 111-117.

Kurwa, Rahim. "[Deconcentration without Integration: Examining the Social Outcomes of Housing Choice Voucher Movement in Los Angeles County.](#)" *City & Community* 14, no. 4 (2015): 364-391.

- Graduate Student Paper Award, Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Public Writing

Op-ed: [We can't let policing become a new form of citizenship.](#) Chicago Tribune. 2022

Guest Blog: [Nextdoor in Context.](#) Blink. 2019.

Guest Blog: [Policing's Role in Racial Segregation: 50 Years After the Fair Housing Act.](#) Los Angeles Social Science Forum. 2018.

Selected Awards and Honors

Honorable Mention, Distinguished Article Award, Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association. 2022.

Honoring Our Professors' Excellence (HOPE) Award. University of Illinois Chicago On-Campus Housing. 2022.

Honoring Our Professors' Excellence (HOPE) Award. University of Illinois Chicago On-Campus Housing. 2021.

Early Career Researcher Award, Surveillance Studies Network. 2019.

Graduate Student Paper Award, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems 2018.

Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Award, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. 2018.

California Poverty and Socioeconomic Inequality Fellow, Blum Initiative for Global and Regional Poverty Studies, University of California, Riverside. 2018.

Graduate Student Paper Award, Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. 2015.

Selected Grants and Fellowships

UIC Institute for the Humanities Faculty Fellowship. 2022-2023.

Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grant. 2022.

Visiting Scholar, American Bar Foundation. 2021-2022.

Faculty Seed Grant and Grant Development Fund Award, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, the Committee on Social Science Research. 2021.

Faculty Fellowship, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois Chicago. 2018-2019.

Research Grant, Blum Initiative for Global and Regional Poverty Studies, University of California, Riverside. 2017.

Dissertation Year Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. 2017-2018.

Hoffenberg Fellowship, Center for American Politics and Public Policy, University of California, Los Angeles. 2017-2018.

Bunche Center for African American Studies Graduate Fellowship, University of California, Los Angeles. 2016-2017.

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

UIC Institute for the Humanities. Spring 2023.

University of Wisconsin, Madison Institute for Research on Poverty. Fall 2022

New York University. Urban Initiative. Fall 2022

“Policing as Property.” Guest Lecture. Crime Law and the City. Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver. 2022.

“Policing as Property.” Guest Lecture. Introduction to Sociology. Department of Anthropology and Sociology. Williams College. 2021.

“Redeeming the Right to Discriminate,” Race Workshop, Duke University. 2021.

Panelist, “Radical Reimagining: The Carceral State and Abolitionist Responses.” Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy Symposium. 2021.

“Civil Rights in the Militarized Desert.” UCLA Urban Sociology Working Group. 2021.

“The New Man in the House Rules” Guest Lecture. Social Welfare Policy and the Safety Net. Lafayette College, Department of Anthropology and Sociology. 2020.

Guest Lecture, “Policing and Racial Segregation” UIC Law School Fair Housing and Fair Lending Seminar. 2020.

“Policing at the Frontier of Fair Housing.” UIC Law School. (*cancelled due to COVID-19*). 2020

“The New ‘Man in the House’ Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities.” Newberry Library Gender and Sexuality Seminar (*cancelled due to COVID-19*). 2020

(with Susila Gurusami) “Carceral Migration as Theory and Method: The Sociologies of Race, Space, and Legal Punishment.” Newberry Library Borderlands Seminar. 2020.

“The New ‘Man in the House’ Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities.” Sociology of Housing Conference, Georgetown University. 2019.

“The New ‘Man in the House’ Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities.” Housing Justice in Unequal Cities Conference, Los Angeles. 2019.

“Policing to Segregate: Sketching the Contours of an Eviction Regime in Suburban Los Angeles. Blum Initiative for Global and Regional Poverty Studies.” University of California, Riverside. 2017.

Conference Presentations

“Falloon’s Descendants: Policing, Property, and the Production of Racial Segregation.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. Los Angeles. 2022.

“Residential Segregation and Muslims in the United States.” Law and Society Association. Chicago. 2021.

“Carceral Migration as Theory and Method.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York. 2019.

“The New ‘Man in the House’ Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities.” American Sociological Association, New York. 2019.

“The New ‘Man in the House’ Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities.” Law and Society Association, Washington, D.C. 2019.

“The New ‘Man in the House’ Rules: How the Regulation of Housing Vouchers turns Personal Bonds into Eviction Liabilities.” Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles. 2019.

“Policing to Segregate: Sketching the Contours of an Eviction Regime in Suburban Los Angeles.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia. 2018.

“How Race and Poverty Have Driven Changes in Housing Voucher Distributions Since the Great Recession.” American Sociological Association, Montreal. 2017.

“From Racial Resentment to Racial Rejection: How Local Residents Veto Voucher Movement to their Neighborhoods.” Urban Affairs Association, Minneapolis. 2017.

“Geographic Mobility and the Persistence of Racial Residential Inequality.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle. 2016.

“Housing Vouchers and the Re-Concentration of Poverty in Suburbs.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago. 2015.

“The Social Experiences of Tenants in the New Age of Public Housing: Comparing Outcomes in the Voucher Program to Findings in Mixed-Income Developments.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco. 2014.

“Desegregation and the Persistence of Inequality.” Critical Ethnic Studies Association, Chicago. 2013.

“Barriers to Integration for Section 8 Voucher Users in Los Angeles County.” American Sociological Association, New York. 2013.

Courses Taught

UIC Undergraduate Courses: Race, Class, Gender, and the Law; Introduction to Poverty Law; Criminology, Law, and Justice in American Cities

UIC Graduate Courses: Mapping Policing and Punishment; Institutions.

UCLA Summer Undergraduate Courses: Race and Ethnicity in American Life; Social Stratification.

Service to the University

Faculty Guide, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences “First at LAS” Program, 2021-22

Honors College Mentor, 2020-2022

Department Curriculum Committee, 2021-22

Department Hiring Committee, 2021

Department Post-Doctoral Search Committee, 2021

Department Social Media Committee, 2019-21

Department Graduate Committee, 2018-21

Rue Bucher Award Committee, 2019-20.

Service to the Profession

Chair, Poverty, Class and Inequality Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2021-22

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Poverty, Class and Inequality Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020

Harrington Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2019

Periodically reviewed for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *City & Community*, *DuBois Review*, *Housing Policy Debate*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Sociology Compass*, *Surveillance and Society*, *Urban Affairs Review*