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Current Position

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2023-
PH.D. CANDIDATE, Sociology and Public Policy
Committee: Matthew Hall (Chair), Erin York Cornwell, Peter Rich
Affiliate:
 Cornell Population Center
 Cornell Center for the Study of Inequality
 Cornell Center for Social Sciences

Education

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 2025
M.A., Sociology and Public Policy, Minor in Demography
 Exams: Social Stratification, Demography

University of Washington, Seattle, WA 2021
B.A., Sociology (Honors), *cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa

Research Interests

📖 Demography, Social Stratification, Race/Ethnicity, Historical Demography, Urban Sociology, Health
📊 Causal Inference, Computational Methods, Spatial Data Analysis

Working Papers

Thelonious Goerz. "Racial Segregation and Black-White Longevity Disparities" [[working paper](#)] [[replication package](#)]
Adriana M. Reyes and Thelonious Goerz. "Inequalities in Parental Support in Life and Death" [*Draft available*]
Thelonious Goerz and Matt Hall. "Declining Significance or Changing Bases?: Income and Racial Segregation (1970-2020)"
Thelonious Goerz and Adriana M Reyes. "Bequest Intentions and Beliefs About Children Over The Life Course"

Presentations

Skin Tone Stratification and The Hispanic Health Paradox

- Cornell Migration Lab Working Group
- PAA Poster, 2025

Racial Segregation and Black-White Longevity Disparities in the United States

- University of Washington, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, Computational Demography Working Group, 2024

- Cornell Inequality Discussion Group, 2024
- PAA Poster, 2025
- PAA Poster Award Winner

Local Age-Composition and Stress: Residential and Activity Space Exposures to Age-peers among Older Adults in Chicago

- Mobile Apps and Sensors in Surveys, 2024
- PAA, 2024
- ASA, 2024

Race, Class, and Light Rail Transit: Examining the Role of High-Income Mobility in Demographic Change.

- ASA, 2021
- PAA, 2022

Research Experience

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| Cornell University , Ithaca, NY | 2024- |
| Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Adriana Reyes | |
| Cornell University , Ithaca, NY | 2023 |
| Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Erin York Cornwell | |
| Johns Hopkins University , Baltimore, MD | 2021-23 |
| Predocutorial Research Fellow | |
| Department of Sociology, University of Washington , Seattle, WA | 2020-21 |
| Research Assistant | |
| Department of Public Health, University of Washington , Seattle, WA | 2020-20 |
| Research Assistant | |

Teaching

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| Cornell University , Ithaca, NY | |
| Teaching Assistant, SOC 1101 Introduction to Sociology [summer term] | 2024 |

Honors, Awards, and Funding

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| Research Support Grant, Cornell Population Center, Cornell University | 2025 |
| Sage Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Cornell University | 2023-24 |
| Howard B. Woolston Award for Academic Excellence, UW Department of Sociology | 2021 |
| University of Washington Honors Program | 2021 |
| American Sociological Association Honors Program | 2021 |
| Mary Gates Undergraduate Research Award, University of Washington (\$5,000) | 2021 |
| Population Health Research Award, UW Population Health Initiative | 2020 |
| University of Washington Dean's List | 2018-21 |

Skills

Software: R, Stata, SQL, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS, MAXQDA, Git, GitHub, Bash
 Languages: English [native]; Spanish [intermediate]

Service

Research Symposium Co-Chair, Sociology Graduate Student Association
Mentor, Consider Cornell Ph.D. Recruitment Experience

2024-2025
2024

Affiliations

Population Association of America
American Sociological Association
Sections:

Inequality, Poverty and Mobility
Sociology of Population
Community and Urban Sociology