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EDUCATION

- 2024 PhD, Sociology and Social Work, **University of Chicago**
- DISSERTATION: *Reasonable Accommodation, Rehabilitation, and Institutionalization: Theorizing Disabled Citizenship*
COMMITTEE: William Sites (co-chair), Elisabeth Clemens (co-chair), Reuben Miller, Michele Friedner
- 2018 MA in Sociology, **University of Chicago**
2009 MSW with community practice concentration, **University of Michigan**
2009 MPP with social policy concentration, **University of Michigan**
1998 BA in Religion, **Oberlin College**

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- August 2024- **Assistant Professor**
Binghamton University, Department of Social Work

PUBLICATIONS AND WORK IN PROGRESS

- Borus, M.** (2015). "Joy and Justice," review of *Community Projects as Social Activism: From Direct Action to Direct Services*, by Benjamin Shepard. *Shelterforce* 36 (4), p. 49.
- Borus, M.** (In preparation). "Dispersed Organizing Before the Internet: The Case of *The Disability Rag*."

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

- 2023 Simon Doctoral Student Teaching Award, Crown Family School, UChicago
- 2023 Henderson Research Fund, UChicago Sociology Department (\$4000)
- 2023 Crown Family School Dissertation Research Grant (\$4000)
- 2022 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association Section on Disability in Society, for "Dispersed Organizing Before the Internet: The Case of the *Disability Rag*."
- 2021 Social Security Administration ARDRAW (Analyzing Relationships between Disability, Rehabilitation, and Work) small grant program (\$10,000)
- 2021 Pozen Family Center for Human Rights PhD Research Grant (\$4975)
- 2021 Crown Family School Dissertation Research Grant (\$3025)

- 2019 Urban Doctoral Fellow, Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation
- 2018 Graduate Student Leadership Recognition Award, University of Chicago
- 2015 Scholarship for Public Administration, Public Policy, and Public Affairs, ICPSR
Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research
- 2008 Evy Eugene Mavrellis Award, Ford School of Public Policy
- 2006 Merit Scholarship, University of Michigan School of Social Work

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- “Containment in the Guise of Care: Nursing Homes as sites of Urban Poverty Governance.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2024..
- “Care or Containment? Experiences of Disabled Nursing Home Residents.” Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, January 2024.
- “Navigating Policy from Below: Experiences of Social Security Disability Programs in Greater Chicago” Poster presentation to the Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, January 2024.
- “Navigating Policy from Below: Managing on SSI and SSDI in Greater Chicago.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2023.
- “From Reasonable Accommodation to Incarceration: The Breadth of Disabled Citizenship.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2022.
- “Disability, Work, and Self-Sufficiency Programs: Client Perspectives on SSI and SSDI.” Research Conference on Self-Sufficiency, hosted by the US Administration for Children and Families, June 2022.
- “Dispersed Organizing Before the Internet: The Case of the Disability Rag.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August 2021.
- Discussant, “The Microbiome and Postcolonial Critique,” presentation by Dr. Claire Decoteau at Medicine and its Objects workshop, November 2020.
- “What Works? A Critical Historical Analysis of Evidence-based Policymaking” with Emily Claypool. Accepted for the 2020 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, cancelled due to covid-19 pandemic.
- “Today, Wheelchair Riders at McDonalds?: Racialized Construction of Disability Activism in a Grassroots Periodical of the 1980s.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, August 2019.
- Discussant, “Imagining Subversive Futures” panel. MAPSS Graduate Student Academic Research Conference, University of Chicago, May 2019.
- “Rag, Rights, and Radicalism: Creation of a Disability Activist Counterpublic in the 1980s.” Presentation at Chicago Disability Studies Conference, April 2018.
- “Paternalism and Professionalism: Tensions Between Social Work and the Disability Rights Movement.” Poster presentation to the Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, January 2018.
- “Reflections on Early Findings: The Administration for Children and Families (HHS) Perspective.” Panel presentation at the 50th Annual Workshop of the National Association for Welfare Research and Statistics, Los Angeles, CA, September 2010.

“An Introduction to the TANF-SSI Disability Transition Project.” Panelist at 13th Annual Welfare Research and Evaluation Conference, Washington, DC, June 2010.

“Healthy Relationships and Dating Violence: Adolescent Voice and Arts-Based Intervention in Delray, Detroit.” With Hsun-Ta Hsu and Laura Norton-Cruz. Presented at the Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education, San Antonio, TX, November 2009

INVITED WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

“Navigating Policy From Below: Managing on SSI and SSDI in Greater Chicago.” Presentation to University of Chicago Disability Studies Workshop, February 2023.

“Dispersed Organizing Before the Internet: The Case of the Disability Rag.” Emerging Scholars Workshop on *The Nonprofit Sector*, October 2020.

“Historical and Contemporary Perspectives of Cross-Disciplinary Approaches to Social Work Knowledge Creation,” workshop presenter, Council on Social Work Education annual program meeting, October 2019.

“Cross-Disciplinary Approaches for Responding to Social Work’s Grand Challenges,” roundtable presenter, Society for Social Work and Research annual conference, January 2019.

Discussant, “Recognizing/Misrecognizing Disability” panel. Chicago Disability Studies Conference, April 2018.

“Professionalism vs. Self-Determination: Whose Status? Whose Empowerment?” Presentation to University of Chicago Disability Studies Reading Group, November 2017.

“Ragged Subjectivity: Liberal, Neoliberal, and Defiant Conceptions of Disability Activism.” Presentation to University of Chicago Disability Studies Reading Group, May 2016.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record: Social Intervention: Programs and Policies

- Taught Winter 2019 and Winter 2020

Instructor of Record: Community Organizing

- Taught Spring 2019 and Winter 2018

Teaching Assistant: Social Intervention: Programs and Policies

- With Professor Jennifer Mosley, Winter 2017

Teaching Assistant: Social Problems, Social Policy, & Social Change

- With Professor Jennifer Mosley, Spring 2017

Second Reader on Undergraduate Theses

- Heather Weller, Public Policy, 2021
- Ben Sarasin, Public Policy, 2022

Invited Guest Lectures

- Arts of Ministry: Community, Leadership, and Change, Professor Cynthia Lindner, University of Chicago Divinity School, Spring 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023.
- Urban Social Work Program, Professor Julian Thompson, Chicago Center for Urban Life and Culture, Spring 2020, 2021, and 2022.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

2022 – Present	Peer reviewer (as needed), <i>Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly</i>
2021 – Present	Editorial Assistant, <i>Social Service Review</i>
2019 – Present	Peer reviewer (as needed), <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2018 – 2022	Book Review Board member, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>
2019 – 2021	Coordinator, Crown Family School Doctoral Theory Workshop
2019 – 2020	Coordinator, Workshop on Urban Governance, UChicago
2017 – 2019	Co-Coordinator, Disability Studies Workshop/Reading Group, UChicago
2018	Organizer, Chicago Disability Studies Conference
2016	Grievance Committee Working Group, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
2014 – 2015	Doctoral Committee student member, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago
2008 – 2009	Elected student representative, Ford School of Public Policy executive Committee, University of Michigan
2007 – 2008	Elected Representative, School of Social Work student government, University of Michigan

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2009-2014	Social Science Research Analyst, Administration for Children and Families, US Department of Health and Human Services; Washington, DC
2004-2006	Case Manager and Health Educator, Youth on Fire; Cambridge, MA
1999-2006	Community Organizer, various organizations; Boston, MA