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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2021-Present Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology
 Department of Sociology
 University of Cincinnati
- 2021-Present Faculty Fellow
 Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis
 University of Texas at Austin
- 2015-2021 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Community Development
 Division of Social Sciences and History
 Delta State University
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Research Associate
 George Warren Brown School of Social Work
 Washington University in St. Louis
- 2012-2014 Postdoctoral Research Associate
 Institute for Urban Policy Research & Analysis
 Department of African and African Diaspora Studies
 University of Texas at Austin

EDUCATION

- Ph.D. Urban Planning, Ohio State University, 2012
M.S. Applied Statistics, Ohio State University, 2010
M.S. Urban Planning, Ohio State University, 2009
M.S. Human Geography, Beijing Normal University, China, 2004
B.S. Economic Geography and Urban Science, Beijing Union University, China, 2001

RESEARCH/TEACHING INTERESTS

Modern Racism; Racial Economic Inequality; Labor-Market Discrimination; Housing and Community Development; Wealth Inequality; Social Policy; Quantitative Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Cincinnati

- SOC 2022 – Introduction to Social Inequality – (Undergraduate) – Fall 2021
SOC 3019 – Statistics in Sociology – (Undergraduate) – Fall 2022
SOC 3073 – Sociology of Race – (Undergraduate) – Fall 2021
SOC 4048 – Social Stratification – (Undergraduate) – Spring 2022
SOC 7048 – Racial Inequality in Economic Institutions – (Graduate) – Spring 2022

Delta State University

SOC 101 – Introduction to Sociology – (Undergraduate)
SOC 456/556 – Race, Class, and Gender – (Undergraduate & Graduate)
SOC 492/592 – Racial and Cultural Minorities – (Undergraduate & Graduate)
SOC 460/560 – Social Stratification – (Undergraduate & Graduate)
SSC 470 – Methods of Social Research – (Undergraduate)
SSC 669 – Quantitative Research Methods/Statistics – (Graduate)
SOC 475/575 – Sociology of Community – (Undergraduate & Graduate)
SOC 421/521 – Sustainable Development – (Undergraduate & Graduate)
SOC 474/574 – Rural Sociology – (Undergraduate & Graduate)
COD 600 – Community Development – (Graduate)
SOC 480 – Social Organization and Social Change – (Undergraduate)
SOC 453 – Medical Sociology – (Undergraduate)
SOC 427 – Sociology of Sport – (Undergraduate)

Ohio State University

CRP 310 – Introduction to Urban Planning – (Undergraduate)
CRP 340 – Demographic Analysis and Data Forecasting – (Undergraduate)
CRP 771 – Applications of Quantitative Methods in Planning – (Graduate)

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

- (2022) **Ren, Chunhui.** Vulnerability of low-income homeownership in the United States: An analysis based on household liquidity (Accepted by *Journal of Urban Affairs*). (Impact Factor: 3.4)
- (2022) **Ren, Chunhui.** Cohort, signaling, and early-career dynamics: The hidden significance of class in black-white earnings inequality. *Social Science Research*, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2022.102710>. (Impact Factor: 2.3)
- (2021) **Ren, Chunhui.** A dynamic framework for earnings inequality between black and white men. *Social Forces*, doi.org/10.1093/sf/soab102. (Impact Factor: 3.6)
- (2020) **Ren, Chunhui.** A framework for explaining black-white inequality in homeownership sustainability. *Demography* 57, 1297–1321. (Impact Factor: 3.9)
- (2019) **Ren, Chunhui.** Fluctuating courses and constant challenges: The two trajectories of black-white earnings inequality 1968-2015. *Social Science Research* 77:30–44. (Impact Factor 2.3)
- (2019) **Ren, Chunhui.** After poverty reduction: Trajectories of U.S. urban neighborhoods that escaped high poverty during the 1990s. *Urban Research & Practice* 12(2):113–36. (Impact Factor: 2.4)
- (2017) Despard, Mathieu., Taylor, Samuel., **Ren, Chunhui.**, Russell, Blair., Grinstein-Weiss, Michal., and Raghavan, Ramesh. Effects of a tax-time savings experiment on material and health care hardship among low-income filers. *Journal of Poverty* 0 (0): 1-23. (Impact Factor: 0.9)
- (2016) Despard, Mathieu., Grinstein-Weiss, Michal., **Ren, Chunhui.**, Guo, Shenyang., and Raghavan, Ramesh. Effects of a tax-time savings intervention on use of alternative financial services among lower-income households. *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 51 (2): 355-379. (Impact Factor: 2.1)

- (2014) **Ren, Chunhui.**, and Morrow-Jones, Hazel. Understanding poverty rate dynamics in urban neighborhoods: A competitive perspective. *Advances in Applied Sociology* 4 (2): 40-52. (Impact Factor: 0.6)

Book Review

- (2014) **Ren, Chunhui.** The history of skid rows. [Review of the book Homeless: Poverty and Place in Urban America, by Ella Howard], *Journal of Urban Affairs* 37 (4): 500-501.

Manuscripts under Review (* stands for a student coauthor)

Ren, Chunhui., and Paul Allison. Misinterpretations of the fixed-effects model in racial inequality research (Under review).

Ren, Chunhui. Divergent trajectories and unequal returns: Black-white wealth inequality from a temporal-dynamic perspective (Under review).

Ren, Chunhui. Income, wealth, and black-white inequality: A two-stage analysis of sustainable homeownership (Under review).

Ren, Chunhui, and James Forte*. Black experience in Houston, 1980-2011: desegregation, poverty, and black neighborhoods (Under review).

Manuscripts in Preparation

Ren, Chunhui. The application of panel data models in ascriptive inequality analyses (Draft available).

Ren, Chunhui. Domestic discrimination or global inequality: the impacts of skin color on new immigrants' socioeconomic experiences in the United States (Under development).

Policy Briefs/Technical Reports

- (2019) **Ren, Chunhui.** A framework for explaining black-white inequality in homeownership sustainability. *The Center for Social Development*, Washington University in St. Louis.
- (2014) **Ren, Chunhui.**, Obaseki, Victor., and Kessler, Seth. Texas demography series: Racial and ethnic segregation trends 1980-2011. *The Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis*, University of Texas at Austin.
- (2014) Tang, Eric., and **Ren, Chunhui.** Statistical outlier: Austin's decline in African Americans. *The Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis*, University of Texas at Austin.
- (2013) Vohra-Gupta, Shetal., Kessler, Seth., **Ren, Chunhui.**, and Alexander, Jennifer. Texas demography series: Housing conditions by race and ethnicity. *The Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis*, University of Texas at Austin.
- (2012) Vohra-Gupta, Shetal., Aguilar, Jemel., **Ren, Chunhui.**, and Alexander, Jennifer. Texas demography series: Income and poverty by race and ethnicity. *The Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis*. University of Texas at Austin.
- (2012) Vohra-Gupta, Shetal., Aguilar, Jemel., Alexander, Jennifer., and **Ren, Chunhui.** Texas demography series: Demographic characteristics by race and ethnicity. *The Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis*. University of Texas at Austin.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- (2021) “A dynamic framework for black-white earnings inequality”, *American Sociological Association*. Virtual Conference.
- (2021) “Race, income, and liquid wealth: A two-stage analysis of sustainable homeownership”, *Population Association of America*. Virtual Conference.
- (2021) “Cohort, signaling, and early-career dynamics: The hidden significance of class in black-white earnings inequality”, *Population Association of America*. Virtual Conference.
- (2020) “The hidden significance of class in black-white earnings inequality”, *American Sociological Association*. Virtual Conference.
- (2019) “A framework for explaining black-white inequality in homeownership sustainability”, *American Sociological Association*, New York City, NY, August 9-13.
- (2018) “The increasing significance of class in black-white earnings inequality 1968-2015”, *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA, August 10-14.
- (2017) “Investigating the black-white disparity in homeownership exit 2007-2013”, *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 11-14.
- (2014) “Desegregation, black middle-class flight, and growing residential divide within the black community”, *Urban Affairs Association*, San Antonio, TX, March 19-22.
- (2013) “The Invisible Houston Revisited Three Decades Later: *The Black Experience in Boom and Bust Policy Summit*, Houston, TX, November 7.
- (2012) “Poverty transition in moderately poor neighborhoods: A competitive perspective”, *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning*, Cincinnati, OH, November 1-4.

GRANTS

Internally Funded Projects

- (2020) “Black-white wealth inequality from a longitudinal perspective”, **PI – Chunhui Ren**: *Funded by Delta State University* in the amount of \$3,000.
- (2019) “An examination on the relationship between homeownership and wealth-building”, **PI – Chunhui Ren**: *Funded by Delta State University* in the amount of \$3,000.
- (2017) “Explaining racial and ethnic disparity in the rate and quality of homeownership”, **PI – Chunhui Ren**: *Funded by Delta State University* in the amount of \$3,000.
- (2016) “Black-white earnings inequality: Causes and consequences from a spatial perspective”, **PI – Chunhui Ren**: *Funded by Delta State University* in the amount of \$3,000.

Participation in Externally Funded Projects

- (2013-2016) “Evaluation of APAA (Association of Persons Affected by Addiction)’s peer-based rehabilitation program”, PI – King Davis, **Statistician – Chunhui Ren**: *Funded by Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration* in the amount of \$300,000.
- (2013-2016) “Historical data analysis of the first mental hospital for persons of African Descent in the U.S.”, PI – King Davis, **Statistician – Chunhui Ren**: *Funded by Andrew Mellon Foundation* in the amount of \$763,000.

External Grant Proposals

- (2022) “The impacts of skin color on new immigrants’ socioeconomic experiences in the United States”, **PI – Chunhui Ren: (*Under review at*) Russell Sage Foundation** in the amount of \$33,600 from May 2023 to December 2024.
- (2022) “A spatial-temporal exploration of five decades: Tracing American families’ residential mobility from 1968 to 2020”, **PI – Chunhui Ren** with the Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis at University of Texas at Austin: (***To be submitted to***) *National Science Foundation* in the amount of \$354,800 over three years from 2023 to 2026.
- (2019) “Class, time, and career advancement: A longitudinal examination of black-white earnings inequality”, **PI – Chunhui Ren: Reviewed (*not funded*) by Russell Sage Foundation** in the amount of \$32,400 over two years from 2020 to 2022.
- (2018) “Investigate the role of liquid assets in black-white inequality in homeownership sustainability”, **PI – Chunhui Ren: Reviewed (*not funded*) by Russell Sage Foundation** in the amount \$29,900 from June 2018 to December 2019.
- (2017) “The declining significance of race: Investigating black-white earnings inequality along class lines 1968-2015”, **PI – Chunhui Ren: Reviewed (*not funded*) by National Science Foundation** in the amount of \$436,355 over five years from 2018 to 2023.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

University Services

Board Member, Institutional Review Board, Delta State University, 2017 to 2021

Committee Member, Campus Diversity Committee, Delta State University, 2018 to 2021

Undergraduate Coordinator, Sociology, Division of Social Sciences and History, Delta State University, 2016 to 2021

Graduate Coordinator, Sociology and Community Development, Division of Social Sciences and History, Delta State University, 2019 to 2021

Committee Member, Strategic Planning Committee, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis, University of Texas at Austin, 2014

Other Academic/Professional Services

External Reviewer for *National Science Foundation*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *Urban Studies*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 2014 – Present

Policy Analyst, Institute for Urban Policy Research and Analysis at University of Texas at Austin in collaboration with *Texas Legislative Black Caucus*, 2012 - 2014

Intern, Land Redevelopment Office, City of Columbus, Columbus, OH, 2005-2007

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Population Association of America (PAA)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

QUANTITATIVE SKILLS

Multi-level Modeling; Propensity Score Analysis; Survival Analysis; Growth-Curve Modeling; Fixed-Effects Modeling; GIS Mapping; Spatial Analysis; Survey Design