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CONTACT INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Applied Economics, University of Minnesota, 2011 – 2017
M.P.P., Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, 2009 – 2011
B.A., Political Science, Williams College, 2004 – 2008

Dissertation

“Innovative Methods for Using Census Data to Study Poverty, Labor Markets, and Policy”
Committee: Joseph Ritter (Advisor), Elizabeth Davis, Aaron Sojourner, Steven Ruggles

Additional Training

Carnegie Mellon University, Junior Summer Institute (Public Policy and International Affairs Fellow), Pittsburgh, PA, Summer 2007

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Research Scientist, IPUMS International January 2021 – present
Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation,
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN USA

Project Manager & Research Scientist, IPUMS USA August 2017 – December 2020
Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation,
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN USA

Research Economist, US Census Bureau October 2015 – August 2017
Poverty Statistics Branch
Suitland, MD USA

Visiting Fellow, Urban Institute September 2014 – August 2015
Center on Labor, Human Services, and Population
Washington, DC, USA

Consultant, Center for Migration Studies of New York June 2014 – October 2015
New York, NY USA

Graduate Research Assistant, IPUMS CPS
Institute for Social Research and Data Innovation,
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, MN USA

May 2012 – August 2015

RESEARCH

Publications

Pacas, José and David W. Rothwell. “Why is Poverty Lower in Rural America According to the Supplemental Poverty Measure? An Investigation of the Geographic Adjustment”. *Population Research and Policy Review*. 39. 5 (2020): 941-975.

Sojourner, Aaron and **José Pacas**. “The Relationship Between Union Membership and Net Fiscal Impact”. *Industrial Relations*. 58. 1 (2019): 86-107.

Flood, Sarah and **José Pacas**. “Using the Annual Social and Economic Supplement with Current Population Survey Panels”, *Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*: 42: 225-48. 2017.

Heggeness, Misty L., Kearney T. W. Gunsalus, **José Pacas**, Gary McDowell. “The New Face of US Science.” *Nature*. 3 January, 2017.

“Changing Demographics, Lagging Attainment: The College Gap Hurts Minnesota as a Whole.” Minnpost.com. Community Voices, 25 June 2010. Web.

“We’re All in This Together: Educational Achievement and Attainment by Minnesotans of Color” (with Matt Kane). Policy Brief. St. Paul: Growth & Justice, February 2011. Print.

“NAEP Test Results Show Minnesota Must Boost Educational Achievement for the State’s Students of Color.” Report. St. Paul: Growth & Justice, February 2011. Print.

Chin, Jacob, Katherine Fennelly, Charles Miles, and **José Pacas**. 2011. “Attorneys’ Perspectives on the Violation of the Civil Rights of Immigrants Detained in Minnesota.” CURA Reporter 1(2).

Working Papers

“The Supplemental Poverty Measure using the American Community Survey” (with Liana Fox and Brian Glassman). SEHSD Working Paper #2020-09.

“Extending Current Population Survey Linkages: Obstacles and Solutions for Linking Monthly Data from 1976 to 1988” (with Sarah Flood, Renae Rodgers, Devon Kristiansen, and Ben Klaas). IPUMS Working Paper, 2020-2. *Forthcoming at Journal of Economic and Social Measurement*.

“Across the Rural-Urban Universe: Two Continuous Indices of Urbanization for U.S. Census

Microdata” (with Jonathan Schroeder, ISRDI, University of Minnesota). MPC Working Paper #2019-05. *Review and Resubmit at Spatial Demography*.

Datasets Produced

Steven Ruggles, Sarah Flood, Ronald Goeken, Josiah Grover, Erin Meyer, Jose Pacas and Matthew Sobek. IPUMS USA: Version 10.0 [dataset]. Minneapolis, MN: IPUMS, 2020. <https://doi.org/10.18128/D010.V10.0>

Works in Progress

“Rural Poverty Transitions: A New Look at Movements In and Out of Poverty” (with Liz Davis, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota)

“Characterizing the Factors of Movements In and Out of Poverty Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure” (with Joe Ritter)

“Preparing for the 21st Century Biomedical Research Job Market: Using Census Data to Inform Policy and Career Decision-Making” (with Misty Heggeness, Kearney Gunsalus and Gary McDowell)

“Patterns in the Race Responses for Young Children of All Intermarriages in the US, 1960-2010” (with Carolyn Liebler, Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota)

Presentations

“Building Relationships Where There Are None: Imputing Relationship Status in the 1850, 1860 and 1870 Decennial Census Files” (with Josiah Grover and Steve Ruggles). Social Science History Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL, November 22, 2019

“Face Validity of the Supplemental Poverty Measure in Rural America: The Role of Redistributive Institutions” (with Leanne S. Giordono and David Rothwell). Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Fall Research Conference. Denver, CO, November 7, 2019

“Accessing, Analyzing, and Visualizing IPUMS Data” (with David Van Riper and Jonathan Schwabish). Urban Institute. Denver, CO, November 6, 2019

“More Than Just a Job?: Characterizing Poverty Transitions in the US.” Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University. New York, NY, October 8, 2019

“Advanced IPUMS USA and CPS Workshop.” Center for Labor Research and Education, UC Berkeley, CA, October 1-2, 2019

“Union Card or Welfare Card? Evidence on the Relationship Between Union Membership and Net Fiscal Impact at the Individual-Worker Level” (with Aaron Sojourner). Dataset-

Utilization Open Search Conference. Loyola University, Chicago, IL, June 7, 2019

“Accessing, Analyzing, and Visualizing IPUMS Data” (with David Van Riper and Jonathan Schwabish). Urban Institute. Washington, DC, June 5, 2019

“Navigating the Longitudinal Component of IPUMS CPS Workshop.” Urban Institute. Washington, DC, June 4, 2019

“Across the Rural-Urban Universe: Two Continuous Indices of Settlement Patterns for ACS Microdata” (with Jonathan Schroeder and David Van Riper) ACS Users Conference. Washington, DC, May 14, 2019

“Using IPUMS USA and CPS for Policy Research.” Global Migration and Demography Research Group, Pew Research Center. Washington, DC, May 12, 2019

“Getting Rural Right: Poverty Disparities across Two Dimensions of Rurality” (with Jonathan Schroeder and David Van Riper). The Changing Demography of Rural Areas Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Austin, TX, April 10, 2019

“Deconstructing Poverty Rates Among the 65-and-Older Population: Why Has Poverty Increased Since 2015?” (with Liana Fox). Economic Inequality and Aging Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, April 27, 2018

“Children of Indigenous Intermarriages in the United States: Comparison of Race Responses Across Categories and Over Five Decades” (with Carolyn Liebler). Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, April 27, 2018

“Rural Poverty Transitions: A New Look at Movements In and Out of Poverty” (with Elizabeth Davis). Rural Poverty Research Conference. Washington, DC, March 21, 2018

“Measuring and Defining Poverty.” Guest lecturer, Social Welfare History and Policy, School of Social Work, University of Minnesota, November 15, 2017 and November 27/28, 2018.

“Accuracy of Sample Averages.” Guest lecturer, Empirical Analysis I, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, November 2, 2017

“Statistical Significance Tests.” Guest lecturer, Empirical Analysis I, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, October 31, 2017

“Characterizing the Factors of Movements In and Out of Poverty Using the Supplemental Poverty Measure.” Economic and Social Wellbeing Session, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, April 28, 2017

“Patterns in the Race Responses for Young Children of All Intermarriages in the US, 1960-2010” (with Carolyn Liebler). Selected Poster, Population Association of America Annual

Meeting. Washington, DC, March 31, 2016. *Won Poster Award.*

“Union Card or Welfare Card? Evidence on the Relationship Between Union Membership and Net Fiscal Impact at the Individual-Worker Level” (with Aaron Sojourner). Annual Meeting of the Society of Labor Economists. June 28, 2015

—. Labor and Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, May 31, 2015

—. Urban Institute, Works in Progress Brown Bag Seminar, Washington, DC, March 19, 2015

“Using the Annual Social and Economic Supplement with Current Population Survey Panels” with Sarah Flood, Minnesota Population Center, University of Minnesota. Population Association of America Annual Meeting. San Diego, California, April 30, 2015

“Assessing the Effect of E-Verify Mandates on Employment.” Population Association of America Annual Meeting. San Diego, California, May 1, 2015

—. Urban Institute, Modeling Group Brown Bag Seminar, Washington, DC, Feb 12, 2015

“Democratizing the Data: A New Variable Showing Foreign-Born Census Data by Legal Status.” Conference on Unauthorized Immigration Data and Legalization. New York, New York, September 29, 2014

“Time and Poverty and Official Poverty: Comparisons using the ATUS and CPS.” Sociologist of Minnesota Conference. William Mitchell College of Law, Saint Paul, Minnesota, October 10, 2013

“Multivariate OLS, F tests.” Guest lecturer, Empirical Analysis I, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, December 3, 2013

“Health and Nutrition.” Guest lecturer, Economics of Development, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota, December 3, 2013

“Defining Poverty in Terms of Time and Income: Understanding Parental Time” (with Misty L. Heggeness and Sarah Flood). Selected Poster, Population Association of America Annual Meeting. New Orleans, Louisiana, April 12, 2013

“NAEP Statistics and Their Use in Minnesota.” Frontiers in Racial Equity Conference. University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 18, 2010

MEDIA

Spokesperson for the Census Bureau on a nationally-televised hour-long special on poverty for Univision titled: “Being Poor in the Richest Country”

AWARDS AND HONORS	Institute for Research on Poverty Scholars-in-Residence Program at Center on Poverty and Social Policy, Columbia University, 2019
	Annie E. Casey Rural Poverty Research Fellow, 2019
	Poster Award, Population Association of America, 2016
	Minnesota Population Center Outstanding Service Award, 2014
	Interdisciplinary Center for the Study of Global Change Mellon Scholar Fellowship, 2011–2016
	Pi Alpha Alpha National Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration, 2011
	James Lyday Fellowship for Leadership in Public Service, 2010–2011
	Public Policy and International Affairs Fellowship, 2007
	Gargoyle Alumni Association Scholarship, Williams College, 2007–2008
	Class of 1957 Scholarship, Williams College, 2006–2007
Other	
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	Center on Poverty and Social Policy, External Affiliate (2019-present)
	Minnesota Population Center Summer Diversity Fellowship Co-coordinator (2019)
	Minnesota Population Center Advisory Board Member (2017-present)
PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS	Population Association of America, American Economic Association, International Union for the Scientific Study of Population
COMPUTER SKILLS	Statistical Packages: Stata, SAS, SPSS
SECURITY CLEARANCE	Special Sworn Status, US Census Bureau
OTHER	Languages: Spanish (native), French (conversational)