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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Aug 2023- Research Scientist (Postdoctoral Researcher), Laboratory of Population Health
Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research, Rostock, Germany.
Research Affiliate, *University of Helsinki Center for Social Inequalities in
Population Health (MaxHel Center)*, Helsinki, Finland.

EDUCATION

2023 **Ph.D.** Sociology and Demography, *The Pennsylvania State University*,
Comprehensive Exams: Demography, Urban Sociology, Social Network
Analysis, Quantitative Methods
Certificates: Quantitative Methodology Certificate in Sociology; Social
Network Analysis: Applications in Criminology and Sociology Certificate
Dissertation: Racialized Place-Making: An Investigation of Race, Place, and Value
Committee: Corina Graif (Co-Chair), Stephen A. Matthews (Co-Chair), John
Iceland, Guangqing Chi, Barrett A. Lee

2019 **M.A.** Sociology and Demography, *The Pennsylvania State University*

2017 **B.A.** English, Sociology, and Linguistics, *Youngstown State University*
Summa Cum Laude, with Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Urban Sociology, Demography, Race and Ethnicity, Inequality, Health, Quantitative Methods
(social network analyses, spatial analyses, hierarchical modeling, text and sentiment analysis)

PUBLICATIONS

* Indicates Equal Co-authorship; † Indicates student co-author

Peer Reviewed Publications

Forth. Wirth, Bianca† and **Megan Evans**. “From an Election to and Insurrection: Comparing
Sentiment Shifts in the #DefundthePolice and #DefendthePolice Networks on Twitter”
PLOS ONE.

2023 **Evans, Megan*** and Alexander Chapman*†. “Residential Immobility and Racial and
Ethnic Disparities in Housing Quality.” *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 10(1): 31-50.
DOI: [10.1177/23326492231207603](https://doi.org/10.1177/23326492231207603)

- 2023 **Evans, Megan**, Corina Graif, and Stephen A. Matthews. “The Role of Infant Health Problems in Constraining Inter-Neighborhood Mobility: Implications for Citywide Employment Networks.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 64(4): 555-577. DOI: [10.1177/00221465231172176](https://doi.org/10.1177/00221465231172176)
- Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, The Pennsylvania State University, 2023.
- 2022 Newmyer, Lauren*†, **Megan Evans***, and Corina Graif. “Socially Connected Neighborhoods and the Spread of Sexually Transmitted Infections.” *Demography*. 59 (4): 1299-1323. DOI: [10.1215/00703370-10054898](https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-10054898)
- Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Working Paper, The Pennsylvania State University, 2021.
- 2021 **Evans, Megan**, Jonathan Daw, and S. Michael Gaddis. “The Generational Boundaries of Educational Advantage: Does Great-Grandparent Educational Attainment Predict Great-Grandchild Early Academic Achievement?” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. 7 DOI: [10.1177/23780231211060573](https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231211060573)
- 2021 Siskar, Thomas†, and **Megan Evans**. “Predicting Mobility: Who is Forced to Move.” *City & Community*. 20(2): 141-159. DOI: [10.1177/1535684120981010](https://doi.org/10.1177/1535684120981010)
- 2020 **Evans, Megan**. “The Unequal Housing and Neighborhood Outcomes of Displaced Movers.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 43(9): 1214-1234. DOI: [10.1080/07352166.2020.1730697](https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2020.1730697)
- Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, The Pennsylvania State University, 2020.
- 2020 **Evans, Megan** and Barrett A. Lee. “Neighborhood Reputations as Symbolic and Stratifying Mechanisms in the Urban Hierarchy.” *Sociology Compass*. 14(10): 1-15 e12831. DOI: [10.1111/soc4.12831](https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12831)
- 2020 Lee, Barrett A., and **Megan Evans**. “Forced to Move: Patterns and Predictors of Residential Displacement during an Era of Housing Insecurity.” *Social Science Research*, 87: 102415. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102415](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102415)
- 2018 Daw, Jonathan, Alexander Chapman†, and **Megan Evans**. “What Can Sociogenomics Learn from *Social by Nature*?” *Biodemography and Social Biology*. 64(3/4): 237-250. DOI: [10.1080/19485565.2019.1597622](https://doi.org/10.1080/19485565.2019.1597622)

Chapters and Book Reviews

2023. **Evans, Megan***, and Ashley McDonald*† “Reconsidering Family Ethnic-Racial Socialization: Challenges, Progress, and Directions for Future Research” In Witherspoon, Dawn P., Susan M. McHale, and Valarie King (Eds). *Family socialization, race, and*

inequality in the United States. National Symposium on Family Issues, vol 14. New York City: Springer. DOI: [10.1007/978-3-031-44115-8_10](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-031-44115-8_10)

- 2021 **Evans, Megan**. Book Review: Randy Shaw’s “Generation Priced Out: Who Gets to Live in the New Urban America.” *Housing and Society*. 48(3): 1-4.
DOI: [10.1080/08882746.2021.1878719](https://doi.org/10.1080/08882746.2021.1878719)

AWARDS, HONORS, & SUPPORT

Awards

- 2023 Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2021 Alan Booth Graduate Student Award, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2021 Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Working Paper, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2020 Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention

Funding Support

- 2021 Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support Award, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2017-19 Predoctoral Family Demography Traineeship (T-32 Grant), Eunice Kennedy Shriver Institute of Child Health and Human Development
- 2017 Graduate Scholar Award, The Pennsylvania State University
Huber Form Scholarship, The Pennsylvania State University
NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Incentive Award, The Pennsylvania State University
Mavrigian-Grimm Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 143

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Forth. **Megan Evans**, and Lauren Newmyer. “A State-Level Examination into Structural Racism and Racial Disparities in Sexually Transmitted Infections” European Population Conference. Edinburgh, Scotland

Megan Evans, and Lauren Newmyer. “A State-Level Examination into Structural Racism and Racial Disparities in Sexually Transmitted Infections” Population Association of America. Columbus, OH.

- Hesu, Yoon, and **Megan Evans**. “Leveraging How Airbnb Hosts Use Neighborhood Names to Identify a Neighborhood Reputational Hierarchy in San Francisco” Population Association of America. Columbus, OH.
- Hesu, Yoon, and **Megan Evans**. “Leveraging How Airbnb Hosts Use Neighborhood Names to Identify a Neighborhood Reputational Hierarchy in San Francisco” International Conference for Urban Affairs. New York, NY.
- 2023 **Megan Evans**. “Racialized Perceptions of Crime and Redlining in Chicago.” Annual Meeting of the European Society for Criminology. Florence, Italy.
- Bader, Michael D. M., and **Megan Evans**. “Racial Variation in Community Cognizance and Taste.” Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 **Evans, Megan**. “A Historic Examination of the Link between Perceived Crime, Race, and Redlining in Chicago.” Annual Meeting for the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- Evans, Megan**. “Differentiating between Neighborhood Sentiment and Objective Neighborhood Characteristics in Determining Lending Risk.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- Evans, Megan**. “Racialized Place-Making: An Investigation into the Creation of HOLC’s Residential Security Maps” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA.
- 2021 **Evans, Megan**, and Bianca Wirth. “Electing the Chief of Police: How the Race of Elected Officials Affects Racial Disparities in Arrests.” Annual Meeting for the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.
- Newmyer, Lauren*, **Megan Evans***, and Corina Graif. “Sexually Transmitted Infections and the Importance of Connected Neighborhoods.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual.
- Wirth, Bianca, and **Megan Evans**. “Social Movements and Countermovements: The Structural Differences in Police-Related Twitter Networks.” Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference. Virtual.
- Evans, Megan**, Jonathan Daw, and S. Michael Gaddis. “The Generational Boundaries of Educational Advantage: Does Great-Grandparent Education Predict Great-Grandchild Early Academic Achievement?” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Virtual.
- 2020 **Evans, Megan**. “The Role of Neighborhood Reputations in Determining Where to Search for Work and Housing.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual.
- Graif, Corina, **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Infant Health Selection Effects on Workplace Connections: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of Neighborhoods Over 14 Years.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual.
- Newmyer, Lauren, **Megan Evans**, and Corina Graif “Crossing Residential Boundaries: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Commuting Ties.” The International Sunbelt Social

Network Conference, Annual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. Paris, France. (Due to COVID-19 participation cancelled.)

Evans, Megan, and Alexander Chapman. “Returns on Moving: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Who Moves and What They Get.” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Virtual.

Graif, Corina, **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Infant Health Selection Effects on Inter-Neighborhood Commuting.” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Washington D.C. Virtual.

- 2019 Barrett A. Lee, and **Megan Evans**. “Forced to Move: Patterns and Predictors of Residential Displacement during an Era of Housing Insecurity.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

Evans, Megan, and Alexander Chapman. “The Stickiness of Poverty: Adolescent Friendship Networks.” The International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Annual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. Montreal, Canada.

Evans, Megan. “The Unequal Housing and Neighborhood Outcomes of Displaced Movers.” Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Los Angeles, CA.

Evans, Megan. “Defining Neighborhoods: How Spatial Contexts Matter for Educational Expectations.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, D.C.

- 2018 Daw, Jonathan, Alexander Chapman, and **Megan Evans**. “State of the Field: Research on Gene-Environment Interaction Reviews of *Social by Nature* and *The Genome Factor*.” National Institute of Aging (NIA) Biomarker Network Meeting. Denver, CO.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Evans, Megan** and Lauren Newmyer. “A State-Level Examination into Structural Racism and Racial Disparities in Sexually Transmitted Infections.” Social Demography Lab Talk Series. Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. Rostock, Germany.

Evans, Megan and Lauren Newmyer. “Structural Racism and Rates of Sexually Transmitted Infections.” Max Planck – University of Helsinki Center for Social Inequalities in Population Health (MaxHel Center) Opening Event. Helsinki, Finland.

- 2022 **Evans, Megan**. “Visualization in R.” Presentation sponsored by the Coding and Data Committee, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Virtual.

Megan Evans. “Racialized Place-Making: An Investigation of Race, Place, and Value.” Pennsylvania State University Graduate Exhibition. Virtual.

Graif, Corina, **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Spatial Network Links to Maternal and Child’s Health: New Insights for Linking Census Data with Vital Record Statistics.” Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Webinar. Virtual.

- 2020 **Evans, Megan**. “Cleaning your Data in STATA.” Presentation sponsored by the Coding and Data Committee, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Virtual.

Evans, Megan, and Alexander Chapman. “Returns on Moving: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Who Moves and What They Get.” Breakout Session Student Presentation. DemSemX, May 29th. Virtual.

2019 Graif, Corina, **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Spatial Network Effects on Maternal and Child Health: New Insights from Linking Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD/LODES) Data with Vital Record Statistics.” Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership Annual Workshop. Suitland, MD.

Evans, Megan. “Using Exponential Random Graph Models to Examine Inter-Neighborhood Commuting Networks in R.” Community Working Group, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

2019 Introductory Sociology (SOC 001), The Pennsylvania State University

Graduate-Level Lab Instructor

2021 Spatial Demography (SOC 579), led by Stephen Matthews, Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University

2020 Social Network Analysis (SOC 580), led by Diane Felmlee, The Pennsylvania State University

Guest Lecturer

2022 “Racialized Place-Making and the Home Owners’ Loan Corporation” in Communities and Crime (led by Corina Graif), Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University

2021 “Producing Data Visualizations in STATA” and “Merging and Reshaping Data in STATA”, Introduction to Graduate Studies (led by Jennifer Van Hook and Tom Loughran) Graduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University

2020 “Applying Sociological Research Methods” in Introductory Sociology (led by Marco Faytong-Haro), Undergraduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University

2019 “Causes and Consequences of Residential Segregation” in Social Problems (led by Tori Thomas), Undergraduate Course, The Pennsylvania State University

MENTORING AND ADVISING

Graduate Students

Afable, Sanny Boy (Doctoral Advisory Committee) St. Andrews and Max Planck Institute for Demographic Research. Role: Committee Member, 2023-present.

ACADEMIC SKILLS

Additional Training

- 2021 STRIVE for Change Workshop Series, National Institute of Health (NIH), five-day workshop.
Assessing and Analyzing Census Data Using R Workshop, Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN), taught by Kyle Walker, three-day workshop.
Making the Leap to Large, National Science Foundation (NSF), seven-day workshop.
- 2020 The Graduate Online Teaching Certificate, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2019 Social Networks: Statistical Approaches Workshop, Statistical Horizons, taught by John Skvoretz, two-day workshop.

Software

Stata (advanced), R (advanced), GeoDa (advanced), NodeXL (advanced), UCINET (advanced), ArcGIS (beginner)

Data

American Community Survey (ACS), American Housing Survey (AHS), Chicago Area Study (CAS), D.C. Area Survey (DCAS), Decennial Census data, Early Childhood Longitudinal Study (ECLS-K), Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD) Origin-Destination Employment Statistic (LODES), Panel Study of Income Dynamics (PSID)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE

National

- 2024 Discussant: Demography of Place-Based Policies. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Columbus, OH.
- 2021-2023 Elected Student Representative. Population Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2023 Chair: Racial Residential Change and Stratification. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, New Orleans, LA.
Chair: Empirical Advances in Spatial Demography. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, New Orleans, LA.
- 2022 Roundtable Presider: Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.

Discussant and Chair: Spatial Mobility and Neighborhood Change. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Atlanta, GA.

Chair: Residential Mobility and Displacement. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Atlanta, GA.

2019 Moderator: Housing and Services in Urban Spaces. Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA.

2018 Chair: Applications, Health, and Human Capital. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Denver, CO.

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2024 Ringberg Retreat Social Committee, Chair

Pennsylvania State University

2017-23 Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, Member, Chair (2020-22)

2017-22 PRI Graduate Student Methodology Workshop Committee, Member, Co-Chair (2019-21)

2020-22 Coding & Data Committee, Member

2017-19 Mini-PAA Planning Committee, Member

Peer Reviewer

American Sociological Review; Asia Pacific Viewpoint; City and Community; Criminology; Demography; Deviant Behavior; Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies; Journal of Health and Social Behavior; Journal of Urbanism: International Research on Placemaking and Urban Sustainability; Social Forces; Social Problems; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Social Science Research; Spatial Demography; Urban Affairs Review; Urban Studies

Professional Affiliations

Population Association of America (PAA); American Sociological Association (ASA); International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP); European Association for Population Studies (EAPS)