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Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2017** Assistant Professor, Sociology, Louisiana State University
2014 Postdoctoral Fellow, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University

EDUCATION

- 2014** Ph.D., Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison
Minor: Spatial Theory and Data Analysis
2009 M.S., Sociology, University of Wisconsin at Madison
2007 B.A., Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/Ethnicity Stratification/Inequality	Demography Migration	Spatial Analysis Urban/Community
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PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

*Indicates a student co-author

Heather A. O'Connell. "More than Rocks and Stone: Confederate Monuments, Memory Movements, and Race." Forthcoming at *Social Forces*

Heather A. O'Connell, Jenifer L. Bratter, and Raul Casarez*. "One Drop on the Move: Historical Legal Context, Racial Classification, and Migration." Forthcoming at *Ethnic and Racial Studies*

Heather A. O'Connell. 2022. "Racism and Confederate Monument Construction: Temporal Regimes distinguishing the 1900s, 1960s, and Contemporary Decades." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 8(1): 62-78.

Heather A. O'Connell and Danequa Forrest*. 2020. "Confederate Monument Inscriptions: Different Times, Different Places, Different Messages." *Du Bois Review* 17(1): 81-103.

Heather A. O'Connell, Katherine J. Curtis, and Jack DeWaard. 2020. "Population Change and the Persistence of the Legacy of Slavery." *Social Science Research* 87(1): 1-18.

Heather A. O'Connell and Christina Diaz. 2020. "Hispanic Migration and Black-White Inequality: Changing Demographics, Changing Social Positions?" *Spatial Demography* 8(1): 33-61.

Heather A. O'Connell. 2020. "Monuments Outlive History: Confederate Monuments, the Legacy of Slavery, and Black-White Inequality." *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 43(3): 460-478.

Kiara Douds*, **Heather A. O'Connell**, and Jenifer L. Bratter. 2019. "The Racial Boundaries of Inequality: How Racial Hierarchies and Identity Shape Whites' Explanations for Racial Inequality." *Du Bois Review* 16(1): 83-106.

Heather A. O'Connell. 2019. "Historical Shadows: The Link between Sundown Towns and Contemporary Racial Inequality." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 5(3): 311-325.

Katherine J. Curtis, Junho Lee, **Heather A. O'Connell**, and Jun Zhu. 2019. "The Spatial Distribution of Poverty and the Long Reach of the Industrial Makeup of Places: New Evidence on Spatial Temporal Regimes." *Rural Sociology* 84(1): 28-65.

Heather A. O'Connell and Ethan J. Raker*. 2018. "Converging or Diverging? How Shifting Ethnoracial Composition Shapes the Urban-Suburban Distinction in Attitudes towards Immigrants in Houston, 1994-2016." *Sociological Perspectives* 61(4): 573-591.

Megan Wisniewski* and **Heather A. O'Connell**. 2018. "Clinic Access and Teenage Birth Rates: Racial/Ethnic and Spatial Disparities in Houston." *Social Science & Medicine* 201(1): 87-94.

Heather A. O'Connell. 2018. "Linking Racial Composition, Black-White Inequality, and Regional Difference: The Role of Migration." *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(1): 128-144.

Jenifer L. Bratter and **Heather A. O'Connell**. 2017. "Multiracial Identities, Single Race History: Contemporary Consequences of Historical Race and Marriage Laws for Racial Classification." *Social Science Research* 68(1): 102-116.

Katherine J. Curtis and **Heather A. O'Connell**. 2017. "Historical Racial Contexts and Contemporary Spatial Differences in Racial Inequality." *Spatial Demography* 5(2): 73-97.

Adam Slez, **Heather A. O'Connell**, and Katherine J. Curtis. 2017. "A Note on the Identification of Common Geographies." *Sociological Methods & Research* 46(2): 288-299.

Heather A. O'Connell, Lester King, and Jenifer L. Bratter. 2016. "The Location of Resources in a Diverse City: Supermarkets and Emerging Racial Hierarchies." *Race and Social Problems* 8(4): 281-295.

Robert L. Reece and **Heather A. O'Connell**. 2016. "How the Legacy of Slavery and Racial Composition Shape Public School Enrollment in the American South." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 2(1):42-57.

Featured in several news outlets, including invitations to be a guest on one of WAOK-Atlanta's radio shows (a CBS affiliate), the *Academic Minute* on WAMC, and to write for [The Conversation](#) and [Teaching Tolerance](#).

Heather A. O'Connell. 2015. "Where there's Smoke: Cigarette Use, Social Acceptability, and Spatial Approaches to Hierarchical Linear Modeling." *Social Science & Medicine* 140(1):18-26.

Heather A. O'Connell and Carla Shoff. 2014. "Spatial Variation in the Relationship between Hispanic Concentration and County Poverty: A Migration Perspective." *Spatial Demography* 2(1):30-54.

Katherine J. Curtis, Perla Reyes, **Heather A. O'Connell**, and Jun Zhu. 2013. "Disentangling the Spatial Concentration and Temporal Persistence of Poverty: Industrial Structure, Racial/Ethnic Composition, and the Complex Links to Poverty." *Spatial Demography* 1(2):178-194.

Heather A. O'Connell. 2012. "The Impact of Slavery on Racial Inequality in Poverty in the Contemporary US South." *Social Forces* 90(3):713-734.

UNDER REVIEW

Regina Baker and **Heather A. O'Connell**. "The Legacy of Slavery and the Impact of Family Structure on Black-White Inequality in Poverty." Revise and Resubmit at *Journal of Marriage and Family*

IN PREPARATION

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Heather A. O'Connell. "Confederate Monuments and Racism: Relationships with Racial Attitudes in the US South."

Heather A. O'Connell, Katherine J. Curtis, Alex Mikulas*, Jack DeWaard, and Junho Lee. "Timing is Everything: Identifying how the Legacy of Slavery Relationship Changes over Time."

BOOK CHAPTERS

Heather A. O'Connell. "The Monument that Racism Built: Putting Confederate Monuments into Ethical Perspective." In *Routledge Handbook of Heritage Ethics*.

ENCYCLOPEDIA ENTRIES

Heather A. O'Connell. "Monuments, Movements, and Race." In *The Wiley-Blackwell Encyclopedia of Social & Political Movements*, Eds. David A. Snow, Donatella della Porta, Bert Klandermans, and Doug McAdam.

BOOK REVIEWS

Heather A. O'Connell. 2020. Review of *Immigration and the Remaking of Black America*, by Tod G. Hamilton, Russell Sage Foundation, *American Journal of Sociology* 126(1): 151-153.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS (selection)

*Indicates a student co-author

Heather A. O'Connell and Jenifer L. Bratter. "Monumental Changes Require Removing Monuments to the Confederacy." Urban Edge, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, July 2020. <https://kinder.rice.edu/urbanedge/2020/07/08/racism-confederate-monuments-protests-Houston>

Heather A. O'Connell and Maretta McDonald*. "To Fix our Policing Problem, we have to Start with our Racism Problem." Urban Edge, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, June 2020. <https://kinder.rice.edu/urbanedge/2020/06/06/inequalities-racism-policing-reform-protests>

Heather A. O'Connell and Robert L. Reece. 2018. "Quantitative Studies of Place and Spatial Regression Analysis: A Study of the Legacy of Slavery in the U.S. South." *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. 10.4135/9781526441164

Heather O'Connell and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. "Housing Equality." In "Houston's Future," Houston Chronicle, December 31, 2016. <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/outlook/article/Houston-s-future-10828878.php?t=01c2feda72438d9cbb&cmpid=twitter-premium>

Heather A. O'Connell. "Slavery's Shadow, Still Visible in US Schools." Houston Chronicle, July 13, 2015. <http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/gray-matters/article/Slavery-s-shadow-still-visible-in-U-S-schools-6375548.php?t=ffe2085e4b79b87a02&cmpid=twitter-premium>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"More than Rocks and Stone: Confederate Monuments, Memory Movements, and Race."
Northwestern Sociology Department Colloquium. **2021, Oct. 14.**
Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. **2021, Dec. 7.**

CONFERENCE PAPERS

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- 2021** “Racism and Confederate Monument Construction: Temporal Regimes distinguishing the 1900s, 1960s, and Contemporary Decades.” **Heather A. O’Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, virtual.
- 2021** “Timing is Everything: Identifying how the Legacy of Slavery Relationship Changes over Time.” **Heather A. O’Connell**, Katherine J. Curtis, Alex Mikulas, Jack DeWaard, and Junho Lee. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, St Louis, MO.
Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Poster
- 2021** “More than Rocks and Stone: Confederate Monuments, Memory Movements, and Race.” **Heather A. O’Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, St Louis, MO.
- 2019** “Hispanic Migration and Black-White Inequality: Changing Demographics, Changing Social Positions?” **Heather A. O’Connell** and Christina Diaz. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Austin, TX.
- 2018** “Population Change and the Persistence of the Legacy of Slavery.” **Heather A. O’Connell**, Katherine J. Curtis, and Jack DeWaard. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO; the Rural Poverty Conference, Washington, D.C.; and the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2018** “Migration and Exposure to Different Ideas about Race: Clarifying the Link between History and Contemporary Racial Classification among Black-White Households.” **Heather A. O’Connell**, Jenifer L. Bratter, and Raul Casarez*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO.
- 2018** “Confederate Monument Inscriptions: Different Times, Different Messages.” **Heather A. O’Connell** and Danequa Forrest*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2017** “Clinic Access and Teenage Birth Rates: Racial/Ethnic and Spatial Disparities in Houston.” Megan Wisniewski* and **Heather A. O’Connell**. Paper presented at the Population and Public Policy Conference, Houston, TX; and the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL.
- 2016** “Monuments Outlive History: Confederate Monuments, Collective Memory, and the Perpetuation of the Legacy of Slavery.” **Heather A. O’Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.

- 2016** “Multiracial Identities, Single Race History: Contemporary Consequences of Historical Race and Marriage Laws for Racial Classification.” Jenifer L. Bratter and **Heather A. O'Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA; the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C.; and the annual meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, San Antonio, TX.
- 2016** “Powerful Perceptions: Racism, Racial Hierarchy, and Whites’ Explanations for Racial Inequality.” Kiara Douds*, **Heather A. O'Connell**, and Jenifer L. Bratter. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2016** “Converging or Diverging? How Shifting Ethnoracial Composition Shapes the Urban-Suburban Distinction in Attitudes towards Immigrants in Houston, 1994-2016.” Ethan Raker* and **Heather A. O'Connell**. Paper presented at The Shifting Politics of US Suburbs: Parties, Participation, and Public Opinion in 2016, George Mason University, Arlington, VA.
- 2015** “Historical Shadows: The Links between Sundown Towns and Contemporary Racial Inequality.” **Heather A. O'Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015** “The Location of Resources in a Diverse City: Supermarkets and Emerging Racial Hierarchies.” **Heather A. O'Connell**, Lester King, Jenifer L. Bratter. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015** “Where there’s Smoke: Cigarette Use, Social Acceptability, and Spatial Approaches to Hierarchical Linear Modeling.” **Heather A. O'Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of American, San Diego, CA.
- 2015** “Industrial Structure and Poverty in the US Upper Midwest, 1960-2010: New Evidence on Spatial Temporal Regimes.” Katherine J. Curtis, **Heather A. O'Connell**, Junho Lee, and Jun Zhu. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of American, San Diego, CA.
- 2014** “Linking Racial Composition and Black-White Inequality: The Impact of Migration.” **Heather A. O'Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA.
- 2013** “Black-White Adult Educational Inequality and County Migration.” **Heather A. O'Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- 2012** “Spatial Non-Stationarity in the Hispanic Concentration-County Poverty Relationship: The Role of Structure and Composition.” **Heather A. O'Connell** and Carla Shoff. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.

- 2012** “Disentangling the Spatial Concentration and Temporal Persistence of Poverty: Industrial Structure, Racial/Ethnic Composition, and the Complex Links to Poverty.” Katherine J. Curtis, Perla Reyes, **Heather A. O’Connell**, and Jun Zhu. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA.
- 2011** “Spatial Differentiation of Black-White Inequality in Poverty in the United States: Racial Threat and the Conditioning Influence of the Legacy of Slavery.” **Heather A. O’Connell** and Katherine J. Curtis. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC.
- 2009** “Legacy of Slavery Operationalizations and Differences in Black and White Poverty Rates.” **Heather A. O’Connell**. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI.
Blue Ribbon Award for Outstanding Poster

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021** LSU Alumni Association Rising Faculty Research Award (\$5,000)
- 2021** Manship Summer Research Fellowship, Louisiana State University (\$5,000)
- 2021** Cohort Member of the NEH Institute for Advanced Topics in the Digital Humanities supported training program, “Building Capable Communities for Crowdsourced Transcription.”
- 2020** Strategic Excellence Fund, Department Colloquium, Louisiana State University (\$1,000)
- 2020** Manship Summer Research Fellowship, Louisiana State University (\$5,000)
- 2019** Strategic Excellence Fund, Department Colloquium, Louisiana State University (\$1,000)
- 2019** Annie E. Casey Foundation Rural Poverty Research Fellow
- 2018** Council on Research Summer Fellowship, Louisiana State University (\$5,000)
- 2017** Faculty Research Travel Grant, Louisiana State University (\$750)
- 2017** Green Eyeshade Award for Feature Writing in a Magazine, Third Place, for “Segregation Forever?” published by Teaching Tolerance (with Robert L. Reece)

TEACHING

SOCL 2001, Introduction to Sociology, Louisiana State University

SOCL 4091, Racial Inequality, Louisiana State University
 SOCL 4701, Population, Louisiana State University
 SOCL 7213, Spatial Analysis, Louisiana State University
 SOCL 7203, Stats II (Regression)

SERVICE

- 2021** Member, Graduate Committee (2-years). Louisiana State University
- 2020** Member, Editorial Board, *The Sociological Quarterly*
- 2020** Member, Roland Pellegrin Outstanding Graduate Student Selection Committee.
Louisiana State University
- 2019** Member, Editorial Board, *Spatial Demography*
- 2019** Member, Undergraduate Committee (2-years). Louisiana State University
- 2019** Member, Dissertation Fellowship Nomination Committee. Louisiana State University
- 2018** Member, Graduate Committee. Louisiana State University
- 2018** Member, Hiring Committee. Louisiana State University
- 2018** Member, Roland Pellegrin Outstanding Graduate Student Selection Committee.
Louisiana State University
- 2018** Member, Dissertation Fellowship Nomination Committee. Louisiana State University
- 2017** Poster Judge, Undergraduate Research Conference. Louisiana State University

Ad Hoc Reviewer for:

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Demography
Population Research & Policy Review
Population, Place, and Space
Rural Sociology

Social Currents
Social Forces
Social Problems
Sociological Forum
Sociological Inquiry
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity