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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University, *in progress* – Sociology and Demography

Committee: Drs. Corina Graif (Co-Chair), Stephen A. Matthews (Co-Chair), John Iceland, Brian Theide, Barrett A. Lee

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

Committee: Drs. Stephen A. Matthews (Chair), Barrett A. Lee, Katerina Bodovski

Master’s Thesis Title: *Neighborhoods and Educational Expectations: How Youth Come to Embody Their Neighborhoods*

B.A. Youngstown State University, 2017 – English, Sociology, and Linguistics

*Summa Cum Laude*

Honors Thesis Title: *The Pen-Pal Project: Assessing the Effects of Interscholastic Pen-Pal Correspondence on the Writing Development of Elementary School Students*



**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Urban Sociology, Social Network Analysis, Stratification, Quantitative Research Methods



**PUBLICATIONS**

### Siskar, Thomas, and Megan Evans. 2021.“Predicting Mobility: Who is Forced to Move.” *City and Community*. DOI: [10.1177/1535684120981010](https://doi.org/10.1177/1535684120981010)

**Evans, Megan** and Barrett A. Lee. 2020.“Neighborhood Reputations as Symbolic and Stratifying Mechanisms in the Urban Hierarchy.” *Sociology Compass*. 14: 1-15 e12831. DOI:[10.1111/soc4.12831](https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1111/soc4.12831)

**Evans, Megan**. 2020. “The Unequal Housing and Neighborhood Outcomes of Displaced Movers.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. DOI: [10.1080/07352166.2020.1730697](https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1080/07352166.2020.1730697)

* Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, Published Paper Category, The Pennsylvania State University, 2020.

Lee, Barrett A., and **Megan Evans**. 2020. “Forced to Move: Patterns and Predictors of Residential Displacement during an Era of Housing Insecurity.” *Social Science Research*, 87. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102415](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102415)

Daw, Jonathan, Alexander Chapman, and **Megan Evans**. 2018*.* “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)



**OTHER PUBLICATIONS & BOOK REVIEWS**

### Megan Evans. 2021.“Generation Priced Out: Who Gets to Live in the New Urban America.” *Housing and Society*. 48(3). DOI: [10.1080/08882746.2021.1878719](https://doi.org/10.1080/08882746.2021.1878719)



**PRESENTATIONS**

2020 **Evans, Megan**. “The Role of Neighborhood Reputations in Determining Where to Search for Work and Housing.” Roundtable. Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association. San Francisco, CA. (Due to COVID-19, participation was conducted virtually.)

Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Infant Health Selection Effects on Workplace Connections: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of Neighborhoods Over 14 Years.” Paper Presentation in Social Networks and Health. Annual Meeting of the American Sociology Association. San Francisco, CA. (Due to COVID-19, participation was conducted virtually.)

Newmeyer, Lauren (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Corina Graif “Crossing Residential Boundaries: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Commuting Ties.” Paper Presentation. The International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Annual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. Paris, France. (Due to COVID-19 conference cancelled.)

**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.

**Evans, Megan** (presenter), and Alexander Chapman. “Returns on Moving: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Who Moves and What They Get.” Flash: Residential Mobility Processes and Impacts. Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Washington D.C. (Due to COVID-19, participation was conducted virtually.)

Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Infant Health Selection Effects on Inter-Neighborhood Commuting.” Poster Session Health and Mortality. Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Washington D.C. (Due to COVID-19, participation was conducted virtually.)

2019 Graif, Corina (presenter), **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.” Paper Presentation. Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership Annual Workshop. Suitland, MD.

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

**Evans, Megan** (co-presenter), and Alexander Chapman (co-presenter). “The Stickiness of Poverty: Adolescent Friendship Networks.” Paper Presentation. 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.” Paper Presentation. Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Los Angeles, CA.

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

2018 Daw, Jonathan (presenter), 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.



**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor**

2019 SOC 001: Introductory Sociology

**Lab Instructor**

2020 SOC580: Social Network Analysis

**Guest Lecturer**

2020 SOC 001: Introductory Sociology

Applying Sociological Research Methods

Spring 2019 SOC 5: Social Problems

Residential Segregation



**AWARDS & HONORS**

2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

Honorable Mention

Youngstown State University Pin Award

Presented to Outstanding Graduating Student Leaders

Honorary Student Marshal, Youngstown State University

2015 ΦκΦ Honor Society



**FUNDING**

2017-19 NICHD Pre-Doctoral Traineeship (T-32 Grant), The Pennsylvania State University

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

2013 Youngstown State University Scholars Program USXXI,

*(4-year) Full-Funding Academic Merit Scholarship*



**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Population Association of America

American Sociological Association

Urban Affairs Association

International Network for Social Network Analysis

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population



**CHAIR, DISCUSSANT, PANELIST**

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.



**JOURNAL REFEREE**

*Demography* 2018 (1)

*American Sociological Review* 2020 (1)

*Social Problems* 2020 (1)

*City and Community* 2020 (1)



**RELEVANT TRAINING**

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**

Proficient: Microsoft Office, STATA, R, ArcGIS, GeoDa, NodeXL, UCINET



**DEPARTMENTAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE**

2020- Coding & Data Committee

Member

2017- PRI Graduate Student Methodology Workshop Committee

Co-Chair

Graduate Student Recruitment Committee

Chair



**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

Stephen A. Matthews

Liberal Arts Professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Demography

Director, Graduate Program in Demography

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