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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2012 - University of California, Irvine
Assistant Professor of Sociology
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Organizational Research (2013 -)
- 2014 - Yale University
Senior Fellow
Urban Ethnography Project
- 2010-12 National Poverty Center, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow

EDUCATION

- 2010 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2007 Master of Arts, Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
- 2003 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology & Religion, Texas Lutheran University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Poverty and Inequality; Housing and Homelessness; Human Service Organizations; Cities and Communities; Culture and Social Interaction; Fieldwork and Qualitative Research Methods

PUBLICATIONS

I. Book Manuscript

Avery, Jacob. *TBD.* Under contract with University of Chicago Press.

Based on 3000 hours of in-depth ethnographic fieldwork and life history interviews, this book manuscript renders detail-drenched explanations of both formal and informal survival strategies employed by chronically homeless, chemically addicted individuals in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

- 2013 School of Social Sciences Research and Travel Award. University of California, Irvine. \$1000.
- 2011-2012 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (U01 AE000002-03). National Poverty Center, University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, “Helping the Street Homeless: A Qualitative Study.” PI: Jacob Avery. \$8,750.
- 2010-2012 Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, Research and Training Program in Poverty and Public Policy, University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, National Poverty Center.
- 2005-2010 Benjamin Franklin Graduate Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences.
- 2009 Gaming Studies Research Fellowship, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, University Libraries. \$4,000
- 2006-2009 Otto and Gertrude K. Pollak Research Grant, University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology: 2009 (\$5,500); 2008 (\$2,000); 2007 (\$4,660); 2006 (\$1,000).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 **Avery, Jacob.** “Hysterical Human Beings: How the Other 1% in America Lives.” West Coast Poverty Center, University of Washington. Seattle, WA.
- 2014 **Avery, Jacob.** “Life in the Gutter.” Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University. State College, PA.
- 2014 **Avery, Jacob.** “To be Determined.” Department of Sociology, Harvard University. Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 **Avery, Jacob.** “How the Other 1% Lives.” Russell Sage Foundation, New York, NY.
- 2014 **Avery, Jacob.** “Positive Functions of Homelessness.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 **Avery, Jacob.** “Extreme Poverty in Atlantic City.” Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego, CA.
- 2013 **Avery, Jacob.** “Home of the Dead: Portraits of Atlantic City’s Chronically Homeless Population.” Writing Ethnography Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles, CA.

- 2012 **Avery, Jacob.** "Hank's Condition: Jammed Up in Atlantic City." American Sociological Association annual meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2012 **Avery, Jacob.** "Down and Out in Atlantic City." Ethnography Working Group, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2012 **Avery, Jacob.** "America's Playground: Informal Sociability Among Atlantic City's Street Homeless." Luskin School of Public Affairs, University of California, Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2011 **Avery, Jacob.** "Racial Harmony among Atlantic City's Street Homeless." American Sociological Association annual meeting. Spotlight on the City Session. Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 **Avery, Jacob.** "Hope and Help in Atlantic City." Society for Social Work Research annual meeting. Tampa, FL.
- 2010 **Avery, Jacob.** "Board to Death: The Social Worlds of Atlantic City's Street Homeless." Urban Ethnography Project, Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2010 **Avery, Jacob.** "A Photo Ethnographic Tour of Atlantic City's Gutter." Departments of Sociology and Social Work, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2010 **Avery, Jacob.** "The How and Why of Ethnographic Research." Graduate Qualitative Methods seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2009 **Avery, Jacob.** "The Last Resort: Everyday Life Among Un-housed Street Alcoholics in Atlantic City, NJ." Urban Ethnography Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2009 **Avery, Jacob.** "Pathological Gambling and the Medicalization Thesis." American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 **Avery, Jacob.** "Boundary Drawing and Voyeurism in a Veterans Affairs Hospital Ethnography." Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Baltimore, MD.
- 2009 **Avery, Jacob.** "Distinguishing Between Luck and Skill: How Gamblers Attribute Praise and Blame in Games of Chance." *Gaming Studies Colloquium Series*, Department of Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada at Las Vegas, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2008 **Avery, Jacob.** "Complicating Addiction: The Role of Micro-Sociology?" American Sociological Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.

- 2008 **Avery, Jacob.** "Taking Chances in Atlantic City." *Urban Ethnography: Its Past and Its Future*. Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- 2008 **Avery, Jacob.** "Gambling Loss: Subjective and Emotional Modifications during Episodes of Gambling Loss." Inter-Ivy Sociology Symposium, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- 2008 **Avery, Jacob.** "Gambling as a Way of Life." Culture and Interaction Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2008 **Avery, Jacob.** "The Medicalization of Pathological Gambling: Free Will or Mentally Ill?" Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, New York, NY.
- 2007 **Avery, Jacob.** "Graining Entrée: Experiences from a Student Ethnographer." Urban Ethnography Workshop, Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven CT.
- 2007 **Avery, Jacob.** "Emotional and Symbolic Properties of Micro-interaction in an Aberrant Social Space." *American Sociological Association* annual meeting, New York, NY.

TEACHING

Introduction to Sociology

Department of Sociology, UC Irvine, 2013, 2015

Poverty and Inequality in the City

Department of Sociology, UC Irvine, 2013, 2015

Ethnographic and Qualitative Methods (co-taught with David A. Snow)

Department of Sociology, UC Irvine, 2013, 2014

Analyzing Fieldnotes and Transcripts

Department of Sociology, UC Irvine, 2014

Bridging Sociology and Social Work (co-taught with Sandra Danziger)

School of Social Work, University of Michigan, 2012

MENTORSHIP

Graduate Student Supervision

Prospectus Committee Member, Jonathan Calvillo, UC Irvine

Prospectus Committee Member, Sean Drake, UC Irvine

Prospectus Committee Member, Hector Martinez, UC Irvine

Prospectus Committee Member, Charlotte Bradstreet, UC Irvine

Dissertation Committee Member, Raul Perez, UC Irvine

MA thesis reader, Monique Kelly, UC Irvine
MA thesis reader, Pablo Torres, UC Irvine

Undergraduate Student Supervision

Honors Thesis Advisor, Peking Lee, UC Irvine
Honors Thesis Advisor, Emily Whitley, UC Irvine
UROP Faculty Mentor, 6 students, University of Michigan

SERVICE

Departmental Service at UC Irvine, Department of Sociology

Executive Committee, 2013-2015
Strategic Planning Committee, 2013-2014
Colloquium Committee, 2013-2014
Graduate Committee, 2013-2014
Undergraduate Committee, 2014-2015
Robin Williams Jr. Award Committee for Best Paper, 2012-2013

Service to the Community

Volunteer at Orange County Rescue Mission; a homeless shelter located in Orange County, CA, that offers comprehensive programs and services that move homeless men, women and children toward self-sufficiency.

Faculty Advisor at NOVA Academy; a charter school in Santa Ana, CA, where students are empowered to develop a sense of pride in academic success that primarily serves low-income and at-risk Latino/a students.