

Curriculum Vitae  
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**Education**

Ph.D., Sociology, Princeton University, 1999.

M.A., Sociology, Princeton University, 1997.

B.A., Sociology, University of California at Berkeley, 1992. Summa Cum Laude.

**Appointments**

Barbara Pierce Bush Regents Professor of Liberal Arts, University of Texas at Austin, 2017 to present.

Professor of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2014 to present.

Faculty Associate, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin, 2014 to present.

Associate Graduate Advisor for Students, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2017-2018.

Graduate Advisor, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin, 2016-2017.

Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, 2011-2014.

Associate Chair, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, 2009-11.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington, 1999-2014.

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences, University of Washington, 1999-2014.

Visiting Scholar, Northwestern University Department of Sociology and American Bar Foundation, 2008-09.

Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, 2007-2011.

Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation, 2003-04.

Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, 1999-2007.

## Books and Monographs

- Pettit, Becky. 2012. *Invisible Men: Mass Incarceration and the Myth of Black Progress*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Pettit, Becky (editor). 2011-2014. *Social Problems*. Volumes 59-61.
- Pettit, Becky and Jennifer Hook. 2009. *Gendered Tradeoffs: Family, Social Policy, and Economic Inequality in 21 Countries*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

## Articles and Chapters

- Brittany Friedman, Alexes Harris, Beth Huebner, Karin Martin, Becky Pettit, Sarah Shannon, and Bryan Sykes. Forthcoming. "Dissecting the System of Monetary Sanctions: Directions for Policy, Practice, and Research." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.
- Lindsay Bing, Becky Pettit, and Ilya Slavinski. Forthcoming. "Incomparable Punishments: How Economic Inequality Contributes to the Disparate Impact of Legal Fines and Fees." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.
- Needham, Taylor, Abena Subira Mackall, and Becky Pettit. Forthcoming. "Making Sense of Misdemeanors: Fine Only Offenses in Convivial Courtrooms." *Sociological Perspectives*.
- Slavinski, Ilya and Becky Pettit. Forthcoming. "Proliferation of Punishment: The Centrality of Legal Fines and Fees in the Landscape of Contemporary Penology." *Social Problems*.
- Shannon, Sarah Beth M. Huebner, Alexes Harris, Karin Martin, Mary Pattillo, Becky Pettit, Bryan Sykes, Christopher Uggen. 2020. "The Broad Scope and Variation of Monetary Sanctions: Evidence from Eight States." *UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review*.
- Gutierrez, Carmen and Becky Pettit. 2020. "Employment and Health among Recently Incarcerated Men Before and After the Affordable Care Act (2009-2017)." *American Journal of Public Health*.
- Sykes, Bryan and Becky Pettit. 2019. "Measuring Parents' and Children's Exposure to Incarceration" in *Children of Incarcerated Parents: A Handbook for Researchers and Practitioners*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, edited by Julie Poehlmann-Tynan and John Mark Eddy. New York: Springer.
- Pettit, Becky and Carmen Gutierrez. 2018. "Mass Incarceration and Inequality." *American Journal of Economics and Sociology* 77(3-4):1153-82.
- Wang, Emily A., Nicole Redmond, Cheryl Dennison Himmelfarb, Becky Pettit, Marc Stern, J. Chen, S. Shero, Erin Iturriaga, Paul Sorlie, Anna V. Diez Roux.

2017. "Cardiovascular Disease in Incarcerated Populations." *Journal of American College of Cardiology* 69(24): 2967-76.
- Sykes, Bryan and Becky Pettit. 2016. "Parental Incarceration and Poverty in America" in *People of Color in the United States: Contemporary Issues in Education, Work, Communities, Health, and Immigration, Volume 1*, edited by Pamela Jackson. Santa Barbara, CA: ABC-CLIO.
- Hook, Jennifer and Becky Pettit. 2016. "Reproducing Occupational Inequality: Motherhood and Occupational Segregation." *Social Politics* 23(3): 329-362.
- Sykes, Bryan and Becky Pettit. 2015. "Severe Deprivation and System Inclusion among Children of Incarcerated Parents in the United States After the Great Recession." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 1(1): 108-132.
- Sykes, Bryan and Becky Pettit. 2015. "Mass Incarceration and Family Life" in *Families As They Really Are 2nd Ed.*, edited by Barbara Risman and Virginia Rutter. New York, NY: Norton Publishers, for the *Council on Contemporary Families* (CCF).
- Pettit, Becky and Bryan Sykes. 2015. "Civil Rights Legislation and Legalized Exclusion: Mass Incarceration and the Masking of Inequality." *Sociological Forum* 30 (S1): 589-611.
- Sykes, Bryan and Becky Pettit. 2014. "Mass Incarceration, Family Complexity, and the Reproduction of Childhood Disadvantage." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 654: 127-149.
- Ewert, Stephanie, Bryan Sykes and Becky Pettit. 2013. "Degrees of Disadvantage: Mass Incarceration and Racial Inequality in High School Completion." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 651: 24-43.
- Pettit, Becky and Bryan Sykes. 2012. "Measuring Racial Inequality in the ACS." Pp. 76-79. In *The Benefits (and Burdens) of the American Community Survey (ACS)*, edited by The Committee on National Statistics; *The National Academy of Sciences*. Washington, DC: The National Academies Press.
- Lyons, Christopher and Becky Pettit. 2011. "Compounded Disadvantage: Race, Incarceration, and Wage Growth." *Social Problems* 58(2):257-280.
- Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2010. "Incarceration and Social Inequality." *Daedalus* Summer:8-19.
- Pettit, Becky and Christopher Lyons. 2009. "Incarceration and the Legitimate Labor Market: Examining Age-graded Effects on Employment and Wages." *Law and Society Review* 43(4):725-756.
- Pettit, Becky. 2009. "Enumerating Inequality: The Constitution, the Census Bureau, and the Criminal Justice System." *University of Connecticut Public Interest Law Journal* 9(1):37-64.
- Pettit, Becky and Stephanie Ewert. 2009. "Employment Gains and Wage Declines: The Erosion of Black Women's Relative Wages since 1980." *Demography* 46:469-492.

- Pettit, Becky and Christopher Lyons. 2007. "Status and the Stigma of Incarceration: The Labor Market Effects of Incarceration by Race, Class, and Criminal Involvement." Pp. 203-226 in *Barriers to Re-entry: The Impact of Incarceration on Labor Market Outcomes*, David Weiman, Shawn Bushway, and Michael Stoll (eds). New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Western, Bruce, and Becky Pettit. 2006. "Mass Imprisonment." Pp. 11-33 in *Punishment and Inequality in America* by Bruce Western. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Pettit, Becky and Jennifer Hook. 2005. "The Structure of Women's Employment in Comparative Perspective." *Social Forces* 84:779-801.
- Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2005. "Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." *American Journal of Sociology* 111:553-578.
- Pettit, Becky. 2004. "Moving and Children's Social Connections: Neighborhood Context and the Consequences of Moving for Low-income Families." *Sociological Forum* 19:285-311.
- Pettit, Becky and Bruce Western. 2004. "Mass Imprisonment and the Life Course: Race and Class Inequality in U.S. Incarceration." *American Sociological Review* 69:151-169.
- Pettit, Becky, and Sara S. McLanahan. 2003. "Residential Mobility and Children's Social Capital: Evidence From an Experiment." *Social Science Quarterly* 84:632-649.
- Hanratty, Maria, Sara S. McLanahan, and Becky Pettit. 2003. "Los Angeles Site Findings." Pp. 245-274 in *Choosing a Better Life? Evaluating the Moving to Opportunity Social Experiment*, John Goering and Judith Feins (eds). Washington, DC: The Urban Institute.
- Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2002. "Beyond Crime and Punishment: Prisons and Inequality." *Contexts* 1:37-43.
- Western, Bruce, Becky Pettit, and Josh Guetzkow. 2002. "Black Economic Progress in the Era of Mass Imprisonment." Pp. 165-80 in *Invisible Punishment: The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment*, Marc Mauer and Meda Chesney-Lind (eds). New York: New Press.
- Western, Bruce and Becky Pettit. 2000. "Incarceration and Racial Inequality in Men's Employment." *Industrial and Labor Relations Review* 54:3-16.
- Pettit, Becky. 2000. "Resources For Studying Public Participation in and Attitudes towards the Arts." *Poetics* 27:351-395.
- Pettit, Becky. 1999. "Cultural Capital and Residential Mobility: A Model of Impersistence in Place." *Poetics* 26:177-199.
- Moos, Rudolf H., Becky Pettit, and Valerie A. Gruber. 1995. "Longer Episodes of Community Residential Care Reduce Substance Abuse Patients' Readmission Rates." *Journal of Studies on Alcohol* 56:433-443.

Moos, Rudolf H., Becky Pettit, and Valerie A. Gruber. 1995. "Characteristics and Outcomes of Three Models of Community Residential Care for Substance Abuse." *Journal of Substance Abuse* 7: 99-116.

## Reviews and Other Publications

Pettit, Becky. 2020. "Confronting Race in American Criminal Justice Reform." Review Essay on *Misdemeanorland* by Issa Kohler-Hausmann and *Building the Prison State* by Heather Schoenfeld. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Pettit, Becky. 2019. Review of *From the War on Poverty to the War on Crime: The Making of Mass Incarceration in America* by Elizabeth Hinton. *Criminal Justice Research*.

Pettit, Becky. 2019. Review of *Multimethod Research, Causal Mechanisms, and Case Studies: An Integrated Approach* by Gary Goertz. *Contemporary Sociology*.

Pettit, Becky. 2018. Review of *A Dream Denied* by Michaela Soyer. *Contemporary Sociology* 47(3): 366-367.

Pettit, Becky. 2018. Review of *Incarceration Nation* by Peter K. Enns. *American Journal of Sociology* 123(4):1211-1213.

Pettit, Becky and Bryan Sykes. 2017. "Incarceration." Pp. 24-27 in "State of the Union: The Poverty and Inequality Report," ed. Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, special issue, *Pathways Magazine*.

Pettit, Becky. 2016. Review of *Appealing to Justice: Prisoner Grievances, Rights, and Carceral Logic* by Kitty Calavita and Valerie Jenness. *Contemporary Sociology* 45(6):728-729.

Pettit, Becky. 2016. Review of *Arresting Citizenship: The Democratic Consequences of American Crime Control* by Amy Lerman and Vesla Weaver. *Contemporary Sociology* 45(5):630-631.

Pettit, Becky. 2013. Review of *Care Work and Class* by Merike Blofield. *Contemporary Sociology* 43(5):664-665.

Pettit, Becky. 2010. Review of *Do Prisons Make Us Safer? The Benefits and Costs of the Prison Boom* edited by Steven Raphael and Michael Stoll. *Contemporary Sociology* 39(5):598-599.

Pettit, Becky. 2010. Review of *Prison State* by Bert Useem and Anne Piehl. *Punishment and Society* 12(1):106-108.

Pettit, Becky. 2005. Review of *The Future of the Family* edited by Daniel P. Moynihan, Timothy Smeeding, and Lee Rainwater. *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 67(5):1351-1353.

Pettit, Becky and Sara McLanahan. 2001. "Social Dimensions of Moving to Opportunity." Joint Center on Poverty Research Newsletter, 5:7-10.

- Pettit, Becky. 2000. Review of *Children Who Could Have Been: The Legacy of Child Welfare in Wealthy America* by William M. Epstein. *Contemporary Sociology* 29:716-17.
- DiMaggio, Paul and Becky Pettit. 1999. "Surveys of Public Attitudes Towards the Arts: What they Tell Us About the Arts' Political Trials - and How They Might Tell us Even More." *Grantmakers in the Arts*.  
Reprinted in *Arts Education Policy Review* 100(4):32-37.
- Pettit, Becky. 1998. "Becoming Adult in America." *Sociological Forum* 13(1):159-167.

## **Editorial Activities**

- Editorial Board, *Sociological Perspectives*, 2020-present.
- Advisory Board, *Pathways: a magazine on poverty, inequality, and social policy*, Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, 2019-present.
- Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2019-2022.
- Editorial Board, *RSF: Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 2017-2020.
- Editorial Board, *American Sociological Review*, 2017-2020.
- Editorial Board, *Demography*, 2016 to present.
- Editorial Board, *Social Problems*, 2006-2009, 2009-2011, 2014-2018, 2018 to present.
- Editorial Board, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, 2016-2018.
- Editor, *Social Problems*, 2011-2014.
- Deputy Editor, *Demography*, 2010-2011.
- Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2006-2008.

## **Other Professional Activities**

- Budget, Finance, and Audit Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020-2023.
- Scientific Advisory Board, *General Social Survey*, 2018-2022.
- Cox-Johnson-Frazier Award Committee, American Sociological Association, 2018-2020.
- Advisory Committee, *Removing Barriers to Opportunity for People with Records Initiative*, Center for American Progress and National Employment Law Project with sponsorship by the MacArthur Foundation, 2017-2019.
- Editorial and Publications Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2014-2018.

Co-Director, Scholars Strategy Network – Texas, 2015-2017.  
 Program Committee, Population Association of America, 2015-2016.  
 Nominations Committee, American Sociological Association, 2015-2016.  
 Co-Director, Scholars Strategy Network – Northwest, 2012-2014.  
 Founding Member, Scholars Strategy Network, 2012.  
 Nominations Committee, Population Section of the American Sociological Association, 2012-2014.  
 William J. Goode Book Award Committee, ASA Family Section, 2010.  
 Organizing Committee, Population Association of America, 2008-09.  
 Council Member, ASA Family Section, 2008-10.  
 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Selection Committee, ASA Family Section, 2007-08.  
 Organizing Committee, Population Association of America, 2004-2005.  
 Nominations Committee, Population Section of the American Sociological Association, 2001-2003.

## **Selected Grants**

Co-Investigator. “Multi-state Study of Monetary Sanctions.” Laura and John Arnold Foundation, 2015-2020. (Alexes Harris (PI)).  
 Principal Investigator. “Surveying Social Marginality.” Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington, 2010.  
 Principal Investigator. “The Demographic Implications of the Prison Boom.” Royalty Research Fund, Institute for the Study of Ethnicity in the United States, and Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences, University of Washington, 2009-2010.  
 Co-Investigator. “Employment Discontinuities and Wage Declines: Race Differences in the Cumulative Effects of Incarceration.” National Poverty Center, 2009. (Co-I with Christopher Lyons, University of New Mexico).  
 Principal Investigator. “Institutionalizing Inequality: Gender, Work and Family.” National Institutes of Health, NICHD (K01), 2006-2009.  
 Principal Investigator. “The Consequences of Residential Mobility during Childhood.” National Institutes of Health, NICHD (R03), 2002-2004.  
 Principal Investigator. “The Structure of Women's Employment and Earnings in Comparative Perspective.” Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington, 2002-2003.  
 Visiting Scholar Award. Russell Sage Foundation, 2003-2004.  
 Principal Investigator. “Incarceration and Earnings Inequality: Evidence from Washington State.” Russell Sage Foundation, 2001-2003.

Principal Investigator. "The Educational Consequences of Residential Mobility During Childhood." Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington, 2001-2002.

### **Selected Honors and Awards**

Elected into the Sociological Research Association, 2018.

Excellence in Graduate Training Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, 2013.

Noteworthy Book in Industrial Relations and Labor Economics for *Gendered Tradeoffs*, 2010.

Leadership Fellow, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington, 2007.

Finalist, Rosabeth Moss Kanter Award for Excellence in Work-Family Research, 2007, for "The Structure of Women's Employment in Comparative Perspective." (with Jennifer Hook).

James F. Short, Jr. Distinguished Article Award from the Crime, Law, and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association, 2006, for "Black-White Wage Inequality, Employment Rates, and Incarceration." (with Bruce Western).

Excellence in Graduate Training Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, 2006.

Distinguished Article Award Honorable Mention from the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association, 2002-2004, for "Mass Imprisonment and the Life Course." (with Bruce Western).

### **Selected Invited Lectures and Presentations (last 5 years)**

2020. University of California-Irvine, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, Washington University in St. Louis, North Carolina State University, University of Gothenburg.

2019. Columbia University.

2018. University of Michigan, University of California-Irvine, West Virginia University, U.S. Census Bureau.

2017. Pennsylvania State University, Stanford University, Harvard University.

2016. National Institutes of Health, Pennsylvania State University.

2015. Vera Institute, Brown University, University of Kentucky, Rice University, University of New Mexico, University of Kentucky, University of Minnesota-Duluth.

### **Department and University Service**



2018-20. Executive Committee. Sociology Department, University of Texas.

2015-20. Executive Committee. Population Research Center, University of Texas.

2017-18. Associate Graduate Advisor for Students. Sociology Department, University of Texas.

2016-17. Graduate Advisor. Sociology Department, University of Texas.

2015-17. Executive Committee. Sociology Department, University of Texas.

2015-17. Space Committee. Population Research Center, University of Texas.

2013-14. Graduate Program Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

2010-13. Graduate Admissions Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

2010-13. Executive Committee. Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology, University of Washington.

2010-12. Review Committee. Royalty Research Fund, University of Washington.

2009-11. Associate Chair. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

2009. Internal Program Review Committee and Director Selection Committee. Law, Society, and Justice, University of Washington.

2007-08. Leadership Fellow. College of Arts and Sciences, University of Washington.

2007-08. ADVANCE leadership team. University of Washington.

2007-08. Organizing Committee, Tenth Anniversary Celebration. Center for Statistics in the Social Sciences, University of Washington.

2007-08. Graduate Fellowship Committee. Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Washington.

2005-08. Colloquium Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

2004-07. Executive Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

2002-05. Graduate Program Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

2002-09. Advisory Committee. Center for Social Science Computing and Research, University of Washington.

2001-03. Graduate Fellowship Committee. Center for Demography and Ecology, University of Washington.

2001-02. Colloquium Committee. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

## Graduate Students

### PhD Committees<sup>1</sup>

Ilana Friedman (Chair)

Rachel Karen (Chair)

Karen Lee (Chair)

Felipe Vargas (Chair)

Lindsay Bing (Chair)

Marta Ascherio (Chair)

Riad Azar (Chair)

Kevin Dahaghi (Chair)

Ilya Slavinski (Chair)

Katherine Hill

Andrew Krebs (2020); Postdoctoral Fellowship, University of Cincinnati.

Mary Ellen Stitt (Chair) (2020); Assistant Professor, University of Albany.

Carmen Gutierrez (Chair) (2018); Assistant Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill.

Letisha Brown (2018); Postdoctoral Fellowship, Virginia Tech University.

Elizabeth Cozzolino (2018); Quantitative User Experience Researcher, Indeed.

Paige Gabriel (2018); Statistical Analyst, Farmers Insurance.

Emily Weisburst (2018); Assistant Professor, UCLA.

Amanda Stevenson (2016); Assistant Professor, University of Colorado-Boulder.

Caitlyn Collins (2016); Assistant Professor, Washington University in St. Louis.

April Fernandes (2015); Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University.

Katrina Leupp (Chair) (2014); Assistant Professor, Washington State University.

Solee Shin (2014); Postdoctoral Fellowship, Lund University.

Jason Wollschleger (2010); Assistant Professor, Whitworth College.

Lori Pfingst (2010); Research Director, Washington State Budget and Policy Center.

Jon Agnone (Chair) (2010); Consultant.

Elizabeth Litzler (Chair) (2010); Director, University of Washington Center for Workforce Development.

Stephanie Ewert (2010); Population Division of the Census Bureau.

Kevin Drakulich (2009); Assistant Professor, Northeastern University.

Amy Bailey (2008); Postdoctoral Fellowship, Princeton University.

Raine Dozier (Chair) (2007); Assistant Professor, University of Western Washington.

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<sup>1</sup> Initial placement listed.

Elizabeth Hirsh (2006); Assistant Professor, University of British Columbia.  
Jennifer Hook (Chair) (2006); Assistant Professor, Pennsylvania State University.  
Christopher Lyons (2006); Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico.  
Virginia Rutter (2004); Assistant Professor, Framingham State University.  
Penny Huang (2003); Postdoctoral Fellowship, Stanford University.  
Katherine Curtis (2003); Assistant Professor, University of Wisconsin-Madison.  
Susan Brown (2001); Assistant Professor, University of California-Irvine.  
Teresa Ciabattari (2001); Assistant Professor, Pacific Lutheran University.  
Kari Lerum (2000); Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Bothell.

## **MA Committees**

Chloe Craig  
Bradley Silberzahn  
Rachel Karen (Chair) (2020)  
Marta Ascherio (Chair) (2019)  
Karen Lee (Chair) (2018)  
Kevin Dahaghi (Chair) (2018)  
Matthew Snidal (2017)  
Anna Banchik (Chair) (2016)  
Angela Bruns (Chair) (2013)  
Patrick Denice (Chair) (2012)  
Sara Vera (Chair) (2011)  
Katrina Leupp (Chair) (2010)  
Brian Houle (Chair) (2009)  
Greg Matthews (Chair) (2009)  
JoAnne Wehner (Chair) (2009)  
Jodi Kurtz (Chair) (2008)  
Jeanine Schmitz (2007)  
Debbie Warnock (Chair) (2006)  
Scott Deburgomaster (Chair) (2006)  
Deven Hamilton (2004)