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**EMPLOYMENT**

2009-present Assistant Professor  
 Department of Sociology  
 University of Missouri

**EDUCATION**

2009 Ph.D. Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH  
 Dissertation: "Local Inequality and Health: The Neighborhood Context of Economic and Health Disparities." Committee: Christopher R. Browning (Chair), Lauren Krivo and Reanne Frank  
 Comprehensive Exams: Health Disparities/Medical Sociology, Urban Sociology

2005 M.A. Department of Sociology, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2002 B.A. Department of Sociology, Washington State University, Pullman, WA

1997 B.S. Department of Microbiology, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Health Disparities  
 Social Demography  
 Quantitative Methods

Urban Sociology  
 Health-Crime Linkages

**PUBLICATIONS**

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. 2011. "To Live and Die in L.A. County: Neighborhood Economic and Social Context and Premature Age-Specific Mortality Rates among Latinos" *Health and Place* 17(1): 230-37.

- Browning, Christopher, Eileen E.S. Bjornstrom and Kathleen A. Cagney. 2011. "Health and Mortality Consequences of the Physical Environment" Pp 441-464 in *International Handbook of Adult Mortality*. Volume 2, *International Handbooks of Population*. Eds. Richard Rogers and Eileen Crimmins. Springer.
- Frank, Reanne and Eileen E.S. Bjornstrom. 2011. "A Tale of Two Cities: Residential Context and Risky Behavior among Adolescents in Los Angeles and Chicago." *Health and Place* 17(1):67-77.
- Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. 2011. "Relative Position, Perceived Trust, and Self-Rated Health within Neighborhood Context" *Social Science & Medicine* 73(1):42-9.
- Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. 2011. "An Examination of the Relationship between Neighborhood Income Inequality, Social Resources, and Obesity in Los Angeles County." *American Journal of Health Promotion* 26(2):109-16.
- Bjornstrom, Eileen E. S., Robert Kaufman, Ruth Peterson and Michael Slater. 2010. "Race and Ethnic Representations of Lawbreakers and Victims in Crime News: A National Study of Television Coverage" *Social Problems* 57(2):269-93.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

- Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. and Margaret L. Ralston. "Neighborhood Commercial Activity, Social Resources and Health: The Moderating Effect of Physical Disorder" *In progress*
- Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. and Braden Leap. "A Comparison of Explanations of Public Expenditures on Corrections and Education in U.S. States" *In progress*
- Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. "How and Why Neighborhoods Improve Health" Invited chapter in *Epidemiological Criminology: Theory to Practice*. Eds. Eve Waltermaurer and Timothy A. Akers. Routledge.

## **GRANT ACTIVITY**

- "Neighborhood Built, Social and Structural Environments and Resident Well-Being: Complexities and Interactions" A&S Alumni Organization Faculty Incentive Grant. Status: Awarded January, 2012. \$1475.
- "Neighborhood Built Environment and Individual Sense of Control: A Fundamental Cause Approach to Improving Population Health" American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline. Status: Awarded October, 2010. \$5,279. June 1, 2011-December 31, 2011.

“Multilevel Analysis of the Association between Characteristics of Residential Built Environments and Individual Sense of Control.” University of Missouri Research Council, Summer Research Fellowship. Status: Awarded. \$7,000. June 1-July 31, 2011.

University of Missouri Faculty Grant Writing Institute. Selected faculty participant. Spring 2012.

## **PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS**

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. and Margaret L. Ralston. “Neighborhood Commercial Activity, Social Resources and Health: The Moderating Effect of Physical Disorder” To be presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August, 2012.

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. and Braden Leap. “A Comparison of Explanations of Public Expenditures on Corrections and Education in U.S. States” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November, 2011.

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. “Relative Position, Perceived Trust, and Self-Rated Health within Neighborhood Context.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August, 2011.

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. “Exploring the Explanations of Individual Sense of Control in Low and High Income Individuals.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August, 2010.

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. “Neighborhood Income Inequality and Obesity: Evidence of Effects across Race-Ethnicity” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Galveston, TX, October, 2009.

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. “Local Residential Economic Context and Health: Evidence of Effects on Racial Disparities in Premature Mortality” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Demographic Association, Greenville, SC, October, 2008.

Bjornstrom Eileen E. S. “The Political Economy of Antitrust Enforcement: Toward a Longitudinal Explanation” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August, 2007.

Bjornstrom, Eileen E. S., Robert Kaufman, Ruth Peterson and Michael Slater. “Race and Ethnic Representations of Lawbreakers and Victims in Crime News: A National Study of Television Coverage” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August, 2007.

## **INVITED PRESENTATION**

Bjornstrom, Eileen E.S. "Relative Position, Perceived Trust, and Self-Rated Health within Neighborhood Context." Presented at the MU Life Sciences & Society Program Science Studies Colloquium, Columbia, MO, October, 2011.

## **TEACHING**

### *Courses*

Advanced Social Statistics (Graduate). Department of Sociology, University of Missouri.

Social Statistics (Graduate). Department of Sociology, University of Missouri.

Seminar in Population Health (Graduate). Department of Sociology, University of Missouri.

Senior Seminar. Department of Sociology, University of Missouri.

Criminology. Department of Sociology, University of Missouri.

Cities and Urban Life. Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.

Introduction to Quantitative Methods. (Undergraduate). Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.

Introduction to Sociology. Department of Sociology, Ohio State University.

### *Advising*

2009-present. Margaret Ralston, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, (Ph.D. student) Committee Member.

2010-present. Erin Shaw, Department of Ed Leadership & Policy Analysis, University of Missouri, (Ph.D. student) Outside committee member.

2011-present. Ashley Vancil, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, (M.A. student) Committee Member.

2011-present. Braden Leap, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, (M.A. student) Committee Member.

2012-present. Adem Bayer, Department of Ed Leadership & Policy Analysis, University of Missouri, (Ph.D. student) Outside committee member.

2009- 2011. Jenna Wheat, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, (M.A. student) Advisor.

2009-2011. Allen Edwards, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, (M.A. student) Committee Member.

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### *Departmental Service*

Representative, Chair Selection Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, 2012.

Chair (2011-2012) and Representative (2010-2011), Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, 2010-2012.

Representative, Website Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, 2011-2012.

Representative, Qualifying Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Missouri, 2009-2010.

Panel participant. "Special Session: Job Market Mechanics" Department of Sociology colloquium series, University of Missouri, 2009.

### *Service to the Discipline*

Session Organizer (in progress), American Sociological Association, Regular Session on Health Care and Care Delivery, 2012

Presider, American Sociological Association, Section on Work and Occupations, 2011.

Presider, American Society of Criminology, Roundtable on Current Issues in Criminal Justice Spending, 2011.

### *Occasional Reviewer*

*American Journal of Public Health*

*Public Administration Review*

*Social Problems*

*Social Science & Medicine*

University of Missouri Research Board

## **PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

American Sociological Association

American Society of Criminology

**REFERENCES**

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