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KEY QUALIFICATIONS

Specializes in issues of social inequality and demography, with a focus on homelessness, low-income housing, mixed-income housing, neighborhood inequality and segregation, housing crowding and other forms of housing instability. Key technical skills include: Quantitative analysis (regression, event history analysis, spatial analysis, hierarchical linear modeling, path analysis, structural equation modeling, life table analysis, Bayesian methods, and agent-based modeling), mixed-methods, qualitative analysis, survey design, evaluation, and data collection. Skilled with large- and small-scale project management.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology, 2010. Advisor: Robert D. Mare
Dissertation: *The Presence and Persistence of Affluent Neighborhoods*

M.A., University of California, Los Angeles, Sociology, 2005. Advisor: Robert D. Mare
Thesis: *The Impact of Housing Crowding on Child Academic Achievement*

B. A. (with honors), Brown University, Sociology, 1999. Advisor: Gregory Elliott
Thesis: *The Institutional Response to Family Violence: Shelter Staff Reactions to Child Maltreatment by Single Homeless Mothers*

HONORS/AWARDS

- Daniel McGillis Development and Dissemination Grant, **2017**
- Poster Award Winner, Population Association of America Conference, **2011, 2014**
- Carolina Population Center, NICHD Postdoctoral Fellowship, **2010-2012**
- California Center for Population Research Seed Grant, **2008**
- RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility Kerckhoff Award, **2007**

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Research Associate, Urban Institute (April 2018-present). Serve in the Metropolitan Housing and Communities Policy Center. Currently working on a project to reduce chronic homelessness in San Francisco, CA, and a project on housing resilience in New Orleans, LA.

Associate/Scientist, Abt Associates Inc. (October 2012-March 2018). Served in the Social and Economic Policy Division in the Housing and Community Revitalization practice area.

- Served as project director of the Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress, which includes a large-scale data collection, cleaning, and analysis of information on people served in emergency shelters and transitional housing programs in over 400 communities throughout the U.S. Manage a team of over 30 junior staff. Implement innovative management tools, including a staff hours management budget tool available to the team, buddy system for new team members, coffee and questions open hours and mock reviews, and volunteer opportunities and project newsletter (the AHAR Jam!) to connect work to practice. Work closely with the HUD client.

- Served as project director to redesign the AHAR: expanding and refining the demographic information and measures of client use of the homeless services system; expanding the universe of projects covered and the population groups; improving data quality at two levels; measuring rural homelessness for the first time; and altering the sampling framework. Designed the structure of the project with a main leadership team and a series of action teams whereby at least one leadership team member is on each action team. This ensures we efficiently produce output while ensuring decisions are made with all aspects of the project in mind. Also working with developers to build an enhanced data collection and reporting platform.
- Helped to develop the data lab portion of the Center for Evidence-Based Solutions to Homelessness to integrate de-identified client-level data from volunteering communities. The tool will help communities benchmark their progress against other similar and neighboring communities, and offer new tools for dynamic and interactive reporting with creative and accessible info-graphics and charts/graphs.
- Worked on the Family Options Study, a random assignment evaluation testing housing stability and other socioeconomic outcomes among homeless families assigned to 4 different treatment groups: usual care, transitional housing, subsidy voucher, and rapid rehousing. Cleaned administrative data, helped build the program use history file, helped produce the impact reports at 18 and 37 months after random assignment. Developed a paper using the program use history data to investigate how homeless families use housing choice vouchers.
- Led a team of 5 people to compile national data sources that fed into the AFFH (Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing) Data and Mapping Tool (<https://egis.hud.gov/affht/>). Communities use the tool to assess local segregation, poverty, and burdens of disadvantaged populations based on race, gender, national origin, disability, family and identify community needs to advance fair housing practices locally. Worked with a software developer to share data in a way to properly populate the online mapping tool. Compiled public use datasets. Worked closely with HUD PD&R client.
- Conducted on-site interviews and case studies for a process evaluation for HUD grantees of the Section 811 Project Rental Assistance Program that secures housing for non-elderly people with disabilities in a residential integration effort. Interviewed grantees and their partners, case workers, project managers, and conducted on-site physical assessments of properties.

Postdoctoral Scholar, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (September 2010-September 2012). Published articles on the effects of crowded housing on child wellbeing, and on neighborhood economic segregation in U.S. cities, presented at conferences, enhanced spatial analysis skills, and worked collaboratively with colleagues.

Research Affiliate. UC ACCORD, UCLA (September 2009-September 2012). As part of an effort to understand disadvantaged young adults in California, Dr. Solari, as part of a team of interdisciplinary collaborators, designed a statewide survey targeting young adults from poor families aimed at understanding the pathways they take towards or away from post-secondary education, employment, and civic engagement.

Researcher. Mixed-Income Housing Research Design Group, Social Science Research Council (2007-2009). As part of a group of academics with specialties in research design and residential segregation hired by SSRC under contract to the MacArthur Foundation, Dr. Solari helped devise research designs to study mixed income housing. Conducted a thorough literature review, highlighting the theories behind benefits of neighborhood integration, ways it has been implemented through policy (e.g. HOPE VI) and challenges associated with the success of implementation. Took tours of old public housing buildings (e.g. Robert Taylor Homes, Ida B Wells) and new mixed-income housing grounds and units. Reviewed issues of different needs for public spaces and local businesses and schools by SES, governance, longevity of income mixing, the process of leasing up units. Determined five research designs to investigate the effects of mixed-income housing: 1. Family impacts quasi-experimental study with an embedded ethnography; 2. Study of governance and community-building in mixed-income neighborhoods; 3. Study of citywide consequences of mixed-income housing; 4. Housing search, housing choice, and residential mobility of individuals and households; 5. The demography of micro decisions and opportunity on macro patterns of economic segregation and integration.

Researcher. New Hope Project, UCLA Center for Culture and Health (2004-2009). Assisted Professor Thomas S. Weisner on mixed-methods research and analysis using Dedoose, SAS, and SPSS software for books and articles related to the New Hope Project, an experimental pilot study to test a work-based program intended to replace welfare. Reviewed literature, edited writing, and managed the New Hope qualitative data. Analyzed Ecocultural Family Interview (EFI), an approach that looks to understand a family's social ecology and their daily lives.

Researcher. UCLA Institute of Industrial Relations (2004). Conduct quantitative analyses for Professor Ruth Milkman on labor unions using STATA. Used Current Employment Statistics (CES) and Current Population Survey (CPS) data to compare unionization rates for Mexican immigrants in California and the U.S.

Research Assistant & Analyst. Abt Associates Inc (2000-2005). Performed data analysis and report writing of quantitative and qualitative research projects. Other responsibilities include sample selection, interview protocol development, data collection and processing, database management, large-scale data manipulation using SAS and Stata, and multivariate regression analysis. Projects revolve around government housing program evaluations (Section 8 Voucher and Homeownership programs, HomeLinks home purchase program, Moving to Work (MTW), Welfare to Work (WtW), Montana's welfare reform for Native Americans, Section 811 housing for people with disabilities), homeless counts and services (Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS) assessment, homeless veterans services, innovative homeless initiatives program), and technical assistance (Project Access).

VOLUNTEER WORK

Interviewer. Montgomery County Point-in-Time Homeless Street Count, Maryland (January 2015, 2016, and 2017). With a team of volunteers in collaboration with Bethesda Cares, we conduct interviews with people who are experiencing homelessness and offer services.

Fundraiser and Organizer. Orange County Partnership to End Homelessness, North Carolina (January 2011- September 2012). Helped organize the North Carolina Orange County Continuum of Care annual Project Connect event, conducted fundraising activities, and served on the local 100,000 Homes Campaign committee.

Interviewer. Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (2009-2010). Participated in Point in Time Counts for Los Angeles, as well as conducted in-person demographic surveys of people who were homeless in Venice, CA.

Co-President. UCLA Sociology Graduate Students Association (2005-2006). Represented the interests of the 170 sociology graduate student body within UCLA's Sociology Department. Attended faculty meetings, held regular student meetings to assess their needs and concerns, and ran a department-wide annual meeting. Helped organize prospective student recruitment events. Oversaw graduate student groups, such as the Diversity, Fellowship, and Space committees.

Founder/Executive Director. Street Sights. Providence, Rhode Island (1999-2001). Launched a street newspaper aimed at homeless empowerment and employment. Earned grants and acquired endorsements from corporations and local merchants. Collaborated with organizations serving the homeless. Interacted directly with people who are homeless on a daily basis. Organized a group of 70 Brown University student volunteers to assist in the paper's production and maintenance. Filed for 501c3 status to turn the newspaper into a non-profit organization.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS, PAPERS, AND PRESENTATIONS

PUBLICATIONS

Solari, CD, Shivji, A, de Sousa, T, Watt, R, and Silverman, M. December 2017. The 2016 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress Part 2: Estimates of Homelessness in the United States. Report to Congress, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2016-AHAR-Part-2.pdf>)

Solari, CD and Khadduri, J. 2017. Family Options Study: How Homeless Families Use Housing Choice Vouchers. *Cityscape* 19(3): 387-412. (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscpe/vol19num3/article21.html>)

Gubits, D, Shinn, M, Bell, S, Wood, M., Dastrup, S, **Solari, CD**, Brown, SR, McInnis, D, McCall, T, and Kattel, U. October 2016. Family Options Study: 3-Year Impacts of Housing and Services Interventions for Homeless Families. Prepared for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office. (<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/Family-Options-Study-Full-Report.pdf>).

Solari, CD, Morris, S, Shivji, A, and de Souza, T. October 2016. The 2015 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress Part 2: Estimates of Homelessness in the United States.

Report to Congress, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
(<https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/2015-AHAR-Part-2.pdf>).

Solari, CD, Althoff, S, Bishop, K, Epstein, Z, Morris, S, and Shivji, A. November 2015. The 2014 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress Part 2: Estimates of Homelessness in the United States. Report to Congress, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (<https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/2014-AHAR-Part-2.pdf>).

Gubits, D., Shinn, M., Bell, S., Wood, M., Dastrup, S., **Solari, CD.**, Brown, S.R., Brown, S., Dunton, L., Lin, W., McInnis, D., Rodriguez, J., Savidge, G., and Spellman, B. July 2015. Family Options Study: Short-Term Impacts of Housing and Services Interventions for Homeless Families. Prepared for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of Policy Development and Research. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office.
(https://www.huduser.gov/portal/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/FamilyOptionsStudy_final.pdf).

Solari, CD, Cortes, A, Henry, M, Matthews, S, Morris, S. October 2014. The 2013 Annual Homeless Assessment Report (AHAR) to Congress Part 2: Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S. Report to Congress, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.
(<https://www.hudexchange.info/onecpd/assets/File/2013-AHAR-Part-2.pdf>).

Solari, CD, Cortes, A, Brown, S. October 2013. The 2012 Annual Homeless Assessment Report. Volume 2 – Estimates of Homelessness in the U.S. Report to Congress, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. (<https://www.hudexchange.info/resources/documents/2012-AHAR-Volume-2.pdf>).

Solari, CD. 2012. Affluent Neighborhood Persistence and Change in U.S. Cities. *City & Community* 11(4): 370-389.

Solari CD, Mare RD. 2012. Housing Crowding Effects on Children's Wellbeing. *Social Science Research* 41(2):464-476.

Briggs X, Duncan G, Edin K, Joseph M, Mare RD, Mollenkopf J, Pattillo M, Quillian L, Sampson R, **Solari C**, Tach L, Venkatesh S. 2009. Research Designs for the Study of Mixed-Income Housing. Report from the Social Science Research Council, commissioned by the MacArthur Foundation. (<http://papers.ccpr.ucla.edu/papers/PWP-CCPR-2009-011/PWP-CCPR-2009-011.pdf>).

Finkel M, Khadduri J, Main V, Pistilli L, **Solari C**, Winkel K., Wood M. 2003. Costs and Utilization in the Housing Choice Voucher Program. Report to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Office of PD&R, Abt Associates, Inc. Washington D.C.
(<http://www.huduser.org/Publications/PDF/utilization.pdf>).

FORTHCOMING PUBLICATIONS

Bell, SH, **Solari, CD**, Nisar, H., Orr, L. (manuscript). *Quantifying the Policy Reliability of Competing Non-Experimental Methods for Measuring the Impacts of Social Programs*.

PRESENTATIONS

Bell, SH, **Solari, CD**, Nisar, H., Orr, L. 2018. Quantifying the Policy Reliability of Competing Non-Experimental Methods for Measuring the Impacts of Social Programs. Presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Denver, CO, April 26-28.

Solari, CD, Climaco, C. 2017. Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing: Data and Measurement for Evidence-Based Community Assessments. Presented at the Fall conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL, November 2-4.

Bell, SH, Solari, CD, Nisar, H., Orr, L. 2017. Quantifying the Policy Reliability of Competing Non-Experimental Methods for Measuring the Impacts of Social Programs. Presented at the Fall conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL, November 2-4.

Solari, CD, Khadduri, J. 2017. Family Options Study: How Homeless Families Use Housing Choice Vouchers. Presented at the Fall conference of the Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Chicago, IL, November 2-4.

Solari, CD. 2017. Counting People Experiencing Homelessness with Behavioral Health Needs – Limitations of Current Data Collection Efforts and Opportunities for Improvement: AHAR 101. Presenter and member of the Expert Panel led by SAMHSA, Rockville, MD, August 17.

Solari, CD, Marr, M. 2015. Destination upon Exit: Housing Trajectories among the Homeless Population in Miami-Dade. Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA, April 30-3.

Solari, CD. 2014. Defining Affluent Neighborhoods: Relative vs. Absolute Measures. Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Boston, MA, May 1-3.

Solari, CD. 2012. Trends and Change in Affluent Neighborhoods. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO Aug. 17-20.

Solari, CD. 2011. The Persistence of Affluent Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Income Inequality and Economic Stability among U.S. Cities. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV Aug. 20-23.

Solari, CD. 2011. The Persistence of Affluent Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Income Inequality and Economic Stability among U.S. Cities. Presented at the biannual meetings of the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (ISA RC-28), Essex, UK Apr. 13-16.

Solari, CD. 2011. The Persistence of Affluent Neighborhoods: Neighborhood Income Inequality and Economic Stability among U.S. Cities. Poster presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, Mar. 31-Apr. 2.

Solari, CD. 2011. Unequal Neighborhoods: Trends in Spatial Concentrations of Affluence. Presented at the Carolina Population Center Seminar Series, Feb. 18.

Solari, CD. 2010. Mobility of Affluent Neighborhoods in U.S. Cities. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, Aug. 14-17.

Solari, CD. 2010. Mobility of Affluent Neighborhoods in U.S. Cities. Presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Dallas, TX, Apr. 15-17.

Solari, CD. 2009. Unequal Neighborhoods: Trends in Spatial Concentrations of Affluence. Presented in a round-table at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, Aug. 8-11.

Solari, CD. 2009. Unequal Neighborhoods: Trends in Spatial Concentrations of Affluence. Presented at the biannual meetings of the International Sociological Association Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (ISA RC-28), New Haven, CT, Aug. 3-6.

Solari, CD. 2009. Unequal Neighborhoods: Trends in Spatial Concentrations of Affluence. Presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Detroit, MI, Apr. 30-May 2.

COMPUTER EXPERIENCE

SAS, Stata, SPSS, MPlus, R, ArcGIS, GeoDa, WinBugs, HLM, Dedoose, ATLAS.ti, SUDAAN, NetLogo, MS Office, Pagemaker, InDesign

MEMBERSHIP

Maryland Population Research Center: 2012-present

Carolina Population Center; Duke Population Research Institute: 2010-2012

Population Association of America; International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility: 2005-present

California Center for Population Research; American Sociological Association: 2004-present

SERVICE

Guest Speaker. 2017. "Counting the Homeless." Department of Sociology, George Washington University, September 6.

Reviewer for the following journals: Demography (2015, 2017), Housing Policy Debate (2014), City and Community (2013).