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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. **University of California, Berkeley**  
Sociology and Demography, 2008

*(Re)Modeling Race: Incorporating Racial Theory into Survey Research on Inequality*  
Committee: Michael Hout (chair), Claude Fischer, Michael Omi and Sandra Smith.

M.A. **University of California, Berkeley**  
Demography, 2005  
Sociology, 2004

B.A. **University of Washington, Seattle**  
with college honors in Sociology, 1999

**FACULTY POSITIONS**

Assistant Professor, Stanford University 2011 – present

*Faculty Affiliate:* Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford Center for Population Research, Program in Feminist, Gender and Sexuality Studies

Assistant Professor, University of Oregon 2008 - 2011

*Research and teaching interests:* Measurement of race and ethnicity in surveys, comparative racial formation, stratification and mobility, health disparities, immigration, social psychology, social demography and research methods.

**PUBLICATIONS**

Peer-reviewed articles

Westbrook, Laurel and Aliya Saperstein. 2015. "[New Categories Are Not Enough: Rethinking the Measurement of Sex and Gender in Social Surveys.](#)" *Gender & Society* 29(4): 534-60.

Penner, Andrew M. and Aliya Saperstein. 2015. "[Disentangling the Effects of Racial Self-Identification and Classification by Others: The Case of Arrest.](#)" *Demography* 52(3): 1017-24.

Bailey, Stanley R., Aliya Saperstein and Andrew M. Penner. 2014. "[Race, Color and Income Inequality Across the Americas.](#)" *Demographic Research* 31(24): 735-756.  
Editor's Choice Award

Saperstein, Aliya and Andrew M. Penner. 2014. "[Beyond the Looking Glass: Exploring Fluidity in Racial Self-Identification and Interviewer Classification](#)." *Sociological Perspectives* 57(2): 186-207.

Saperstein, Aliya, Andrew M. Penner and Jessica M. Kizer. 2014. "[The Criminal Justice System and the Racialization of Perceptions](#)." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 651: 104-21.

Saperstein, Aliya and Aaron Gullickson. 2013. "[A Mulatto Escape Hatch? Examining Evidence of U.S. Racial and Social Mobility in the Jim Crow Era](#)." *Demography* 50(5): 1921-42.  
2013 IPUMS Research Award

Saperstein, Aliya, Andrew M. Penner and Ryan Light. 2013. "[Racial Formation in Perspective: Connecting Individuals, Institutions and Power Relations](#)." *Annual Review of Sociology* 39: 359-378.

Penner, Andrew M. and Aliya Saperstein. 2013. "[Engendering Racial Perceptions: An Intersectional Analysis of How Social Status Shapes Race](#)." *Gender & Society* 27(3): 319-44.  
2014 Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Paper Award

Mayrl, Damon and Aliya Saperstein. 2013. "[When White People Report Racial Discrimination: The Role of Region, Religion and Politics](#)." *Social Science Research* 42(3): 742-54.

Saperstein, Aliya and Andrew M. Penner. 2012. "[Racial Fluidity and Inequality in the United States](#)." *American Journal of Sociology* 118(3): 676-727.  
2013 Roger Gould Prize and 2014 Oliver Cromwell Cox Best Article Award

Saperstein, Aliya. 2012. "[Capturing Complexity in the United States: Which Aspects of Race Matter and When?](#)" *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 35(8): 1484-1502.  
Reprinted in Patrick Simon and Victor Piché, eds. 2013. *Accounting for Ethnic and Racial Diversity: The Challenge of Enumeration*. New York: Routledge.

Freeman, Jonathan, Andrew M. Penner, Aliya Saperstein, Matthias Scheutz and Nalini Ambady. 2011. "[Looking the Part: Social Status Cues Shape Race Perception](#)." *PLoS One* 6(9): e25107.

Noymer, Andrew, Andrew M. Penner and Aliya Saperstein. 2011. "[Cause of Death Affects Racial Classification on Death Certificates](#)." *PLoS One* 6(1): e15812.

Saperstein, Aliya and Andrew M. Penner. 2010. "[The Race of a Criminal Record: How Incarceration Colors Racial Perceptions](#)" *Social Problems* 57: 92-113.

Penner, Andrew M. and Aliya Saperstein. 2008. "[How Social Status Shapes Race](#)." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 105(50): 19628-30.

Saperstein, Aliya. 2006. "[Double-Checking the Race Box: Examining Inconsistency Between Survey Measures of Observed and Self-Reported Race](#)." *Social Forces* 85(1): 57-74.

## Book chapters

Saperstein, Aliya and Andrew M. Penner. 2014. "The Dynamics of Racial Fluidity and Inequality in the United States." Chapter 80 in *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective* (4<sup>th</sup> edition), ed. David Grusky. Westview Press.

Saperstein, Aliya. 2013. "Representing the Multidimensionality of Race in Survey Research" Chapter 9 in *Mapping 'Race': Critical Approaches to Health Disparities Research*, eds. Laura E. Gomez and Nancy Lopez. Rutgers University Press.

Saperstein, Aliya. 2009. "Different Measures, Different Mechanisms: A New Perspective on Racial Disparities in Health Care." *Research in the Sociology of Health Care* 27: 21-45.

Saperstein, Aliya. 2008. "(Re)Modeling Race: Moving From Intrinsic Characteristic to Multidimensional Marker of Status" Pp. 335-50 in *Racism in Post-Race America: New Theories, New Directions*, ed. Charles Gallagher. Social Forces Publishing.

Fischer, Claude S., Michael Hout and Aliya Saperstein. 2006. "Where Americans Came From: Race, Immigration and Ancestry," Pp. 23-56 in Claude S. Fischer and Michael Hout, *Century of Difference: How America Changed in the Last One Hundred Years*. Russell Sage.

### Work in progress

Saperstein, Aliya, Jessica Kizer and Andrew M. Penner. Forthcoming. "Making the Most of Multiple Measures: Disentangling the Effects of Different Dimensions of Race in Survey Research." *American Behavioral Scientist*, special issue on measuring the diverse components of race.

### **SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

Faculty Fellow, Center for Comparative Study of Race & Ethnicity, Stanford University	2015-16
Faculty Fellow, Institute for Research in the Social Sciences, Stanford University	2015-16
Editor's Choice Award, <i>Demographic Research</i>	2015
Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation	2014-15
Faculty College Fellow, Vice Provost of Undergraduate Education, Stanford University	2014-15
Kimberle Crenshaw Outstanding Paper Award, SSSP Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division	2014
Oliver Cromwell Cox Best Article Award, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities	2014
IPUMS Research Award, Minnesota Population Center	2013
Roger Gould Prize, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>	2013
Faculty Fellow, Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University	2012-13
Poster Award, Population Association of America Annual Meeting (with A. Penner & J. Kizer) For "Race and Inequality: Disentangling the Effects of Racial Self-Identification and Classification by Others"	2012
Phi Beta Kappa, University of Washington	1999

### Completed external research grants

Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, American Sociological Association Co-PI: "Surveying the Surveyors: Trends in Measurement and Knowledge Production in U.S. Social Surveys"	2013-14
Center for New Racial Studies Research Grant, University of California Co-PI: "An Intersectional Analysis of How Social Status Shapes Race"	2011-12
Presidential Authority Award, Russell Sage Foundation Co-PI: "The Consequences of Racial Fluidity for Inequality in the United States"	2009-10

## INVITED TALKS AND COLLOQUIA (past five years)

### *Surveying the Surveyors: Trends in the Measurement of Race and Ethnicity in U.S. Social Surveys*

Summer at Census Seminar, U.S. Census Bureau (September 2015)  
Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto (November 2014)  
Measuring the Diverging Components of Race Conference, Texas A&M (June 2014)

### *The Past and Present Significance of Racial Mobility*

Sociology colloquium, University of Pennsylvania (April 2015)  
Demography Seminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison (February 2014)  
Summer at Census Seminar, U.S. Census Bureau (August 2013)

### *Reproducing the Association between Blackness and Crime: Racial Perceptions and Racial Mobility*

Sociology colloquium, Rutgers University (March 2015)

### *Revisiting the Racial Legacy of Homer Plessy*

Center for the Study of Social Organization, Princeton University (February 2015)  
Critical Race Theory and Empirical Methods Working Group, University of Iowa Law School (April 2013)

### *Racial Mobility and Boundary Maintenance*

Thematic Session, Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting (February 2015)

### *Making the Most of Multiple Measures of Race*

Demography seminar, CUNY Institute for Demography Research (January 2015)

### *The Dynamics of Race and Inequality in the United States*

Sociology Department Colloquium, Harvard University (September 2014)  
Center for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town (April 2014)  
Sociology colloquium, Universidad Carlos III, Madrid (March 2014)  
Center for Migration and Development, Princeton University (November 2013)  
Sociology Department Colloquium, University of Iowa (April 2013)  
Berkeley-Stanford Inequality Seminar, Stanford University (March 2012)  
Psychology Department Social Lab Colloquium Series, Stanford University (February 2012)  
Anthropology Department Colloquium, University of Oregon (May 2011)

### *The Social Context of Racial Perceptions*

Thematic Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York (August 2013)

### *U.S. Census Categories and Trends in Racial Discourse, 1830-1980*

Demography Department Brown Bag, University of California, Berkeley (February 2013)  
Sociology Department Colloquium, University of California-Irvine (May 2012)

### *Engendering Racial Perceptions: An Intersectional Analysis*

Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Stanford University (February 2013)

### *The Criminal Justice System and the Racialization of Perceptions*

Political Psychology Research Group Seminar, Stanford University (February 2013)  
Detaining Democracy Conference, Institute for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University (November 2012)

### *The Race of a Criminal Record: How Incarceration Colors Racial Perceptions*

Critical Race Theory and Empirical Methods Working Group, UC Hastings (December 2010)

### *What Can We Learn About Race and Inequality from the Inconsistently Racially Classified*

Surveying Social Marginality Conference, University of Washington (October 2010)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Stanford University

<i>Segregation and Social Distance</i> (OSPCPTWN15)	Spring 2014
<i>Social Consequences of Demographic Processes</i> (Soc 151)	Spring 2013
<i>Sociology of Race</i> (Soc 350)	Fall 2012
<i>Senior Seminar: Writing in the Major</i> (Soc 200)	Fall 2013, 2012
<i>The Social Determinants of Health</i> (Soc 152)	Fall 2013, Spring 2012
<i>Race and Ethnicity Around the World</i> (Soc 147)	Spring 2012
<i>Migration, Ethnicity, Race and Nation Workshop</i> (Soc 350W, co-leader)	Annually

### University of Oregon

<i>Immigration: Then and Now</i>	Fall 2010
<i>Demography for Sociologists</i> (graduate seminar)	Fall 2010
<i>The Social Determinants of Health</i> (Honors College seminar)	Spring 2010
<i>Sociology Writing Workshop</i> (graduate seminar)	Fall 2009
<i>Race and Ethnicity Around the World</i>	Spring 2009
<i>Introduction to Sociological Research</i>	Spring 2009, 2010, 2011
<i>World Population and Social Structure</i>	Fall 2008, 2009; Spring 2011

### Pedagogical training

Summer Institute for Faculty: <i>Engaging Students with Diverse Identities</i> University of Oregon	September 2008
Seminar participant: <i>Designing Courses to Enhance Student Motivation</i> University of California-Berkeley	Spring 2006

## REFEREED CONFERENCE PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS

### “Placing Racial Fluidity in Context”

Population Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, May 2015 (with Robert Pickett & Andrew Penner)

### “Gender Gradations: Measuring Sex and Gender Diversity in Surveys”

Population Association Annual Meeting, San Diego, May 2015 (with Devon Magliozzi & Laurel Westbrook)

### “New Categories Will Not Solve Old Problems: Rethinking the Measurement of Sex and Gender in Social Surveys”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2014 (with Laurel Westbrook)

### “Does Money Whiten in the United States? Re-examining the Rules for Inheriting Race”

Population Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2013 (with Carolyn Liebler)

### “Skin Color and Social Inequality: A Comparative Exploration of Race’s Multidimensionality”

Population Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2013 (with Stanley R. Bailey)

### “Engendering Racial Perceptions: An Intersectional Analysis of How Social Status Shapes Race”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, August 2011 (with A. Penner)

### “Playing the Race Card: The Role of Religion in Racial Discrimination Reporting”

Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, August 2011 (with Damon Mayrl)

### “A Mulatto Escape Hatch? Examining Evidence of U.S. Racial and Social Mobility in the Jim Crow Era”

PAA Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2011 (with Aaron Gullickson)

- “Can Whiteness Make You Feel Sick?: Exploring the Role of Perceived Race in Health Disparities” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, August 2010
- “Dyed Black: Homicide and Racial Classification on Death Certificates” Population Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, April 2010 (with Andrew Noymer and Andrew Penner)
- “Beyond the Looking Glass: Exploring Variation Between Racial Self-Identification and Interviewer Classification” Population Association Annual Meeting, Dallas, April 2010 (with A. Penner)
- “Who is At Risk of Racial Discrimination? Perceived Race and Health Disparities in the U.S.” Population Association Annual Meeting, Detroit, April 2009
- “Does Social Status Shape Race: The Effect of Changes in Social Status on Racial Classification and Identification” Research Committee on Social Stratification Summer Meeting, Stanford, CA, August 2008 (with Andrew Penner)
- “The Race of a Criminal Record: How Incarceration Colors Racial Perception” Population Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, April 2008 (with Andrew Penner)
- “What You See and What She Gets: Isolating the Effect of Inconsistent Racial Classification on Women's Earnings and Income” PAA Meeting, New Orleans, April 2008 (with Bryan Sykes)
- “(Re)Modeling Race: A Latent Variable Approach for Research on Racial Inequality,” Conference on Social Statistics and Ethnic Diversity, Montreal, Quebec, December 2007  
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, August 2007
- “The Many Dimensions of Race: Capturing Complexity with Latent Variables,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, New York, March 2007
- “Inheriting Race: Classification of U.S. Newborns in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study,” Population Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, March 2006 (with Marcel Paret)
- “Separate and Unequal: Observed and Self-reported Race in the General Social Survey,” Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Boston, April 2004

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Disciplinary service

Regular Session Organizer (Multiracial Classification/Identity), ASA Annual Meeting	2015
Session Organizer, Author Meets Critics, ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA	2014
Advisor, Committee on Population Statistics, Population Association of America Expert review of the U.S. Census 2010 Race and Ethnicity Alternative Questionnaire Experiment	Mar. 2013
Advisory Editor, <i>Sociological Perspectives</i>	2012-15
Regular Session Organizer (Stratification), ASA Annual Meeting, Denver, CO	2012
Discussant, PAA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA	2012
Advisory Editor, <i>Social Problems</i>	2011-14

Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty & Mobility	2011
Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities	2011
Session Organizer, Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA	2011

Ad hoc Reviewer

*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Demography, Social Forces, Sociology of Race & Ethnicity, Gender & Society, Social Science Research, The Sociological Quarterly, Population Research and Policy Review, among others.*

Departmental and University service

*Stanford:*

Admissions Committee, Sociology	2014
Faculty Search Committee, Sociology & Middle Eastern Studies	2013
Graduate Studies Committee, Sociology	2012-13
Selection Committee, Rosaldo Essay and Thesis Prizes, Feminist Studies	2013

*University of Oregon:*

Executive Committee (elected), Sociology	2010-11
Admissions and Awards Committee, Sociology	2010-11
Selection Committee, Phi Beta Kappa, University of Oregon chapter	2009-11
Faculty Advisor, Social Science Feminist Network Research Interest Group	2009-11

Formal advising

*Stanford:*

Juan Pedroza	(Third-year paper, Second Reader, 2015)
Salina Gray	(Dissertation Committee, Outside Member, 2014)
Priscilla Gutierrez	(First-year mentor, 2014-15)
Natassia Rodriguez	(Second-year paper, Second Reader, 2013)
Koji Chavez	(Dissertation Prospectus Defense Committee, 2013)
Jennifer Hill	(First-year mentor, 2013-14)
Maja Falcon	(Second-year paper, Second Reader, 2012)
Krystale Littlejohn	(Dissertation Prospectus Defense Committee, 2011)

*University of Oregon:*

Katie Rogers	(Dissertation committee, 2014)
Sarah Cribbs	(Dissertation committee, 2011)
Mirranda Willette	(McNair Scholar Research Mentor & Senior Honors Thesis, Highest Honors, 2011)
Robert Pickett	(Senior Honors Thesis, Highest Honors, 2011)
Xuanyao Zhu	(Senior Honors Thesis, High Honors, 2011)
MeCherri Tarver	(Master's Paper, Primary Advisor, 2010)
Miranda Brown	(Senior Honors Thesis, High Honors, 2009)

Consulting

Survey Design, Multiracial in America, Pew Research Center	2014
Question Formatting, Donor Race and Ethnicity Information, National Marrow Donor Program	2013-15

## SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE & COMMENTARY

- [“Male? Female? Er .... It’s Complicated,”](#) *Newsweek*, September 1, 2015.
- [“Stanford Sociologist Urges Rethinking of Sex and Gender in Surveys,”](#) *Stanford Report*, August 19, 2015
- [“Isn’t it Obvious? Measuring Sex and Gender in Surveys,”](#) *Gender & Society* blog, August 13, 2015.
- [“Identidades raciais são coisas que mudam ao longo do tempo,”](#) *Época* (Brazil), June 20, 2015
- [“Pew: Multiracial Population Changing the Face of the U.S.,”](#) *Washington Post*, June 11, 2015
- [“Pew: Multiracial Americans Now Make Up 7% of Population,”](#) *Wisconsin Public Radio*, June 11, 2015
- [“Developing a Racial Mobility Perspective for the Social Sciences,”](#) Russell Sage Foundation blog, March 3, 2015
- [“Black History Month: Stereotypes & Racial Identity,”](#) *The Colbert Report*, February 27, 2014
- [“Stereotypes Drive Perceptions of Race,”](#) *National Public Radio*, February 11, 2014
- [“Racial Fluidity, or The More Things Change The More They Stay the Same”](#) *The Society Pages*, June 4, 2013
- [“Can Losing Your Job Make You Black?”](#) *Boston Review*, June 3, 2013
- [“You’ll Never Guess Who is Most Likely to Report Reverse Racism,](#) *The (Atlantic) Wire*, Jan. 23, 2013.
- [“White Republicans and Southern Evangelicals Most Likely to Claim Reverse Discrimination,”](#) *Stanford Report*, January 23, 2013
- [“Is Race Reflected by Your Outfit?”](#) *The New York Times*, October 14, 2011
- [“When it Comes to Race, Clothing May Matter,”](#) *Stanford Report*, September 28, 2011
- [“Racial Stereotyping Persists, Even After Death”](#) *Time*, January 28, 2011
- [“Racial Stereotyping Found in U.S. Death Certificates,”](#) *UO News*, January 26, 2011
- [“Racial Identity Not Determined By Skin Tone Alone”](#) *The Chicago Tribune*, December 15, 2008
- [“Racial Stereotypes and Social Status”](#) *The Los Angeles Times*, December 9, 2008
- [“Racial Identity: Not a Black-and-White Issue”](#) *USA Today*, December 9, 2008
- [“Social Status Shapes Racial Identity”](#) *National Geographic*, December 8, 2008
- [“Black and White is Not Always a Clear Distinction,”](#) *UO News*, December 8, 2008