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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D (Expected, Spring 2019)

Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Dissertation: *That Kind of Neighborhood: Creating, Contesting, and Commodifying Place Reputation*

Committee: Andrew Abbott and Kristen Schilt (co-chairs), Japonica Brown-Saracino,  
Forrest Stuart

Research and Teaching Interests: Urban Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Qualitative  
Methods, Race and Ethnicity, Gender and Sexuality, Economic Sociology, Social  
Theory, Gentrification, Reputation

Master of Arts in Social Sciences (Sociology)

2012, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Master of Arts in Social Sciences

2009, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Bachelor of Arts in History, Minor in English

2007, The George Washington University, Washington, DC

Graduated *summa cum laude*

## PUBLICATIONS

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Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel. Forthcoming. "Broken Windows as Growth Machines: Who Benefits from Urban Disorder and Crime?" *City & Community*.

Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel. 2018. "Negotiating the space between avant-garde and 'hip enough': businesses and commercial gentrification in Wicker Park." *City & Community*. 17: 438-460. doi:[10.1111/cico.12294](https://doi.org/10.1111/cico.12294)

Brown-Saracino, Japonica and Jeffrey Nathaniel Parker. 2017. "What is up with my sisters? Where are you?" The Origins and Consequences of Lesbian-Friendly Place Reputations for LBQ Migrants." *Sexualities*. 20(7): pp. 835 – 874.

Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel. 2014. "A piece of art is not a loaf of bread': Indie Rock's Challenge to Commodification." In *Music Sociology*. Ed. Sara Towe Horsfall, Jan-Martijn Meij, and Meghan D. Probstfield. Boulder, CO: Paradigm Publishers.

## UNDER REVIEW

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Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel. “*Doppelgängers and Bêtes Noires*, Ghosts and Visions: Place-Based Research and the Presence of Absent Neighborhoods.”

Small, Mario L., Vontrese Deeds Pamphile, Cayce Hughes, and Jeffrey Nathaniel Parker. “Words vs. Actions in the Network Behavior of Low-Income African Americans”

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel. “Revisiting Neo-Bohemia: Persistence, Politics, and Moving Past an Ecological Model of Neighborhood Reputation”

Parker, Jeffrey Nathaniel. “What We Talk About When We Talk About Hipsters”

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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### *Fellowships*

- 2017-2018, William Rainey Harper Dissertation Year Fellowship (\$25,000)
- 2012, University of Chicago Urban Network Urban Doctoral Fellowship
- 2011-2015, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (\$122,000)
- 2003-2007, Presidential Scholarship
- 2003-2007, National Merit Scholarship

### *Small Grants*

- 2017, Midwest Sociological Society Travel Grant (\$100)
- 2016-2017, University of Chicago Urban Travel Grant (\$1,000)
- 2016-2017, University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant (\$3,000)
- 2015-2016, University of Chicago Division of the Social Sciences Research Grant (\$11,500)
- 2015-2016, University of Chicago Henderson Research Grant (\$4,971)

### *Honors*

- 2018, Robert E. Park Lectureship
- 2007, Jesse Fant Evans Prize
- 2006-present, Phi Beta Kappa

## INVITED TALKS

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“Broken Windows as Growth Machines: The Multivocality of Vacant Lots.”  
Sep. 2017, Crossing Disciplinary Boundaries Working Group, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“Ghosts, *doppelgängers*, and *bêtes noires*: the presence of absent neighborhoods in urban research”  
Jan. 2017, Urban Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Gentrification”

Nov. 2016, Feb. 2015, Feb. 2014, Invited Lecture, Dr. Forrest Stuart’s seminar “Urban Structure and Process,” University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“Negotiating space between avant-garde and ‘hip enough’: businesses, reputation, and commercial gentrification in Wicker Park”

May 2016, Research Symposium on Gentrification and Neighborhood Change hosted by the Federal Reserve Banks of Philadelphia and Minneapolis, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and NYU Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, Philadelphia, PA

Nov. 2013, Urban Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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“Broken Windows as Growth Machines: Who Benefits from Urban Disorder?”

Aug. 2018, American Sociological Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA

“That Kind of Neighborhood: Creating, Contesting, and Commodifying Place Reputation”

Jun. 2018, Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“A Place on *That* Corner?: The Social Transformation of Reputation in Bridgeport”

Mar. 2018, Chicago Ethnography Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“It’s not really like that here?: Place Reputation and Scale”

Nov. 2017, Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

“Ghosts, *doppelgängers*, and *bêtes noires*: the presence of absent neighborhoods in urban research”

Aug. 2017, American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Aug. 2017, Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada

Apr. 2017, Urban Affairs Association Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN

Oct. 2016, Urban Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“Reputation as Resource and Constraint in Urban Neighborhoods”

Jun. 2017, Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Aug. 2016, American Sociological Association Conference, Seattle, WA

“Revisiting Neo-Bohemia: Persistence, Politics, and Moving Past an Ecological Model of Neighborhood Reputation”

Mar. 2017, Midwest Sociological Society Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI

“Exile in Guyville, or the Stroller and the Damage Done: Women in Public, Gentrification, and the Politics of Blame”

Feb. 2017, Gender and Sexuality Studies Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“The Defended Neighborhood Reputation”

Apr. 2016, Urban Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“Negotiating space between avant-garde and ‘hip enough’: businesses, reputation, and commercial gentrification in Wicker Park”

Aug. 2014, American Sociological Association Conference, San Francisco, CA

Feb. 2014, City, Society, and Space Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Oct. 2013, Urban Doctoral Fellows Fall Research Colloquium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

“What’s in a chain?: what leads urban business-owners and -managers to embrace or resist gentrification”

Aug. 2013, American Sociological Association Conference, New York, NY

“Fear and loathing: the business community, hipness, and the specter of other neighborhoods in the Wicker Park gentrification story”

Mar. 2013, Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL

“Killing the Hipster: Symbolic Annihilation and Ambivalent Denial”

Aug. 2012, American Sociological Association Conference, Denver, CO

“‘Rich kids dressing like they’re poor’: Class Drag in Indie Rock Scenes”

Aug. 2011, American Sociological Association Conference, Las Vegas, NV

“‘A piece of art is not a loaf of bread’: Indie Rock’s Challenge to Commodification”

Aug. 2010, American Sociological Association Conference, Atlanta, GA

“Who Becomes a Punk Rocker and Why”

Mar. 2008, Popular Culture/American Culture Associations Conference, San Francisco, CA

## TEACHING

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### Instructor

2018-2019, Master of the Arts Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Selected to be a preceptor for the MA program in the Social Sciences (MAPSS), an intensive one-year program. Responsibilities include advising around 20 students as they complete coursework and a thesis, leading a discussion section of the core course Perspectives in Social Science Analysis, leading a research workshop for students working on their theses, grading papers and theses, and participating in admission and recruitment for MAPSS.*

Winter 2018, Gentrification: The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Taught undergraduate class on gentrification, which I designed and which was selected for inclusion in departmental course listings as a competitive Robert E. Park Lectureship. The discussion-based*

*class covered topics of urban sociology, as well as related material from adjacent fields and popular culture. Students learned about both topics in urban sociology and the development of the intellectual debates surrounding gentrification. Students wrote reading memos each week as well as a 12-15 page final paper.*

Winter 2017, Power Identity Resistance 1, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Taught undergraduate class in the University's Social Science Core. The discussion-based class focused on the roots of political economy, with special focus on Smith, Marx, Veblen, Polanyi, and Foucault. Students wrote reading memos each week as well as two five-page papers.*

Spring 2016, Power Identity Resistance 3, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Taught undergraduate class in the University's Social Science Core. The discussion-based class focused on reactions to the liberal project, with special focus Hegel, Emerson, Simmel, de Beauvoir, Freud, Fanon, and King. Students wrote reading memos each week as well as two five-page papers.*

Winter 2017, Sociology BA Thesis Seminar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*With two other student preceptors, taught undergraduate class for fourth-year undergraduates focused on the process of completing a BA thesis, the sociology major's capstone. Provided individual guidance to students and facilitated group feedback in section writing groups. Helped students shape their research into a final BA thesis, offering feedback along the way.*

Autumn 2016, Sociology BA Thesis Seminar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*With two other student preceptors, taught undergraduate class for fourth-year undergraduates focused on the process of researching and writing a BA thesis, the sociology major's capstone. Led classes on methods and paper design. Oversaw a section of the class in the development of their research. Provided individual guidance to students and facilitated group feedback in section writing groups. Helped students move from their proposals to actual research and writing.*

Spring 2016, Sociology BA Thesis Seminar, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*With two other student preceptors, taught undergraduate class for third-year undergraduates focused on the process of developing an idea for a BA thesis, the sociology major's capstone. Led a section of the class in the development of their ideas for their BA theses. Helped students move from an idea to a proposal by helping them develop their ideas, put them in the form of a proposal, and obtain a faculty reader.*

## Teaching Assistant

Spring 2017, Policy Implementation with Chad Broughton, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Assisted in undergraduate class focused on the problems of policy implementation. Attended classes, held office hours, graded papers, led section discussions, and helped students develop ideas for their final 18-25 case study papers.*

Autumn 2014, Political Sociology with Elisabeth Clemens, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Assisted in mixed graduate/undergraduate class focused on political sociology. Attended classes, held office hours, graded papers, delivered lecture in class on Thomas Frank.*

Spring 2013, Urban Structure and Process with Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Assisted in mixed graduate/ undergraduate class focused on urban sociology. Attended classes, held office hours, graded papers, helped students develop project ideas, delivered lecture on gentrification.*

Autumn 2012, Sociological Theory with Andreas Glaeser, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Assisted in undergraduate class focused on classic and modern sociological theory, including Rousseau, Marx, Weber, Durkheim, Simmel, Elias, and Horkheimer and Adorno. Attended classes, held office hours, graded papers, and delivered lecture on Simmel.*

#### Teaching Intern

Spring 2014, Power Identity Resistance 3 with Laura Montanaro, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Assisted in class in the University's Social Science Core. The discussion-based class focused on reactions to the liberal project, with special focus on Kant, Nietzsche, Freud, Fanon, King, Arendt, and Foucault. Attended classes, held office hours, graded papers, and delivered lecture on Freud.*

Winter 2014 Power Identity Resistance 2 with Stefan Klusemann, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

*Assisted in class in the University's Social Science Core. The discussion-based class focused on the roots of the liberal project, with special focus on Machiavelli, Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, Burke, Kant, Mill, Marx, and Du Bois. Attended classes, held office hours, graded papers, and delivered lecture on Marx.*

#### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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##### Research Assistant

2013-2015, Mario L. Small, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL/Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2011-2012, Richard P. Taub, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

##### Consultant/Researcher

2010, Cultural Policy Center at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

#### **SERVICE**

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##### Co-Organizer

2018, Community and Urban Sociology Section Session: The Social and Cultural Construction of Places, American Sociology Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA

##### Co-Coordinator

2016-2017, Urban Workshop at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

2012-2013, Urban Workshop at the University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

Student Representative

2015-2016, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section  
Publications Committee

2014-2015, American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section  
Council

Co-Representative

2015-2016 Society for Social Research, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

2012-2013 Society for Social Research, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

Editorial Board Member

2014-2015, Manuscript Review Board, *The American Journal of Sociology*, Chicago, IL

2012-2014, Book Review Board, *The American Journal of Sociology*, Chicago, IL

Co-Chair

2018, Chicago Ethnography Conference

2013, Chicago Ethnography Conference

Co-Organizer

2012, Spring Institute, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

President

2011-2012, Society for Social Research, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago

Member

2017-present, Urban Affairs Association

2017-present, Midwest Sociological Society

2017-present, Society for the Study of Social Problems

2010-present, American Sociological Association

Occasional Reviewer

*American Journal of Sociology*, *City & Community*, *Journal of Contemporary  
Ethnography*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*

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**REFERENCES**

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