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## Academic Appointments

2017- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh

## Education

2017 Ph.D. Sociology, Rice University, Houston, Texas

2013 M.A. Sociology, Rice University, Houston, Texas

2010 B.A. Sociology, Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois

## Research Interest

Urban Sociology, Race and Ethnicity, Inequality and Mobility, Quantitative Methodology

## Publications

### *Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles*

2017 Elliott, James R. and **Junia Howell**. "Beyond Disasters: A Longitudinal Analysis of Natural Hazards' Unequal Impacts on Residential Instability." *Social Forces*. 95(3): 1181-1207. DOI: 10.1093/sf/sow086

2017 **Howell, Junia** and Michael Emerson. "So What 'Should' We Use? Evaluating the Impact of Five Racial Measures on Markers of Social Inequality." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. 3(1):14-30. DOI: 10.1177/2332649216648465

2015 Timberlake, Jeffrey M., **Junia Howell**, Amy Baumann Grau, and Rhys H. Williams. "Who 'They' Are Matters: Effects of Immigrant Stereotypes on Public Assessments of the Impact of Immigration." *The Sociological Quarterly*. 56 (2): 267-299. DOI: 10.1111/tsq.12076

### *Other Refereed Works*

2016 **Howell, Junia**. "Ideologies." In *(Un)Making Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*, edited by Michael O. Emerson, Jenifer Bratter and Sergio Chavez. New York, New York: Oxford University Press.

2016 **Howell, Junia.** "Thinking Strategically." In *(Un)Making Race and Ethnicity: A Reader*, edited by Michael O. Emerson, Jenifer Bratter and Sergio Chavez. New York, New York: Oxford University Press.

#### *Under Review*

**Howell, Junia** and James R. Elliott. "Damage Done: The Longitudinal Impacts of Natural Hazards on Wealth Polarization in the United States." *Revise and Resubmit*

**Howell, Junia.** "Neighborhood Effects in Cross-Nation Perspective: A Longitudinal Analysis of Impacts on Intergenerational Mobility in the United States and Germany."

**Howell, Junia** and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. "Neighborhoods Race and the 21<sup>st</sup>-Century Housing Appraisal Industry."

**Howell, Junia.** "What Type of Racial Segregation Drives Socioeconomic Inequality?"

**Howell, Junia** and Michael Emerson. "Preserving Racial Hierarchy amidst Changing Racial Demographics: How Neighbourhood Racial Preferences Are Changing While Maintaining Segregation."

**Howell, Junia.** "The Truly Advantaged: Re-Conceptualizing the Implicit 'Neighborhood' of Neighborhood Effects."

#### *Other Publications and Technical Reports*

2016 O'Connell, Heather A. and **Junia Howell.** "Disparate City: Understanding Rising Levels of Concentrated Poverty and Affluence in Greater Houston." Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.

2014 **Howell, Junia.** "Community Survey Report and Proposed Action Steps." Community Safety Initiative: Helping Our Own Development, Southeastern Houston Transformation Alliance and Agape Development.

2012 Emerson, Michael O., Jenifer Bratter, **Junia Howell**, P. Wilner Jeanty, and Mike Cline. "Houston Region Grows More Racially/Ethnically Diverse, With Small Declines in Segregation: A Joint Report Analyzing Census Data from 1990, 2000, and 2010." Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.

#### *Works in Progress*

**Howell, Junia.** "Who's The Implicit Reference Group?: The Policy Implications of Urban Sociological Methodological Assumptions."

## Grants

- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** Rice University Department of Sociology Travel Grant. \$750.
- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** Kinder Institute for Urban Research Travel Grant. \$500.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia.** Rice University Department of Sociology Travel Grant. \$750.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia.** “Fostering Opportunities: The Role of Policy, City Characteristics, and Urban Spatial Segmentation on the Intergenerational Transmission of Socioeconomic Status,” *Wagoner Foreign Study Scholarship*. \$7,500.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia.** “Fostering Opportunities: Policies, City Characteristics, and Segregation’s Impact on Intergenerational Socioeconomic Status,” *Rice University’s Social Sciences Research Institute Dissertation Improvement Grant*. \$2,500.

## Fellowships and Honors

- 2017 Princeton Society of Fellows, Finalist.
- 2017 Graduate Instructor of Record Award, Finalist. Rice University.
- 2013 Scholarship for Social Psychology—Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program, University of Michigan. \$3,500.
- 2013 Walter and Helen Hall Graduate Paper Prize For a Methodological Contribution—Rice University  
*Introducing the Index of Segregation: A Multi-Group Segregation Measure.*

## Conference Presentations and Papers

- 2017 **Howell, Junia** and James R. Elliott. “Wealth Polarization and Natural Hazards: A Longitudinal Analysis of the Cumulative Effects on Inequality.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2016 **Howell, Junia.** “What Type of Racial Segregation Drives Socioeconomic Inequality? A Review of the Empirical Evidence.” *Racial Segregation Conference—Innovations in the Measurement and Analysis of Racial Segregation*, College Station, Texas.

- 2016 Elliott, James R. and **Junia Howell**. "The Cumulative Effect of Natural Hazard Exposure on Socioeconomic Inequality." *American Sociological Association*, Seattle, Washington.
- 2016 **Howell, Junia** and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. "Neighborhood Racial Biases in 21<sup>st</sup> Century Housing Appraisals." *Urban Affairs Association*, San Diego, California.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia**. "Demystifying the Great and Powerful Oz? A Cross-National Comparison of Neighborhood Effects on Socioeconomic Mobility." *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015 **Howell, Junia**. "Beyond Neighborhoods: The Role of City Segregation on Economic Mobility." *Urban Affairs Association*, Miami, Florida.
- 2014 **Howell, Junia**. "Racialization Not Assimilation: The Racialized Residential Segmentation of Latino and Asian Immigrants." *Urban Affairs Association*, San Antonio, Texas.
- 2013 Smiley, Kevin and **Junia Howell**. "The Preference Paradox: Sprawl versus Urbanism" *Urban Affairs Association*, San Francisco, California.
- 2012 Timberlake, Jeffrey M., **Junia Howell**, Amy Baumann Grau, and Rhys H. Williams. "Effects of Immigrant Stereotypes on Public Assessments of the Impact of Immigration." *American Sociological Association*, Denver, Colorado.
- 2012 **Howell, Junia**. "The Color Ladder: The Challenge of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." *Rice Centennial Research Symposium*. Houston, Texas.

## Teaching Experience

### *Instructor*

- 2016 Urban Sociology (SOC 0444), University of Pittsburgh, Fall.
- 2016 Social Statistics (SOC 382), Rice University, Spring.

### *Graduate Teaching Assistant*

- 2016 Intro to Statistics for Masters Students (GLBL 503), Rice University, Fall.
- 2015 Quantitative Data Analysis I (SOC 582), Rice University, Spring.
- 2013 Marginalized Urban Populations (SOC 600), Rice University, Fall.

2013 Inequality and Urban Life (SOCI 470), Rice University, Spring.

#### *Guest Lectures*

2014 “Probability: Chances Are You Will Need It.” Social Statistics, Rice University.

2012 “Approaching Statistical Research Questions.” Social Statistics, Rice University.

## Quantitative Skills and Data Management Projects

#### *Additional Quantitative Training*

2013 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research Summer Program, University of Michigan (Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Advanced Maximum Likelihood Estimation; Longitudinal Data Analysis; Social Network Analysis).

#### *Contracted Data Management*

2013 **Howell, Junia**. Geocoded and Created Contextual Data Set for the Portrait of American Life Survey (PALS) Waves 1 and 2.

2012 **Howell, Junia** and Rose Medeiros. Created Longitudinal Attrition Weights and Corresponding Documentation for the Portrait of American Life Survey (PALS) Wave 2.

#### *User Written Statistical Packages*

2016 **Howell, Junia**. Gini. *Stata*. Finds the Gini inequality index for observations within a particular sub-group and saves it in a new variable.

2015 **Howell, Junia**. Information. *Stata*. Finds Theil's (1972) Information (H) index for all observations in the data set or within each bysort group.

2013 **Howell, Junia**. Segregation. *Stata*. Finds the Segregation or Dissimilarity Index for all observations in the data set or within each bysort group.

2012 **Howell, Junia**. Entropy. *Stata*. Finds Theil's (1972) Entropy index for each observation or for a given group and saves it in a new variable.

#### *Computer Languages and Programs*

Stata; R; Excel; ArcGIS; Python; SAS

## Community Engagement

### *Consulting*

- 2014 Community Safety Initiative: Helping Our Own Development, Southeastern Houston Transformation Alliance and Agape Development, Houston, Texas.
- 2013 Community Needs Survey and Demographic Markers, Agape Development, Houston, Texas.
- 2012 Poverty and Homelessness Services Evaluation, City Gospel Mission, Cincinnati, Ohio.

### *Workshops*

- 2016 Using Census and American Community Survey Data for Nonprofit Analysis and Fundraising, Agape Development, Houston, Texas.

### *Professional Practitioner Experience*

- 2010-2011 Youth and Young Mothers Community Engagement, Winton Community Free Methodist, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 2010-2011 Mathematics Tutor for At-Risk Youth, Cincinnati Public Schools.
- 2009 Sex Trafficking Research and Community Engagement, National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, Cincinnati, Ohio.

## Professional Activities and Service

### *Manuscript Reviewer For*

Qualitative Sociology  
Sociology Compass  
Social Forces  
Social Problems  
Social Science Research  
Sociology of Race and Ethnicity  
The Sociological Quarterly

### *Institutional Service*

- 2017 Graduate Committee, Member.
- 2012 Rice University Undergraduate Sociology Paper Contest Judge.

## Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association  
Community and Urban Sociology  
Racial and Ethnic Minorities  
Inequality, Poverty and Mobility

Urban Affairs Association

## References

Available Upon Request