

*Curriculum Vitae*

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**EDUCATION**

- 2013 **Doctoral Candidate**, University of Connecticut, Ph.D. Expected Spring 2013.  
*Dissertation title:* "Surviving Main Street: Spatial Stratification of Student Outcomes in Rural, Urban and Suburban Contexts." Chair: Mary J. Fischer.
- 2009 M.A. Sociology. University of Connecticut.  
*Master's Thesis title:* "In Good Company: An Examination of the Effects of Peer Groups, School Climate, and School Types on High School Achievement, Aspirations, and Attrition." Chair: Mary J. Fischer.
- 2003 M.A. Higher & Postsecondary Education. Teachers College, Columbia University.
- 2000 B.A. Economics. Rutgers College, Rutgers University.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor: *Full responsibility for course preparation, construction of syllabi, and assessments*

- Spring 2012 SOCI 3471: Sociology of Education (70 students)  
Fall 2010 SOCI 1001W: Introduction to Sociology, writing intensive (19 students)  
Spring 2010 SOCI 1001W: Introduction to Sociology, writing intensive (19 students)  
Fall 2009 SOCI 1001: Introduction to Sociology, Discussion sections (80 students)

Teaching Assistant: *Responsibilities include support of students, periodic grading, maintenance of course records, and limited lecturing/instruction*

- Spring 2011 SOCI 5203: Quantitative Research (Graduate), Dr. David Weakliem.  
*Responsible for composition and grading of homework assignments as well as leading weekly computer lab sessions.*
- Spring 2010 SOCI 3251: Social Theory, Dr. Colleen Butler-Sweet  
Spring 2009 SOCI 3901: Urban Sociology, Professor Andrew Deener  
Fall 2008 SOCI 3211Q: Quantitative Methods, Professor Mary Fischer  
Spring 2008 SOCI 3311: Deviant Behavior, Professor Clinton Sanders

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel** and Michael Wallace. 2011. "Racial Differences in High School Dropouts: A Comparison of Metropolitan Statistical Areas." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 11: 393-413.

**Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel.** "Affluent Children" in *The Sociology of Education: An A-to-Z Guide*. James Ainsworth (ed). Anticipated 2013.

## **PUBLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW**

Fischer, Mary J. and **Rachel Leventhal-Weiner**. "Individual and School Level Social Capital: Variations across School Contexts." *Under review*.

## **WORKS IN PROGRESS**

**Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel** and Mary J. Fischer. "In Good Company: Exploring Social Forces, School Type, and Student Outcomes." In preparation.

**Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel**. "An Examination of the Effects of Peer Groups, School Climate, and School Types on Dropping Out of High School." In preparation.

**Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel**. "Educational Inequality and Human Rights: Who is Left Behind? Public Opinion of Education in the U.S." In preparation.

**Leventhal-Weiner, Rachel**. State Education Reform Data project. Compilation of NCES State-level education policy data for future analysis. In preparation.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

2012 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Overlapping Contexts: A Place-Based Examination of Neighborhood and School Effects on Student Outcomes." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.

2011 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Which Village Does it Take? Understanding the Relationship between School Quality, School Type and Neighborhood Effects." Presented at the Student Research Conference, Harvard Graduate School of Education, Cambridge, MA.

2011 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "An Examination of the Effects of Peer Groups, School Climate, and School Types on Dropping Out of High School." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

2010 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "In Good Company: An Examination of the Effects of Peer Groups, School Climate, and School Types on High School Aspirations and Achievement." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

2009 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Education Inequality and Human Rights: Who is Left Behind?" Presented at the Graduate Human Rights Conference, Storrs, CT.

2009 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner and Michael Wallace. "Racial Differences in High School Dropout Rates for U.S. Metropolitan Areas." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Association, Baltimore, MD.

2008 Rachel Leventhal-Weiner. "Racial Differences in Dropout Rates for U.S. Metropolitan Areas." Presented at the Urban Research Symposium, Storrs, CT.

## **EXTERNAL RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2010 Research and Policy Fellow, Connecticut Coalition for Achievement Now (ConnCAN): Served as assistant to the Director of Research and Policy. Tasks included monthly research reviews of school reform related work, data analysis of school test scores, and preparation of reports for the State of Connecticut Public Education report. (June-August)
- 2009-2010 Research assistant, Mary J. Fischer. Research support for “Social Capital, School Choice, and Student Success: Examining the Linkages Among High School Students in the ELS.” AERA grant with joint sponsors National Science Foundation and National Center for Education Statistics. Analytical support including data cleaning, coding, hierarchical linear modeling, and propensity score matching analyses. (Summer)
- 2007 Research assistant, Mary J. Fischer: Provided support for Russell Sage Foundation Project studying new destinations of immigrant populations. Tasks included data coding and literature review. (Spring and Fall)
- 2006 Research assistant, Mary J. Fischer: Provided support for multiple projects in progress studying immigration, student employment, and higher education. Tasks included literature review and descriptive data analysis. (Fall)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

- Reviewer** *American Journal of Sociology*, 2012-Present
- Member** Graduate Program Committee, University of Connecticut, 2007-2008, 2009-Present
- Advisor** Sociology Undergraduate Program, University of Connecticut, 2008-2009

## **AWARDS**

- 2011-2012 Department of Sociology Fall/Spring Dissertation Fellowship
- 2011 Department of Sociology Summer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2010 Department of Sociology Fall Dissertation Fellowship
- 2010 Department of Sociology Summer Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009 Department of Sociology Fall Pre-Dissertation Fellowship
- 2009 Department of Sociology Summer Fellowship

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- American Sociological Association  
Sociology of Education Section member
- Eastern Sociological Society

## REFERENCES

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