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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Riverside 2020 (Expected)  
**Dissertation Title:** *Political-Economic Context and the "Challenge of the Gradient": How Social Structure and Position Shape Health Disparities.*  
**Committee:** Bruce G. Link (Co-Chair), Matthew C. Mahutga (Co-Chair), Richard M. Carpiano, David Brady, and Steven G. Brint

M.A., Sociology, University of California, Riverside 2013

B.A., Sociology, University of Central Arkansas 2005

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Health; Development; Inequality; Global/Comparative; Politics/Political Economy; Quantitative Methods

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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2019 Dissertation-Year Program Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside*  
2019 Earle C. Anthony Travel Award, *University of California, Riverside*  
2018 Ernest L. Propes Endowed Graduate Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside*  
2018 Healthy Campus Initiative (HCI) Grant, "Identifying Accommodation and Support Services Gaps for Students with Disabilities at UCR,"  
*University of California, Riverside*  
2017 Ideas Incubator Seminar Travel Grant: Responses to Automation, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, *Northwestern University*  
2017 AIS Mellon Seminar Fellowship, Fall, *University of California, Riverside*  
2017 Sociology Department Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award (with Ronald Kwon), "Embedded aid: Does Connectedness to Global Networks Matter for Dyadic Foreign Aid Allocation?," *University of California, Riverside*  
2016 Blum Initiative Graduate Research Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside*  
2016 Graduate Research Mentorship Program Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside*  
2011-14 Dean's Distinguished Fellowship, *University of California, Riverside*  
2005 Honors College Undergraduate Scholar, *University of Central Arkansas*  
2004-05 Honors College Fellowship, *University of Central Arkansas*  
2003 Kathryn Hinson Outstanding Sociology Student, *University of Central Arkansas*  
2000-04 President's Scholarship, *University of Central Arkansas*

## PUBLICATIONS

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Faculty collaborators (at time of submission) are underlined.

### *Refereed Articles*

- 2019 Bloom, Quinn, **Curran, Michaela**, and Steven Brint. "Interdisciplinary Cluster Hiring Initiatives in U.S. Research Universities: More Straw than Bricks?" *Journal of Higher Education*. DOI: 10.1080/00221546.2019.1688615
- Featured in the *Times Higher Education* on January 6, 2020
- 2018 **Curran, Michaela**, and Matthew C. Mahutga. "Income Inequality and Population Health: A Global Gradient?" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 59(4): 536-553.
- 2018 Mahutga, Matthew C., **Curran, Michaela**, and Anthony Roberts. "Job Tasks and the Comparative Structure of Income and Employment: Routine Task Intensity and Offshoreability for the LIS." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 59(2): 81-109. (Lead article)
- 2016 Kwon, Ronald, and **Michaela Curran**. "Immigration and Support for Redistributive Social Policy: Does Multiculturalism Matter?" *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. 57(6):375-400. (Lead article)
- 2016 Owen, Jason E., **Curran, Michaela**, Bantum, Erin O., and Robert Hanneman. "Characterizing Social Networks and Communication Channels in a Web-Based Peer Support Intervention." *Cyberpsychology, Behavior, and Social Networking*. Jun;19(6):388-396.

### *Book Chapters*

- 2015 **Curran, Michaela**, Schwarz, Elizabeth A. G., and Christopher Chase-Dunn. "The Occupy Movement in California." in *What Comes After Occupy?: The Regional Politics of Resistance*. Edited by Todd A. Comer. U.K.: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

### *Book Reviews*

- 2013 Chase-Dunn, Christopher, and **Michaela Curran**. "Book Review of Smith and Wiest: *Social Movements in the World System: The Politics of Crisis and Transformation*. *Mobilization*. 18(1): 482-483.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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- 2018 Mahutga, Matthew C., **Curran, Michaela**, and Anthony Roberts. "Routine Task Intensity and Offshoreability for the LIS." *Inequality Matters*. 7: 10-11.
- 2018 Mahutga, Matthew C., **Curran, Michaela**, and Anthony Roberts. "Job Tasks and the Comparative Structure of Income and Employment: Routine Task Intensity and Offshoreability for the LIS." *LIS Working Paper Series*. LIS Cross-National Data-Center. 50p. Article ID: Working Paper No. 740.
- 2015 Coyne, Gary, and **Michaela Curran**. "Evaluation of the Writing Support Program, Spring 2013 - Spring 2014." Internal Report. *University of California, Riverside*.
- 2014 Coyne, Gary, and **Michaela Curran**. "Assistance, Counseling, and Encouragement (ACE) Program: Impact on GPA and Departure in Academic Years 2011-12 and 2012-13." Internal Report. *University of California, Riverside*.
- 2014 Coyne, Gary, and **Michaela Curran**. "Supplemental Instruction: Patterns of Student Use and Impact on Course Grades, Academic Year 2011-2012." Internal Report. *University of California, Riverside*.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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2013 Cantwell, Allison, and **Michaela Curran**. "CNAS to CHASS Swirl." Internal Report. *University of California, Riverside*.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### **University of California, Riverside**

Blum Initiative on Global & Regional Poverty

Director: David Brady

January 2020 - Present, *Graduate Student Researcher*

### **University of California, Riverside**

National Institutes of Health Grant #5R00AG05245 (Gender differences in early life adversity: adult obesity and cardiovascular risk)

Principal Investigator: Chioun Lee

August 2019 - October 2019, *Graduate Student Researcher*

### **University of California, Riverside**

National Science Foundation Grant #1736146 (Faculty cluster hiring initiatives in American universities)

Principal Investigator: Steven G. Brint

October 2017 - October 2019, *Graduate Student Researcher*

### **University of California, Riverside**

National Science Foundation Grant #1528703 (The Distributional Consequences of the Globalization of Production)

Principal Investigator: Matthew C. Mahutga

October 2015 - July 2017, *Graduate Student Researcher*

### **University of California, Riverside**

National Institutes of Health Grant #7R21CA166029 (Efficacy of social network "eHealth" interventions, treatment engagement, and health outcomes for cancer patients)

Principal Investigators: Jason E. Owen, Erin O'Carroll Bantum, and Robert Hanneman

January 2014 - August 2017, *Graduate Student Researcher*

### **University of California, Riverside**

Undergraduate Education (Office of Evaluation and Assessment)

October 2012 - June 2017, *Graduate Student Researcher*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **University of California, Riverside**

Department of Sociology

June 2018 - July 2019, *Associate Instructor*

Courses Taught: Statistical Analysis - Soc 005 (Summer 2018), Methods of Sociological Inquiry - Soc 004 (Summer 2019)

Average Teaching Effectiveness Score: 4.85 out of 5.00 (campus average: 4.41)

### **University of California, Riverside**

Department of Sociology

June 2014 - August 2015, *Teaching Assistant*

Teaching Assistant for Courses: Introduction to Sociology - Soc 001 (Summer 2014), Development of Sociological Theory - Soc 168 (Fall 2014), Statistical Analysis - Soc 005 (Winter 2015), Sociological Foundations, The City - Soc 002 (Spring 2015), Theoretical Foundations - Soc 003 (Summer 2015), Sociology of Economic Organizations - Soc 150 (Summer 2015)

## CONFERENCE AND INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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Faculty collaborators (at time of presentation) are underlined. Presenter(s) denoted by \*

- 2019 **Curran, Michaela\***. "Compositional or Contextual Effects? Revisiting Income Inequality's Health Tax." Regular Session: Open Topic on Sociology of Development, *American Sociological Association 114th Annual Meeting*, New York, NY. August.
- 2019 **Curran, Michaela\***. "Resource Reappraisal? Socioeconomic Status, Income Inequality, and Self-Rated Health in 83 Countries." *Mellon AIS Conference: Polarity, Diversity, Confluence*. Riverside, CA. March.
- 2018 Ballard-Dosty, Aisa\*, and **Michaela Curran\***. "Invisible Disabilities in the Academy: Accommodations, Services, and Identity." *California Sociological Association*, Riverside, CA. November.
- 2018 **Curran, Michaela\***, and Matthew C. Mahutga. "Income Inequality, Economic Development, and Population Health: A Global Gradient?" Regular Session on Development, *American Sociological Association 113th Annual Meeting*, Philadelphia, PA. August.
- 2018 Mahutga, Matthew C., and **Michaela Curran\***. "Income Polarization in Rich Democracies: Household Composition, Labor Markets and Socio-Economic Change." FC25: Global Hierarchies in World Historical Perspectives, *International Studies Association Annual Convention*, San Francisco, CA. April.
- 2018 **Curran, Michaela\***. "Income Inequality, Economic Development, and Population Health: A Global Gradient?" Sociology Department Colloquium Series, *University of California, Riverside*, February.
- 2017 Mahutga, Matthew C., and **Michaela Curran\***. "Income Polarization in Rich Democracies." Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Refereed Roundtable Session, *American Sociological Association 112th Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec. August.
- 2017 **Curran, Michaela\*** and Ronald Kwon. "Embedded Aid: Do Donor and Recipient Connectedness to Global Networks Matter for Foreign Aid Allocation?" Refereed Roundtable Session, Section on Political Economy of the World-System Refereed Roundtable Session and Business Meeting, *American Sociological Association 112th Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Quebec. August.
- 2016 Kwon, Ronald\* and **Michaela Curran**. "Immigration and Support for Redistributive Social Policy: Does Multiculturalism Matter?" *California Sociological Association*, Riverside, CA. November.
- 2016 **Curran, Michaela\***. "Tourism, Sex Work, and the HIV Pandemic." Section on Sociology of Development Refereed Roundtables, Gender and Work in the Global South, *American Sociological Association 111th Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA. August.
- 2016 Mahutga, Matthew C.\*, **Curran, Michaela**, and Anthony Roberts. "Job Tasks and the Comparative Structure of Wages and Employment: Routine Task Intensity and Offshoreability for the Luxembourg Income Study." Policy and Research Workshop: Introduction to LIS - A Resource for Cross-National Research on Poverty, Inequality, Employment, and Wealth, *American Sociological Association 111th Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA. August.
- 2016 **Curran, Michaela\***. "Self-Efficacy, Neighborhood Effects, and Health Behaviors." Social Resources and Health Roundtable. *Society for the Study of Social Problems 66th Annual Meeting*, Seattle, WA. August.
- 2015 Owen, Jason E.\*, Bantum, Erin O.\*, Hanneman, Robert, **Curran, Michaela**, Lorig, Kate, and Phillip Ritter. "Impact of social-networking on dose and effects of mobile health interventions." *Invited presentation* to the Health Informatics and Communication Branch, *National Cancer Institute /National Institutes of Health*, Washington D. C., October.

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2014 **Curran, Michaela\***. "Development Assistance for Health: The Effects of Geopolitical and Cultural Relations on Aid Allocation in the Era of the U.N.'s Millennium Development Goals." Session 121: Globalized Austerity, Poverty, and Social Policy I, *Society for the Study of Social Problems 64th Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, CA. August.

## SERVICE

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### *To the Discipline*

2019- Newsletter Committee, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility ASA Section  
2019-21 Webmaster and Social Media Officer, Sociology of Development ASA Section  
2016-20 Webmaster, Political Economy and World Systems (PEWS) ASA Section  
2016-17 Volunteer Copy-Editor, *Journal of World-Systems Research*  
2014-20 Administrator, Political Economy and World Systems (PEWS) ASA Section External Listserv

**Occasional Reviewer:** *BMJ Open*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Social Forces*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Focus*

### *To the Campus Community*

2018-19 Disability Ally Workshop Panel Discussant, *University of California, Riverside*  
2018 Healthy Campus Celebration Grant Table Discussant, *University of California, Riverside*  
2017 *Inequality for All* "Film for Thought" Series Panel Discussant, *University of California, Riverside*  
2017 Sociology Department Website Redesign Committee, *University of California, Riverside*  
2014-19 Computing Committee, Department of Sociology, *University of California, Riverside*  
2014-15 Alumni and Development Committee, Department of Sociology, *University of California, Riverside*  
2014 Evaluator, Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 29 - April 30, 2014, *University of California, Riverside*  
2014 Sociology Department Graduate Student Representative for the Department Fair at Highlander Day (a University Open-house for Prospective Students), April 12, 2014, *University of California, Riverside*  
2013-14 Newsletter Committee, Department of Sociology, *University of California, Riverside*  
2013 Evaluator, Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 29 - April 30, 2013, *University of California, Riverside*

## AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association

*Sections:* Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Mathematical Sociology; Medical Sociology; Political Economy of the World-System; Sociology of Development

## TECHNICAL PROFICIENCIES

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C++ / CSS / HTML5 / Java / Javascript / L<sup>A</sup>T<sub>E</sub>X / R / Stata / SQL

## OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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### Hewlett-Packard Enterprise

May 2010 - September 2012

### Acxiom Corporation

September 2006 - May 2010

### ICT Group

October 2005 - September 2006

## REFERENCES

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