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APPOINTMENT

Postdoctoral Research Associate, *University of Washington Department of Sociology*, 2016-

- Research Fellow, *eScience Institute*
- Affiliate, *Evans School of Public Policy and Governance*
- Affiliate, *Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences*
- Member, *Urban@UW Initiative*

EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, Princeton University, 2016
Dissertation: "Immigrant Business in Suburban America: How and Why Ethnic Economy Workers in the Suburbs Are Struggling to Get By"
Committee: Douglas S. Massey (Advisor), Paul DiMaggio, Martin Ruef (Duke University), Emilio Parrado (University of Pennsylvania)

MA, Sociology, Princeton University, 2010
Comprehensive Exams: Culture, Community, Organizations & Social Networks

BS, Engineering Management Systems (Economics Minor), Columbia University, 2005

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban and Suburban Sociology, Immigration, Race/Ethnicity, Health and Wellness, Economic Sociology, Social Stratification, Spatial Demography, Big Data, Quantitative Methods, GIScience

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Articles

Somashekhar, Mahesh. Conditionally Accepted. "Neither Here nor There? How the New Geography of Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship Disadvantages African Americans." *Social Problems*.

- Winner, AAG Business Geography Specialty Group Student Paper Competition, 2015

Somashekhar, Mahesh. Forthcoming. "Has the Suburbanization of Ethnic Economies Created New Opportunities for Income Attainment?" *Social Science Quarterly*.

Yeung, King-To and **Mahesh Somashekhar**. 2016. "Sensing Agency and Resistance in Old Prisons: A Pragmatist Analysis of Institutional Control." *Theory, Culture, and Society*. 33(3):79-101.

Somashekhar, Mahesh. 2014. "A Theoretical and Empirical Foundation for the Study of Non-Urban Ethnic Economies in the U.S." *Michigan Sociological Review* 28:1-34.

Somashekhar, Mahesh. 2014. "Diversity through Homophily? The Paradox of How Increasing Similarities between Recruiters and Recruits Can Make an Organization More Diverse." *McGill Sociological Review* 4:1-18.

Policy Briefs

Boris, Elizabeth T., Loren Renz, Mark A. Hager, Rachel Elias, and **Mahesh Somashekhar**. 2008. *What Drives Foundation Expenses and Compensation?* Washington D.C.: Urban Institute.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Somashekhar, Mahesh. "Ethnic Economies in the Age of Retail Chains: Comparing the Presence of Chain-Affiliated and Independently Owned Ethnic Restaurants in Ethnic Neighborhoods." Under Review.

WORKING PAPERS

Somashekhar, Mahesh. "If You Build It, They Will Come: Retailers and Racial Gentrification."

Somashekhar, Mahesh. "Second-Generation Immigrant Entrepreneurship: Evidence of Intergenerational Mobility?"

Somashekhar, Mahesh. "Are Immigrant Workers Protected by Ethnic Economies During Economic Recessions?"

GRANTS PENDING

Principal Investigator, *Retailers, Neighborhood Dynamics, and Racial Health Disparities*. National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Requested Award Period: 5/1/2018 to 4/30/2023. Total Amount Requested: $640,277.

ACADEMIC HONORS AND AWARDS

Scholarship Recipient, University of Washington Summer Institute in Statistics and Modeling in Infectious Diseases (Module on Spatial Statistics in Epidemiology and Public Health), 2017

University of Washington Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Travel Grant, 2017 ($600)

AAG Business Geography Specialty Group Student Paper Award, 2015

Funded Participant, Berkeley Summer Workshop in Formal Demography, 2015

Visiting Student Affiliation, University of Maryland Population Research Center, 2014-2015

Princeton University Dissertation Completion Fellowship, 2012-2014

Princeton University Department of Sociology Graduate Fellowship, 2007-2012

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

As Instructor, University of Washington

SOC/STAT/CSSS 221: Statistics for the Social Sciences (Winter 2017)
SOC 215: Urban Sociology (Spring 2017)
PB AF 565: GIS and Public Policy (Spring 2017)

As Preceptor, Princeton University

ENG/HIST/SOC 277: Technology and Society (Spring 2010)
SOC 300: Claims and Evidence in Sociology (Fall 2010)
SOC 323: Social Networks (Fall 2009)

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

"Rethinking Data Science for the Social Sciences: Urban Sociology."
University of Washington, Seattle, WA, 2016

"Neither Here nor There? How the Changing Geography of Ethnic Minority Entrepreneurship Disadvantages African Americans."
Evans School of Public Policy and Governance, Seattle, WA, 2016

"The Expanding Geography of Ethnic Economies and Its Effect on Immigrant Entrepreneurs and Workers."
Georgetown University, Washington, DC, 2014

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"If You Build It, They Will Come: Retailers and Racial Gentrification."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC, 2017

"The Diversity of Chain Retailers and the Communities They Enter."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2016

"Second-Generation Immigrant Entrepreneurship: An Intergenerational Success Story?"
Population Association of American Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2016

"Reaching Out or Reaching In? On the Location of Suppliers to Firms in Resource Deprived Business Clusters."
Association of American Geographers Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2015

"New Destinations, Transnational Spaces, and the Importance of Long-Distance Social Ties to the Most Marginalized Ethnic Entrepreneurs."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2014

"Spatial Diversity in the Decline of Ethnic Economies during the Great Recession."
Population Association of American Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2014

"Did Ethnic Economies Buffer Immigrant Workers from the Effects of the Great Recession?"
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2014

"A Theoretical and Empirical Foundation for the Study of Non-Urban Ethnic Economies in the U.S."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2013

"The Suburbanization of Ethnic Economies across America, 1990-2010."
Population Association of American Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2013

"Heterogeneity through Homophily? How Dyadic Similarities Can Make Organizations More Diverse."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, 2011

"The Social Integration of the Civic Generation: Effects of World War II on Freemasonry in Anacostia, Washington DC."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, 2010

"The Effects of World War II on Freemasonry in Anacostia, Washington DC."
Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2010

"What Drives Foundation Expenses and Compensation?"
ARNOVA Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2007

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

Reviewer

Occasional Reviewer, *Academy of Management Entrepreneurship Division*, *American Journal of Sociology, City & Community, Social Forces, Sociological Theory*

Meetings

Discussant, Panel Session on "Segregation and Attitudes around the World."
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2017

Presider, Roundtable Session on "Race, Gender, and Class and Critical Analyses across Contexts."
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2014

Service

Teaching Aide, "Version Control with Git."
University of Washington Software Carpentry Workshop, Seattle, WA, 2017

Co-Organizer, Workshop on "Urban Homelessness and Underserved Communities." *Eighth International Conference on Social Informatics*, Seattle, WA, 2016

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Population Association of America (PAA)
Association of American Geographers (AAG)
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)

REFERENCES

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