**Megan Evans**

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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The Pennsylvania State University, *expected May 2023* – Sociology and Demography

Dissertation Title: “Racialized Place-Making: An Investigation of Race, Place, and Value”

Comprehensive Exam Areas: Demography, Urban Sociology, Social Network Analysis, Quantitative Methods

Committee: Drs. Corina Graif (Co-Chair), Stephen A. Matthews (Co-Chair), John Iceland, Brian Theide, Barrett A. Lee

M.A. The Pennsylvania State University, 2019 – Sociology and Demography,

Committee: Drs. Stephen A. Matthews (Chair), Barrett A. Lee, Katerina Bodovski

Master’s Thesis Title: *Neighborhoods and Educational Expectations: How Youth Come to Embody Their Neighborhoods*

B.A. Youngstown State University, 2017 – English, Sociology, and Linguistics

*Summa Cum Laude, with Honors*



**RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Urban Sociology, Demography, Stratification, Quantitative Methodology (specifically, Social Network Analysis, Spatial Analysis, and Text Analysis)



**PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

\* Indicates Equal Co-authorship

2022 Newmyer, Lauren\*, **Megan Evans\***, and Corina Graif. *Forthcoming.* “Socially Connected Neighborhoods and the Spread of Sexually Transmitted Infections.” *Demography*

* Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Working Paper, The Pennsylvania State University, 2021.

2021 **Evans, Megan,** Jonathan Daw, and S. Michael Gaddis. “The Generational Boundaries of Educational Advantage: Does Great-Grandparent Educational Attainment Predict Great-Grandchild Early Academic Achievement?” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World.* 7DOI: [10.1177/23780231211060573](https://doi.org/10.1177%2F23780231211060573)

### 2021 Siskar, Thomas, and Megan Evans.“Predicting Mobility: Who is Forced to Move.” *City & Community*. 20(2): 141-159. DOI: [10.1177/1535684120981010](https://doi.org/10.1177/1535684120981010)

2020 **Evans, Megan**. “The Unequal Housing and Neighborhood Outcomes of Displaced Movers.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 1-21. DOI: [10.1080/07352166.2020.1730697](https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1080/07352166.2020.1730697)

* Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, The Pennsylvania State University, 2020.

2020 **Evans, Megan** and Barrett A. Lee.“Neighborhood Reputations as Symbolic and Stratifying Mechanisms in the Urban Hierarchy.” *Sociology Compass*. 14(10): 1-15 e12831. DOI:[10.1111/soc4.12831](https://doi-org.ezaccess.libraries.psu.edu/10.1111/soc4.12831)

2020 Lee, Barrett A., and **Megan Evans**. “Forced to Move: Patterns and Predictors of Residential Displacement during an Era of Housing Insecurity.” *Social Science Research*, 87: 102415. DOI: [10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102415](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102415)

2018 Daw, Jonathan, Alexander Chapman, and **Megan Evans**.“What Can Sociogenomics Learn from *Social by Nature*?” *Biodemography and Social Biology*. 64(3/4): 237-250. DOI: [10.1080/19485565.2019.1597622](https://doi.org/10.1080/19485565.2019.1597622)



**OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

### 2021 Megan Evans. Book Review: Randy Shaw’s “Generation Priced Out: Who Gets to Live in the New Urban America.” *Housing and Society*. 48(3): 1-4. DOI: [10.1080/08882746.2021.1878719](https://doi.org/10.1080/08882746.2021.1878719)



**AWARDS, HONORS, & SUPPORT**

2021 Alan Booth Graduate Student Award, The Pennsylvania State University

2021 Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Working Paper, The Pennsylvania State University

2021 Research and Graduate Studies Office (RGSO) Dissertation Support Award, The Pennsylvania State University

2020 Sociology Graduate Student Paper Competition, Best Published Paper, Honorable Mention, The Pennsylvania State University

2017-19 Predoctoral Family Demography Traineeship (T-32 Grant), Eunice Kennedy Shriver Institute of Child Health and Human Development

2017 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention

2017 Graduate Scholar Award, The Pennsylvania State University

2017 Huber Form Scholarship, The Pennsylvania State University

2017 NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Incentive Award, The Pennsylvania State University

2017 Youngstown State University Pin Award, Presented to Outstanding Graduating Student Leaders

2017 Honorary Student Marshal, Youngstown State University

2017 Mavrigian-Grimm Scholarship, Phi Kappa Phi, Chapter 143

2013 Youngstown State University Scholars Program USXXI, (4-year) Full-Funding Academic Merit Scholarship



**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter(s) noted parenthetically

*Forthcoming* **Evans,** **Megan.** “Differentiating between Neighborhood Sentiment and Objective Neighborhood Characteristics in Determining Lending Risk.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.

2022 **Evans,** **Megan.** “Racialized Place-Making: An Investigation into the Creation of HOLC’s Residential Security Maps” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Atlanta, GA.

2021 **Evans,** **Megan** (presenter), and Bianca Wirth. “Electing the Chief of Police: How the Race of Elected Officials Affects Racial Disparities in Arrests.” Annual Meeting for the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

2021 Newmyer, Lauren\* (co-presenter), **Megan Evans\*** (co-presenter), and Corina Graif. “Sexually Transmitted Infections and the Importance of Connected Neighborhoods.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual.

2021 Wirth, Bianca (presenter), and **Megan Evans**. “Social Movements and Countermovements: The Structural Differences in Police-Related Twitter Networks.” Networks 2021: A Joint Sunbelt and NetSci Conference. Virtual.

2021 **Evans, Megan** (presenter), Jonathan Daw, and S. Michael Gaddis. “The Generational Boundaries of Educational Advantage: Does Great-Grandparent Education Predict Great-Grandchild Early Academic Achievement?” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Virtual.

2020 **Evans, Megan** (presenter). “The Role of Neighborhood Reputations in Determining Where to Search for Work and Housing.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual.

2020 Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Infant Health Selection Effects on Workplace Connections: A Longitudinal Network Analysis of Neighborhoods Over 14 Years.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Virtual.

2020 Newmeyer, Lauren (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Corina Graif “Crossing Residential Boundaries: Sexually Transmitted Infections and Commuting Ties.” The International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Annual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. Paris, France. (Due to COVID-19 participation cancelled.)

2020 **Evans, Megan** (presenter), and Alexander Chapman. “Returns on Moving: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Who Moves and What They Get.” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Virtual.

2020 Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Infant Health Selection Effects on Inter-Neighborhood Commuting.” Annual Meeting of Population Association of America. Washington D.C. Virtual.

2019 Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Spatial Network Effects on Maternal and Child Health: New Insights from Linking Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD/LODES) Data with Vital Record Statistics.” Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership Annual Workshop. Suitland, MD.

2019 Barrett A. Lee, and **Megan Evans** (presenter). “Forced to Move: Patterns and Predictors of Residential Displacement during an Era of Housing Insecurity.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York, NY.

2019 **Evans, Megan** (co-presenter), and Alexander Chapman (co-presenter). “The Stickiness of Poverty: Adolescent Friendship Networks.” The International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Annual Conference of the International Network for Social Network Analysis. Montreal, Canada.

2019 **Evans, Megan** (presenter). “The Unequal Housing and Neighborhood Outcomes of Displaced Movers.” Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association. Los Angeles, CA.

2019 **Evans, Megan** (presenter). “Defining Neighborhoods: How Spatial Contexts Matter for Educational Expectations.” Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers. Washington, D.C.

2018 Daw, Jonathan (presenter), Alexander Chapman, and **Megan Evans**. “State of the Field: Research on Gene-Environment Interaction Reviews of *Social by Nature* and *The Genome Factor*.” National Institute of Aging (NIA) Biomarker Network Meeting. Denver, CO.



**OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

2022 **Megan Evans**. “Racialized Place-Making: An Investigation of Race, Place, and Value.” Pennsylvania State University Graduate Exhibition. Virtual.

2022 Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Spatial Network Links to Maternal and Child’s Health: New Insights for Linking Census Data with Vital Record Statistics.” Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Webinar. Virtual.

2020 **Evans, Megan**. “‘Cleaning your Data in STATA.” Presentation sponsored by the Coding and Data Committee, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. Virtual.

2020 **Evans, Megan** (presenter), and Alexander Chapman. “Returns on Moving: Racial and Ethnic Differences in Who Moves and What They Get.” Breakout Session Student Presentation. DemSemX, May 29th. Virtual.

2019 Graif, Corina (presenter), **Megan Evans**, and Stephen A. Matthews. “Spatial Network Effects on Maternal and Child Health: New Insights from Linking Longitudinal Employer-Household Dynamics (LEHD/LODES) Data with Vital Record Statistics.” Local Employment Dynamics (LED) Partnership Annual Workshop. Suitland, MD.

2019 **Evans, Megan**. “Using Exponential Random Graph Models to Examine Inter-Neighborhood Commuting Networks in R.” Community Working Group, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.



**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Instructor**

2019 Introductory Sociology

**Graduate-Level Lab Instructor**

2021 Spatial Demography

2020 Social Network Analysis

**Guest Lecturer**

2022 Communities and Crime, on

Racialized Place-Making and the Home Owners’ Loan Corporation

2021 Introduction to Graduate Studies, on

Producing Data Visualizations in STATA

Merging and Reshaping Data in STATA

2020 Introductory Sociology, on

Applying Sociological Research Methods

2019 Social Problems, on

Causes and Consequences of Residential Segregation



**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Population Association of America (PAA)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Urban Affairs Association (UAA)

International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)

International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP)

American Society of Criminology (ASC)



**JOURNAL REFEREE**

*Social Forces* 2022 (1)

*Urban Affairs Review* 2021 (1)

*American Sociological Review* 2020-2022 (3)

*City and Community* 2020-2021 (2)

*Social Problems* 2020 (1)

*Demography* 2018 (1)

*Asia Pacific Viewpoint*  2022 (1)

*Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 2022 (1)

*Deviant Behavior* 2022 (1)



**RELEVANT TRAINING**

2021 STRIVE for Change Workshop Series, National Institute of Health (NIH), five-day workshop.

2021 Assessing and Analyzing Census Data Using R Workshop, Social Science Data Analysis Network (SSDAN), taught by Kyle Walker, three-day workshop.

2021 Making the Leap to Large, National Science Foundation (NSF), seven-day workshop.

2021 Social Network Analysis: Applications in Criminology and Sociology (SNAACS) Certificate, The Pennsylvania State University

2021 Quantitative Methodology Certificate in Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University

2020 The Graduate Online Teaching Certificate, The Pennsylvania State University

2019 Social Networks: Statistical Approaches Workshop, Statistical Horizons, taught by John Skvoretz, two-day workshop.



**SOFTWARE**

Proficient: STATA, R, GeoDa, NodeXL, UCINET

Beginner: ArcGIS



**PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

***National***

*Forthcoming* Roundtable Presider: Community and Urban Sociology Section Roundtables. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA.

2022 Discussant and Chair: Spatial Mobility and Neighborhood Change. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Atlanta, GA.

2022 Chair: Residential Mobility and Displacement. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Atlanta, GA.

2021-2023 Student Representative. Population Section of the American Sociological Association

2019 Moderator: Housing and Services in Urban Spaces. Annual Meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA.

2018 Chair: Applications, Health, and Human Capital. Annual Meeting of the Population Association of American, Denver, CO.

***University/Department***

2020- Coding & Data Committee, Member

2017- PRI Graduate Student Methodology Workshop Committee, Co-Chair

2017- Graduate Student Recruitment Committee, Chair

2017-19 Mini-PAA Planning Committee, Member



**PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

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