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### EDUCATION

- 2015      **Ph.D., Sociology**, Duke University  
Dissertation: “Poverty and Place in the Context of the American South”  
Committee: David Brady (Co-Chair), Linda Burton (Co-Chair),  
Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, and Kenneth C. Land
- 2012      **M.A., Sociology**, Duke University  
Concentration: Stratification & Inequality
- 2009      **M.S.W., Social Work**, University of Georgia  
Concentration: Community Empowerment and Program Development  
Certificate: Non-Profit Management and Organizations
- 2007      **B.A., Sociology**, Mercer University  
Second Major: Program in Leadership & Community Service  
*Magna cum laude* honors

### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2015-Present    Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

### PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2015      Regina S. Baker. “The Changing Association Among Marriage, Work, and Child Poverty in the United States 1974-2010.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77(5): 1166-1187.
- 2012 Odum Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Sociological Association
- 2013      Brady, David, Regina S. Baker, and Ryan Finnigan. “When Unionization Disappears: State-Level Unionization and Working Poverty in the U.S.” *American Sociological Review* 78(5): 872-896.
- 2014 Honorable Mention for Outstanding Article Award, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section, American Sociological Association
- 2013      Burton, Linda M., Daniel T. Lichter, Regina S. Baker, and John Eason. “Inequalities, Family Processes, and Health in a ‘New’ Rural America.” *American Behavioral Scientist* 57(8): 1127-1150.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Regina S. Baker. "Why is the American South Poorer?"

Regina S. Baker. "Poverty in the South, Deep South, and Peripheral South: An Analyses of Sub-Regional Variation."

Regina S. Baker, Linda Burton, and Debra Skinner. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Socio-economic (Im) mobility among Low-Income Mothers of Children with Disabilities."

Regina S. Baker. "Race, Contemporary Patterns of Poverty, and Historical Race Regimes in the American South."

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

2009 Hagues, Rachel, Terrence James, Allison McWilliams, Melinda Moore, Regina Smalls. "Differential Response/Family Support Services: Policy Analysis and Recommendations." Carl Vinson Institute of Government: Governmental Services and Research Division. University of Georgia.

2009 Hagues, Rachel, Terrence James, Allison McWilliams, Melinda Moore, Regina Smalls, Malik Watkins, and Nicole Woolfolk. "Juvenile Code Revisions Information Gathering Project." Carl Vinson Institute of Government: Governmental Services and Research Division. University of Georgia.

## **AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, & HONORS**

2014-2015 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Academy of Sciences  
2014 Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Outstanding Article Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association  
2014 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Honorable Mention, Society for the Study of Social Problems  
2013-2014 American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship  
2013 Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Duke University  
2012-2013 Sulzberger Family/Dan Levitan Social Policy Graduate Research Fellowship Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University  
2012 Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Duke University  
2012 Odum Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Sociological Society  
2011 Linda K. George Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University  
2010-2011 Graduate Fellowship, Kenan Institute of Ethics, Duke University  
2009 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Induction, University of Georgia  
2009 Tisha Abbot Graduate Assistantship Award, University of Georgia  
2008 James D. Horne Memorial Scholarship, University of Georgia  
2007 Best Student Paper Award, Georgia Sociological Association  
2007 Louis Hazouri Award for Excellence in Sociological Research, Mercer University  
2007 Who's Who among College Students in America's Universities & Colleges  
2006 Research Experience for Undergraduates in Minority Demography Summer Fellowship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

- 2006 Alpha Kappa Delta Junior Service Award, Mercer University  
 2006 Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society Induction, Mercer University  
 2005 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Induction, Mercer University  
 2003-2007 Tift Alumnae Scholarship, Mercer University  
 2003-2007 Georgia's HOPE Scholarship

## PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Baker, Regina S. "The Needs and Resources Mismatch among Poor Mothers of Children with Disabilities." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 Baker, Regina S. "Why is the American South Poorer? A Multi-level Analysis."  
 ▪ American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.  
 ▪ Invited Speaker, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
- 2014 Baker, Regina S. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Socio-economic (Im) mobility among Low-Income Mothers of Children with Disabilities." Society for Women Sociologists Winter Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- 2014 Baker, Regina S. "A Multi-Level Analysis of Poverty Predictors in the American South." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 Baker, Regina S. "The Changing Importance of Marriage and Work for Child Poverty in the U.S." Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management, Washington, D.C.
- 2012-2013 Brady, David, Regina S. Baker and Ryan Finnigan. "State-Level Unionization and Working Poverty in the United States."  
 ▪ Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, Sweden  
 ▪ Department of Sociology, University of Bielefeld  
 ▪ Dinner Speech, Herbstforum, Economic and Social Research Institute (WSI), Hans Böckler Foundation  
 ▪ Keynote Address, Fourth Annual Conference of Graduate Student Work, Interdisciplinary Group on Poverty and Inequality, School of Social Work, University of Michigan.  
 ▪ EDDA Center of Excellence, University of Iceland.  
 ▪ Political Economy Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut  
 ▪ Invited Speaker, Conference on Social Statistics, Poverty and Social Exclusion. Quebec Inter-University Centre for Social Statistics and Ministère de l'Emploi et de la Solidarité Sociale.
- 2012 Baker, Regina S. "The Declining Significance of Marriage and the Increasing Significance of Work for Child Poverty in the U.S., 1974-2004." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

- 2011 Brady, David and Regina S. Baker. "Power, Workers and Inequality." Invited Thematic Session on "Conflict, Bargaining and Pay: The Sociology of Earnings Inequality." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 Baker, Regina S., David Eagle, Melanie Sereny, & Sancha Doxilly. "The Obama Effect: Did the Election of our First Black President Change Public Discourse About Race?" Hendricks Symposium, University of Nebraska Political Science Department, Lincoln, NB.
- 2009 Williams, Melinda M. and Regina Smalls. "Social Work and Human Capacity Building. Cuttington University, Suacoco, Liberia.
- 2007 Smalls, Regina. "Is It Really 'All About the Benjamins? A Closer Look at Materialism Among College Students.'"
- Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens, GA. (*Best Student Paper Award Winner*)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Social Research Conference, Mercer University, Macon, GA. (*Louis Hazouri Award for Excellence in Sociological Research Winner*)
- 2006 Smalls, Regina. "Household Structure and Adolescent High School Completion: A Closer Examination of Household Resources and Race." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Durham, NC.

## **SUPPLEMENTARY TRAINING**

- 2014 Fragile Families Child and Family Well-Being Summer Data Workshop  
Columbia School of Social Work, New York, NY
- 2014 Conducting Research Using the Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) Workshop, Duke University, Durham, NC
- 2012 Multi-Level Models Workshop  
WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### ***Instructor***

Poverty & Inequality, University of Pennsylvania

### ***Teaching Assistant***

Politics and Markets in the Global Economy, Prof. David Brady, Duke University

History of Poverty, Prof. Robert Korstad, Duke University

Poverty & Inequality, Prof. Robert Korstad, Duke University

Methods of Social Research, Prof. Lane Destro, Duke University

Entrepreneurship, Prof. Carl Nordgren, Duke University

First Year Seminar, (Academic Preceptor) Prof. Douglas Thompson, Mercer University

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2013 Visiting Research Fellow, Inequality and Social Policy Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany  
Used micro-data from the Luxemburg Income Study to examine U.S. poverty.
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant, Linda Burton, Duke University  
Used longitudinal ethnographic data from the Three City Study to examine socio-economic mobility and housing among low-income families.
- 2010-2012 Research Assistant, David Brady, Duke University  
Managed and updated National Science Foundation-funded cross-national Comparative Welfare States dataset.
- 2008-2009 Masters of Social Work Intern, Child and Family Policy Initiative, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, Athens, GA  
Completed research and policy analysis for state policy recommendations regarding juvenile justice revisions and differential response systems; helped organize Georgia Family Impact Seminar on the early care/education industry.
- 2008 Graduate Research Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Savannah, GA  
Completed a community asset assessment of high poverty census tract neighborhoods involving conducting interviews and compiling Census data on local community organizations, business, and churches.
- 2008 Researcher, Step-Up Savannah, Savannah, GA  
Conducted interviews and completed participant observation to examine the use of innovation in anti-poverty organizations.
- 2008 Researcher, Migrant Education Program, University of Georgia  
Developed and analyzed parent and teacher surveys to evaluate the visibility and comprehension of the Migrant Education Program in local schools.
- 2006-2007 Researcher, Mercer University, Macon, GA  
Developed and analyzed ~150 questionnaires regarding materialism and consumer behavior among college students.
- 2005-2006 Assistant, Fletcher Winston, Mercer University, Macon, GA  
Interviewed low-income residents who were relocated as part of the Hope VI grant to assess services provided by the Macon Housing Authority.

## **OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE**

- 2008 Athens-Clarke Community Council on Aging: Senior Center, Athens, GA  
Provided case management, completed client assessments, linked clients to community resources, delivered Meals on Wheels, and assisted program director.
- 2006-2007 Economic Opportunity Council: Homeless Services Center, Macon, GA  
Assisted clients with applications, completed follow-up calls, linked clients with services, and served on transitional housing hearings.

2006           Macon-Bibb County Department of Family & Child Services, Macon, GA  
Completed collateral contacts and notes, observed panel reviews and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) qualification interviews, and accompanied foster care case workers on field visits.

#### **DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

2012-2013    Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Faculty Committee Representative, Duke University  
2011-2013    Sociology Department Newsletter, Editor, Duke University  
2011           Women in Academia Sociology Workshop, Co-Organizer, Duke University  
2010-2011    Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Secretary Duke University  
2006-2007    Orientation Assistant/Peer Advisor, Mercer University

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & SERVICE**

American Sociological Association  
    Sections: Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility; Family; Race, Class, Gender;  
    Children & Youth  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
Sociologists for Women in Society—South  
    Vision Committee (2013-14); Newsletter Editor (2013-15)  
Southern Sociological Society

#### **Occasional Reviewer**

*American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Sociology Compass, Work & Occupations*