

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Urban Sociology; Political Sociology; Inequality; Political-Economy of Schools and Urban Infrastructure; Labor Markets

**EDUCATION**

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| 2017 - Present | Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago (Pursing GIS Master's Certificate)   |
| 2015 - Present | Loyola University, Chicago, Illinois. (Sociology, pursuing PhD).   |
| 2012 - 2014    | Roosevelt University, Chicago, Illinois. MA (Sociology).<br>Thesis: <i>Neoliberalism in Chicago: Building an Exclusionary Central Area</i><br>Thesis Committee: Stephanie Farmer & Leon Bailey |
| 2009 - 2011    | Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois. BA (Sociology),<br>Magna Cum Laude.   |
| 2006 - 2009    | Harper College, Palatine, Illinois. AA   |

**COURSES TAUGHT**

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| Spring 2018                  | Loyola University, Chicago<br>Course title: <b>Inequality in Society</b>   |
| Fall 2017                    | Loyola University, Chicago<br>Course title: <b>Inequality in Society</b>   |
| Summer 2015 -<br>Summer 2018 | Roosevelt University Black Male Leadership Academy Summer Institute<br>Course title: <b>Chicago as "a Tale of Two Cities."</b> |

## **PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS**

Torres-Harding, Susan, **Ashley Baber**, Julie Hilvers, Nakisha Hobbs and Mike Maly. 2018. "Children as Agents of Social and Community Change: Enhancing Youth Empowerment Through Participation in a School-Based Social Activism Project." *Education, Citizenship and Social Justice*. 13(1): 3-18

## **Manuscripts Under Review**

Farmer, Stephanie, Chris Poulos and **Ashley Baber**. Manuscript Under Review. "Challenging the Market Logic of School Choice: A Spatial Analysis of Charter School Expansion and Public School Closure in Chicago, IL." *Journal of Urban Affairs*

## **RESEARCH REPORTS**

Farmer, Stephanie, **Ashley Baber**, and Chris Poulos. March 2017. "Closed By Choice: The Spatial Relationship Between Charter School Expansion and School Closures in Chicago." Project for Middle Class Renewal. Research Brief.

Hilvers, Julie, Mike Maly, Beth Blacksin, Alex Williams, Than Ngo & **Ashley Baber**. July 2016. "Evaluation of the Roosevelt University Summer Bridge Enrichment Program." Mayer and Morris Kaplan Family Foundation Research Report. Policy Research Collaborative, Chicago, Illinois.

## **PAPER PRESENTATIONS**

"Challenging the Market Logic of School Choice: A Spatial Analysis of Charter School Expansion in Chicago, Illinois, USA." April 2017. Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, Minnesota.

"School Choice and "Efficiency": A Spatial Analysis of Charter School Expansion and Budgetary Stress in Chicago, IL." March 2017. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

"Understanding the Experiences of 'At Risk' Students: An Evaluation of the Summer Bridge Enrichment Program at Roosevelt University." March 2015. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois. With Alex Williams and Julie Hilvers.

## **INVITED SPEAKER**

"Education, Chicago Public Schools and Charter School Expansion" April 2017. Guest Speaker. Loyola University.

"Qualitative Methods: Coding" March 2015. Guest Lecturer. Roosevelt University.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015 – 2017 Loyola University, Chicago  
**Research Assistant**  
*Quantitative analysis of longitudinal data*  
*Teaching assistant*  
*Literature reviews*
- 2014 – 2015 Policy Research Collaborative, Roosevelt University, Chicago, IL  
**Research Coordinator**  
*Oversaw ongoing research projects*  
*Managed research assistants*  
*Quantitative and Qualitative data collection and analysis*  
*Writing research briefs and reports*
- 2013 – 2014 Roosevelt University, Chicago  
**Research Assistant**  
*Data acquisition and entry*
- 2010 Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago  
**Research Assistant**  
*Conducted and transcribed in-depth interviews*

## AWARDS AND GRANTS

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|-----------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2015-2019 | Loyola University Chicago        | PhD Fellowship                 |
| 2016      | Roosevelt University             | Summer Research Grant          |
| 2013      | Roosevelt University             | Research Assistant Scholarship |
| 2010      | Northeastern Illinois University | Merit Scholarship              |

## UNIVERSITY INVOLVEMENT

- 2018 Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Co-Facilitator and Co-Organizer of Graduate Student Research Work Group
- 2017 – 2018 Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Co-Organizer and Facilitator of Bi-Monthly Department Brownbag presentations
- 2017 - 2018 Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Graduate Student Organizer of Undergraduate Sociology Club
- 2015 - 2016 Loyola University, Chicago, IL. Rotating Organizer of Graduate Student Works in Progress Monthly Meeting

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association  
Midwest Sociological Society  
Urban Affairs Association

## **SKILLS**

Geographic Information Systems (GIS)  
Stata  
Statistical Software for the Social Sciences (SPSS)  
Nvivo  
Microsoft Office Suite