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EMPLOYMENT

2011- Hunter College
Associate Professor, Department of Sociology

2010-2011 Princeton University
Quin Morton Fellow, Princeton Writing Program

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Princeton University, Sociology, August 2011

M.A. Princeton University, Sociology, 2007

B.A. Wesleyan University, American Studies, 2000

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Urban & Community Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Technology & Society, Sociology of the Media, Social Interaction & Social Psychology

SCHOLARLY PUBLICATIONS

BOOK:

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. *In the Midst of Things: The Social Lives of Objects in the Public Spaces of New York City*. 2022. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

REFEREED JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Benediktsson, Mike Owen, Peter Tuckel, William Milczarski, Farimata Caruso*, Michelle DeCurtis*, Prahelika Gadtaula*, Matt Herman*, Nicholas MacDonald*, Nicholas Silipo*, and Daniell Singh*. 2020. "The Subway as Fourth

Place: Anomie, Flânerie, and the ‘Crush of Persons’.” *Applied Mobilities*. 5(2): 103-121.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2018. “Where Inequality Takes Place: A Programmatic Argument for Urban Sociology.” *City & Community*. 17(2): 394-417.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2017. “Beyond the Sidewalk: Pedestrian Risk and Material Mismatch in the American Suburbs.” *Mobilities*. 17(1): 76-96.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen, Brian Lamberta*, and Erika Larsen*. 2016. “Taming a Chaotic Concept: Gentrification and Segmented Consumption in Brooklyn, 2002-2012.” *Urban Geography*. 37(4): 590-610.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen, Brian Lamberta*, and Sarah Van Norden*. 2015. “The Endangered Enclave: Hispanic-Owned Business Displacement in Brooklyn, 2002-2012.” *Metropolitcs*. October 6.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen, Bradley Kingston*, Daniel Alexander*, Jhanidya Bermeo*, Joseph Contreras*, Wendy T. Harper*, Jon Henkin*, Fausto Lopez*, Randy Wagenheim*, and Aaron Williams*. 2015. “Hybrid Strategies: Allocating Involvement in the Digital Age.” *Symbolic Interaction*. 38(3): 331-351.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2014. “Territories of Concern: Vacant Housing and Perceived Disorder on Three Suburban Blocks.” *City & Community*. 13(3): 191-213.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen 2012. "Bridging and Bonding in the Academic Melting Pot: Cultural Resources and Network Diversity." *Sociological Forum* 27(1): 46-69.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen 2010. "The Deviant Organization and the Bad Apple CEO: Ideology and Accountability in Media Coverage of Corporate Scandals." *Social Forces* 88(5): 2189-2216.

BOOK REVIEWS AND POPULAR PRESS:

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2019. “Truth Spots: How Places Make People Believe.” *City and Community*. 18(1): 414-416.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2018. “Priced Out: Stuyvesant Town and the Loss of Middle Class Neighborhoods.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. 40(4): 744-746.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2014. “Mobilities: New Perspectives in Transport and Society.” *Contemporary Sociology*. 43(6): 842-843.

* Indicates student coauthor

Benediktsson, Mike Owen, Brian Lamberta and Erika Larsen. 2014. "The Real Small Business Killer." *Daily News*. October 12. Opinion Page.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen and Kate Slevin. 2009. "Don't Leave Pedestrians Out of Infrastructure Equation." *Hartford Courant*. February 15. Editorial Page.

Benediktsson, Mike Owen. 2001. "The School of Americas by Any Other Name." *The Nation*. February 12.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

January 2017	"A Subway Bastion Falls: Cell Service Goes Underground" <i>New York Times</i>
December 2016	"The Gee Train: Chivalry is Dead Underground" <i>New York Daily News</i>
December 2016	"Study Shows 'Manspreading' is a Real Epidemic" <i>New York Post</i>
August 2016	"The Storefronts That Survive" <i>The Atlantic: CityLab</i>
May 2016	"In Transit" <i>NYI</i>
August 2015	"The Gentrifier's Guide to Not Being an Asshole" <i>The Village Voice</i>

GRANTS, AWARDS, and HONORS

Faculty Innovation in Teaching and Technology (FITT) Grant, 2019: \$2300
PSC-CUNY Research Grants: 2013, 2012. \$6,200
Presidential Travel Awards, 2014-2017, 2019-2020.
Princeton University Quin Morton Fellowship, 2010-2011.
Princeton Center for Health and Wellbeing Research Grant, 2010-2011. \$3,000
Byron Hanke Fellow for Research on Community Associations, 2009-2010.
\$1,500
Policy Research Institute for the Region (PRIOR) Research Grant, 2007. \$3,000
Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies (PIIRS) Grant for Research and Language Study, 2006. \$2,500
Princeton Environmental Institute (PEI) Research Grant, 2005.
Princeton University Graduate Fellowship, 2004-2009.

SELECTED CONFERENCE ACTIVITY / PRESENTATIONS

“Author Meets Critics: How Green Became Good: Urbanized Nature and the Making of Cities and Citizens,” Discussant. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2021.

“Disciplining the Passenger, Domesticating the Subway: Systemic Justice on an Urban Mass-Transit System.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2018.

“‘Conflicted Aspirations’: Constructing the Public on the Brooklyn Waterfront.” Public and Publics Conference. CUNY Graduate Center, 2017.

“Pragmatism and Symbolic Interaction Miniconference: The Negotiation of Space and Place” Discussant. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2017.

“A Feral Technology: Normative Infrastructure and Socio-Technical Failure on the New York Subway System” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2017.

“The Benefits of Thinking Small: Emplaced Inequality and the Material Politics of Pedestrian Infrastructure.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2016.

“The Vanishing Enclave: Caught Between Culture and Capital in Hispanic Williamsburg.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2015.

“Moral Panic, Racial Myth, and the Untamed City,” Author-Meets-Critics Session for *Savage Portrayals: Race, Media, and the Central Park Jogger Story*, by Nataile Byfield. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2015.

“Research in the Public Eye,” Invited panel organizer. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2015.

“Neighborhood Change, in Research and on Film.” Invited panel organizer. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New York, NY, 2015.

“The Ecology of Attention in Mobile Phone Use.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2014.

“Gentrification, Consumption and the Soul of Brooklyn.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2014.

“The Politics of Small Urban Spaces.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2013.

“Whose Eyes, What Sidewalk?” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, 2012.

“The Morality of Plywood” Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2011.

“Where the Sidewalks End: Poverty, Risk and the Built Environment in the Changing Suburbs.” Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI, 2010.

“Suburbanization and its Discontents.” Guest Lecture, Princeton University School of Architecture, Princeton, NJ, 2009.

“Dissecting Collective Rationality: a response to Mary Burke and H. Peyton Young.” Princeton Economic Sociology Workshop. Discussant, Princeton University Economic Sociology Workshop, Princeton, NJ, 2009.

“Scandal Sheets and Bad Apple Theories: How the Media Covered the Accounting Scandals.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, 2009.

“The Benefits of Not Having it All Figured Out: A Defense of Accidental Science.” Cum Laude Address. Morristown-Beard School, Morristown, NJ, 2007.

“Lost Handshakes and the Wall of Lawyers: Social Capital in a Natural Gas Boomtown.” (With Adriana Abdenur, Sara Nephew and Ethan Schoolman). Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2007.

TEACHING

2011-Present

Associate Professor, Hunter College, CUNY
Faculty Affiliate, CUNY Graduate Center

Graduate Level:

SOC 733: Electronic Media and Info Markets

SOC 790: Research Practicum in New Media

Undergraduate Level:

SOC 470: Sociology Capstone

SOC 325: The Sociology of New York City

SOC 325: Digital Sociology

SOC 223: Contemporary Social Theory

SOC 224: Sociological Theory

SOC 211: Urban Sociology

MHC 150: The People of New York City

2010-2011 Quin Morton Fellow, Princeton University
Developed and taught freshman seminar:
WRI 125: Suburban Dreams and Nightmares

2005-2009 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Princeton University
Led discussion, assigned supplementary work, graded papers and exams, supervised thesis-level work:
SOC 203: Introduction to Urban Studies. Professor Fernandez-Kelly.
SOC 201: American Society and Politics. Professor Paul Starr.
SOC 301: Claims and Evidence in Sociology. Professor King-To Yeung.
SOC 241: The Social Basis of Individual Behavior. Professor Howard Taylor.

SELECTED SERVICE / CONSULTING

Sociology Department Personnel & Budget Committee, 2015-2016, 2018-Present.
Chair, Senate Library Committee, 2018-2020
Admissions Committee, Macaulay Honors College / Hunter College, 2012-2013, 2013-Present.
Macaulay Honors College Council, 2019-Present
Executive Committee, CUNY Graduate Center Sociology Department, 2021-Present
Associate Director, Public Space Research Group, CUNY Graduate Center, 2016-Present.
Adviser, Graduate Social Research Program, Hunter College, 2011-Present.
Coordinator, Peopling of New York City Seminar, Macaulay Honors College / Hunter College, 2011-Present.
Faculty Senate Special Committee on Student Success, 2013-2015.
Chair, Public Events Committee, Hunter Sociology Department, 2013-Present.
Recording Secretary, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, 2011-2014.
Applicant Interviewer, Macaulay Honors College, 2012, 2013, 2014.
Coordinator, "Social Action and Interaction in the Digital Society," Faculty Research Seminar, 2013-2015.
Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, 2012-2013.
Referee, *Social Forces*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *City & Community*, 2009-Present.
Graduate Student Advisory Council, Princeton University, 2008-2009.
Moderator, Paper Session, "Health and Survival in Urban Environments." Urban Affairs Association Meeting, 2010.
Pro Bono Research Consultant, Housing and Development Services Inc. (HANDS), Orange, NJ, 2010.
Pro Bono Research Consultant, Tri-State Transportation Campaign, New York, NY, 2009.
Pro Bono Research Consultant, The Workplace Center, Hempstead, NY, 2007.

AFFILIATIONS AND ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (2009-Present)
Eastern Sociological Society (2011-Present)