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## EDUCATION

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- 2011            Ph.D. in Sociology  
                  Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
- 2006            M.A. in Sociology  
                  Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois
- 1996            B.S. in Education and Social Policy, Honors  
                  Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois

## FACULTY POSITIONS

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2011 – Present            Assistant Professor, Stanford University

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Race/Identity, Political Sociology, Culture, Microsociology/Social Psychology, Gender and Sexualities, Qualitative Methods

## PUBLICATIONS – ARTICLES

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Fields, Corey D. (Forthcoming). “Not Your Grandma’s Knitting: The Role of Identity Processes in the Transformation of Cultural Practices.” *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

Fields, Corey D. 2013. “The Paradoxes of Black Republicans” in *The Social Side of Politics* edited by Douglas Hartmann and Christopher Uggen. New York: W.W. Norton.

Fields, Corey D. 2009. “Multicultural Conservatives.” in *Culture Wars: An Encyclopedia of Issues, Voices, and Viewpoints*. Edited by Roger Chapman. Armonk, NY: M.E. Sharpe Inc.

Fine, Gary Alan and Corey D. Fields. 2008. “Culture and Microsociology: The Anthill and the Veldt.” *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences* 619(1): 130-148.

DeSoucey, Michaela, Jo-Ellen Pozner, Corey D. Fields, Kerry Dobransky, and Gary Alan Fine. 2008 “Memory and Sacrifice: An Embodied Theory of Martyrdom.” *Cultural Sociology* 2(1): 99-121.

Fields, Corey D. 2007. “Sociometry, 1937.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 70(4): 326-329.

Anderson, Elisabeth, Michaela DeSoucey, Corey D. Fields, and Chris Yenky, eds. 2006. *Economic Sociology: Syllabi & Instructional Materials*, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition. American Sociological Association.

## PAPERS IN PROGRESS (FOR PUBLICATION)

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“Not Black Enough’ or ‘Not Just Black’: Racial Identity and Partisanship among African Americans.”  
Under Review

“Managing the Skeptical Embrace: Ideas about ‘Black People’ and Interracial Relation among  
Republicans.” Under Review

“The Dividends of Diversity: Linking Work Group Racial Composition, Minority Status, and Within-Race  
Inequality.” Under Review

## ONGOING PROJECTS

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*Black Elephants in the Room: Race and the Politics of African-American Republicans*  
Book Manuscript

Departing from a social determinism that assumes a naturalized, almost essential relationship, between racial identity and political decisions, I use the case of African-American Republicans to posit a variable and historically contingent relationship between black racial identity and political behavior. Drawing from multiple conceptualizations of race, the research attempts to better specify the dynamic relationship between race and politics in the “post-racial” context of contemporary US politics. The book focuses on three different articulations of “race”: (1) race as a subjective sense of identity felt by political actors; (2) race as a cultural object indicative of a system of meanings and beliefs about “black people”; and (3) race as performance – including dress, talk, and interaction. Employing a mixed-method approach, I show how race, in all its manifestations, simultaneously enables and constrains the political activity of African-American Republicans. The project advances existing research on race and politics by moving beyond considering race as a static characteristic of individuals, and instead shows how the meanings attached to racial identity have implications for how political behavior is structured. Furthermore, the research examines the way political location shapes how actors understand and deploy race. Making theoretical and empirical contributions to a range of sociological subfields, the research illustrates how the recursive, dynamic, and variable processes of identity construction shape – and, in turn, are shaped by – broader political processes.

### Explaining Singleness

This study asks how people account for women’s single status in practice, and using experimental methods attempts to see how those accountings vary by race. Data for the project will draw on an experimental study that exposes respondents to hypothetical online dating profiles. Respondents will be told that the dater in the profile is single, but looking to date. Afterward, respondents will be asked to give an account for why they think this person is single. The project will manipulate the race of the online dater in an effort to examine how race mediates the way people account for a woman’s single status.

Co-Investigators: Emily Shafer, Karen Powroznik

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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October 17, 2013. Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, Center for Right Wing Studies, University of California at Berkeley.

November 1, 2013. Department of Sociology University of Memphis

2011. Department of Sociology University of California at San Diego

#### PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

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2013. "The Dividends of Diversity" American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.

2013. "Explaining Singleness." Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, New York, NY.

2012. "The Effects of Racial Composition on within Race Inequality." Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Denver, CO.

2009. "Doing This for My People: African-American Republicans and the Construction of 'Black Interests.'" Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2009. "How Does Meaning Matter? Moving Beyond Identification as a Predictor of African American Political Behavior." GLASS AGEF Research Conference, Chicago, IL.

2008. "Beyond Uncle Tom: Racial Identification and Partisan Choice among African Americans." Political Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Boston, MA.

2007. "Unexpected Politics: Identity and Politics among African American Republicans." Political Sociology Panel, American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY.

2007. "Unexpected Politics: Identity and Politics among African American Republicans." Mellon Dissertation Forum: An Interdisciplinary Presentation and Discussion of Doctoral Projects.

2006. "Divided Reactions: Collective Memory, Crime, and Social Policy in Baltimore" Collective Memory Panel, Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Montreal, Canada.

2005. "Divided Reactions: Contestation over the Meaning of the Dawson Family" Collective Memory Panel, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2005. "A Circle of Friends?: Identity and Friendship in Two Knitting Circles," Invited panel at the Midwest Sociological Association annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN.

2004. "Throwing 'Em for a Loop: Young Women's Knitting Circles," Culture Roundtables, American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA.

2003. "Observations on the Popularity of Knitting among Young Women," Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL.

#### EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

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2013-current Editorial Board, *Social Psychology Quarterly*

2006-2010 Graduate Editorial Assistant, *Social Psychology Quarterly*

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *DuBois Review*

#### AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

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Fall 2013 Faculty Fellow, Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity

Fall 2011 Clayman Institute for Gender Research, Faculty Fellow  
Summer 2008 Karpf Peace Award, Northwestern University  
MacArthur Foundation Collaborative Research Grant, Northwestern University,  
with Professor Laura Beth Neilson  
Winter 2008 Frisen Grant, Sociology Department Northwestern University (Declined)  
Fall 2007 Research Grant, African American Studies Department, Northwestern University  
Fall 2007 Graduate Student Research Grant, Northwestern University  
Spring 2007 Graduate Student Research Grant, Northwestern University  
Fall 2006 Finalist, Northwestern University Presidential Fellowship  
Fall 2006 Robert F. Winch Memorial Teaching Award, Department of Sociology,  
Northwestern University  
Fall 2005 University Fellowship

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

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American Sociological Association  
2013-14 Member of Membership Committee for Social Psychology Section  
Association of Black Sociologists  
Society for the Study of Social Problems