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### APPOINTMENTS

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- 2020- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University.
- 2017-2020. Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, State University of New York at Buffalo.
- 2017-2020. Core Faculty, Research and Education in Energy, Environment, and Water (RENEW) Institute, State University of New York at Buffalo.
2019. Visiting Researcher, Copenhagen Center for Disaster Research, University of Copenhagen.

### EDUCATION

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- 2017 Ph.D. Sociology, Rice University.
2014. Visiting Graduate Student, University of Copenhagen.
2012. M.A. Sociology, University of Memphis.
2010. B.A. Sociology and History, Western Kentucky University.  
Honors College graduate.

### BOOKS

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2018. Emerson, Michael Oluf and Kevin T. Smiley. *Market Cities, People Cities: The shape of our urban future*. New York: New York University Press.  
\* Authors are equal contributors.

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

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2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Metropolitan Manufacturing Decline and Environmental Inequalities in Exposure to Industrial Air Pollution in the United States." *Sociological Inquiry* DOI:10.1111/soin.12396

2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Social Inequalities in Flooding Inside and Outside of Floodplains during Hurricane Harvey." *Environmental Research Letters* 15(9):1-15.
2020. Smiley, Kevin T. and Christopher R. Hakkenberg. "Race and Affluence Shape spatio-temporal urbanization trends in Greater Houston, 1997 to 2016." *Land Use Policy* 99:105093.
2020. Smiley, Kevin T. and Yulin Yang.\* "Urban Europeans' Viewpoints on Immigrants in their City: Re-considering how group threat operates across national and urban contexts." *Social Science Research* DOI: 10.1016/j.ssresearch.2020.102474
2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Social Capital and Industrial Air Pollution in Metropolitan America." *The Sociological Quarterly* DOI:10.1080/00380253.2019.1711252
2020. Smiley, Kevin T. and Michael O. Emerson. "A Spirit of Urban Capitalism: Market Cities, People Cities, and Cultural Justifications." *Urban Research & Practice* 13(3):330-347.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "A Polluting Creed: Religion and Environmental Inequality in the United States." *Sociological Perspectives* 62(6):980-1000.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Racial and Environmental Inequalities in Spatial Patterns in Asthma Risks in the U.S South." *Southeastern Geographer* 59(4):389-402.
2019. Elliott, James R. and Kevin T. Smiley. "Place, Space, and Racially Unequal Exposures to Pollution at Home and Work." *Social Currents* 6(1):32-50.
2018. Smiley, Kevin T., Junia Howell, and James R. Elliott. "Disasters, Local Organizations, and Poverty in the USA, 1998 to 2015." *Population and Environment* 40(2):115-135.
2017. Smiley, Kevin T., Michael Oluf Emerson, and Julie Werner Markussen. "Immigration Attitudes Before and After Tragedy in Copenhagen: The importance of political affiliation and safety concerns." *Sociological Forum* 32(2):321-338.
2017. Smiley, Kevin T. "Climate Change Denial, Political Beliefs, and Cities: Evidence from Copenhagen and Houston." *Environmental Sociology* 3(1):76-86.
2016. Smiley, Kevin T., Wanda Rushing, and Michele Scott. "Behind A Bicycling Boom: Governance, Cultural Change and Place Character in Memphis, Tennessee." *Urban Studies* 53(1):193-209.  
\* Featured in [The Atlantic's CityLab](#) and the [London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy Blog](#)
2016. Smiley, Kevin T., Tanvi Sharma, Alan Steinberg, Sally Hodges-Copple, Emily Jacobson, and Lucy Matveeva. "More Inclusive Parks Planning: Park Quality and Preferences for Park Access and Amenities." *Environmental Justice* 9(1):1-7.  
\* Four co-authors are undergraduates.

\* Featured in [The Atlantic's CityLab](#)

## GRANT ACTIVITY

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- 2020-2022. Fellow. National Science Foundation, Enabling the Next Generation of Hazards and Disasters Researchers Program.
- 2018-2020. Gulf Research Program of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. Early-Career Research Fellowship. "Flood Risk, Land Cover Change, and Social Inequality in the Houston metropolitan area." \$76,000.
- 2020-2021. Co-Investigator. Elhami-Khorasani, Negar, Sayanti Mukherjee, Kevin T. Smiley, Kang Sun, Janet Yang. SUNY Research Seed Grant Program, Multidisciplinary Small Team Awards. "Evaluating Gaps between Perceived and Objective Risks of Fire in Wildland Urban Interface Communities." \$30,000.
2019. Awardee, United University Professors Professional Development Award, \$1,000.
2016. Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, Social Sciences Research Institute, Rice University. \$3,317 grant.
2015. James T. Wagoner '29 Foreign Study Scholarship. (Grant for travel and research in Copenhagen, Denmark). \$3,392.09.
2015. Boniuk Institute for Religious Tolerance Small Grant. (Grant for research on immigration beliefs in Copenhagen, Denmark). \$3,748.

## HONORS

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2019. Featured Researcher for May 2019, National Center for Geographic Information and Analysis, University at Buffalo.
- 2018-2019. Kinder Scholar, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.
2016. Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award, Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association.

## OTHER WORKS

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2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Review of *The Urban Commons* by Daniel O'Brien." *Contemporary Sociology* 49(1):77-78.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Review of *What is Critical Environmental Justice Studies?* by David Naguib Pellow." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 60(4):293-295.
2017. Smiley, Kevin T. "Environmental Justice in Houston." *National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center Case Studies*. Available at through the [SESYNC case study library](#)

\* Teaching resource developed for undergraduate classrooms.

2016. Smiley, Kevin T. and Jenifer Bratter. "Altering Structures." Pp. 446-447 in *(Un)Making Race and Ethnicity: A reader*, edited by M.O. Emerson, J. Bratter, and S. Chavez. New York: Oxford University Press.  
\* Introduction to a section of an undergraduate Race and Ethnicity Reader

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Social Inequalities in Flooding Inside and Outside of Floodplains during Hurricane Harvey." *Climate Adaptation Symposium, University of California, Los Angeles*. Virtual.
2020. Chen, Yu-An and Kevin T. Smiley. "Being Green in a Green Capital: Assessing Drivers of Pro-Environmental Behaviors in Copenhagen." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
2020. Yang, Yulin and Kevin T. Smiley. "Urban Europeans' Viewpoints on Immigrants in their City." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Virtual.
2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Racial Inequalities in Flooding Inside and Outside of Floodplains." *Natural Hazards Workshop* (poster). Virtual.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Impervious to Sustainability: Social change and land cover change in Greater Houston, USA." *Sustainability: Transdisciplinary Theory, Practice, and Action Conference*, Mississauga, Ontario, Canada.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Racial and Environmental Inequalities in Spatial Patterns in Asthma Risk in the US South." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, New York.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "A Polluting Creed: Religion and Environmental Inequality in the United States." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*, New York City, New York.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Landscape Change, But For Whom? Tracking Land Cover Changes and Social Inequalities in Greater Houston." *Community and Urban Sociology American Sociological Association Pre-Conference*, New York City, New York.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Creating Impervious Surfaces: Landscape change and social inequality in Greater Houston." *Natural Hazards Workshop*. Broomfield, Colorado.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Road Pricing Resistance: Car Politics in Copenhagen." *Twelfth Global Studies Conference*, Kraków, Poland.

2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Manufacturing Decline and Environmental Inequality: Metropolitan disparities in industrial air pollution in the United States." *Population Association of America Annual Meeting* (poster). Austin, Texas.
2018. Smiley, Kevin T., Junia Howell, and James R. Elliott. "Disasters, Local Organizations, and Poverty in the United States, 1998 to 2015." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2018. Smiley, Kevin T. and Michael O. Emerson. "A Spirit of Urban Capitalism: Market Cities, People Cities, and Cultural Justifications." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
2017. Smiley, Kevin T. "Manufacturing Change: The differential impacts of manufacturing decline on exposure to industrial pollution." *Social Science History Association Annual Meeting*. Montréal, Canada.
2017. Smiley, Kevin T. "Manufacturing History and Industrial Pollution in the United States." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Montréal, Canada.
2016. Elliott, James R. and Kevin T. Smiley. "Beyond Residential Neighborhoods: How commuting shapes unequal exposures to industrially produced toxins." *Persistent & Emerging Issues in Population Health Science: 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Interdisciplinary Population Health Research Conference*. State College, Pennsylvania.
2016. Smiley, Kevin T. "Race and Air Quality in Urban America: How Metropolitan Contexts Condition Environmental Risk." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Seattle, Washington.
2016. Smiley, Kevin T. and James R. Elliott. "Commuting Out of Urban Pollution: Flows to and From Industrially Produced Toxins in Houston." *American Sociological Association Annual Meeting*. Seattle, Washington.
2016. Smiley, Kevin T. "Risky Social Capital: How Social Capital Accentuates Environmental Inequalities in Metropolitan America." *European Urban Research Association 2016 Annual Meeting*. Turin, Italy.
2016. Smiley, Kevin T. "Environmental Justice in Metropolitan America: Does a city's civic capacity create more inequalities?" *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*. Atlanta, Georgia.
2015. Smiley, Kevin T. "Beliefs about Climate Change Seriousness in a Green Capital and an Energy City: Evidence from Copenhagen and Houston." *Natural Hazards Workshop*. Broomfield, Colorado.
2015. Smiley, Kevin T., and Michael O. Emerson. "A Tale of Cities: Houston, Copenhagen, and our urban future." *Urban Affairs Association Conference*. Miami, Florida.

2015. Smiley, Kevin T. "Cities and Environmental Attitudes: Evidence from Copenhagen, Denmark and Houston, Texas." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana.
2014. Smiley, Kevin T. "Field-ing New Inquiries: Examining Collective Action in Cities using Field Theory." *Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Social Protest*. Canterbury, England, United Kingdom.
2013. Howell, Junia and Kevin T. Smiley. "The Preference Paradox: 'Walkable Urbanism' In Suburban Houston." *Urban Affairs Association Annual Meeting*, San Francisco, California.
2013. Smiley, Kevin T. "Battles Between Bikes and Businesses: Collective Strategic Action in Memphis, Tennessee." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, Atlanta, Georgia.
2012. Smiley, Kevin T. "New Public Spaces, Shifting Public Cultures: Memphis and the Adoption of Greenway Networks." *Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting*, New Orleans, Louisiana.
2007. Thurman, Lindsey, Jeff Sorce, Ashley Belcher, and Kevin T. Smiley. "WKU HonorsToppers: The Creation of an Honors Ambassador Organization." *National Collegiate Honors Conference*, Denver, Colorado.

## INVITED TALKS

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2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Social Inequalities in Flooding Inside and Outside of the Floodplain during Hurricane Harvey." *Kinder Research Seminar*, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University, Houston, Texas.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Shifting Landscapes of Risk: Land cover change and social inequality in Greater Houston, USA." *Visiting Researcher Series*, Copenhagen Center for Disaster Research, University of Copenhagen, Copenhagen, Denmark.
2018. Emerson, Michael Oluf and Kevin T. Smiley. "Market Cities and People Cities." *Public lecture in Urban Reads Series*, Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University. Houston, Texas.

## NON-CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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2020. Smiley, Kevin T. "Tales of Transition: From Rice SOC PhD to Assistant Professor." Professionalization Seminar, Department of Sociology, Rice University.
2019. Smiley, Kevin T. "Manufacturing Change: Modeling and More." *Faculty Research Conversations*, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo.

2018. Smiley, Kevin T. “Metropolitan Inequalities in Exposure to Industrial Air Pollution.” *Presentation for meeting of Computational Environmental Justice Analysis group*, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center, Annapolis, Maryland.
2016. Elliott, James R. and Kevin T. Smiley. “A COUP? Commuting Out of Urban Pollution in Houston, Texas.” *Presentation for Students Talking About Population Health (STAPH) Research Meeting*, Urban Health Program, Kinder Institute for Urban Research, Rice University.
2014. Emerson, Michael O. and Kevin T. Smiley. “A Tale of Cities: Houston, Copenhagen, and our Urban Future.” *Kinder Institute for Urban Research Seminar*, Rice University, Houston, Texas.
2012. Smiley, Kevin T. “New Public Spaces, Shifting Public Cultures: Memphis and the Adoption of Greenway Networks.” *Research Colloquium Series*, University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.

## **MEDIA COVERAGE**

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2020. Smiley, Kevin T. and Christopher R. Hakkenberg. “The Rapid Urbanization of Houston: How it happened and where it matters.” *The Urban Edge*, October 5.  
\*Also covered in *Planetizen*
2020. “Homes are Flooding Outside FEMA’s 100-Year Flood Zones, and Racial Inequality is Showing Through.” *The Conversation*, September 24.  
\*Republished in *Albany Times-Union*, *Associated Press*, *Alton Telegraph*, *Beaumont Enterprise*, *Bozeman Daily Chronicle*, *Casper Star-Tribune*, *Columbus Telegram*, *The Daily News (Longview, WA)*, *Darien Times*, *The Dispatch-Argus*, *EcoWatch*, *Fairfield Citizen*, *Finance & Commerce*, *Giving Compass*, *Global Centre for Risk and Innovation*, *Grand Island Independent*, *The Hour*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Idaho Press-Tribune*, *Laredo Morning Times*, *Lebanon Express*, *The Louisiana Weekly*, *Massive*, *Midland Daily News*, *Midland Reporter-Telegram*, *New Canaan Advertiser*, *New Haven Register*, *PreventionWeb*, *Route Fifty*, *San Antonio Express-News*, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *Shelton Herald*, *Skagit Valley Herald*, *The Southern Illinoisian*, *Stamford Advocate*, *Urban Edge*, *Urban Pulse*, *Yahoo News*
2019. “New Books Network Podcast: Market Cities, People Cities.” *New Books Networks*, April 2.
2018. “Cuomo Talks Big About Climate Change. Now It’s Time for New York to Pass Actual Policies.” *Grist*, December 31.
2018. “After Disasters, These Types of Community Groups Fight Poverty’s Rise.” *Futurity*, December 5.  
\*Also published in *Giving Compass*
2018. “Excerpt: What Houston and Copenhagen say about our urban future.” *Kinder Institute for Urban Research*, *The Urban Edge Blog*. May 17.

2017. “Hurricane Harvey and a Market City’s Response to Disaster.” *From The Square: NYU Press Blog*, October 13.
2016. “Why Race Matters in Planning Public Parks.” *The Atlantic’s CityLab*, March 23.
2016. “Massive Investments in bicycling have got more people moving in Memphis, but they have also affected social inequality.” *London School of Economics’ American Politics and Policy Blog*. February 23.
2015. “Do you trust other Houstonians?” *Houston Chronicle*. October 12.
2015. “What Copenhagen and Houston tell us about how ‘trust’ affects cities.” *Kinder Institute for Urban Research, The Urban Edge Blog*. October 6.
2014. “Bicycling Bias?” *Memphis Flyer*. November 20.
2014. “The Rise of Memphis as a Cycling City.” *Planetizen*, November 8.
2014. “Study Says Bicycling Boom Could Bring Gentrification.” *Memphis Flyer*. November 6.
2014. “How Memphis Became a Great Bicycling City.” *The Atlantic’s CityLab*. October 29.

## **TEACHING AND MENTORING**

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Courses – Primary Instructor (Louisiana State University; University at Buffalo)  
 Environment and Society, Environmental Sociology (graduate), Proseminar I (graduate),  
 Quantitative Research Design (graduate), Social Problems, Sociological Theory, Sociology of  
 City Life.

Courses – Short Term Instructor (University at Buffalo)  
 Spatial Analysis. Three-day advanced methods short course as part UB Summer Institute.

Courses - Teaching Assistant (Rice University and University of Memphis)  
 Rice University: Introduction to Sociology  
 University of Memphis: Intermediate Statistics (Graduate Level), Senior Thesis Seminar,  
 Social Statistics

Guest Lectures – List of Courses  
 University at Buffalo: Climate Change and Sustainability, Urban Sociology (graduate)  
 Rice University: Community and Urban Sociology (graduate), Urban Transportation, Social  
 Theory  
 University of Memphis: Public Sociology Seminar: Inequality in Memphis

Graduate Mentorship.  
 2020- Dissertation Committee Member, Zaque Evans (University at Buffalo).



- 2020-2021. First Year Advisor, Shriya Thakkar.
- 2020. Independent Study Supervisor, Zaque Evans.
- 2019. Independent Study Supervisor, Willis Danielson.
- 2019-2020. First Year Advisor, Yaolin Miranda Chen.
- 2019-2020. First Year Advisor, Theresa Beyer.
- 2018-2019. First Year Advisor, Rui Huang.
- 2018-2019. Master's Thesis Committee Member, Cheyenne Lonobile.
- 2018-2019. Master's Thesis Committee Member, Richard Patti.

#### Undergraduate Mentorship.

- 2015. Graduate Student Advisor, Houston Action Research Team for Energy Efficiency in the Houston Area, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.
- 2015. Graduate Student Advisor, Houston Action Research Team for Houston Parks and Recreation Department Master Plan, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.  
\* Research led to publication in *Environmental Justice*.

#### External Training

- 2016. Participant, Teaching Socio-Environmental Synthesis with Case Studies short course, National Center for Socio-Environmental Synthesis, Annapolis, Maryland.

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

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#### Editorial Board.

- 2020-2024. Member, *Population and Environment*

#### Professional Activities.

- 2020. Committee Member, Marvin E. Olsen Student Paper Award, Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2019. Workshop Attendee, SUNY NSF CAREER Proposal Writing Workshop. State University of New York at Albany.
- 2019. Presider, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. New York City, New York.
- 2019. Mentor, Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. New York City, New York.
- 2018. Mentor, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2018. Mentor, Environmental Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2017. Participant, Computational Environmental Justice Analysis, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), PIs: Michael Ash, Mary Collins, and Paul Mohai.  
\* Although I was not an original grant recipient, I was invited to attend research meetings funded by the grant.
- 2017. Mentor, Environment and Technology Section, American Sociological Association. Montréal, Canada.

- 2016. Attendee, Environmental Justice, Science, and Democracy, Union of Concerned Scientists, St. Paul, Minnesota.
- 2015. Attendee, Community Connections: Bringing together Scientists and Local Voices, Union of Concerned Scientists, Houston, Texas.
- 2015. Presider, Urban Environments Roundtable, Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, Illinois.
- 2015. Attendee, Environmental Protection Agency Toxic Release Inventory Regional Workshop, Houston, Texas.
- 2013-15. Mentor, Program for the Advancement and Immersion of Refugees, Houston, Texas.
- 2011. Group Facilitator, "Education Chat with Dr. Wanda Rushing," Stand for Children, Memphis, Tennessee.

#### Professional Training

- 2019. Course Attendee, Geospatial Data Analysis, National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center (SESYNC), Annapolis, Maryland.
- 2016. Workshop Attendee, Regression Analysis for Spatial Data, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research, Boulder, Colorado.

#### Departmental Service

- 2020- Member, Social Media Committee, Department of Sociology, Louisiana State University.
- 2019-2020. Member, Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo.
- 2018-2020. Area Coordinator for Environmental Sociology Qualifying Exam.
- 2017-2019. Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo.
- 2014-15. Graduate Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- 2014-15. Mentor, First Year Mentor Program, Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- 2013. Member, Undergraduate Student Paper Competition Review Committee, Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- 2013. Section Representative, Graduate Recruitment Weekend, Department of Sociology, Rice University.
- 2011. Member, Associate Professor Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis.
- 2011. Member, Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Memphis.

#### University Service

- 2018. Member, Search Committee for Director of Sustainable Urban Environments, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Buffalo.
- 2016. Committee Member, Rich Endowment Fund Grant Spring 2016, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.
- 2015. Committee Member, Rich Endowment Fund Grant Fall 2015, Center for Civic Leadership, Rice University.
- 2015. Judge, Rice Undergraduate Research Symposium, Rice University.

2014. Departmental Representative, Quality Education Task Force, Rice University.
2014. Breakout Session Leader, Graduate Student Association Orientation, Rice University.

Occasional Reviewer

Presses: *New York University Press, Oxford University Press, Springer, University Press of Colorado*  
Grants: Gulf Research Program; National Science Foundation Sociology Program  
Journals: *American Sociological Review, British Journal of Sociology, Environmental Justice, Environmental Planning and Management, Environmental Politics, Environmental Research, Environmental Research Letters, Environmental Sociology, Ethnic and Racial Studies, Geoforum, Humanity & Society, International Criminal Justice Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Leisure Studies, Natural Hazards, Palgrave Communications, Population and Environment, Social Forces, Sociological Inquiry, Socius, Sustainability, The Professional Geographer, The Sociological Quarterly, Theory and Society, Urban Studies*

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association (ASA).

Sections: Community and Urban Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Medical Sociology; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; Religion

Social Science Extreme Events Research Network (SSEER).

Southern Sociological Society (SSS).