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### Education

- December 2002    Ph.D.    Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.  
Concentration in Demography  
*Does Money Buy Better Health? Three Essays on the Causes of Socioeconomic Differentials in Health after Midlife*  
Yu Xie and James House (co-chairs), Susan Murphy, and Deborah Carr
- June 1996        B.S.        Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Florida

### Academic Positions

- August 2002 - Present    Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

### Honours and Awards

- 2005-2006    Faculty of Arts and Sciences Pedagogical Development Award,  
University of Toronto (\$1,000)
- 2002-2003    Oswald Hall Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching,  
University of Toronto, Department of Sociology
- 2002-2003    Faculty of Arts and Sciences Pedagogical Development Award,  
University of Toronto (\$1,500)
- 1996-2002    Graduate Traineeship, National Institutes of Health, Washington D.C.
- 1996        Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.

### Grants

- 2008-2011    Principal Investigator, SSHRC Standard Research Grant, "Interactions across Boundaries: Social Segregation in Multiethnic Urban Neighbourhoods" (\$99,847)
- 2007-2010    Co-investigator (PI: Blair Wheaton), SSHRC Standard Grant,

“Neighbourhood Contexts, the Individual and Mental Health: A Multilevel Study” (\$141,000)

- 2007-2008 Principal Investigator, Strategic Initiative Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto. “Is an Ownership Society a Healthier Society? The Mental Health Consequences of Money Management Burden in the U.S. and Canada.” (\$3000)
- 2006-2007 Co-Principal Investigator (with Alice deWolff, Community Researcher), Advanced Grant, The Wellesley Institute, “The Impact of Supportive Housing on the Social and Economic Health of Residents” (Competition with all proposals subject to arms length anonymous peer review) (\$59,000)
- 2003-2009 Co-Investigator, “Centre for Urban Health Initiatives”, a 5-year Canadian Institutes for Health Research (CIHR) sponsored centre for research development (J. Myles, Director) (\$2.1 Million)
- 2002-2003 Project Development Seed Grant, The Wellesley Institute (with co-investigators) (\$20,000)
- 2002-2003 Connaught New Faculty Start-up Grant, University of Toronto (\$20,000)
- 1999-2000 Founders Grant for Graduate Research, Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan (tuition and stipend for 1 year)

### **Research and Teaching Interests**

Health	Quantitative Methods	Stratification/Inequality
Race and Ethnicity	Social Demography	Visual Sociology
Urban and Community Studies	Family Ties	Socio-Economics

### **Published and Forthcoming**

\* Student coauthor

### Articles in Refereed Journals

Berry, Brent, and Tara McMullen\*. 2008. “Visual Communication to Children in the Supermarket Context: Health Protective or Exploitive?” *Agriculture and Human Values*. Currently available online through iFirst, forthcoming to print. Id labels: 0889-048X (Print) 1572-8366 (Online)

- Berry, Brent, and Eduardo Bonilla-Silva. 2008. “‘They Should Hire the One with the Best Score’: White Sensitivity to Qualification Differences in Affirmative Action Hiring Decisions.” *Ethnic and Racial Studies* 31(2): 215-242.
- Berry, Brent. Forthcoming 2008. “Parental Financial Assistance to Adult Children: Who is Helped and Why?” *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*.
- Berry, Brent. 2007. “Does Money Buy Better Health? Unpacking the Association between Economic Resources and Health after Midlife.” *Health* 11(2) April: 199-226.
- Berry, Brent. 2007. “Disparities in Leisure Time Inactivity in the United States: Trends and Explanations.” *Sociological Perspectives* 50(2) Summer: 177-208.
- Berry, Brent. 2007. “A Repeated Visual Observation Approach for Estimating the Street Homeless Population.” *Evaluation Review* 31(2) April: 166-199.
- Berry, Brent. 2006. “Friends for Better or for Worse: Interracial Friendships in the U.S. as Seen through Wedding Party Photos.” *Demography* 43(3): 491-510.
- Berry, Brent. 2006. “What Accounts for Race and Ethnic Differences in Family Financial Transfers to Adult Children in the U.S.?” *Journal of Family Issues* 27(11): 1-22.

### Chapters in Books

- Berry, Brent. Forthcoming (2008). “Sociology of Housing”. In *Urban Canada: Sociological Perspectives*, Second Edition, edited by Harry H. Hiller. Oxford University Press.
- Berry, Brent. Forthcoming (Summer 2008). “Indices of Racial Residential Segregation: A Critical Review and Redirection”. In *White Methods, White Logic: Racism and Methodology*, edited by Eduardo Bonilla-Silva and Gianpaolo Baiocchi. New York: Rowman and Littlefield
- Berry, Brent. 2008. “The Contact Hypothesis.” In *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, edited by Richard T. Schaefer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage
- Berry, Brent. 2008. “Interracial Friendships.” In *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, edited by Richard T. Schaefer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage

### **Under Review**

Berry, Brent. “The Short-, Medium-, and Long-Term Influence of Economic Resources on Mortality after Midlife: Expanding and Testing the Fundamental Cause Hypothesis.” *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. (Revise/resubmit)

Berry, Brent. “Does Money Buy Better Health after Midlife? New Evidence from Natural Experiments.” *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*. (Conditionally Accepted)

Berry, Brent. “The Many Ties that Bind: Race and Ethnic Distinctions in Why Parents Financially Support Adult Children.” *Research on Aging*. (Revise/resubmit)

Berry, Brent, and Jeff Denis.\* “The Hard and Soft Boundaries of Segregation: Toward Integrated Theory.” *Sociological Theory*. (Revise/resubmit)

Berry, Brent, and Bernie Hogan. “Racial and Ethnic Biases in Rental Housing: An Audit Study of Online Apartment Ads.”

#### **Articles and Chapters in Progress**

Berry, Brent. “The Causal Effect of Economic Resources on Health: Linking Theory, Measurement, and Statistical Issues.”

Berry, Brent, and Patrick Krueger. “Socioeconomic Status and the Multidimensionality of Health: New Evidence from the Health and Retirement Study.”

Berry, Brent. “Education, Income, and Depression after Midlife: Near and Long-Term Estimates and Interpretations from Panel Data.”

Berry, Brent. “Linking Durable Health Inequalities to the Innovation-to-Stigmatization Lifecycle of Consumer Products in the 20th Century: The Case of Cigarettes and Television.”

Berry, Brent, and Bernie Hogan. “Methods and Software for the Systematic Auditing of Discrimination in Online Rental Housing Markets.”

Murphy, Susan, Yu Xie, and Brent Berry. “Causal Inference with Dynamic Time-Varying Predictors under a Local Independence Assumption.”

Hill, Martha, and Brent Berry. “Intertwining of Place, Family, and Health after Midlife.”

Berry, Brent. “Racial and Socioeconomic Inequalities in the Disablement Process after Midlife.”

Berry, Brent. "Posing and Answering Counterfactual Questions about Residential Segregation with Simulation: The Suburbanization of Detroit 1960–2000."

## **Other Publications**

### Book Reviews

Berry, Brent. Review of *Urban Canada: Sociological Perspectives*, edited by Harry H. Hiller. *Canadian Journal of Urban Research*. 15(1) (2006) 134-136.

Berry, Brent. Review of *City Politics, Canada*, by James Lightbody. Peterborough, ON: Broadview Press, 2006. *Canadian Journal of Sociology*. 31(4) (2006) 537-540.

### Minor Publications

Berry, Brent, and J.C. Henretta. 1996. "Comparing Older Populations: Florida and the United States." *Aging Research and Policy Report* 3(5): 23-28.

Berry, Brent and Tara McMullen. "Selling Subtly to Kids: A Supermarket Study" *Taste Buds* (Newsletter of the CUHI Food Research Interest Group). Summer 2006.

### Technical Reports

Berry, Brent. 2001. "All the Ties that Bind: Race, Ethnicity, and Family Support." *PSC Research Report 01-487*, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.

Berry, Brent. 2001. "Financial Transfers from Parents to Adult Children: Beyond Altruism and Exchange Models of Motivation" *PSC Research Report 01-485*, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.

Berry, Brent 2001. "Race and Ethnic Differences in Family Financial Transfers to Adult Children" *PSC Research Report 01-486*, Population Studies Center, University of Michigan.

Berry, Brent, J.C. Henretta. 1996. "The Florida AHEAD Respondents: Characteristics of Florida's Elderly Population Aged Seventy and Over." *HRS/AHEAD Working Paper Series 96-039*. Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan.

### Unpublished Research Reports

Berry, Brent, Stella Park, Jeff Denis, Denise Gordon, Samantha Haralampous, Jonathan Ho, Lauren Keegan, Melissa Mandool, Diana Raymond, Michael Vansickle, Anne Warner, Victoria Zylberberg. "Healthy Communities in Toronto: An Investigation of Three Neighbourhoods in the Greater Metropolitan Area." Class Research Project Report, 2003. (Distributed over 100 copies to community partners, policy makers, and the public.)

Maria Bueno\*, Brent Berry. 2006. "Cooperative Programs in Sociology: Ensuring Quality

Control in Student Field Placements.” A pedagogical curriculum development proposal based on interviews, discussions, and research for revising the Health Studies program practicum training at the University of Toronto; currently revising for submission to a teaching journal.

Berry, Brent, Michelle Rothman, Emily Dauria, Ester Park, Mallory Wankel, Christine Cleland, Emily Ng, Lidvina Rajabalan, Heather Troup, Nazila Rostami, and Jen Quito. “Whose Space is Public Space? The Visual Economy of Signage in Toronto.” Presented to the Toronto Public Space Committee, 2005.  
(All coauthors are undergraduate students).

## **Presentations**

- 2008 “Racial and Ethnic Biases in Rental Housing: An Audit Study of Online Apartment Ads.” Population Association of America Meetings, New Orleans, Louisiana, April. (with Bernie Hogan\*)
- 2007 “Disparities in Leisure Time Inactivity in the United States: Political, Economic, and Structural Explanations.” Invited Speaker, Center for Health Equity Program’s Speaker Series, Louisville University School of Public Health, Louisville, Kentucky (\$500 Honorarium).
- 2007 “Visual Communication to Children in the Supermarket.” (with Tara McMullen). American Sociological Association annual meetings, New York City.
- 2007 “Physical Inactivity among Low-Income Adults: Trends and Explanations from Time-Diary Data.” American Sociological Association annual meetings, New York City.
- 2006 Co-Chaired a paper session titled “The Public-Private Debate in the Visual City” at the International Society of Visual Sociology annual meetings, Urbino, Italy.
- 2006 “The Hard and Soft Boundaries of Segregation: An Integrated Theory.” (with Jeff Denis). American Sociological Association annual meetings, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2006 “The Causal Effect of Economic Resources on Health: Linking Theory, Measurement, and Statistical Issues.” American Sociological Association annual meetings, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2006 “Does Money Buy Better Health? Empirical and Theoretical Issues.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meetings, Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

- 2005 “Enumerating Toronto’s Homeless Population: A Review of the Controversy and Methodological Options.” International Conference on Urban Health annual meetings, Toronto, Ontario, Canada.
- 2005 “Disparities in Leisure Time Inactivity in the United States: Trends and Explanations.” American Sociological Association annual meetings, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- 2005 “Repeated Visual Observation of Urban Street People: A Systematic Method for Social Inquiry and Population Estimation.” Canadian Conference on Homelessness, York University.
- 2005 “Approaches for Counting Homeless Populations: Promise and Controversy.” Presented at the Centre for Urban Health Initiatives, University of Toronto, Spotlight on Research Symposium.
- 2004 “Counting Elusive Populations.” Presentation on Academic Research to the Undergraduate Sociology Student Union, University of Toronto.
- 2004 “The Activities and Settings of Leisure as Sources of Physical Activity: Changes in the United States since 1965.” Population Association of America annual meetings, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2003 “A Visual Eco-Metric Repeat Identification Approach for Estimating the Population of Street People.” International Conference on Urban Health annual meetings, Boston, Massachusetts.
- 2003 “Giving from Parents to Adult Children: Who is Helped and Why?” Brownbag presentation series, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto.
- 2003 “Causal Explanations for Socioeconomic Differentials in Health: A Lifecourse Perspective.” Presentation in the brownbag series at the Lifecourse Centre at the University of Toronto.
- 2002 “In Search of Explanations for Socioeconomic Differentials in Health.” Presentation on Academic Research to the Undergraduate Sociology Student Union at the University of Toronto.
- 2001 “Indices of Residential Segregation in the Social Sciences: A Review and Redirection.” Association of Black Sociologists annual meetings, Anaheim, California.
- 2001 “Financial Transfers from Parents to Adult Children: Issues of Who is Helped and Why.” American Sociological Association annual meetings, Anaheim, California.

- 2001 “White Sensitivity to Qualification Differences in Affirmative Action Hiring Decisions.” (second author is Eduardo Bonilla-Silva). American Sociological Association annual meetings, Anaheim, California.
- 2000 “Causal Inference with Dynamic Time-Varying Predictors Under a Local Independence Assumption.” (joint presentation with Susan Murphy and Yu Xie) Econometrics Seminar, Department of Economics, University of Michigan.
- 1999 “Three Analytic Strategies for Estimating the Effect of Income on Health” Population Association of America annual meetings, Los Angeles, California.
- 1999 “Methodological Challenges in Estimating the Causal Influence of Income on Health with Observational Data.” Gerontological Society of America annual meetings, San Francisco, California.

### **Courses Taught**

- 2007-2008 Urban Sociology (soc205y), Quantitative Methods (soc202h)
- 2006-2007 Urban Health (soc364h), Urban Sociology (soc205y), Logic of Social Inquiry (soc6710)
- 2005-2006 Urban Health (soc364h), Urban Sociology (soc205y), Research Opportunity Program (soc299y), Logic of Social Inquiry (soc6710)
- 2004-2005 Urban Health (soc364h), Urban Health Research Practicum (soc394y), Research Opportunity Program (soc299y), Logic of Social Inquiry (soc6710)
- 2003-2004 Urban Health (soc364h), Urban Health Research Practicum (soc394y), Logic of Social Inquiry (soc6710)
- 2002-2003 Urban Health (soc364h), Urban Health Research Practicum (soc394y)

Courses Approved but Not Yet Taught: Social Ecology of Health, Meta-methods

### **Directed Research/Independent Study Courses**

#### Undergraduate (9 times)

- 2006 Mohammad Bayegan
- 2005 Christine Heinola, Danielle Takacs, Sandra Wong, Maria Bueno
- 2004 LeeAnn Buffet, Jeff Denis

2003 Samantha Haralampous, Stella Park

Graduate (5 times)

2006 Deanna Pikkov  
2005 Hanh Nguyen, Paul Armstrong, Tara McMullen  
2004 Tara Hahmand

**Graduate Supervision**

Dissertation Committees

Xingshan Cao 2005 Ph.D. in Sociology  
*Village Context and Fertility Interdependence:  
Market Transition and Fertility in Rural China*

Masters Committees

Sally Safa 2007 M.S. Periodontology (cognate committee member)  
*The Links between Stress, Social Support and Periodontal Disease*  
Hanh Nguyen 2005 Sociology  
*The Diet of Immigrants in Western Societies*

Comprehensive Exam Committees

Deanna Pikkov	Ethnicity	Completed
Leslyn Lewis	Ethnicity	Completed
Lesley Kenny	Urban sociology	Completed
Tara McMullen	Health	In Progress
Inna Romanovska	Health	In Progress
Vincent Chua	Ethnicity	Completed
Loretta Ho	Ethnicity	In Progress
Stella Park	Health	Completed

Comprehensive Exam Reading Lists

I have prepared comprehensive exam reading lists in five areas: ethnicity/immigration, health, urban sociology, quantitative methods, and social demography.

**Other Teaching/Training Contributions**

University of Toronto High School Mentorship Program

2004 - 2005 Kaley Kennedy, Anas Siddique

Undergraduate Research Assistants

- 2006 Daniel Zou, Maria Bueno
- 2005 Jeff Denis
- 2004 Diana Raymond, Saad Rehman, Can Sun, Claire Rufo, Irene Kwok, Julia Simonelis
- 2003 Matthew Lau

Graduate Research Assistants

- 2006- Tara McMullen, Bernie Hogan  
2007
- 2003 Tracy Matsui, Randy Hart

**Professional Affiliations and Service**

Department and University

- 2007 Computer Committee, Department of Sociology  
Sociology Faculty Representative to the Lifecourse Centre  
Directing the Research Interest Group on Ethnicity and Urban Health, Centre  
for Urban Health Initiatives, University of Toronto  
Job Search Committee, Urban Sociology, UTSC Sociology  
Operations Committee, Centre for Urban Health Initiatives
- 2006 Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology  
Sociology Faculty Representative to the Lifecourse Centre  
Webpage Redesign Committee, Department of Sociology  
S.D. Clark Search Committee, Department of Sociology  
Job Search Committee, Urban Health, UTSC Sociology  
Operations Committee, Centre for Urban Health Initiatives
- 2005 Planning Committee, Centre for Urban Health Initiatives  
Undergraduate Curriculum committee, Department of Sociology  
Webpage Redesign Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2004 Planning Committee, Centre for Urban Health Initiatives  
Computer Committee (Chair), Department of Sociology  
Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology  
Planning Committee, Department of Sociology  
Job Search Committee, Medical Sociology, Department of Sociology
- 2003 Planning Committee, Centre for Urban Health Initiatives  
Computer Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2002 Computer Committee, Department of Sociology  
Designed a survey for Trinity College to aid in their redesign of residences for

mixed gender living, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Editorial Boards

Sociology Compass  
The Open Public Health Journal

Grant Reviewer

National Science Foundation (U.S.)  
Wellesley Institute

Book Manuscript Reviewer

University of Toronto Press

Journal Reviewer (recent)

American Sociological Review (2)  
Social Forces  
Sociology Compass  
Canadian Journal of Sociology  
Journal of Canadian Studies  
Journal of Family Issues (2)  
Journal of Health and Social Behavior (2)  
American Journal of Economics and Sociology (1)  
Journal of Marriage and Family (3)  
Canadian Journal of Urban Research  
Health and Place  
Urban Studies

Member

Population Association of America  
American Sociological Association  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
International Society for Urban Health  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics