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EDUCATION

- 2015 **Ph.D., Sociology**, Duke University
- 2012 **M.A., Sociology**, Duke University
Concentration: Stratification & Inequality
- 2009 **M.S.W., Social Work**, University of Georgia
Concentration: Community Empowerment and Program Development
- 2007 **B.A., Sociology**, Mercer University, *Magna cum laude*
Second Major: Program in Leadership & Community Service

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2016- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
2015-2016 Lecturer A, Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania

FACULTY AFFILIATIONS

- 2016- Center for Africana Studies, University of Pennsylvania
2015- Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2020 **Regina S. Baker**. “Why is the American South Poorer?” *Social Forces* 99(1): 126–154.
(Online First December 2019).
- 2018 **Regina S. Baker** and Linda Burton. “Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Socio
economic (Im)mobility among Low-Income Mothers of Children with Disabilities.” In
Marginalized Mothers, Mothering from the Margins, Advances in Gender Research,
Volume 25, by Tiffany Taylor and Katrina Bloch (Eds.) Somerville, MA: Emerald.
- 2015 **Regina S. Baker**. “The Changing Association among Marriage, Work, and Child Pov
Poverty in the United States 1974-2010.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 77:1166
1178.
- 2012 Odum Award, Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Sociological
Association.

- 2013 Brady, David, **Regina S. Baker**, and Ryan Finnigan. "When Unionization Disappears: State-Level Unionization and Working Poverty in the U.S." *American Sociological Review* 78(5): 872-896.
- 2014 Honorable Mention for Outstanding Article Award, *Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section*, American Sociological Association
- 2013 Burton, Linda M., Daniel T. Lichter, **Regina S. Baker**, and John Eason. "Inequalities, Family Processes, and Health in a 'New' Rural America." *American Behavioral Scientist* 57(8): 1127-1150.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Williams, Deadric T. and **Regina S. Baker**. "Family Structure, Risks, and Racial Inequality in Poverty: The Role of Racial Stratification." (Revise and Resubmit, *Social Problems*)

Baker, Regina S. "Historical Racial Regimes and Racial Inequality in Poverty in the American South." (Revise and Resubmit, *American Journal of Sociology*)

Baker, Regina S. David Brady, and Ryan Finnigan. "Prevalences, Penalties, and the Small Impact of Single Motherhood on America's High Child Poverty." (*Under Review*)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPERATION

Baker, Regina S., David Brady, Zach Parolin, and Deadric Williams. "The Enduring Significance of Racial Inequality in Poverty in the U.S.,1993-2017."

Williams, Deadric T. and **Regina S. Baker**. "Divided by Whiteness: Black Families' Economic Heterogeneity in Fragile Families."

Janeria Easley and **Regina S. Baker**. "Intergenerational Mobility: A Holistic Approach to Socioeconomic Origin."

Baker, Regina S. "The Long Reach of Jim Crow and Persistent Racial (Dis)Advantage."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2015 **Baker, Regina S.** "Work, More than Marriage, is Key to Reducing Child Poverty." *Child and Family Blog*. (8/25).

2009 Hagues, Rachel, Terrence James, Allison McWilliams, Melinda Moore, **Regina Smalls**. "Differential Response/Family Support Services: Policy Analysis and Recommendations." Carl Vinson Institute of Government: Governmental Services and Research Division. University of Georgia.

2009 Hagues, Rachel, Terrence James, Allison McWilliams, Melinda Moore, **Regina Smalls**, Malik Watkins, and Nicole Woolfolk. "Juvenile Code Revisions Information Gathering Project." Carl Vinson Institute of Government: Governmental Services and Research Division. University of Georgia.

RESEARCH GRANTS

- 2020 Janeria A. Easley (Principal Investigator) and **Regina S. Baker** (Co-Principal Investigator) “Intergenerational Mobility: A Holistic Approach to Socioeconomic Origin.” Russell Sage Foundation – Gates Foundation, \$28,174.

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2014-2015 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Academy of Sciences
2014 Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Outstanding Article Award Honorable Mention, American Sociological Association
2014 Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship Honorable Mention, Society for the Study of Social Problems
2013-2014 American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship
2013 Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Duke University
2012-2013 Sulzberger Family/Dan Levitan Social Policy Graduate Research Fellowship Center for Child and Family Policy, Duke University
2012 Summer Graduate Research Fellowship, Duke University
2012 Odum Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Southern Sociological Society
2011 Linda K. George Summer Research Fellowship, Duke University
2010-2011 Graduate Fellowship, Kenan Institute of Ethics, Duke University
2009 Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society Induction, University of Georgia
2009 Tisha Abbot Graduate Assistantship Award, University of Georgia
2008 James D. Horne Memorial Scholarship, University of Georgia
2007 Best Student Paper Award, Georgia Sociological Association
2007 Louis Hazouri Award for Excellence in Sociological Research, Mercer University
2007 Who's Who among College Students in America's Universities & Colleges
2006 Research Experience for Undergraduates in Minority Demography Summer Fellowship, Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin
2006 Alpha Kappa Delta Junior Service Award, Mercer University
2006 Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Honor Society Induction, Mercer University
2005 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society Induction, Mercer University
2003-2007 Tift Alumnae Scholarship, Mercer University
2003-2007 Georgia's HOPE Scholarship

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 Baker, Regina S. “Historical Racial Regimes and Contemporary Black and White Poverty in the U.S. South.” The Politics of Poverty Conference, Blum Initiative on Global & Regional Poverty, UC-Riverside
2019 Baker, Regina S., David Brady, and Ryan Finnigan. “Would Reducing Single Motherhood Substantially Reduce Child Poverty in the U.S.?” Population Association of American Annual Meeting, Austin, TX
2018 Baker, Regina S. “Intersecting Inequalities--Understanding the Socio-economic Status of Women in the Context of Place. Sociologists for Women in Society Summer Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

- 2016 Baker, Regina S. "The Relationship between Historical Racism and Contemporary Patterns of Poverty in the American South." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2015 Baker, Regina S. "The Needs and Resources Mismatch among Poor Mothers of Children with Disabilities." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2014 Baker, Regina S. "Why is the American South Poorer? A Multi-level Analysis." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 Baker, Regina S. "Between a Rock and a Hard Place: Socio-economic (Im) mobility among Low-Income Mothers of Children with Disabilities." Society for Women Sociologists Winter Annual Meeting, Nashville, TN.
- 2014 Baker, Regina S. "A Multi-Level Analysis of Poverty Predictors in the American South." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 Baker, Regina S. "The Changing Importance of Marriage and Work for Child Poverty in the U.S." Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management, Washington, D.C.
- 2012 Baker, Regina S. "The Declining Significance of Marriage and the Increasing Significance of Work for Child Poverty in the U.S., 1974-2004." Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2007 Smalls, Regina. "Is It Really 'All About the Benjamins? A Closer Look at Materialism Among College Students.'"
- Georgia Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Athens, GA.
(Best Student Paper Award Winner)
 - 2nd Annual Social Research Conference, Mercer University, Macon, GA.
(Louis Hazouri Award for Excellence in Sociological Research Winner)
- 2006 Smalls, Regina. "Household Structure and Adolescent High School Completion: A Closer Examination of Household Resources and Race." Southern Demographic Association Annual Meeting, Durham, NC.

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Baker, Regina S. "Historical Racial Regimes and Racial Inequality in Poverty in the American South." Sociology Department of Sociology, University of Maryland-College Park.
- 2019 Baker, Regina S. "Poverty & the Family." The Impacts of Poverty Conference at CHI St. Joseph Children's Health, Lancaster, PA
- 2018 Baker, Regina S. "Poverty in the American South." Penn Science and Lightbulb Café Lecture Series. World Live Café, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 Baker, Regina S. "The Relationship between Historical Racism and Contemporary

Patterns of Poverty in the American South.” American Sociological Association
Minority Fellowship Program, Seattle, WA

- 2014 Baker, Regina S. “Why is the American South Poorer? A Multi-level Analysis.”
- WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
 - Dartmouth College, Department of Sociology
 - Boston University, Department of Sociology
 - University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology
 - Virginia Commonwealth University, Department of Sociology
 - University of Michigan, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
 - University of Texas-Austin, Department of Sociology
- 2010 Baker, Regina S., David Eagle, Melanie Sereny, & Sancha Doxilly. “The Obama Effect: Did the Election of our First Black President Change Public Discourse about Race?” Hendricks Symposium, University of Nebraska Political Science Department, Lincoln, NB.
- 2009 Williams, Melinda M. and Regina Smalls. “Social Work and Human Capacity Building.” Cuttington University, Suacoco, Liberia.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

- Poverty & Inequality Freshman Seminar, University of Pennsylvania
- The Rich and the Poor, University of Pennsylvania
- Introduction to Sociological Research, University of Pennsylvania

Teaching Assistant

- Politics and Markets in the Global Economy, Prof. David Brady, Duke University
- History of Poverty, Prof. Robert Korstad, Duke University
- Poverty & Inequality, Prof. Robert Korstad, Duke University
- Methods of Social Research, Prof. Lane Destro, Duke University
- Entrepreneurship, Prof. Carl Nordgren, Duke University
- First Year Seminar, (Academic Preceptor) Prof. Douglas Thompson, Mercer University

OTHER RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2013 Visiting Research Fellow, Inequality and Social Policy Unit, WZB Berlin Social Science Center, Germany
Used micro-data from the Luxemburg Income Study to examine U.S. poverty.
- 2012-2013 Research Assistant, Linda Burton, Duke University
Used longitudinal ethnographic data from the Three City Study to examine socio-economic mobility and housing among low-income families.
- 2010-2012 Research Assistant, David Brady, Duke University
Managed and updated National Science Foundation-funded cross-national Comparative Welfare States dataset.

- 2008-2009 Masters of Social Work Intern, Child and Family Policy Initiative, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia, Athens, GA
Completed research and policy analysis for state policy recommendations regarding juvenile justice revisions and differential response systems; helped organize Georgia Family Impact Seminar on the early care/education industry.
- 2008 Graduate Research Assistant, Office of the Mayor, Savannah, GA
Completed a community asset assessment of high poverty census tract neighborhoods involving conducting interviews and compiling Census data on local community organizations, business, and churches.
- 2008 Researcher, Step-Up Savannah, Savannah, GA
Conducted interviews and completed participant observation to examine the use of innovation in anti-poverty organizations.
- 2008 Researcher, Migrant Education Program, University of Georgia
Developed and analyzed parent and teacher surveys to evaluate the visibility and comprehension of the Migrant Education Program in local schools.
- 2006-2007 Researcher, Mercer University, Macon, GA
Developed and analyzed ~150 questionnaires regarding materialism and consumer behavior among college students.
- 2005-2006 Research Assistant, Fletcher Winston, Mercer University, Macon, GA
Interviewed low-income residents who were relocated as part of the Hope VI grant to assess services provided by the Macon Housing Authority.

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2008 Athens-Clarke Community Council on Aging: Senior Center, Athens, GA
Provided case management, completed client assessments, linked clients to community resources, delivered Meals on Wheels, and assisted program director.
- 2006-2007 Economic Opportunity Council: Homeless Services Center, Macon, GA
Assisted clients with applications, completed follow-up calls, linked clients with services, and served on transitional housing hearings.
- 2006 Macon-Bibb County Department of Family & Child Services, Macon, GA
Completed collateral contacts and notes, observed panel reviews and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) qualification interviews, and accompanied foster care case workers on field visits.

DEPARTMENT & UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2019-2020 Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2019 Ph.D. Examination Committee, Demography
- 2018 Fulbright Faculty Committee
- 2018-2019 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2018 Admissions Committee, Graduate Group in Demography
- 2017-2018 Executive Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2017 “Third Reconstruction” Panelist, Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute

2017-2018 Computing/Website Committing, Department of Sociology
 2016-2017 Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology
 2016 Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology
 2016 Faculty Mentor, Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program, University of Pennsylvania
 2016 “Race, Science, Health and Society” Panelist, Center for Africana Studies Summer Institute
 2016 W.E.B. Du Bois Prize in Africana Studies Reader
 2015-2016 Computing/Website Committee, Department of Sociology
 2012-2013 Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Faculty Committee Representative, Duke University
 2011-2013 Sociology Department Newsletter, Editor, Duke University
 2011 Women in Academia Sociology Workshop, Co-Organizer, Duke University
 2010-2011 Sociology Graduate Student Forum, Secretary Duke University
 2006-2007 Orientation Assistant/Peer Advisor, Mercer University

ADVISING

Dissertation Committees

Ashleigh Cartwright, University of Pennsylvania
 Treva Tam, University of Pennsylvania

Master’s Thesis Committees

Treva Tam, University of Pennsylvania

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2020-2022 Editorial Board Member, Stratification Section, *Sociological Compass*
 2019-2020 Nominations Committee, Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility Section, American Sociological Association
 2017-2020 Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*
 2018-2019 Program Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society
 2017 ASA Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility Student Paper Award Committee
 2013-2014 Newspaper Editor, Sociologists for Women in Society—South
 2013-2014 Vision Committee, Sociologists for Women in Society—South

Occasional Reviewer:

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Demography, Journal of Family Issues, Journal of Marriage and Family, Population Research and Policy Review, Socioeconomic Review, Social Forces, Sociology Compass, Social Science Research, The Sociological Quarterly, Work & Occupations

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association, Association of Black Sociologists, Population Association of America, Sociologists for Women in Society