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## EDUCATION

- June 2013     **Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, School of Social Service Administration, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**  
*Fields of study:* Social determinants of health; racial disparities in health and healthcare; health policy, poverty & inequality  
*Dissertation:* “Mobilizing Class Resources and Presenting the Self: Understanding the Differential Healthcare Experiences of Black Middle Class Women.”  
*Committee chair:* Colleen Grogan, PhD
- June 1998     **A. M. The University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**  
Social Work  
Certificate in Health Administration and Policy
- June 1994     **B.A. DePaul University, Chicago, IL**  
Psychology

## FELLOWSHIPS

- 2007-2010     **Pre-Dissertation Fellowship**  
The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (T32 Award)

## AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- 2016            Hellman Family Faculty Fund
- 2016            University of California, Berkeley Institute for International Studies Book Manuscript Mini-Grant Award
- 2011            Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation Doctoral Dissertation Grant
- 2011            Alpha Kappa Alpha-Educational Advancement Graduate Scholarship

## TRAINEESHIPS

- 2015            University of Wisconsin-Madison Institute for Research on Poverty: Teaching Poverty 101 Workshop
- 2015            University of Maryland-College Park Consortium on Race, Gender, and Ethnicity: Intersectional Qualitative Research Methods Institute
- 2006            The ICPSR/University of Michigan Summer Institute in Quantitative Methods Workshop on the Project on Human Development in Chicago Neighborhoods

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Public Health Association

Society for Social Work Research  
Sociologists for Women in Society

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Health and healthcare disparities; the Black middle class; intersectionality; structural inequality; poverty and inequality; race, ethnicity, class, and gender

## EDITORIAL AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2016- University of California-Berkeley Graduate Council's Charles M. and Martha Hitchcock Professorship Committee
- 2015- Qualitative Social Work (reviewer)
- 2015- University of California-Berkeley School of Social Welfare Committee on Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Co-Chair
- 2015- University of California-Berkeley School of Social Welfare Undergraduate Program Committee
- 2015- University of California-Berkeley Human Rights Fellowship Review Committee
- 2012-2014 Board Member-Corazon Community Service (Youth Service Agency), Cicero, IL
- 2012 Abstract Reviewer-American Public Health Association (Social Work Section)

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2014- **Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley**
  - **Introduction to Multi-Level Social Work Practice (MSW Core Course)**
  - **Introduction to Social Policy (BA Core Course)**
  - **Prison (UC Berkeley Big Ideas Course and American Cultures Course 2017)**
  - Qualitative Methods Doctoral Independent Study
  - Health Concentration Core Faculty
  - Center for Race and Gender Affiliate and Doctoral Seminar Facilitator
  - Institute for the Study of Societal Issues Affiliate
  - Haas Institute for a Fair and Inclusive Society Affiliate
  - Berkeley Food Institute Affiliate
- 2013 **Lecturer, University of Chicago**
  - **Introduction to U.S. Social Policy (Core Course)** (history of the US welfare state; treatment of vulnerable populations; poverty studies)
  - Prepare and provide all lectures
  - Review student progress
  - Evaluate student coursework
  - Advise incoming social work students
- 2012 **Guest Lecturer, Northeastern Illinois University, Department of Social Work**
  - **Research Methods**
  - Provided overview of quantitative and qualitative methods in social work research
  - Reviewed student research projects
  - Presented findings from qualitative health disparities study
- 2010 **Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago**
  - **Introduction to the U.S. Health System** (overview of health sector; principles of health insurance; social determinants of health)
  - Developed syllabus and lectured on social determinants of health
- 2009 **Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago**
  - **US Health Policy** (overview of health policy-making process in US context; Medicaid/Medicare; health care as political process)
- 2007 **Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago**

- **Introduction to U.S. Social Policy** (history of the US welfare state; treatment of vulnerable populations; poverty studies)
- Led all study group sessions including preparing lectures, reviewing student papers, recommending additional reading and tutoring ESL and older adult/evening students
- **Non-profit Management** (principles of non-profit organizations; advocacy in non-profit sector)
- **Introduction to the U.S. Health System** (overview of health sector; principles of health insurance; social determinants of health)

2006

**Teaching Assistant, University of Chicago**

- **Introduction to U.S. Social Policy** (history of the US welfare state; treatment of vulnerable populations; poverty studies)
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- Introduction to the U.S. Health System (overview of health sector; principles of health insurance; social determinants of health)
- **US Health Policy** (overview of health policy-making process in US context; Medicaid/Medicare; health care as political process)

2004-2008

**Research Assistant, Center for Interdisciplinary Health Disparities Research/University of Chicago**

***Social Environment, Stress, and Breast Cancer Among African-American Women***

- Member of community-based participatory research team including physicians, sociologists, geneticists, social workers, and community members
- Conducted interviews of women with breast cancer
- Analyzed focus group data
- Developed interview instruments
- Conducted community-based health education activities (health fairs, breast cancer summit)

## RESEARCH GRANTS

April 2016- University of California, Berkeley Hellman Family Faculty Fund: The Long Reach of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study: Exploring Trauma and Resilience Among Study Descendants. Study explores contemporary implications of the United States' longest running biomedical experiment on the study's living descendants. Budget Amount: \$50,000.

April 2016- Berkeley Food Institute: Gender Dynamics and SNAP/CalFresh Enrollment among Immigrant Households in California. Study explores barriers to enrolling in food assistance programs among Latina women in California. Budget Amount: \$50,000.

August 2015- Health Initiative of the Americas-University of California-Berkeley: Weight, family structure, and food preparation: Oaxacans in Mexico and the United States. Bi-national study to understand the relationship between food preparation, time scarcity, and overweight and obesity in the US and Mexico. Budget Amount: \$35,000.

## OTHER GRANTS

May 2015-16 University of California-Berkeley Office of Equity and Inclusion Innovation Grant-School of Social Welfare Faculty Lead. Funds used to engage students, faculty, staff and alumni in pro-dialogues on diversity, representation, and inclusion. Budget Amount: \$7,500.

## PUBLICATIONS

**Sacks, T.K.**, Walton, Q., and Mack, R. (revise and resubmit). Health disparities among the Black middle class: Considering mental, physical and lifecourse determinants.

**Sacks, T.K.** (forthcoming). Performing Black Womanhood: A Qualitative Study of Stereotypes and the Healthcare Encounter. *Critical Public Health*.

**Sacks, T.** (2017). The single case study: Understanding the life history of a tuskegee syphilis study descendant. *SAGE Research Methods Cases*. 10.4135/9781473997189

Gunn, A., **Sacks, T.K.**, Jemal, A. (2017). "That's not me anymore": Resistance strategies for managing intersecting stigmas for women with substance use and incarceration histories. *Qualitative Social Work: Research and Practice*.

**Sacks, T.K.** (2015) "New Pathways to Analysis Through Thick Description: Historical Trauma and Emerging Qualitative Research." *Qualitative Social Work: Research and Practice* 14(6), 753-757.

Ferrera, M. J., **Sacks, T. K.**, Perez, M., Nixon, J. P., Asis, D., & Coleman, R. W. L. (2015). Empowering immigrant youth in Chicago: utilizing CBPR to document the impact of a youth health service corps program. *Family & community health*, 38(1), 12-21.

**Sacks, T.** (2013). "Race and Gender Concordance: Strategy to Reduce Health Disparities or Red Herring? Evidence from a Qualitative Study." *Race and Social Problems*. 5:88-99

Gehlert, S., Sohmer, D., **Sacks, T.**, Mininger, C., McClintock, M., & Olopade, O. (2008). Targeting health disparities: A model linking upstream determinants to downstream interventions. *Health Affairs*, 27(2), 339-349.

Furumoto-Dawson, A., Gehlert, S., Sohmer, D., Olopade, O., & **Sacks, T.** (2007). Early-life conditions and mechanisms of population health vulnerabilities. *Health Affairs*, 26(5), 1238-1248.

## INVITED CONTRIBUTIONS

**Sacks, T.** (2017). "Death by a Thousand Budget Cuts: The Need for a New Fight for Poor People's Rights. "Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Justice, and World Order. (Reprinted in California News: NASW-California Features: <http://naswcanews.org/death-by-a-thousand-budget-cuts-the-need-for-a-new-fight-for-poor-peoples-rights/>).

## BOOK CHAPTERS

Campos-Castillo, Celeste, Benjamin W. Woodson, Elizabeth Theiss-Morse, **Tina Sacks**, Michelle Fleig-Palmer and Monica E. Peek (2015). "Examining the Relationship between Interpersonal and Institutional Trust in the Political and Health Care Contexts." in *Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Trust: Towards Theoretical and Methodological Integration*, edited by E. Shockley, T. M. S. Neal, L. M. PytlikZillig and B. H. Bornstein. New York: Springer.

## PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

**Sacks, T.K.** (2016, May). "*The Descendants: Tuskegee Then and Now*. Presentation delivered at the International Congress on Qualitative Inquiry, Urbana-Champaign, IL.

Blakey, J., **Sacks, T.K.**, Darrow, J., Roth, B., and Gunn, A. (2016, January). *Recruiting and Engaging Hard to Reach Populations in Qualitative Social Work Research: Challenges and Creative Approaches*. Presentation delivered at the Society for Social Work Research Conference, Washington, DC.

**Sacks, T.** (2015, October). "*Tuskegee Then and Now: An Exploration of Historic Trauma in the Life of a Direct Descendant*." Presentation delivered at the American Public Health Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

Ferrera, M. and **Sacks, T.** (2015, October). "*Chicago Area Youth Health Service Corps: Preliminary Findings and Lessons Learned from Using a CBPR Approach*." Presentation accepted at the American Public Health Association Conference, Chicago, IL.

**Sacks, T.** (2015, January). "*Use of the Vignette Technique in a Qualitative Study of Health Disparities*." Presentation delivered at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

- Das, A., Jones, A., Hoffman, C., **Sacks, T.**, Staller, K., Padgett, D., Gilgun, J. (2015, January). "*Beyond Description: A Workshop on Moving from Description to Analysis in Qualitative Social Work Research.*" Panel discussion held at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Sacks, T.** (2014, January). "*Sanguinity and the Black Body: African American Women, Hysterectomy and Reproductive Freedom.*" Presentation delivered at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX.
- Sacks, T.** (2013, March). "*Ain't I a Woman: Black Middle Class Women Discuss Race and Gender Preference in Healthcare.*" Presentation delivered at the University of Illinois at Chicago Engendering Society Conference, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** (2013, January). "*Ain't I a Woman: Black Middle Class Women Discuss Race and Gender Preference in Healthcare.*" Presentation delivered at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- Sacks, T.** (2012, October). "*Demonstrate You Are Also a Person": Healthcare Disparities Among Black Middle Class Women.*" Presentation delivered at the American Public Health Association Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Sacks, T.** (2012, January). *Mobilizing Class Resources and Presenting the Self: A Qualitative Study of Healthcare Disparities Among Black Middle Class Women.* Presentation delivered at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.
- Sacks, T.** (2011, October). *The Black Women's Health Care Project: Health and Resilience Among the Black Middle Class.* Presentation delivered at the American Public Health Association Conference, Washington, DC.
- Sacks, T.** (2010, October). *Understanding Health Care Disparities: Using Qualitative Data to Explore Perspectives of Middle Class African American Women.* Presentation delivered at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Meeting, Portland, OR.
- Mininger, C. & **Sacks, T.** (2008, January). *Measuring the Built Environment in Breast Cancer Research.* Paper presentation at the annual conference of the Society for Social Work Research, Washington, DC.
- Sacks, T.** & Brazelton, J. (2005, December). *Loneliness: A Risk Factor for Breast Cancer Among African-American Women.* Paper presentation at the American Public Health Association Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- Sacks, T.** (2017, February). "The Descendants: Contemporary Implications of the Tuskegee Syphilis Study." University of California, Berkeley School of Public Health Joint Medical Program. Berkeley, CA.
- Sacks, T.** and Ortiz, C.J. (2017, January). "*Violence, Racism, and Urban America: Movies and Panel Discussion.*" Invited Panelist: Illuminating (In)justice Series. Chicago Center for Youth Violence Prevention and UChicago Urban at the University of Chicago. Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** (2016, November). "*Toward and Ethical Research Practice: Tuskegee Descendants Tell Their Stories.*" Invited Speaker: Qualitative Methods Seminar. University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.
- Sacks, T.** (2016, April). "*Holding the Space: Reflections on Qualitative Methods in Social Work Research.*" Invited Speaker: Clark Institute Luncheon: Department of African American Studies, University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.
- Sacks, T.** (2015, November). "*Tuskegee Then and Now: An Exploration of Historic Trauma in the Life of a Direct Descendant.*" Invited Speaker: Institute for the Study of Social Issues/Center for Research on Social Change, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA.

- Sacks, T.** (2015, October). *“Armed with Information: Black Women Navigate the Healthcare Encounter.”* Invited Speaker: Washington University Provost’s Serenade Speaker Series. George Warren Brown School of Social Work, St. Louis, MO.
- Sacks, T.** (2014, October). *Negotiating the Health Care Encounter: Race, Class and Gender in the Age of the Affordable Care Act.* University of California-Berkeley Alumni Weekend Speaker’s Series (invited), Berkeley, CA.
- Sacks, T.** (2012, December). *“Demonstrate You Are Also a Person”: Healthcare Disparities Among Black Middle Class Women.* Presentation delivered at Rush Medical Center University Preventive Medicine Grand Rounds, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** (2012, June). *Black, Female, and Middle-Class: A Healthcare Negotiation.* Presentation delivered at the Institute for Healthcare Studies, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** (2009, January). *Understanding Health Care Disparities: Perspectives of Middle class African Americans.* Presentation to the Health Economics Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** (2008, May). *Middle-class African-Americans: Persistent Health Challenges.* Presentation to the Health Economics Workshop, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** Curry, A., Bird, Jason, Darrow, J. (October, 2008). *Exploring Opportunities and Challenges for Teaching Assistants.* The University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration, Teaching Workshop, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** Mininger, C. & Gehlert, S. (2007, April). *Social Isolation, the Built Environment, and Breast Cancer.* Proseminar Series at the Institute for Mind and Body, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Gehlert, S. & **Sacks, T.** (2006, November). *Felt Loneliness and Breast Cancer Outcomes.* Proseminar Series at the Institute for Mind and Body, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL.
- Sacks, T.** & Mininger C. (2006, November). *Trans-disciplinary Research: Breast Cancer and the Social Environment.* External Advisory Committee-National Institutes of Health (NCI and NIEHS), Chicago, IL.

## POSTERS

- Sacks, T.** (2017, January). *“Preparado En Casa: Food Preparation, Migration, and Labor Among Indigenous Women in the US and Mexico.”* Poster accepted at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Ferrera, M., & **Sacks, T.** (2015, January). *“Empowering Immigrant Youth in Chicago.”* Poster delivered at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Sacks, T.** (2010, Nov). *Understanding Health Care Disparities: The Differential Experiences of Black Middle Class Women.* Poster delivered at the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO.
- Sacks, T.** (2010, June). *Using Qualitative Methods to Understand the Differential Health Care Experiences of Black Middle Class Women.* Poster delivered at the Annual Conference of NRSA/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Boston, MA.
- Sacks, T.** (2009, June). *Understanding Health Care Disparities: Perspectives of Black Middle Class Women.* Poster delivered at the Annual Conference of NRSA/Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Chicago, IL.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2013-2014 Senior Associate, Grants and Planning-Jewish Child and Family Services, Chicago, IL

- 2013 Executive Director-Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Clinics, Chicago, IL
- 2010-2013 Freelance Technical and Grant Writer (non-profits/healthcare organizations), Chicago, IL
- 2010-2011 Project Director Children's Mental Health Initiative-Pillars Community Services, Berwyn, IL
- 2008-2010 Grant Writer-Corazon Community Services, Cicero, IL
- 2007-2008 Program Analyst-Federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Inspector General, Chicago, IL
- 2003-2004 Special Assistant to the Director of the Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, GA
- 2001-2003 Program Analyst-CDC's National Center for Environmental Health, Atlanta, GA
- 1999-2001 Director of Legislative Affairs-Baltimore City Health Department, Baltimore, MD
- 1998-1999 Public Health Prevention Service Fellow-CDC's National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, Atlanta, GA
- 1997-1998 Associate-Loevy Consulting, Chicago, IL
- 1997 Edith and Henry Abbott Intern-Food Research and Action Center, Washington, DC
- 1995-1997 Prevention Specialist-Alternatives, Inc., Chicago, IL
- 1994-1995 Social Worker, Catholic Charities of America/Madonna St. Joseph Center, Chicago, IL

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

Sacks, T. (2008-2012). LIFT Chicago (anti-poverty voluntary organization). Provided orientation and training regarding to poverty and social policy in the US to incoming cohorts of volunteers.

## **MEDIA AND CREATIVE PROJECTS**

AFI (American Film Institute) Festival (November, 2016). *A Thousand Midnights* (experimental short documentary about the Great Migration). Executive Producer.

New Orleans International Film Festival (October, 2016). *A Thousand Midnights* (experimental short documentary about the Great Migration). Executive Producer.

Tribeca International Film Festival (April, 2016). *We All We Got* (experimental short film about violence in American cities). Executive Producer.

The New Yorker (January, 2016). *A Thousand Midnights: Chicago and the Legacy of the Great Migration* (wrote article to accompany documentary about the Great Migration). Executive Producer.

St. Louis International Film Festival (November, 2015). *We All We Got* (experimental short film about violence in American cities). Executive Producer.

Los Angeles Film Festival (June, 2015). *We All We Got* (experimental short film about violence in American cities). Executive Producer.

MSNBC (May, 2015). *How big data failed Baltimore*. Wrote feature story on connections between public health and social problems in the context of the Black Lives Matter social movement.

Oakland North Newspaper (October, 2014). Pop-up Café Uses Food to Change Lives. Interviewed regarding systemic discrimination and poverty.

Swiss National Public Radio (November, 2008). Obama's Chicago. Interviewed regarding public policies to address living conditions on Chicago's South Side.

Washington Post (October, 2008). South Side Story. Interviewed regarding food deserts on Chicago's South Side.

**SPECIAL SKILLS**

Proficient in written and spoken Spanish