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## EMPLOYMENT

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2016-present                      Visiting Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Chicago

## POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

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2016-present                      Postdoctoral Fellow  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

2014-2016                         Frank H. T. Rhodes Postdoctoral Fellow  
Cornell Population Center, Cornell University  
*Advisor:* Christopher Wildeman

## EDUCATION

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2014              Ph.D.                      Sociology, Northwestern University  
*Dissertation:* The Social Relevance of Visible Physical Characteristics  
for Educational Outcomes  
*Committee:* Jeremy Freese (chair), Lincoln Quillian,  
Quincy Thomas Stewart, Dalton Conley

2009              M.A.                      Sociology, Northwestern University

2004              B.A.                      History and Journalism, New York University, *magna cum laude*

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Social Inequality; Health and Illness; Crime and Deviance; Education; Race and Ethnicity

## PUBLICATIONS

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**Branigan, Amelia R.**, Christopher Wildeman, Jeremy Freese, and Catarina I. Kiefe. 2017. "Complicating Colorism: Race, Skin Color, and the Likelihood of Arrest." *Socius* 3. doi:10.1177/2378023117725611. ([link](#))

**Branigan, Amelia R.**, and Jonas Helgertz. 2017. "Resolved Parental Infertility and Children's Educational Achievement." *Demography*. 54 (3): 911–31. doi:10.1007/s13524-017-0573-3. ([link](#))

**Branigan, Amelia R.** 2016. "(How) Does Obesity Harm Academic Performance? Stratification at the Intersection of Race, Sex, and Body Size in Elementary and High School." *Sociology of Education* 90 (1): 25–46. doi:10.1177/0038040716680271. ([link](#))

**Branigan, Amelia R.**, Kenneth J. McCallum, and Jeremy Freese. 2013. "Variation in the Heritability of Educational Attainment: An International Meta-Analysis." *Social Forces* 92 (1): 109–40. ([link](#))

**Branigan, Amelia R.**, Jeremy Freese, Assaf Patir, Thomas W. McDade, Kiang Liu, and Catarina I. Kiefe. 2013. "Skin Color, Sex, and Educational Attainment in the Post-Civil Rights Era." *Social Science Research* 42 (6): 1659–74. ([link](#))

Freese, Jeremy and **Amelia R. Branigan**. 2012. "Cognitive Skills and Survey Nonresponse: Evidence from Two Longitudinal Studies in the United States." *Eur.America*. 42(2): 221-247.

## UNDER REVIEW

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**Branigan, Amelia R.** and Christopher Wildeman. "Parental Incarceration and Child Overweight."

**Branigan, Amelia R.**, Jeremy Freese, Steven Sidney, and Catarina Kiefe. "The Shifting Salience of Skin Color for Educational Attainment."

**Branigan, Amelia R.** "Ideal Body Weight and Weight Misreporting Among Adult Americans, 2007-2012."

## SELECT PRESENTATIONS

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| 2017 | "Parental Incarceration and Childhood Overweight." Presentation, Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 15  |
| 2017 | "Race, Skin Color, and Interactions with the Criminal Justice System." Presentation, Meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association, New York City, NY, August 10 |
| 2017 | "Parental Incarceration and Childhood Obesity." Poster Presentation, Meeting of the Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, April 28.   |
| 2016 | "Complicating Colorism: Race, Skin Color, and the Likelihood of Arrest." Invited talk, Rockwool Foundation, Copenhagen, Denmark, June 3.  |
| 2016 | "A Revision of Colorism: Race, Skin Color, and Interactions with the Criminal Justice System." Presentation, Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, April 1.   |
| 2016 | "Parental Infertility and Children's Educational Achievement." Poster, Meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, April 1.   |
| 2016 | "Parental Infertility and Children's Educational Achievement in the SIP-ENTRY." Invited talk, Centre for Economic Demography, Lund University. Lund, Sweden, January 20.  |
| 2015 | "(How) Does Obesity Harm GPA? Stratification at the Intersection of Race, Gender, and Body Size." Presentation, Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 23   |
| 2015 | "Parental Infertility and Children's Educational Achievement." Presentation, Meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 18          |
| 2015 | "Time Trends by Sex in the Misreporting of Body Weight." Poster, Meeting of the Population Association of America, San Diego, CA, May 1   |
| 2014 | "The Penalty of Obesity on GPA." Round Table Presentation, Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 17   |
| 2013 | "Obesity and Grade Point Average: Variation by Course Subject" Round Table Presentation, Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10  |
| 2013 | "Obesity and Grade Point Average: Variation by Course Subject, Sex, and Race" Poster, Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA, April 11   |
| 2012 | "Skin Color, Educational Attainment and Occupational Prestige in the Post-Civil-Rights Era" Presentation, Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 19   |
| 2012 | "Variation by Nation in the Heritability of Educational Attainment: An International Meta-analysis" Presentation, Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 19   |

- 2012 “Social Mobility and the Heritability of Educational Attainment: An International Meta-Analysis”  
Presentation, Meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association, Hong Kong SAR, China, May 11
- 2011 “Skin Color, Sex, and Educational Attainment in the Post-Civil-Rights Era”  
Presentation, Meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association, Colchester, UK, April 15
- 2010 “Gene-environment Interaction and the Heritability of Educational Attainment”  
Poster, Institute of Education Sciences Annual Conference, Washington DC, June 29
- 2009 “Assessing Belief Structures in Educational Research: A Web-Based Factorial Survey Approach”  
Poster, Institute of Education Sciences Annual Conference, Washington DC, June 7

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *University of Illinois at Chicago*

- 2017 Introduction to Sociological Statistics (Sociology 201, undergraduate level)  
Intermediate Sociological Statistics (Sociology 402, graduate level)  
Introduction to Sociological Statistics (Sociology 401, graduate level)
- 2016 Introduction to Sociological Statistics (Sociology 201, undergraduate level)  
Seminar in Advanced Methods: Methods for Causal Inference (Sociology 509, graduate level)

### *Northwestern University*

- 2012-2014 Stata Support Specialist, Kellogg School of Management  
- *Instructed seminars on Stata statistical software; worked one-on-one with MBA students learning Stata*
- 2012 Teaching Assistant, *Social Problems: Norms and Deviance*
- 2008 Teaching Assistant, *Introduction to Sociology*

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2009-2011 Research Assistant to Jeremy Freese, Northwestern University
- 2008-2009 Research Assistant to Lincoln Quillian, Northwestern University
- 2007 Research and Editing Assistant to Dalton Conley, New York University  
Project: *You May Ask Yourself: An Introduction to Thinking Like a Sociologist*

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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- 2014-2016 Frank H. T. Rhodes Postdoctoral Fellowship, Cornell Population Center, Cornell University
- 2012 Student Travel Grant, Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association
- 2011 & 2012 Conference Travel Grant, Northwestern University Graduate School  
*Meeting of the Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association*
- 2008-2011 Institute of Education Sciences' Multidisciplinary Program in Education Sciences Fellowship
- 2007-2012 Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2013 Robert Winch Award for Best Graduate Student Presented Paper: *"The Penalty of Obesity on Grade Point Average: Evaluating Mechanisms through Variation by Gender, Race, and School Subject."*  
Northwestern University Department of Sociology
- 2008 & 2009 Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2004 -Kappa Tau Alpha Valedictory Award, NYU Department of Journalism  
-Award for Excellence in American History, NYU Department of History  
-Phi Beta Kappa; Kappa Tau Alpha (Journalism); Phi Alpha Theta (History), NYU

## ADDITIONAL TRAINING

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- 2008-2011 Institute of Education Sciences' Multidisciplinary Program in Education Sciences Fellow  
Certificate in Education Sciences, June 2011
- 2009-2014 Cells To Society: The Center on Social Disparities and Health, Graduate Student Affiliate  
Completed *Society, Biology and Health* Certificate Program, June 2010
- 2010 Summer Biomarker Workshop, Northwestern University, June 9-11

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE / AFFILIATIONS

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- 2009-2012 Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, Northwestern University Department of Sociology  
Student Organizer
- 2007-2009 Social Inequality Workshop, Northwestern University Department of Sociology  
Participant, 2007-2008; Student Organizer, 2008-2009
- 2007-2013 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Northwestern University Department of Sociology  
Graduate Student Representative
- 2011-present Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International  
Sociological Association, Member
- 2009-present Population Association of America, Member
- 2007-present American Sociological Association, Member
- 2013-present Occasional reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Science and Medicine*, and  
*Social Science Research*

## REFERENCES

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