

# Dr. Jacob H. Becker

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

- 2014 Ph.D., Pennsylvania State University – Sociology; with Quantitative Methods certificate  
Dissertation: *Neighborhood Crime and Histories of Disadvantage: Structural Effects Over Time and Space*
- 2010 M.A., Pennsylvania State University – Crime, Law, and Justice  
Thesis: *Absolute Deprivation, Relative Deprivation, and Crime: A Change-Score Analysis of Structural Covariates of Crime*
- 2007 M.A., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA – Social and Public Policy  
Thesis: *Structural Indicators of Index Crime Rates in Metropolitan Counties for 1990 and 2000*
- 2003 B.A., Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA – Sociology

### ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

- 2014-present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice;  
Oakland University (Rochester, MI)
- 2007-2008 Instructor, Department of Sociology; Duquesne University (Pittsburgh, PA)

### SELECTED PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming Becker, Jacob H. "Within-Neighborhood Dynamics: Disadvantage, Collective Efficacy, and Homicide Rates in Chicago." *Social Problems*.
- 2018 Condron, Dennis J., **Jacob H. Becker**, and Linda Bzhetaj. "Sources of Students' Anxiety in a Multidisciplinary Social Statistics Course." *Teaching Sociology* 46(4):346-355.
- 2017 Paino, Maria, Matthew May, Lori A. Burrington, and **Jacob H. Becker**. "Intersectionopoly: A Simulation of the Wage Gap." *Teaching Sociology* 45(2):177-186.
- 2016 Becker, Jacob H. "The Dynamics of Neighborhood Structural Conditions: The Effects of Concentrated Disadvantage on Homicide over Time and Space." *City & Community* 15(1):64-82.

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- Becker, Jacob H. "Negotiated Coexistence and Homicide Rates in Chicago Neighborhoods: The Role of Structural Continuity and Change." Under review.
- Becker, Jacob H and Lori A. Burrington. "Neighborhood Population Change: The Importance of Neighborhood Histories for Detroit Metro Crime Rates." Research in progress.
- Cundiff, Patrick R., Jacob H. Becker, and Kelsey Cundiff. "Mapping and Explaining Spatial Patterns of Homicides in San Francisco, 1970-2003." Research in progress.
- Becker, Jacob H. "Electronic Badges and Student Motivation." Research in progress.

### SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 Patrick R. Cundiff, Jacob H. Becker, and Kelsey Cundiff. "Mapping and Explaining Spatial Patterns of Homicides in San Francisco, 1970-2003." Paper presented at the 2018 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.

- 2017 Jacob H. Becker and Lori A. Burrington. "Neighborhood Immigrant Concentrations: The Importance of Historical Change for Detroit Metro Crime Rates." Paper presented at the 2017 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2014 Jacob H. Becker. "Negotiated Coexistence in the Neighborhood: The Role of Structural Continuity and Change." Paper presented at the 2014 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 Jacob H. Becker. "Concentrated Disadvantage, Collective Efficacy, and Homicide over the Neighborhood Life Course." Paper presented at the 2013 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
- 2012 Jacob H. Becker. "The Importance of Time: Communities, Exposure to Poverty, and Crime." Paper presented at the 2012 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2011 Jacob H. Becker. "Disadvantage Across Crime and Space: An Exploratory Application of ESDA and GWR." Paper presented at the 2011 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.
- 2010 Jacob H. Becker. "Poverty, Inequality, and Crime Rates: A Change-Score Analysis of Metropolitan Counties, 1990-2000." Paper presented at the 2010 American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- 2007 James Nolan, Norman Conti, and Jacob H. Becker. "Victimization and Public Policy." Conference on 'Social Policy, Social Ideology, and Social Change' sponsored by the Midwest Sociological Society and the North Central Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- Michael Irwin and Jacob H. Becker. "Interactive Planning Tool for Sustainable Urban Planning in a Built, Urban Community." Conference on 'P3: People, Prosperity, and the Planet Student Design Competition for Sustainability' sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.

#### **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

- 2019 University Research Committee Faculty Research Fellowship, Oakland University. \$10,000 (funded)
- 2017 College of Arts & Sciences Community Engagement Funding Program, Oakland University. \$656 (funded)
- 2017 University Research Committee Faculty Research Fellowship, Oakland University. \$10,000 (funded)
- 2016 Department Research Award, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice, Oakland University. \$5,000 (funded)
- 2016 University Research Committee Faculty Research Fellowship, Oakland University. \$10,000 (unfunded)
- 2008 University Graduate Fellowship, Pennsylvania State University. \$20,000 (funded)

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE (OAKLAND UNIVERSITY)**

Introduction to Criminal Justice  
 Criminological Theory  
 Social Statistics with Computer Applications  
 Geography of Crime  
 Criminology & Public Policy

#### **SERVICE**

Reviewer *Crime Mapping: A Journal of Research and Practice*  
*Homicide Studies*  
*City & Community*  
*Sociological Perspectives*

Chair Criminal Justice Program Assessment, Oakland University (2015-present)

Member ASC Division of Communities and Place Nominations Committee (2017-present)  
 Plagiarism Detection Committee, Oakland University (2014-2015)  
 AAUP Advisory Committee, Oakland University (2015-present)

AAUP Speakers Committee, Oakland University (2019-present)  
Student Awards Committee, SASWCJ Dept., Oakland University (2015-2018)  
Social Work Hiring Committee, SASWCJ Dept., Oakland University (2015-2016; 2016-2017)  
Presenter Go for the Gold, CAS (CRJ Program), Oakland University (2014-present)  
Discussant ASC Annual Meeting Panel (2015, 2016, 2017)  
Inv. Speaker University Assessment Committee "Notes from the Field" Workshop, Oakland University (2017)

### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Society of Criminology

- Division of Communities and Place

American Sociological Association

- Section on Community and Urban Sociology
- Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance
- Section on Teaching and Learning

Society for the Study of Social Problems

- Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division

### **SELECTED HONORS AND AWARDS**

Teaching Excellence Award (nominated), Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, Oakland University (2019)

Teaching Excellence Award (nominated), Senate Teaching and Learning Committee, Oakland University (2018)

Order of the Plume, College of Arts & Sciences, Oakland University (2018)

Assessment Excellence Award (nominated), University Assessment Committee, Oakland University (2018)

Teaching Award (nominated), SASWCJ Dept., Oakland University (2018)

Order of the Plume, College of Arts & Sciences, Oakland University (2017)

Order of the Plume, College of Arts & Sciences, Oakland University (2016)

Assessment Excellence Award (nominated), University Assessment Committee, Oakland University (2016)

Service Award, SASWCJ Dept., Oakland University (2015)