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APPOINTMENTS:

- 2017- RICE UNIVERSITY
- Assistant Professor of Sociology
 - Faculty Fellow, Kinder Institute for Urban Research

EDUCATION:

- 2017 PhD, Sociology, New York University
- 2012 MA, Sociology, New York University
- 2008 BA, Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- Sociology Departmental Citation
 - Highest Honors
 - Phi Beta Kappa
- BA, Linguistics, University of California, Berkeley

BOOKS:

Besbris, Max. *Market Makers: How Real Estate Agents Shape Housing Prices, Neighborhoods, and Inequality.* Chicago: University of Chicago Press (Under contract)

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Besbris, Max and Jacob William Faber. 2017. "Investigating the Relationship Between Real Estate Agents, Segregation, and House Prices: Steering and Upselling in New York State." *Sociological Forum* 32: 850-73.

- Featured in *Brick Underground*, "NY Brokers are Ultra Concentrated in White and Asian Neighborhoods, Furthering Segregation." October, 2017.
- Featured in SDPB Radio's, "What do Real Estate Agents Have to do with Segregation?" November, 2017.

Schachter, Ariela and **Max Besbris**. 2017. "Immigration and Neighborhood Change: Methodological Possibilities for Future Research." *City & Community* 16: 244-51.

Besbris, Max and Shamus Khan. 2017. "Less Theory. More Description." *Sociological Theory* 35: 147-53.

Besbris, Max. 2016. "Romancing the Home: Emotions and the Interactional Creation of Demand in the Housing Market." *Socio-Economic Review* 14: 461-82.

- Best Student Paper Award, Consumers & Consumption Section of ASA, Honorable Mention

Besbris, Max. 2016. "Revanchist Masculinity: Gender Attitudes in Sex Work Management." *The Sociological Quarterly* 57: 711-32.

- Sally Hacker Award, Sex and Gender Section of ASA, Honorable Mention
- Candace Rogers Award, ESS
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of SSSP

Besbris, Max, Jacob William Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey. 2015. "Effect of Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 112: 4994-8.

- Featured in *The Washington Post*, "What Happened When Researchers Posted Fake iPhone Ads Online from People in Poor Neighborhoods?" April, 2015.
- Featured in *Next City*, "Where You Live Could Affect How Easy It Is to Sell Your iPhone on Craigslist." April, 2015.

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS:

Besbris, Max, Jacob William Faber, and Patrick Sharkey. "Disentangling the Effects of Race and Neighborhood Stigma in Economic Transactions: Lessons from an Online Field Experiment." (Revised and resubmitted, *City & Community*)

Besbris, Max. "An Interactional Approach to Economic Action: The Importance of Dramaturgy, Culture, and Coordination." (Revise and resubmit, *Sociological Theory*)

Besbris, Max and Caitlin Petre. "Conflicting Audience Demands and Tenuous Legitimacy: The Problem of Journalism Higher Education." (under review)

Besbris, Max and Shamus Khan. "The Self as a Relational Project: Implications for Theory and Method."

Besbris, Max. "Stabilizing a Brokerage Identity: Using Negative Occupational Stereotypes to Bolster Individual Reputations."

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Besbris, Max, Jacob William Faber, Peter Rich, and Patrick Sharkey. 2018. "The Geography of Stigma: Experimental Methods to Identify the Penalty of Place" in *Audit Studies: Behind the Scenes with Theory, Method and Nuance*. ed. S. Michael Gaddis. New York: Springer.

Sharkey, Patrick, **Max Besbris**, and Michael Friedson. 2016. "Poverty and Crime" pp. 623-36 in *The Oxford Handbook of the Social Science of Poverty*. eds. David Brady and Linda M. Burton. New York: Oxford University Press.

Sharkey, Patrick and **Max Besbris**. 2012. "Cities and Communities" in *The Sociology Project: Introducing the Sociological Imagination*. eds. Jeff Manza, Lynne Haney, and Richard Arum. New York: Pearson.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT:

Besbris, Max. Feb, 2017. "How real estate agents manage homebuyer's emotions and reshape preferences." *Work in Progress Blog*. American Sociological Association.

Besbris, Max. 2015. "Stigma" pp. 1532-4 in *The Sage Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*. ed. Frederick F. Wherry and Juliet Schor. Thousand Oaks: Sage.

Petre, Caitlin and **Max Besbris**. 2013. *Hitting a Moving Target: How Journalism Schools are Adapting to an Unstable Media Job Market*. Commissioned by the Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism, CUNY.

DeLeon, Jessica, Benno Gesierich, **Max Besbris**, Jennifer Ogar, Maya L. Henry, Bruce L. Miller, Maria Louisa Gorno-Tempini, and Stephen M. Wilson. 2012. "Elicitation of specific syntactic structures in primary progressive aphasia." *Brain and Language* 123: 183-90.

Wilson, Stephen M., Maya Henry, **Max Besbris**, Jennifer M. Ogar, Nina F. Dronkers, William Jerrold, Bruce L. Miller, and Maria Louisa Gorno-Tempini. 2010. "Connected speech production in three variants of primary progressive aphasia: linguistic features and neuroanatomical correlates." *Brain: A Journal of Neurology* 133: 2069-88.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS:

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| 2017-2018 | Seed Grant, Social Science Research Institute, Rice University. "Post-Disaster Residential Instability among Middle-Class Households" — \$10,000 (Co-PI Anna Rhodes) |
| 2016-2017 | Dean's Dissertation Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts of Sciences, New York University—\$26,200 |
| 2015 | Student Grant Award, Center for Social and Political Behavior, New York University—\$1000 |
| 2014 | Student Grant Award, Center for Social and Political Behavior, New York University—\$1000 |
| 2013 | Research Fellowship, Tow-Knight Center for Entrepreneurial Journalism, CUNY. "How Journalism Schools are Adapting to an Unstable Media Job Market" —\$5,400 (Co-PI Caitlin Petre) |

- 2012 Research Development Grant, Institute for Public Knowledge—\$2,084 (Co-PI Caitlin Petre)
- 2012 Predoctoral Summer Fellowship, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University—\$3,000
- 2012 Fellow, Berlin Summer School in Social Science
- 2012 Dean’s Student Travel Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, New York University
- 2011-2014 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation—\$138,000
- 2011 Graduate Student Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, New York University—\$3,000
- 2010-2015 Henry MacCracken Fellowship for Graduate Study, New York University

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2017 Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award, Sex and Gender Section of the American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention
- 2016 Best Student Paper Award, Consumers & Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention
- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University (Dept. nominee for NYU-wide teaching prize)
- 2015 Student Stipend Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2014 Student Stipend Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2013 Outstanding Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University
- 2012 Candace Rogers Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University
- 2011 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- 2017 "Disentangling the Effects of Race and Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions." Economic Sociology and Inequality, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, QC.
- 2016 "Romancing the Home." Consumers and Consumption, ASA, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 "Romancing the Home." Annual Meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley, CA.
- 2015 "The Stigma of Place: Choosing a Socially Relevant Definition of Neighborhood in an Experimental Audit Study." Special Session on Audits and Field Experiments, ASA, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "Price and Preference." Luxury, Class, and Consumption, ASA, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 "The Organizational Double Bind: How Professional Schools Respond to Prolonged Uncertainty." SASE, London, UK.
- 2015 "Price and Preference: Interaction and Upselling in the Housing Market." SASE, London, UK.
- 2014 "Real Estate Prices: A Missing Piece of the Puzzle." SCORE International Conference on Organizing Markets, Stockholm School of Economics.
- 2014 "Real Estate Agents and Housing Price Inflation." Housing and Housing Policy, ASA, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 "Real Estate Agents and Housing Price Inflation." SASE, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "Interactional Economics." Yale Center for Cultural Sociology Anniversary Conference, New Haven, CT.
- 2013 "Training for Uncertain Futures." Journalistic Norms and Practices, ASA, New York, NY.
- 2013 "Interactional Economics." SASE, Milan, Italy.
- 2013 "Agents of Reproduction: How Realtors Shape the Housing Market by Selling Identities." Urban Affairs Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2012 "Revanchist Masculinity and the Framing of Identity." Competing Rights: The New Politics of Gendered and Sexual Intimacy, ASA, Denver, CO.

- 2012 “Applying Revanchist Masculinity: The Case of the Pimp.” Studying Men. Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2011 “Revanchist Masculinity: How Pimps View Women, Domination, and Themselves.” Masculinities and Crime, The American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2011 “Revanchist Masculinity.” Broadening Conceptions of Gender, Annual Ethnography Conference, Stony Brook University, NY.

TEACHING:

RICE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Courses Taught:

Classical Theory

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Courses Taught:

Urban Sociology

SERVICE:

Editorial Board, *Social Forces*, 2018-

Member, Shils-Coleman Student Prize Committee, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association, 2017-2018

Council Member, Consumers and Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, 2016-2017

Reviewer for the Following Journals: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Gender & Society*; *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*; *Public Culture*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social Forces*; *Socio-Economic Review*; *Sociological Theory*; *The Sociological Quarterly*; *Work and Occupations*