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EMPLOYMENT:

- 2020- Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Faculty Affiliate, Center for Demography and Ecology
 - Faculty Affiliate, Center for Financial Security
- 2017-2020 Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rice University

EXTERNAL AFFILIATIONS:

- 2020-2021 Visiting Scholar, Russell Sage Foundation
 2017- Fellow, Institute for Public Knowledge

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. 2020. *Upsold: Real Estate Agents, Prices, and Neighborhood Inequality*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Related media coverage in *Bloomberg*, *Crain's New York Business*, *Jacobin*

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

- Besbris, Max, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. *forthcoming*. "The Unequal Availability of Rental Housing Information Across Neighborhoods." *Demography*
- Rhodes, Anna and Max Besbris. *forthcoming*. "Best Laid Plans: How the Middle-Class Make Residential Decisions Post-Disaster." *Social Problems*
- Related media coverage in *New York Times*, *Front Burner*
- Kuk, John, Ariela Schachter, Jacob William Faber, and Max Besbris. *forthcoming*. "The COVID-19 Pandemic and the Rental Market: Evidence from Craigslist." *American Behavioral Scientist*

Boeing, Geoff, Max Besbris, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. 2020. "Housing Search in the Age of Big Data: Smarter Cities or Same Old Blind Spots?" *Housing Policy Debate* doi: 10.1080/10511482.2019.1684336

Besbris, Max and Caitlin Petre. 2020. "Professionalizing Contingency: How Journalism Schools Adapt to Deprofessionalization." *Social Forces* 98: 1524-47.

- Related media coverage in *Houston Public Media, Study Hall*

Besbris, Max, Jacob William Faber, and Patrick Sharkey. 2019. "Disentangling the Effects of Race and Place in Economic Transactions: Findings from an Online Field Experiment." *City & Community* 18: 529-55.

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

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.

- Student Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- Related media coverage in *Newsday, SDP Radio, Brick Underground*

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

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

- Student Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- Best Student Paper Award, Consumers & Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, 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 the American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention
- Candace Rogers Award, Eastern Sociological Society
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

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.

- Related media coverage in *Washington Post, U.S. New and World Report, Wonkblog, CityLab, Next City*

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS:

Besbris, Max and Hannah Wohl, "Relational Brokerage: Interaction and Valuation in Two Markets" (Under review)

Rhodes, Anna and Max Besbris. "A Rapidly Changing Ecology of Aid: Help-Seeking and Stigma in the Aftermath of Disaster." (Under review)

Boeing, Geoff, Max Besbris, David Wachsmuth, and Jake Wegmann. "Rental Housing Technology Platforms and the Rise of Urban Big Data Oligopolies." (Under review)

Besbris, Max and Elizabeth Korver-Glenn. "Value Fluidity and Value Anchoring: Race, Market Intermediaries, and Valuation Processes in Two Housing Markets."

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" pp. 159-177 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 NEUROLOGY RESEARCH:

Besbris, Max and Jacob W. Faber. 2020. "Furthering Fair Housing in the Residential Real Estate Industry." *Race & Poverty* 29: 7-8.

Besbris, Max and Caitlin Petre. Dec, 2019. "Professionalizing contingency." *Work in Progress Blog*. American Sociological Association.

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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| 2020-2022 | National Science Foundation SES Grant 1947591/1947598/2041304. "Collaborative Research: Testing the Effects of Unequal Information in the Rental Housing Market"—\$378,793 (PI Max Besbris, co-PI Ariela Schachter) |
| 2019-2020 | Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant #1808-07960. "The Consequences of Ecological Disaster on Social Mobility and Economic Security"—\$34,971 (PI Anna Rhodes, co-PI Max Besbris) |
| 2017-2018 | Seed Grant, Social Science Research Institute, Rice University. "Post-Disaster Residential Instability among Middle-Class Households"—\$10,000 (PI Anna Rhodes, co-PI Max Besbris) |
| 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 (with Caitlin Petre) |
| 2012 | Research Development Grant, Institute for Public Knowledge—\$2,084 (with Caitlin Petre) |
| 2012 | Predocotrual 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
- 2015 Student Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2014 Student Paper Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2013 Outstanding Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University (Dept. nominee for NYU-wide teaching prize)
- 2012 Candace Rogers Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, Eastern Sociological Society
- 2012 Outstanding Graduate Student Teacher, Department of Sociology, New York University (Dept. nominee for NYU-wide teaching prize)
- 2011 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems

INVITED PRESENTATIONS:

"Upsold"

- Furman Center, New York University, October 2020
- Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, April 2020
- Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University, March 2020
- Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, March 2020
- Department of Sociology, Cornell University, November 2019

"The Effect of Homicide on Local Rent"

- Sociology of Housing Conference, Georgetown University, October 2019
- Furman Center, New York University, June 2019
- Department of Sociology, The Pennsylvania State University, May 2019

"The Importance of Housing Market Intermediaries"

- Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard Kennedy School, March 2019

“Malleable Prices: Interaction and Income Segregation in the Housing Market”

- Department of Sociology, Tulane University, September 2018
- Population Research Center, University of Texas, Austin, January 2018
- Department of Sociology, University of Pennsylvania, November 2017
- Department of Sociology, UCLA, December 2016
- Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College, October 2016
- Department of Sociology, Rice University, October 2016
- Ethnography Working Group, UCLA, April 2016

CONFERENCE PAPERS (past 5 years):

2020

- “Do Housing Voucher Holders Live in Affordable Neighborhoods?” Association for Public Policy Analysis & Management (virtual)
- “Signals of Segregation: The Use of Spanish in Online Housing Advertisements.” American Sociological Association (virtual)

2019

- “Professionalizing Contingency: How Journalism Schools Adapt to Deprofessionalization.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, New York, NY
- “The Effect of Homicide on Local Rent.” Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, CA
- “The Effect of Homicide on Local Rent.” Population Association of America, Austin, TX

2018

- “The Language of Segregation: Variation in the Description of Rental Housing Across Neighborhoods.” ASA, Philadelphia, PA

2017

- “Disentangling the Effects of Race and Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions.” ASA, Montreal, QC

2016

- “Romancing the Home: Emotions and the Interactional Creation of Demand.” ASA, Seattle, WA
- “Romancing the Home.” SASE, Berkeley, CA

2015

- “The Stigma of Place: Choosing a Socially Relevant Definition of Neighborhood in an Experimental Audit Study.” ASA, Chicago, IL
- “Price and Preference: Interaction and Upselling in the Housing Market.” ASA, Chicago, IL
- “The Organizational Double Bind: How Professional Schools Respond to Prolonged Uncertainty.” SASE, London, UK
- “Price and Preference.” SASE, London, UK

TEACHING/ADVISING:

GRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:

Classical Sociological Theory; Urban Sociology

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES TAUGHT:

Advanced Qualitative Methods; Senior Honors Research; Sociological Theory; Urban Sociology

ADVISING:

Asia Bento (Rice, Dissertation); Sarah Berton (Rice, Senior Honors Thesis); Raul Casarez (Rice, Comprehensive Exam); Allan Farrell (Rice, Comprehensive Exam); Sharan Mehta (Rice, Dissertation); Jason Nolen (UW-Madison, Dissertation); Sophie Rodriguez (Rice, Senior Honors Thesis); Bharathi Selvan (Rice, Senior Honors Thesis); Xiaorui Zhang (Rice, Masters Thesis)

SERVICE:

EDITORIAL BOARDS:

- *Sociological Theory*, 2020-
- *Social Forces*, 2018-

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION POSITIONS/SERVICE:

- Member, Robert and Helen Lynd Award for Lifetime Achievement Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2020-2021
- Member, Robert E. Park Book Award Committee, Community and Urban Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2019-2020
- Member, Nominations Committee, Organizations Occupations and Work Section of the American Sociological Association, 2019-2020
- Member, Shils-Coleman Prize Committee, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association, 2017-2018
- Member, Outstanding Publication Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, 2017-2018
- Council Member, Consumers and Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, 2016-2017
- Member, Student Paper Award Committee, Consumers and Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association, 2016-2017

OCCASSIONAL REVIEWER FOR THE FOLLOWING JOURNALS:

American Journal of Sociology; *American Sociological Review*; *City & Community*; *Cityscape*; *Gender & Society*; *Housing Policy Debate*;

International Journal of Urban and Regional Research; Public Culture; Qualitative Sociology; Social Forces; Social Problems; Socio-Economic Review; Sociological Forum; Sociological Methods and Research; Sociological Theory; The Sociological Quarterly; Socius; Work and Occupations

DEPARTMENT AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

- Member, Graduate Committee, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Member, Post-Doctoral Committee, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Chair, Office of Institutional Effectiveness Committee, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Co-Founder, Qualitative Working Group, Dept of Sociology, Rice University
- Member, Technology Culture and Society Planning Committee, Rice University

PUBLIC SERVICE:

- Invited testimony given to the NY State Senate Standing Committee on Housing Construction and Community Development, Standing Committee on Investigations and Government Operations, Standing Committee on Consumer Protection, Sept. 17th, 2020