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## APPOINTMENTS:

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

## EDUCATION:

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- 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:

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

## JOURNAL ARTICLES:

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

**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:**

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

**Besbris, Max** and Shamus Khan. "The Self as a Relational Project: Implications for Theory and Method." (under review)

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

**Besbris Max,** Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. "The Language of Segregation: Variation in the Description of Rental Housing Across Neighborhoods."

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

#### **BOOK CHAPTERS:**

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**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, PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT, AND NEUROLOGY RESEARCH:**

**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:**

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- 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:**

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RICE UNIVERSITY

Graduate Courses:

Classical Theory

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Courses:

Urban Sociology

**SERVICE:**

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EDITORIAL BOARDS:

*Social Forces*, 2018-

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION POSITIONS:

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

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*