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APPOINTMENTS:

2017- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rice University

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, Jacob William Faber, and Patrick Sharkey. Forthcoming. "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:

Besbris, Max and Caitlin Petre. "Professionalizing Contingency: How Journalism Schools Adapt to Deprofessionalization." (Revise and resubmit, *Social Forces*)

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

Besbris, Max, Ariela Schachter, and John Kuk. "The Language of Segregation: Variation in the Description of Rental Housing Across Neighborhoods." (Under review, *American Sociological Review*)

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

Boeing, Geoff, **Max Besbris**, and Ariela Schachter. "The Housing Search in the Age of Big Data."

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, 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 (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:

“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
- Ethnography Working Group, UCLA, April 2016

CONFERENCE PAPERS:

- 2018 “The Language of Segregation: Variation in the Description of Rental Housing Across Neighborhoods.” Segregation and its Legacy, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 “Disentangling the Effects of Race and Neighborhood Stigma on Economic Transactions.” Economic Sociology and Inequality, ASA, 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.

COURSES TAUGHT:

GRADUATE COURSES:

- Classical Sociological Theory

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES:

- Sociological Theory
- Urban Sociology

SERVICE:

EDITORIAL BOARDS:

- *Social Forces*, 2018-2021

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

OCCASSIONAL 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 Forum; Sociological Theory; The Sociological Quarterly; Socius; Work and Occupations