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### PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2008- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Cornell University  
Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Economy and Society  
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Population Program

### EDUCATION

2007 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago  
Dissertation: *Physical Function and Social Action: Implications for Social Connectedness* (Committee: Edward Laumann (chair), Linda Waite, Jason Beckfield)

2001 M.A., Sociology, The Ohio State University

2000 B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, High Honors in Sociology, University of Cincinnati

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

Cornwell, Benjamin, Edward O. Laumann, L. Philip Schumm, and Jessica Graber. "Social Networks in the NSHAP Study: Rationale, Measurement, and Preliminary Findings." *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. In press.

Cornwell, Benjamin. 2009. "Good Health and the Bridging of Structural Holes." *Social Networks* 31:92-103.

Cornwell, Benjamin. 2009. "Network Bridging Potential in Later Life: Life-Course Experiences and Social Network Position." *Journal of Aging and Health* 21:129-54.

Cornwell, Benjamin, Edward O. Laumann, and L. Philip Schumm. 2008. "The Social Connectedness of Older Adults: A National Profile." *American Sociological Review* 73:185-203.

Keister, Lisa A., and Benjamin Cornwell. 2008. "The Development of Influence Hierarchy among Community Elites: The Role of Visible and Obscure Status Characteristics in the Emergence of Elite Social Hierarchies." *Sociological Analysis* 2:5-27.

- York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2008. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: An Examination of Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." Forthcoming in *Sociological Perspectives* 51:853-76.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2007. "The Protestant Sect Credit Machine: Social Capital and the Rise of Capitalism." *Journal of Classical Sociology* 7:267-90.
- Jacobs, David, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2007. "Labor Markets and Organizations: A Screening Theory of Hiring Networks and Racially Homogenous Employment." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 25:39-55.
- Payne, Danielle, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2007. "Modeling Peer Influences on Delinquency: Beyond the Direct Contact Hypothesis." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 23:127-150.
- York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2006. "Status on Trial: Social Characteristics and Influence in the Jury Room." *Social Forces* 85:455-77.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2005. "Contextualizing Closeness Centrality: Incorporating Disconnectedness via the Complement." *Connections* 26:70-81.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Jill Ann Harrison. 2004. "Union Members and Voluntary Associations: Membership Overlap as a Case of Organizational Embeddedness." *American Sociological Review* 69:862-81.
- Curry, Timothy Jon., Paula A. Arriagada, Benjamin Cornwell, and Jeff Jarosch. 2004. "Richer and Whiter: How Publishers of Popular Magazines Construct their Readership for Advertisers." *Sociological Focus* 37:127-41.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2003. "Bonded Fatalities: The Effects of Social Bond Strength on Fatality Risk in a Fire Evacuation." *The Sociological Quarterly* 44:617-38.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2003. "The Dynamic Properties of Social Support: Decay, Growth, and Staticity, and Their Effects on Adolescent Depression." *Social Forces* 81:955-81.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Timothy J. Curry, and Kent P. Schwirian. 2003. "Revisiting Long's Ecology of Games: A Network Approach." *City & Community* 2:121-42.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Annulla Linders. 2002. "The Myth of Moral Panic: An Alternative Account of LSD Prohibition." *Deviant Behavior* 23:307-30.
- Curry, Timothy Jon, Paula A. Arriagada, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2002. "Images of Sport in Popular Non-Sport Magazines: Power and Performance vs. Pleasure and Participation." *Sociological Perspectives* 45:397-413.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and David Lundgren. 2001. "Love on the Internet: Involvement and Misrepresentation in Romantic Relationships in Cyberspace vs. Realspace." *Computers in Human Behavior* 17:197-211.

Partial reprints: 1) 2003. Pp. 516-19, in *The Craft of Argument with Readings*, edited by Williams, Colomb, Tracey, and D'Errico; 2) 2003. Pp. 10-4 in *Points and Counterpoints, Controversial Relationship and Family Issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by Coleman and Ganong.

Cornwell, Benjamin, Melissa Mason, Wendy Harmon, Brian Merz, and Mike Lampe. 2001. "Panic or Situational Constraints?: The Case of the M/V Estonia." *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* 19:5-25.

## **BOOK CHAPTERS**

Curry, Timothy J, Kent. P. Schwirian, Rachael A. Waldoff, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2004. "Beyond the Arena District: Downtown Columbus." Pp 101-13 in *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Redevelopment*, by Timothy J. Curry, Kent. P. Schwirian, and Rachael A. Waldoff. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.

----- 2004. "Other Cities, Other Games." Pp 114-34 in *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Redevelopment*, by Curry, Schwirian, and Waldoff. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.

----- 2004. "The Ecology of Games Social Action Model." Pp 134-66 in *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Redevelopment*, by Curry, Schwirian, and Waldoff. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Who Has More Power? A Comparison of Older Men's and Women's Social Networks." In progress.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Network Methods for Analyzing Associations among Multiple Types of Social Ties." In progress.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Everyday Action: An Examination of Social Switching Dynamics." In progress.

Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. "Power and Impotence from Social Networks: Erectile Dysfunction as a Manifestation of Gendered Network Power." In progress.

Cornwell, Benjamin, and Erin York. "Designating a Medical Decision Maker: The Relevance of Social Networks." In progress.

O'Muircheartaigh, Colm, Benjamin Cornwell, and Edward O. Laumann. "Social Connectedness and Survey Response among Older Adults." In progress.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- 2007 Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, for “Status on Trial” (University of Chicago)
- 2006 Distinguished Scholarship Award (sole Honorable Mention), Labor and Labor Movements Section, American Sociological Association, for “Union Members and Voluntary Associations.”
- 2006 National Institute on Aging predoctoral fellowship, 2006–2007 (University of Chicago)
- 2003 University fellowship, 2003–2006 (University of Chicago)
- 2002 Summer research fellowship (The Ohio State University)
- 2000 University fellowship, 2000–2001 (The Ohio State University)
- 2000 Phi Beta Kappa (University of Cincinnati)
- 1999 Grant recipient (\$1500), University of Cincinnati Research Council and the University Honors Scholars Program

## **GRANTS**

Co-Investigator (with David Ostrow and Edward O. Laumann). April 2009-April 2011. “Men’s Assessment of Social Support and Risk Networks.” R03. National Institute on Drug Abuse.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Cornwell, Benjamin. “How Are Health Problems Related to Older Adults’ Social Networks?” Paper presented at the Demography Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2008.

Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. “Social Connectedness and Sexual Dysfunction: The Relevance of Non-Intimate Social Ties.” Paper presented at Sunbelt XXVIII, International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, January 2008.

Cornwell, Benjamin. “Older Adults’ Social Connectedness: A Health Perspective.” Paper presented to the Department of Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, November 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin. “Older Adults’ Community Involvement: A Health Perspective.” Paper presented to the Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin, L. Phillip Schumm, and Edward O. Laumann. “How Socially Connected Are Older Adults?” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 2007.

York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Social Networks and Health." Presentation to the NORC Board of Trustees, Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. "Social Network Indices and Confounding in Health Research: New Evidence from the NSHAP Study." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, 2006.

York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. "How the Older Half Lives: Examining Home Disorder among Older Americans." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, August 2006.

Kertcher, Zack, and Benjamin Cornwell. "Theoretical Structures in Social Network Research." Paper presented at the XXV International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Redondo Beach, CA, 2005.

Payne, Danielle C., and Benjamin Cornwell, "Modeling Peer Influences on Delinquency: Beyond the Direct Contact Hypothesis." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN, 2004.

Curry, Tim, Paula A. Arriagada, Benjamin Cornwell, and Jeff Jarosch. "Richer and Whiter: How Publishers of Popular Magazines Construct Their Readership for Advertisers." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2003.

Linders, Annulla, and Benjamin Cornwell. "Where's the Panic in Moral Panic?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2003.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Interdependency, Cooperation, and Threat Management: International Diffusion of Y2K Readiness." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2002.

Curry, Timothy J., Kent P. Schwirian, Rachael A Woldoff, and Benjamin Cornwell. "When the Voters Say 'No'. Corporate Action and Urban revitalization: An Ecology of Games Action Model." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2002.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Love on the Internet: Involvement and Misrepresentation in Romantic Relationships in Cyberspace vs. Realspace." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, 2000.

Cubbins, Lisa, and Benjamin Cornwell. "Intergenerational Occupational Mobility." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Consultant, National Opinion Research Center, Chicago, Illinois, February 2008 - June 2008.

Consultant, Richard Day Research, Evanston, Illinois, December 2007 - January 2008.

National Institute on Aging Postdoctoral Fellow, Center on Aging, University of Chicago, 2007 - present.

Research Assistant, The National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project, University of Chicago, 2005-7.

Research Assistant, Peter B. Ritzma Professor in Sociology Donald N. Levine, University of Chicago, 2004-6.

Research Assistant, Associate Professor of Sociology Lisa Keister, The Ohio State University, 2002-3.

Research Assistant, Associate Professor of Sociology Timothy J. Curry, The Ohio State University, 2001-2.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Professor, Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

## **UNIVERSITY SERVICE**

Graduate admissions committee, Department of Sociology

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Manuscript assignment board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2005 - 2006.

Chair, Session on Social Networks and Health, Sunbelt XXVIII, International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St Pete Beach, 2008.

Journal referee for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, Oxford University Press, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association  
Economic Sociology section  
Aging and the Life Course section  
Mathematical Sociology section  
Disability and Society section

International Network for Social Network Analysis

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Economy and Society, Cornell University  
Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Population Program, Cornell University

## TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social network analysis, economic sociology, social inequality, sociology of health and aging, classical sociological theory, sociology of organizations

## REFERENCES

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