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POSITION

2008 - Postdoctoral Research Associate
Department of Sociology, Cornell University

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago (2008)
M.A., Sociology, University of Chicago (2002)
B.A., summa cum laude, Sociology, Wellesley College (1999)

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Health (health and household context, social isolation and health, interdisciplinary analyses, neighborhood environment and health, aging)
Sociology of Law (jury process, jury compensation, trial procedures, public opinion about the law)
Stratification (status processes, social capital, health disparities)

PUBLICATIONS

- Cornwell, Erin York and Linda J. Waite. 2009. "Social Disconnectedness, Perceived Isolation, and Health among Older Adults." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. Forthcoming.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Linda J. Waite. "Measuring Social Disconnectedness and Perceived Isolation Using Multiple Indicators from the NSHAP Study." *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. Forthcoming.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Benjamin Cornwell. 2009. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: An Examination of Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." *Sociological Perspectives*. Forthcoming.
- York, Erin. 2008. "Reconsidering Social Status and Jury Deliberations: How Does Social Class Determine Influence in the Jury Room?" *Court Manager* 23(1):6-13.
- York, Erin and Benjamin Cornwell. 2006. "Status on Trial: Social Characteristics and Influence in the Jury Room." *Social Forces* 85(1):455-477.

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Cornwell, Erin York. "How the Older Half Lives: Household Conditions Among Older Adults." In progress.

Cornwell, Erin York. "Household Disorder and Health Among Older Adults." In progress.

Cornwell, Erin York. "Reconceptualizing Residential Context: Neighborhood Disorder, Household Disorder, and Older Adults' Well-Being." In progress.

Cornwell, Erin York. "Agreement with the Law: Race, Class, and Gender Differences in Opinions Regarding Legal Issues, 1974-2004." In progress.

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

Waite, Linda J., Martha McClintock, Erin York Cornwell, Lissa Patterson, and Juyeon Kim. "Social Isolation and Biological Markers of Inflammation in a Population-Based Sample of Older Adults." In progress.

PRESENTATIONS

York, Erin and Benjamin Cornwell. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." *Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 12, 2007. New York, NY.*

York, Erin and Linda J. Waite. "Social Isolation and Health Among Older Adults: Assessing the Contributions of Objective and Subjective Social Isolation." *Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, 2007. New York, NY.*

York, Erin. "Integrating Biological and Social Data in the Study of Healthy Aging: Introducing the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project." *Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November 12, 2006.*

York, Erin. "Social Status in Jury Deliberations: 1957 and Today." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, 2006. Montreal, Quebec.*

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. August 13, 2006. Montreal, Quebec.*

Mahay, Jenna, Erin York, and Stacy Lindau. "Integrating Biological and Social Data in the Study of Health: Benefits and Challenges." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, 2005. Philadelphia, PA.*

Mahay, Jenna and Erin York. "Interdisciplinary Methods for the Study of Health and Aging: Biomarker Collection and the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project." *Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2004. Washington, D.C.*

York, Erin, Jenna Mahay, and Stacy Lindau. "Criteria for the Advancement of Biomarker Collection Technology in Population-Based Research." *Presentation at the 2004 Workshop on Biomarker Collection in Population-Based Household Surveys of Older Adults. June 9, 2004. Chicago, IL.*

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP)
Project Coordinator, Wave I, 2003-2006 (2003-2006)
Research Analyst, 2006-present

The National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project is a population-based, national survey of older adults, funded by the National Institute on Aging. By collecting social data alongside a wide variety of biological indicators, this study aims to examine the mechanisms through which social factors affect older adults' health and well-being. My responsibilities as Project Coordinator included assisting with study design, field materials development, and numerous grant proposals, as well as data cleaning and analysis. (Principal Investigator: Linda J. Waite)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Chicago

Social Sciences 13200, "Democracy and Social Science, Part II" (Introduction to the statistical analysis of social survey data), Winter 2007
Social Sciences 13300, "Democracy and Social Science, Part III" (Investigating health inequalities), Spring 2007

Cornell University

Sociology 2560, "Sociology of Law," Fall, 2008
Sociology 2160, "Health Inequalities Practicum," Spring, 2008

HONORS AND AWARDS

Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, awarded to a graduate student paper addressing institutionalized social inequality, University of Chicago, 2007

Center on Aging Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2006-present

Honors Pass on Special Field Exam, "Health and Social Context," University of Chicago, 2006

High Pass on Spanish Language Proficiency Examination, University of Chicago, 2004

University of Chicago Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2000-2004

Alpha Kappa Delta Award, Wellesley College, 1999

Phi Beta Kappa, Wellesley College, 1999

Jerome A. Schiff Fellowship for Honors Thesis Research, Wellesley College, 1998

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Fellow, Center for the Study of Economy & Society, Cornell University, 2008 - present

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2004-2005

Book Review Board Member, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2002-2004

Occasional Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology* and *Journal of Rural Studies*

Student Editorial Assistant, *Law and Society Review*, 1997-1999

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association

Sections on Aging and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, and Sociology of Law

Gerontological Society of America

Law and Society Association

Population Association of America

Society for Empirical Legal Studies

REFERENCES

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