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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2008- **Associate Professor, with tenure**, Department of Sociology, **Stanford University**

2000-2008 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology, **Stanford University**

HONORS/SERVICE:

- 2009 • Winner of the Teaching Award from the Stanford Urban Studies class of 2009
- 2008 • Winner of the 2007-2008 Stanford University Dean's Award for Distinguished Achievements in Teaching
- 2006 • Winner of Roger V. Gould memorial prize, for "Exchange Theory in Mate Selection," judged the best paper in the AJS in the previous year.
- 2009- • Consulting Editor, Social Forces
- 2006-08 • Consulting Editor, American Journal of Sociology
- 2002-03 • Hellman Faculty Scholar (\$10,000 award)

EDUCATION:

- 1994- **University of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois
Department of Sociology
- 2000 **Subject: The Demographics of Mexican American Assimilation**
Ph.D. August, 2000
Honors/ Fellowships:
• Recipient of the Century Fellowship, University of Chicago's top graduate fellowship
• Robert Park Lecturer; Twice awarded NICHD predoctoral fellowship
- 1991 **University of Chicago**, Chicago, Illinois
Master of Arts
Major: Latin American Studies
- 1989 **Brown University**, Providence, Rhode Island
Bachelor of Arts
Major: Mathematics
Honors: Magna Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

BOOK published by Harvard University Press, 2007. ISBN 0-674-02497-4.

***THE AGE OF INDEPENDENCE:
INTERRACIAL UNIONS, SAME-SEX UNIONS AND THE CHANGING AMERICAN FAMILY***

The Age of Independence is a book which offers a new theory of family trends and social change in the US. The argument revolves around the independent life stage, a life stage which has emerged since 1960. Young adults experience the independent life stage after they have left their parents' homes, but before they have settled down to start their own family. During the independent life stage young men and women go away to college, travel, begin careers, and enjoy a period of relative social independence.

The rise of the independent life stage has reduced parental control over the dating and mate selection choices of their children. The decline of parental supervision and control results in a sharp rise in interracial and same-sex unions, the kind of unions that previous generations of parents were able to prevent. Although most Americans and many scholars believe that young adults are returning home to the parental nest in ever greater numbers (a phenomenon the press has dubbed 'the boomerang effect'), this widely held perception has it exactly backwards. In fact what really distinguishes modern family life from previous eras is the new independence (geographic, residential, and social) of young adults from their families of origin.

Until very recently, individual level census data from the past had never been available for scholarly analysis. What we knew about family life in the past came from diaries, from the official records of a few towns and churches, or from travel writers such as Tocqueville. Now that we have individual level census records from 1850 through 2000, we are able to look into long term trends in family life in a way that inevitably must cast some of our previous assumptions aside. I use the newly available census data to describe the rise of the independent life stage, and the sharp increase in the number of interracial and same-sex unions in recent years. My analysis of census data offers a new explanation for why the tumult of the industrial revolution failed to produce an increase in nontraditional unions: most families in the industrial revolution moved to cities and factory towns together, so the basic structure of parental supervision over young adults was maintained.

By placing the post-1960 family changes in a long term historical and demographic context, I am able to offer a new perspective on the dramatic recent diversification in American family forms. I use in-depth interviews to explore the life histories of families and couples, and to illustrate the role that the independent life stage plays in social change.

Same-sex marriage is one of the most divisive issues of our times. My book attempts to answer several questions related to same-sex marriage. First, why now? Why has the climate for gay rights in the U.S. changed so much in the past few years? Second, what next? What do the historical precedents and current demographic trends portend for the future of same-sex marriage in the US?

The independent life stage has implications beyond the rise of nontraditional unions, which after all are still a small minority of all couples in the US. Because parents raise their children with their future independence in mind, parents raise their children differently, and these differences affect how we all think about individual freedoms.

Attention from the Media: *The Age of Independence* has been covered on NBC Nightly News (3/29/07), in USA Today (3/14/07 and 4/12/07), the Chicago Tribune (3/11/07), in a national news story in the Associated Press (4/13/07) and in the Washington Post (6/9/07) in addition to other media coverage. See my website for links.

PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming M. Rosenfeld "Nontraditional Families and Childhood Progress Through School." Forthcoming in *Demography*.
- 2008 M. Rosenfeld "Racial, Educational and Religious Endogamy in the United States: A Comparative Historical Perspective" *Social Forces* 87 (1): 1-32
*Lead Article
- 2008 M. Rosenfeld. "Intermarriage." An essay in the *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, Edited by Richard T. Schaefer, page 736-739. Sage Press.
- 2007 M. Rosenfeld. *The Age of Independence: Interracial Unions, Same-Sex Unions and the Changing American Family*. Harvard University Press.
- 2006 M. Rosenfeld. "Young Adulthood as a Factor in Social Change in the United States" *Population and Development Review* 32(1): 27-51.
- 2005 M. Rosenfeld and Byung Soo Kim. "The Independence of Young Adults and the Rise of Interracial and Same-sex Unions," in the *American Sociological Review* 70 (4): 541-562
*Lead Article
- 2005 M. Rosenfeld. "A Critique of Exchange Theory in Mate Selection" *American Journal of Sociology* 110 (5): 1284-1325.
- *This paper was the 2006 winner of the *Roger V. Gould memorial prize* for the best paper in the *AJS* in the previous year.
- 2002 M. Rosenfeld. "Measures of Assimilation in the Marriage Market: Mexican Americans 1970-1990," *Journal of Marriage and the Family* 64:152-162.
- 2001 M. Rosenfeld. "The Salience of Pan- National Hispanic and Asian Identities, in U.S. Marriage Markets," *Demography* 38: 161-175.
- 1999 M. Rosenfeld and M. Tienda. "Mexican Immigration, Occupational Niches and Labor Market Competition: Evidence from Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta, 1970-1990" Chapter 2 in *Immigration and Opportunity: Race, Ethnicity and Employment in the United States* Edited by Frank D. Bean and Stephanie Bell-Rose. New York: Russell Sage.
- 1998 M. Rosenfeld. "Mexican Immigrants and Mexican American Political Assimilation" p.1117-1132 in *Migration Between Mexico and the United States: Binational Study*. Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform.
- 1997 M. Rosenfeld. "Celebration, Politics, Looting and Riots: A Micro Level Analysis of the Bulls Riot of 1992 in Chicago," *Social Problems* 44: 483-502
- 1997 M. Rosenfeld and M. Tienda. "Labor Market Implications of Mexican Migration: Economies of Scale, Innovation and Entrepreneurship", pp. 177-200 in *At the Crossroads: Mexican Migration and U.S. Policy*, Edited by Frank D. Bean et al. Rowman and Littlefield.

NEW PROJECTS:

A study of the development of children of same-sex couples, based on data from the US Census, the CPS, and Add Health. The literature on same-sex couples and their children has generally been based on small-scale convenience samples. The limited generalizability of the small-scale convenience sample studies has proved to be a critical stumbling block in legal debates over same-sex marriage, and gay and lesbian adoption rights. The fundamental difference between same-sex couples and the traditional different sex couples will provide new insights into basic questions about how family structure matters to children. I propose to bring the newly available nationally representative data to bear in several novel ways. The first paper from this project is forthcoming in *Demography*. PI: M. Rosenfeld.

A study of how couples meet, in other words where and when in the life course people first meet the individuals who will later become their partners and spouses. This used to be a central research question in American sociology 60 years ago, when most people met their future partners in the same way (by living in the same neighborhood). Now that young adults marry later and spend more of their single years away from the parental nest, it is time to figure out how patterns of young adulthood affect who meets (and who partners) with whom. One key question will be whether nontraditional couples and more traditional couples meet their partners and spouses in the same ways. The main study has been fielded to a nationally representative sample of 4,899 adult respondents, including 3,009 individuals with spouses or romantic partners. The main study includes an oversampled population of 632 partnered individuals who identified themselves as gay, lesbian, or bisexual. The project will include 1-year and 2-year follow-ups, to determine couple dissolution rates for all the couples identified, and will provide the first nationally representative data on couple dissolution rates for nontraditional couples. PI: M. Rosenfeld. Funding from the National Science Foundation, SES-0751977, \$239,911. Data collection initiated in 2008-09.

BOOK REVIEWS:

- 1999 M. Rosenfeld. Review of Marcelo M. Suárez-Orozco (editor) Crossings: Mexican Immigration in Interdisciplinary Perspectives, for *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 25 (3): 545-546
- 1998 M. Rosenfeld. Review of Alejandro Portes and Rubén G. Rumbaut. Immigrant America: A Portrait, vol. 557, page 186 *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*

GRANTS:

- 2008-2010 M. Rosenfeld, Principal Investigator. "A Longitudinal Study of the Impact of Social Networks and the Internet on Relationship Formation," National Science Foundation SES 0751977, \$239,911
- 2003 M. Rosenfeld. "Intermarriage and Same-sex Union Interview Project". Stanford Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education. \$5,000
- 2001-2003 M. Rosenfeld. "Racial Intermarriage in the Urban Context" UPS Endowment Fund at Stanford University. \$33,363.70
- 2001-2002 M. Rosenfeld. "Intermarriage in the U.S.: Trends and Implications" Russell Sage Foundation. \$33,582
- 2001-2002 M. Rosenfeld. "Intermarriage in the U.S.: Trends and Implications." Stanford Institute for the Quantitative Study of Society. \$5,000

INVITED LECTURES:

- 11/08 "Young Adulthood as a Factor in Social Change," Max Planck Center for Demography, Rostock Germany
- 9/07 "Young Adulthood as a Factor in Social Change," Notestein lecture series, Office of Population Research, Princeton University
- 9/06 "Young Adulthood as a Factor in Social Change" Sociology department colloquium, UC Berkeley.
- 4/03 "Alternative Unions and the Independence of Young Adults in the U.S." presented at the Bay Area Colloquium in Population at Berkeley
- 2/03 "Alternative Unions and the Independence of Young Adults in the U.S." presented at the Race, Ethnicity and Immigration working group at UCLA

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS:

- 8/07 Conference Paper Presentation: "Nontraditional Families and Childhood Progress Through School," presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in New York.
- 3/07 Conference Paper Presentation: "Racial, Educational, and Religious Endogamy in Comparative Historical Perspective," presented at the Population Association of American meetings in New York.
- 3/07 Conference Paper Presentation: "Nontraditional Families and Childhood Progress Through School," presented at the Population Association of American meetings in New York.
- 8/06 Conference Paper Presentation: "Racial, Educational, and Religious Endogamy in Comparative Historical Perspective," presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in Montreal, Canada.
- 3/06 Conference Paper Presentation: "Young Adulthood as a Factor in Social Change" presented at the Population Association of American meetings in Los Angeles, CA.
- 8/03 Conference Paper Presentation: "Alternative Unions and the Independence of Young Adults in the U.S." presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in Atlanta, GA
- 4/01 Conference Paper Presentation: "Black- White Intermarriage in the U.S.: Trends and Consequences". presented at the Population Association of America meetings in Washington, D.C.
- 8/99 Conference Paper Presentation: "The Salience of Pan-National Hispanic and Asian Identities, and Measures of Association in the Marriage Market" presented at the American Sociological Association meetings in Chicago
- 4/98 Conference Paper Presentation: "Is 'Hispanic' a Salient Category? Measuring Rates of Intermarriage between Hispanic Persons of Different National Origins" Panel on Ethnicity and Ethnic Identity, Population Association of America meetings, Chicago.
- 2/98 Workshop Paper Presentation: "Intermarriage between Hispanics of Different Nationalities: The Salience of Pan- National Hispanic Ethnicity" Demography Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 9/97 Conference Paper Presentation: "Mexican Immigration, Occupational Niches and Labor Market Competition: Evidence from Los Angeles, Chicago and Atlanta, 1970-1990" for the workshop on the Social and Demographic Implications of Immigration for Racial and Ethnic Minorities, Austin, Texas, September 26-27.
- 8/97 Conference Paper Presentation: "The Mexican American Electoral Generation." Presented at the American Sociological Association Meetings in Toronto
- 8/96 Conference Paper Presentation: "What's Ethnic about Ethnic Conflict? The Case of the Bulls Riots in Chicago" At the Collective Behavior Session of the American Sociological Association Meetings in New York.
- 5/96 Conference Paper Presentation: "What's Ethnic about Ethnic Conflict? The Case of the Bulls Riots in Chicago" Spring Institute at University of Chicago
- 4/96 Conference Paper Presentation: "Hispanic Political Participation in the U.S., and the Mexican American Electoral Generation" at the Midwest Sociological Association Meetings in Chicago

- 12/95 Workshop Paper Presentation: “Viewing Urban Riots as Collective Action”
Social Theory Workshop, University of Chicago
- 5/95 Conference Paper Presentation: “Viewing Urban Riots as Collective Action:
The Case of the Bulls Riots in Chicago” Spring Institute at University of
Chicago

TEACHING AWARDS:

- 2009 Winner of the Teaching Award from the Stanford Urban Studies class of
2009
- 2008 Winner of the 2007-2008 Stanford University Dean’s Award for
Distinguished Achievements in Teaching
- 2003 Nominated for a Phi Beta Kappa Northern California Association Excellence
in Teaching Award.

CLASSES TAUGHT:

- Soc 026 The Changing American Family (freshman seminar)
Soc 046 Race, Identity and Ethnic Formation (freshman seminar)
Soc 149/249 The Urban Underclass
Soc 155/255 The Changing American Family
Soc 180/280 Introduction to Social Research Methods
Soc 180B/280B Evaluation of Evidence
Soc 388 Loglinear Models

AMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES

- 2002- Director of the Sociology Coterminal Masters Program.
2004

DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:

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| Litao Zhao | (Sociology) |
| Simón Weffer | (Sociology) |
| Byung-Soo Kim | (Sociology) |
| Billie Gastic | (Education) |
| Jenn Husbands | (Education) |
| Rueben Jack Thomas | (Sociology) |
| Ingrid Ann Nelson | (Education) - Chair |
| Nicole Kangas | (Sociology) |

INFORMAL GRADUATE ADVISEES:

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| Byung-Soo Kim | (Sociology) |
| Emily Ryo | (Sociology) |

Brian Colwell (Sociology)
Sara Bloch (Sociology)

UNDERGRADUATE SENIOR HONORS THESIS, MAIN ADVISOR

- * Julie Amanda Walling (2004), winner of the departmental Dornbusch award for best sociology graduate
- * Maiko Emi Adachi (2006), winner of the university-wide Firestone medal
- * Jackie Hwang (2007), winner of the Sociology Department Dornbusch award, and the university-wide Firestone medal.
- * Kelsey Finch (2008), winner of the Urban Studies Thesis Award.
- * Kaori Tsukada (2009)

JOURNALISTIC WRITINGS

A wide variety of writings for *The Nation*, *In These Times*, *New City* and other Publications. Available upon request.

OTHER:

Senior Research Associate, Council on Contemporary Families

Near fluency in Spanish

Reviewer of manuscripts for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Social Problems*, *International Migration Review*, *Journal of Marriage and the Family*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Demography*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Higher Education*, *Social Forces*.