

Jason Thompson, PhD

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PROFILE

I am a sociologist and social epidemiologist examining the intersections of education, health, and social mobility. My published work focuses on the role of higher education in processes of intergenerational stratification and the impact of health shocks on wealth and labor market decisions. Currently, I serve as Senior Social Epidemiologist and Human Subjects Research Coordinator for Multnomah County Health Department in Portland, Oregon.

EMPLOYMENT

2016 — Present

Senior Social Epidemiologist, Multnomah County Health Department

Portland, OR

- Analyze medical claims data to inform public health and legislative endeavors to address the social determinants of health
- Build and maintain dashboards tracking vaccine uptake and the prevalence of chronic disease and injury in the County
- Vet data and craft testimonies for state legislative hearings and briefings before the Board of County Commissioners
- Serve as the Multnomah County Health Department representative on the Oregon Health Authority Public Health Institutional Review Board
- Chair the Public Health Project Review Team for oversight of public health practice projects involving human subjects

EDUCATION

2017

PhD, Sociology, New York University

New York, NY

- Dissertation - Access, Outcomes, & Social Mobility in a Stratified System of Post-secondary Education
- Committee - Richard Arum (Co-chair), Dalton Conley (Co-chair), & Florencia Torche
- Research Areas - Stratification & Mobility, Social Epidemiology, Methods
- Comprehensive Exams - Race & Ethnicity, Quantitative Research Methods

2013

MA, Sociology, New York University

New York, NY

- Qualifying Paper - "In-services and Empty Threats: The Role of Organizational Practices and Workplace Experiences in Shaping U.S. Educators' Understandings of Student Rights."

2005

BA, Sociology, Pennsylvania State University Schreyer Honors College

University Park, PA

- Graduated with honors
- Thesis Title - The Effects of Adolescent Family Socioeconomic Status and School Quality on Educational Attainment and Job Earnings in Young Adulthood
- Advisor - George Farkas

PUBLICATIONS

Thompson, Jason. 2019. "Mobility in the Middle: Bachelor's Degree Selectivity and the Intergenerational Association in Status in the United States." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 60: 16-28.

*Ford, Karly and Jason Thompson. 2016. "Inherited Prestige: Intergenerational Access to Selective Colleges." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 46: 86-98.

*Authors' names appear alphabetically, both authors contributed equally to the study

Thompson, Jason and Dalton Conley. 2016. "Health Shocks and Social Drift: Examining the Relationship between Acute Illness and Family Wealth." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 2(6): 153-171.

Thompson, Jason, Richard Arum, Lauren Edelman, Calvin Morrill, and Karolyn Tyson. 2015. "In-services and Empty Threats: The Role of Organizational Practices and Workplace Experiences in Shaping U.S. Educators' Understandings of Student Rights." *Social Science Research* 53: 391-402.

Arum, Richard, Josipa Roksa, and Jason Thompson. 2014. "Academic Pathways and Learning to Get Along." Chapter 2 in *Aspiring Adults Adrift: Tentative Transitions of College Graduates*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Conley, Dalton and Jason Thompson. 2013. "The Effects of Health and Wealth Shocks on Retirement Decisions." *Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Review* 95(5): 389-404.

MANUSCRIPTS IN DEVELOPMENT

Thompson, Jason. "Assessing Recent Trends in Sibling Similarities in Educational Attainment." In preparation.

Thompson, Jason. "Selective Success: The Socioeconomic Returns to Postsecondary Institutional Selectivity." In preparation.

Baird, Linnae, Jason Thompson, Lynn Rampe, and Frank Franklin. "Public Health Surveillance of Socio-spatial Polarization Using the Index of Concentration at the Extremes in Multnomah County, OR." In preparation.

CONFERENCES

May 2017	"Inherited Prestige: Intergenerational Access to Selective Colleges" American Educational Research Association	San Antonio, TX
Aug 2016	"Inherited Prestige: Intergenerational Access to Selective Colleges" American Sociological Association	Seattle, WA
Feb 2016	"Selective Immobility: Examining the Role of College Selectivity in Intergenerational Social Mobility" Sociology of Education Association	Pacific Grove, CA
Oct 2015	"Health Shocks and Social Drift: Examining the Relationship between Acute Illness and Family Wealth" Russell Sage Foundation Conference on Wealth Inequality: Sources, Consequences, and Responses	New York, NY
Feb 2013	"The Effects of Health and Wealth Shocks on Retirement Decisions" Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis Research Symposium – Restoring Household Financial Stability After the Great Recession: Why Household Balance Sheets Matter (Paper accepted, presented by Dalton Conley)	St. Louis, MO
Sep 2012	"Inherited Prestige: Tracking Intergenerational Patterns of Educational Attainment and Selectivity Across Three Generations" The Panel Study of Income Dynamics Conference on Inequality Across Multiple Generations (With Karly Ford)	Ann Arbor, MI
Sep 2010	"The Role of Health Status in Intra- and Intergenerational Wealth Security and Mobility" The Panel Study of Income Dynamics Conference on SES and Health Across Generations and Over the Life Course (Paper accepted, presented by Dalton Conley)	Ann Arbor, MI

TEACHING & CONSULTING

2010 — 2011	Adjunct Professor, Sociology, New York University <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to Sociology• Graduate Quantitative Methods Lab• Sociology of Sport	New York, NY
2008 — 2013	Consultant, Code Black Documentary Ethics consultant for the award-winning documentary on emergency medicine and healthcare in the United States	Los Angeles, CA

2008 — 2009	Graduate Teaching Assistant, New York University	New York, NY
2005 — 2007	Third Grade Teacher, Roosevelt School District	Phoenix, AZ
2003 — 2005	Race Relations Dialogue Facilitator, Pennsylvania State University	University Park, PA
2003	Undergraduate Teaching Assistant, Pennsylvania State University	University Park, PA

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

2013 — 2014	Pre-doctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Affiliate Institute of Human Development and Social Change, New York University
2012 — 2013	Pre-doctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Fellowship Institute of Human Development and Social Change, New York University
2012	Dean's Student Travel Grant Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University
2009 — 2010	The Panel Study of Income Dynamics Research Grant Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan "The Role of Health Status in Intra- and Intergenerational Wealth Security and Mobility" PI: Dalton Conley
2009	Graduate Student Research Grant Department of Sociology, New York University
2008	Institute of Human Development and Social Change Seed Grant Institute of Human Development and Social Change, New York University "The Significance of Timing of in Utero Impact of PM and PAH on Child Development: Using 9/11 as a Natural Experiment" PI: Dalton Conley
2007 — 2012	Henry M. MacCracken Fellowship Graduate School of Arts and Science, New York University

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ASSOCIATIONS

Academic Peer Review

- American Sociological Review
- Social Science Research
- Research in Social Stratification and Mobility

New York University Service

- Graduate Student Conference Chair (2009 – 2010)

Association Memberships

- American Educational Research Association
- American Sociological Association
- Research Committee on Social Stratification – RC28
- Sociology of Education Association