Jennifer Lundquist

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Biography

Jennifer Lundquist examines the pathways through which racial, ethnic and gender inequalities are perpetuated and sometimes undone in various institutional settings, such as the workplace, the dating/marriage market and in families. Her major areas of scholarship include analyzing online dating behaviors to better understand how interracial interaction contributes to continued racial hierarchies; taking advantage of unique social continuities in the U.S. military that provide insight into what drives racial disparities in health, family formation behaviors and other outcomes in larger society; and tracing the development and impact on the American welfare system of the U.S. prison and military system ?submerged states.? By exploring alternative institutional contexts, she casts a number of important social problems in a new light. Her data collection and methods span from analysis of ?big data? scraped from the web, administrative records and surveys to qualitative interview approaches.

Expertise

Workplace Inequality, Online Dating Behaviors, Race and Ethnicity, Inequality

Affiliations

UMass Amherst Department of Sociology, UMass Amherst Center for Research on Families

Education

University of Pennsylvania
Joint Ph.D. Sociology & Demography

University of Pennsylvania
A.M. Demography

Washington and Lee University
B.A. Anthropology/Archaeology and Spanish

Accomplishments

2018 School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award
One of two winners of the UMass Amherst School of Social and Behavioral Sciences Outstanding Teaching Award that celebrates exceptional teaching, mentoring, curriculum development efforts and their impact on students.

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