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Positions



2017-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

2017-Present Faculty Fellow, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN

UNIVERSITY.

2017-Present Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Affiliations

COVID-19 Social Change Laboratory. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

- Select Media Mentions: CSCL received 63 media mentions for an estimated reach of 7.9 million (source: Northwestern Global Communications). Top mentions include ABC News; The Guardian; The New York Times; and The Washington Post.
- Funded by: The NSF RAPID and Sociology programs; NSF CONVERGE as part of the National Hazards Engineering Research Infrastructure; part of the Social Science Extreme Events Research Program.

Guthrie Center for Real Estate Research at the Kellogg School of Management. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Civic Capital and Democratic Institutions. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, 2016, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

B.S. *magna cum laude* in Business Management, 2005, METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Publications



°Denotes Graduate Student

Papers

- Redbird, Beth and Mykola Gomanuk. 2023. What Ukraine Teaches Us About Colonization. *Footnotes, American Sociological Association*, Forthcoming.
- Redbird, Beth, Laurel Harbridge-Yong, and Rachel Davis Mersey. 2022. The Social and Political Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic: An Introduction. *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8 (8) 1-29.
- Redbird, Beth, Laurel Harbridge-Yong, and Rachel Davis Mersey. 2022. Co-Editor special issue on "The Social and Political Impact of Covid-19 in the United States". *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8 (8).
- Suiseeya, Kimberly R. Marion, Margaret G. O'connell, Edith Leoso, Marvin Shingwe Biness Neme Defoe, Alexandra Anderson, Megan Bang, Pete Beckman, Anne-Marie Boyer, Jennifer Dunn, Jonathan Gilbert, Josiah Hester, Daniel E. Horton, Dylan Bizhikiins Jennings, Philomena Kebec, Nancy C. Loeb, Patricia Loew, William M. Miller, Katie Moffitt, Aaron I. Packman, Michael Waasegiizhig Price, Beth Redbird, Jennie Rogers, Rajesh Sankaran, James Schwoch, Pamala Silas, Weston Twardowski, and Nyree Zerega. 2022. Waking from Paralysis: Revitalizing Conceptions of Climate Knowledge and Justice for More Effective Climate Action. *The Annals of The American Academy* 700(March):166-182.
- Chang, Serina°, Emma Pierson°, Pang Wei Koh°, Jaline Gerardin, Beth Redbird, David Grusky and Jure Leskovec. 2021. Mobility network models of COVID-19 explain inequities and inform reopening. *Nature* 589: 82–87.
 - Select Media Coverage: Northwestern's 14th highest reaching story in traditional media in 2020, earning more than 250 mentions for a reach of 35.4 million (source: Northwestern Global Communications). Top outlets include Bloomberg; CBS News; CNN; CNN Anderson Cooper 360; NBC News; The New York Times; and The Wall Street Journal.
- Redbird, Beth and Angel A. Escamilla-Garcia°. 2020. Borders Within Borders: The Impact of Occupational Licensing on Immigrant Incorporation. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 6(1):22-45.
- Redbird, Beth. 2017. The New Closed Shop: Economic and Structural Effects of Occupational Licensure. *American Sociological Review* 82(3):600-624.
 - Media Coverage: Bloomberg News; Science Daily.
 - Award: 2014. ASA section on Organizations, Occupations and Work, James D. Thompson Award, Honorable Mention.
- Redbird, Beth and David Grusky. 2016. The Effects of the Great Recession: Income Inequality and Labor Market. *Annual Review of Sociology* 42:185–215.
- Red Bird, Beth, Natassia Rodriguez°, Chris Wimer, and David Grusky. 2013. How Much Protection Does a College Degree Afford? The Impact of the Recession on Recent College Graduates. Washington, DC: Pew Charitable Trusts, Economic Mobility Project.
 - Select Media Coverage: Associated Press; BBC; Chronicle of Higher Education; Diverse Education; Inside Higher Education; NBC Today; New York Times; USA Today.

- Loibl, Cäzilia, Michal Grinstein-Weiss, Min Zhan, and Beth Red Bird. 2010. More than a penny saved: Long-term changes in behavior among savings program participants. *Journal of Consumer Affairs* 44(1): 98-126.
- Loibl, Cäzilia and Beth Red Bird. 2009. Survey of former IDA Program Participants: How do they fare?. *Journal of Extension* 47(6).

Working Papers and In Progress

- Redbird, Beth and Erin Delaney. *Invited*. Theories of Citizenship and Tribal Enrollment. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*.
- Redbird, Beth. Sovereignty threat, territory, and inequality at the edges of Indian Country.
- Redbird, Beth. 2022. The Impact of Jury Instructions on Heat of Passion Manslaughter Determinations. Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: WP-22-08.
- Redbird, Beth. 2021. Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being. Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: WP-21-42.
- Redbird, Beth and Kat Albrecht°. 2020. Racial Disparity in Arrests Increased as Crime Rates Declined. Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: WP-20-28.
- Redbird, Beth and Kat Albrecht°. 2020. Measuring Racial Disparity in Local and County Police Arrests. Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: WP-20-27.
 - One of the top five most read IPR working papers in 2020.

Book Chapters

- Red Bird, Beth. 2022. Rent, Rent-Seeking, and Social Inequality. In **Social Stratification**, **Fifth Edition**, edited by edited by David B. Grusky, Nima Dahir, and Claire Daviss. Forthcoming.
- Wiggs, Devin° and Beth Redbird. 2021. The Impact of Monopolization and Rent-Seeking on Inequality. In **Inequality in America: Causes and Consequences of the Rich-Poor Divide**, edited by Robert S. Rycroft. ABC-CLIO.
- Red Bird, Beth. 2016. The Great Recession. In **Encyclopedia of Sociology**, **2nd Edition**, edited by George Ritzer. Wiley Blackwell.
- Red Bird, Beth and David Grusky. 2015. Rent, Rent-Seeking, and Social Inequality. In **Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences**, edited by Robert Scott and Stephen Kosslyn. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley and Sons.
- Chavez, Koji and Beth Red Bird. 2015. Occupational Licensure and Changing Barriers to Immigrant Workforce Incorporation. In **How Global Migration Changes the Workforce Diversity Equation**, edited by Tayo Fashoyin, Michele Tiraboschi, Francesca Sperotti, Chris Tilly, and Pietro Manzella. Cambridge Scholar Publications.
- Red Bird, Beth. 2013. Employment Culture. In **Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia**, edited by Vicki Smith. Sage Publications.
- Red Bird, Beth. 2013. Class and Family. In **Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia**, edited by Vicki Smith. Sage Publications.

Research Reports

- Red Bird, Beth. 2018. Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being. Washington, DC: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.
- Red Bird, Beth. 2015. Racial Disparities in Arrest Rates Across the Bay Area: Examination of Biased Enforcement Within Seventeen Municipal Police Agencies. San Jose, CA: SANTA CLARA COUNTY INDEPENDENT DEFENSE COUNSEL OFFICE.
- Red Bird, Beth. 2012. Occupational Closure and Wage Inequality: The Hidden Effect of Skill and Competency Requirements. Employment and Training Administration Occasional Paper Series (ETA-2012). Washington, DC: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

Select Research Grants

Does not include internal grants.

- Center for Native American and Indigenous Research Support Grant, with Megan Bang, Doug Keil, Beatriz Oralia Reyes, Pam Silas, and Kelly Wisecup. 2021. Research Universities and Institutes Initiative, THE ANDREW W. MELLON FOUNDATION. \$1,500,000.
- Tribal Constitutions: Constructing Power by Developing Structures of Self-Governance, with Erin Delaney. 2021. Law & Science Research Program, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$383,488.
- In the Midst of National Crisis: Surveying the Effect of COVID-19 on Trust, with Laurel Harbridge-Yong and Tabitha Bonilla. 2021. Sociology Research Program, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$263,862.
- Social and Behavioral Impact of COVID-19. 2020. Rapid Research Program, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$199,474.
- The Impact of Licensing on Innovation. 2018. Junior Faculty Fellowship Program, EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION. \$20,000.
- Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being. 2017. Scholars Program, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. \$32,083.
- Rational Inequality: Micro-Social Segregation and the Basis for Economic Opinions, with Molly King. 2016. Inequality and Decision-Making Grant Program, TOBIN PROJECT. \$5,000.
- Behind Closed Doors: Inequality, Diversity, and the Rise of Occupational Licensure. 2015. Policy Grant, HOROWITZ FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL POLICY. \$5,000.
- The Impact of Occupational Licensing on Wages, Inequality, and Diversity. 2013. Dissertation Improvement Grant, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$10,000.
- Certified Joblessness: The Impact of Occupational Closure on Wage Inequality and Re-Employment Following Job Loss. 2011. Employment and Training Research Program, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. \$8,380.

Academic and Research Fellowships

Faculty Fellow in Environments, Health & Social Welfare, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
Faculty Fellow in Environments, Health & Social Welfare, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
Vice President for Graduate Education Research Fellow, Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Doctoral Fellowship Program, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.
National Poverty Research Fellow, Center on Poverty and Inequality, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.
Graduate Research Fellow, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.
Dr. William H. Metzler Fellowship, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Select Talks

Limited to last 5 years; °Denotes Graduate Student

- Access to Tribal Constitutional Justice, with Erin Delaney. 2023. Global Indigenous Access to Civil Justice Conference, ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY, February.
- State of Native America, 2022. Office of Population Research, PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, December.
- The Development of Tribal Courts, with Erin Delaney. 2022. Forum on Digital Humanities, Center for Digital Research in the Humanities, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, October.
- The Coping and Nature During COVID Survey (CANS): Initial Findings, with Teresa Horton, Gina Besenyi, Jason Bocarro, Catherine Game, Melissa Barbara Manus°, William Miller, Amber Pearson, and Courtney Schultz. 2022. Annual SHIFT Summit, October.
- The IRA Constitutions: Coercion, Co-Option, or Self-Determination?, with Erin Delaney and Sarah Sadlier°. 2022. Annual Meeting of the LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION, July.
- Citations, Constitutions, Conventions, and Corpuses, with Erin Delaney and Sarah Sadlier°. 2022. Legal Histories of Empire Conference, June.
- The Partisan Divide and the Pandemic: "Bias" in Media Coverage, Media Selection, and Media Processing, with, Li Yue°, Zheng Joyce Wang, Robert Lumpkin°, Archit Datar°, Kaicheng Yang°, and Paige Cirtwill. 2022. Annual Conference of the INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATION ASSOCIATION, May.
- Who we ought to be: Assimilation, Sovereignty, and the Making of Native Identity, 2021. Department of Political Science, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO, October.
- Supporting COVID-19 policy response with large-scale mobility-based modeling, with Chang, Serina°, Emma Pierson°, Pang Wei Koh°, Jaline Gerardin, David Grusky and Jure Leskovec. 2021. Special Interest Group on Knowledge Discovery and Data Mining (SIGKDD), ASSOCIATION FOR COMPUTING MACHINERY, August.
 - Award: SIGKDD 2021 Best Paper Award, Applied Data Science Track.

Surveying the Social Impact of COVID-19, Presented at:

- 2021 Office for Research Integrity, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, September.
- 2020 Institute for Policy Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, April.
- 2020 BRIDGES, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, July.
- 2020 Chicago Area Political Behavior Conference, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, July.
- 2020 Buffett Institute for Global Affairs, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, June.
- 2020 Department of Sociology Colloquium, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, April.
- COVID and Health Disparities in Native America, 2020. NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION, November.
- Racial Disparity in Arrests Increases as Crime Rates Decline, 2020. Institute for Policy Research and One Book One Northwestern, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, October.
- Responding to COVID-19: Emerging Insights from Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences?, 2020. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, October.
- What Drives American Indian Poverty?, 2020. Institute for Policy Research and Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, January.
- What Drives American Indian Poverty?, 2019. Department of Sociology, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, January.
- Tribal Citizenship Criteria and Government Structures Change with Economic Growth, 2018. NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH (NBER), November.
- Occupational Licensing Across Time, 2019. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO, June.
- Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being, 2018. Scholars Program, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, June.
- What Drives American Indian Poverty?, 2018. Rotman School of Management, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, May.
- The Economic and Structural Consequences of Occupational Licensing, 2018. Department of Sociology, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC), March.
- Causes and Consequences of Occupational Licensing, 2018. OUR ECONTALK Podcast, February.
 - Podcast with listeners in 60 countries. Past guests include Milton Friedman, Thomas Piketty, Christopher Hitchens, Michael Lewis, and Viviana Zelizer.
- Task Force on Economic Liberty, 2017. Office of Policy Planning, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, November.
- Racial Disparities in Arrest Rates, with Kat Albrecht°. 2017. Annual Meeting of the AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, August.

Teaching

Awards

2022-2023 Weinberg College Distinguished Teaching Award (nominated), Northwestern University.

2019-2020	Teacher Honor Roll, Northwestern University.
2018-2019	New Course Award, Hewlett Fellowship Program, Northwestern University.

Courses

Graduate	Indigeneity and Settler Colonialism, Northwestern University.	
	Design and Analysis of Surveys, Northwestern University.	
Undergraduate	Analysis And Interpretation of Social Data, Northwestern University.	
	Introduction to Native Studies, Northwestern University.	
	Class and Culture, Northwestern University.	
	Social Inequality: Race, Class, And Gender, Northwestern University.	
	Classics of Modern Social Theory, Stanford University.	
	Sociology of the Middle Class, Stanford University.	
	Sociology of the Great Recession, Stanford University.	

Service

Department	2022-2023	Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
	2017-Present	Quantitative Methodology Curriculum Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
	2021-2022	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
	2020-2021	Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
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	2018-2019	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
	2017-2018	Speaker and Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
University	2022-2023	Leadership Council, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
	2022-2023	Fellowship Circle, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
	2022-2023	Search Committee, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
	2020-Present	Faculty Fellow, Willard Residential College, Northwestern University.

	2019-Present	Faculty Fellow, Residential College of Cultural and Community, Northwestern University.
	2017-Present	Active Learning Community Group, Northwestern University.
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	2016-Present	Steering Committee, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
	2021-2022	Fellowship Committee, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
	2018-2020	Civic Capital and Democratic Institutions Fellowship Committee, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
	2018-2020	Fellowship Committee, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, Northwestern University.
Discipline	2022-Present	Governing Committee Member, Elected, Section on Indigenous Peoples/Native Nations, American Sociological Association.
	2022-Present	Governing Committee Member, Elected, Section on Economic Sociology, American Sociological Association.
	2022-Present	Editorial Board Member, Socius, American Sociological Association.
	2022-Present	Sociology Advisory Panel, National Science Foundation.
	2019-Present	Editorial Board Member, ASA Journal, Contemporary Sociology.
	2018-Present	Committee on the Inclusion of Underrepresented Minorities, Poverty and Mobility Section.
	2021	Session on Race, Nativity, and Labor Market Inequality, Annual Meeting Session Organizer, Population Association of America.
	2021	Session on Indigenous Peoples/Native Nations, Annual Meeting Session Organizer, American Sociological Association.
	2020	Session on Poverty, Annual Meeting Session Organizer, American Sociological Association.
	2019-2021	Member and Chair, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, Marxist Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
	2019-2020	Advisory Board Member, Population-Based Entrepreneurship Survey, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation.
	2018-2020	Committee on the Status of Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology, Presidential Appointment, American Sociological Association.
	2017-2018	Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award, section on Race, Class, and Gender, Class and Gender section.
Other	2022-2024	Research Advisory Council, National Center for Families Learning.

2023-2024	Advisory Committee, American Voices Project, National Poverty Studies.
2022-Present	Advisory Committee, Native Advisory Group, Field Museum Learning Center.
2018-2022	Advisory Committee, focus on Indigenous Issues, National Poverty Studies.

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