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| CURRENT APPOINTMENT | <b>Assistant Professor of Sociology</b><br>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.  | 2024 - current   |
| PREVIOUS POSITIONS  | <b>Assistant Professor of Sociology</b><br>The Ohio State University.  | 2020 - 2023  |
|                     | <b>Postdoctoral Associate</b><br>Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University.  | 2019 - 2020  |
| EDUCATION           | <b>Duke University</b> , Durham, NC.<br>PhD Sociology<br>Certification areas: Culture, Inequality<br>Dissertation title: <i>What is a 'Good' Job? Cultural Logics of Occupational Prestige</i><br>Dissertation committee: Steve Vaisey (chair), Chris Bail, Kieran Healy, Jessi Streib | 2019   |
|                     | <b>University of North Carolina at Charlotte</b> , Charlotte, NC.<br>MA Sociology  | 2013   |
|                     | <b>Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales</b> , Paris, France.<br>Student in Master of Social Science in Sociology Program   | 2011   |
|                     | <b>Wesleyan University</b> , Middletown, CT.<br>BA in Sociology (Honors), French Studies   | 2010   |
| PUBLISHED ARTICLES  | Warren, Evangeline <sup>†</sup> and <b>Lauren Valentino</b> . "Inaction, Silence, Focus, and Power: Identifying and Assessing Folk Theories of the Racism of Omission." Forthcoming at <i>Social Problems</i> .  |  |
|                     | <b>Valentino, Lauren</b> and Nicole Yadon. 2023. "Intersectional Wealth Gaps: Contemporary and Historical Trends in Wealth Stratification among Single Households by Race & Gender." <i>Social Currents</i> . 10(1):3-16.  |  |
|                     | <b>Valentino, Lauren</b> . 2022. "Status Lenses: Mapping Hierarchy and Consensus in Status Beliefs." 2022. <i>RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences</i> . 8(7):89-110.   |  |
|                     | <b>Valentino, Lauren</b> and Stephen Vaisey. 2022. "Culture and Durable Inequality." <i>Annual Review of Sociology</i> . 48:109-129.   |  |
|                     | Akin, Victoria, Sophia Santillan, and <b>Lauren Valentino</b> . 2022. "Strengthening the STEM Pipeline for Women: An Interdisciplinary Model for Improving Math Identity." <i>PRIMUS</i> . DOI: 10.1080/10511970.2022.2032506  |  |
|                     | <b>Valentino, Lauren</b> . 2022. "Constructing the Racial Hierarchy of Labor: The Role of Race in Occupational Prestige Judgments." <i>Sociological Inquiry</i> . 92(2):647-673.   |  |

**Valentino, Lauren.** 2021. “The Hierarchy of Occupational Status: Evidence for Diverse Logics of Prestige in the United States.” *Sociological Forum*. 36:1395-1418.

**Valentino, Lauren.** 2021. “Cultural Logics: Toward Theory and Measurement.” *Poetics*. 88:1-13.

**Valentino, Lauren** and D. Adam Nicholson. 2021. “Message Received? The Role of Emotion, Race, and Politics in Social Movement Perceptions and Support.” *Mobilization*. 26(1):41-64.

**Valentino, Lauren.** 2020. “The Segregation Premium: How Gender Shapes the Symbolic Valuation Process of Occupational Prestige Judgments.” *Social Forces* 99(1):31-58.

Hunzaker, M.B. Fallin and **Lauren Valentino.** 2019. “Mapping Cultural Schemas: From Theory to Method.” *American Sociological Review* 84(5):950-981.

Vaisey, Stephen and **Lauren Valentino.** 2018. “Culture and Choice: Toward Integrating Cultural Sociology with the Judgment & Decision-Making Sciences.” *Poetics* 68:131-143.

Homan, Patricia, **Lauren Valentino,** and Emi-Lou Weed. 2017. “Being and Becoming Poor: How Cultural Schemas Shape Beliefs about Poverty.” *Social Forces* 95(3):1023-1048.

**Valentino, Lauren,** Stephanie Moller, Elizabeth Stearns, and Roslyn Mickelson. 2016. “Perceptions of Future Career Family Flexibility as a Deterrent from Majoring in STEM.” *Social Currents* 3(3):273-292.

Stearns, Elizabeth, Martha Cecilia Bottia, Elenora Davalos Alvarez, Roslyn Arlin Mickelson, Stephanie Moller, and **Lauren Valentino.** 2016. “Demographic Characteristics of High School Math and Science Teachers and Girls’ Success in STEM.” *Social Problems* 63:87-110.

Bottia, Martha Cecilia, Stephanie Moller, Roslyn Arlin Mickelson, Elizabeth Stearns, and **Lauren Valentino.** 2016. “Teacher Collaboration and Latinos/as’ Mathematics Achievement Trajectories.” *American Journal of Education* 122(4):505-535.

Bottia, Martha Cecilia, Elizabeth Stearns, Roslyn Arlin Mickelson, Stephanie Moller and **Lauren Valentino.** 2015. “Growing the Roots of STEM Majors: Female Math and Science High School Faculty and the Participation of Students in STEM.” *Economics of Education Review* 45:14-27.

Moller, Stephanie, Neena Bannerjee, Martha Cecilia Bottia, Elizabeth Stearns, Roslyn Arlin Mickelson, Melissa Dancy, Eric Wright, and **Lauren Valentino.** 2015. “Moving Latino/a Students into STEM Fields: The Role of Teachers and Professional Communities in Secondary Schools.” *Journal of Hispanic Higher Education* 14:3-33.

MANUSCRIPTS IN  
PROGRESS

**Valentino, Lauren** and Evangeline Warren.<sup>†</sup> “What Counts as Discrimination? How Americans Understand and Define Racism, Sexism, and Classism.” Revise & resubmit at *American Journal of Sociology*.

Wong, Jaclyn, **Lauren Valentino,** Christina Pao,<sup>†</sup> Katie Moran,<sup>†</sup> Gayle Kaufman and D’Lane Compton. “What to Do With ‘Other Describe’ Data.” Revise & resubmit at *Sociological Methodology*.

**Valentino, Lauren** and Evangeline Warren.<sup>†</sup> “Denying Discrimination: Demographic Patterns and Cultural Frames for Dismissals of Sexism, Racism, and Classism.” Poster accepted for presentation at “Education, Employment, and Inequality” session of the **2024 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America.**

**Valentino, Lauren** and Evangeline Warren.<sup>†</sup> “Seeing Discrimination: How Different Definitions of Discrimination Relate to Health.” Poster presented at “Health, Health Care, and Health Behaviors” session of the **2023 Annual Meeting of the *Population Association of America***.

**Valentino, Lauren**, Nicole Yadon, and Sydney Sauer.<sup>†</sup> “Combatting Racial Wealth Gaps: Experimental Evidence about Correcting Misperceptions of Wealth Inequality and Encouraging Americans to Intervene.” Paper presented at “Wealth: Concepts” session at the ***RC28 Summer Meeting 2023***.

**Valentino, Lauren** and Evangeline Warren.<sup>†</sup> “Americans have Divergent Cultural Understandings of what Counts as Discrimination: Evidence from a Nationally-Representative Survey-Experiment.” Paper presented at “New Directions in the Study of Culture and Inequality” session at the **2023 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association***.

Warren, Evangeline<sup>†</sup> and **Lauren Valentino**. “Zero Sum or Coalition? A Dyadic Approach for Testing Discrimination’s Impact on Perceptions of Ethnoracial Outgroups.” Paper presented at “Interrogating Solidarity, Justice, and Inequality” session at the **2023 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association***.

Homan, Patricia and **Lauren Valentino**. “Occupational Structural Sexism and Health: Exploring the Impact of the Gender Wage Gap.” Paper presented at “Gender and Work” session at the **2022 Annual Meeting of the *American Sociological Association***.

**NOTE:** <sup>†</sup> indicates student coauthor.

GRANTS AND  
FELLOWSHIPS

**Presidential Grant, *Russell Sage Foundation*** - \$33,672 2022 - 2023  
Project: “Deciding What Counts as Discrimination: Cultural Logics of Racism, Classism, and Sexism in the United States.”

**Seed Grant, Institute for Population Research, *Ohio State University*** - \$39,425 2022  
Project: “Measuring Cultural Logics of Racism & Sexism: Refining our Understanding of How Discrimination Impacts Health & Well-Being.”

**Underrepresented Racial and Ethnic Groups in Research Grant, Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race & Ethnicity, *Ohio State University*** - \$25,000 2021 - 2022  
Project: “(Mis)Perceptions of Race and Gender Wealth Gaps: Correlates and Consequences.”

**Seed Grant, Department of Sociology, *Ohio State University*** - \$21,934 2021 - 2022  
Project: “Studying Cultural Differences in How Americans Understand Discrimination.”

**Bass Connections Grant, *Duke University*** Fall 2019 - Spring 2020, Fall 2018 - Spring 2019  
Project: “Problem-based Learning to Improve Girls’ Math Identity.”

**Summer Research Fellowship, *Duke University*** Summer 2017, Summer 2019  
Awarded by the Graduate School to selected PhD candidates.

**James B. Duke Fellowship, *Duke University*** Fall 2013 - Spring 2017  
Awarded by the Graduate School to outstanding PhD students.

**Education and Human Development Scholar, *Duke University*** Spring 2016 - Fall 2016  
Awarded by the Social Science Research Institute to early-stage graduate students in the areas of education and human development.

**Professional Development Grant, *Duke University*** Spring 2015

Awarded by the Graduate School to fund professionalization series, “Strategies for Promoting Women’s Success in the Social Sciences.”

**Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, *Duke University*** Fall 2013 - Spring 2014  
Awarded by the Kenan Institute for Ethics to advanced graduate students pursuing work related to ethics and morality.

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| AWARDS | <b>Best Poster Award</b> , Population Association of America<br>“Seeing Discrimination: How Different Definitions of Discrimination Relate to Health.”         | 2023 |
|        | <b>Graduate Teaching Award</b> , Duke University<br>Awarded by the Duke Sociology department for excellence in teaching.                                       | 2019 |
|        | <b>Vorsanger-Smith Scholar Award</b> , Duke University<br>Awarded by the Duke Sociology department for overall excellence in the graduate program.             | 2018 |
|        | <b>Graduate Student Research Award</b> , University of North Carolina at Charlotte<br>Awarded by the Sociology department to most outstanding graduate thesis. | 2013 |

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| INVITED TALKS  | “Racial Wealth Gaps in the US: Realities, Misperceptions, and Interventions to Increase Public Support for Wealth-Equalizing Policies and Behavior.” February 9, 2024. Carolina Population Center Speaker Series at <b>University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill</b> . |
|  | “Americans Have Divergent Understandings of Racism, Sexism, and Classism.” June 9, 2023. Intuitive Theories of Social Structure and Social Change Workshop, Department of Psychology at <b>Princeton University</b> .  |
|  | “Status Lenses: Mapping Hierarchy and Consensus in Status Beliefs.” April 7, 2023. Comparative Inequality and Inclusion Workshop, Weatherhead Center at <b>Harvard University</b> .  |
|  | “Deciding What Counts as Discrimination: Cultural Logics of Racism, Sexism, and Classism.” September 15, 2022. Center for Wealth and Inequality Speaker Series, Department of Sociology at <b>Columbia University</b> .  |
| “When Do People Think Black Lives Matter? Perceptions of Race and Violence in Social Movement Support.” December 3, 2020. Social Psychology Colloquium, Department of Psychology at <b>Ohio State University</b> . |  |

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| TEACHING<br>EXPERIENCE                 | <b>Sociology of Culture graduate seminar</b> , Instructor of Record    | Spring 2024                 |
|  | <b>Introductory Sociology - Honors (online)</b> , Instructor of Record | Spring 2023, 2022, and 2021 |
|  | <b>Introductory Sociology (online)</b> , Instructor of Record          | Spring 2021                 |
|  | <b>Ethics of Social Inequality</b> , Instructor of Record              | Spring 2020                 |
|  | <b>Gender &amp; Math</b> , Co-Instructor                               | Fall 2018 and 2019          |
|  | <b>Social Stratification &amp; Inequality</b> , Instructor of Record   | Spring 2018                 |
|  | <b>Introductory Sociology</b> , Discussion Section Instructor          | Fall 2017                   |
|  | <b>Economic Sociology</b> , Teaching Assistant                         | Spring 2015                 |
|  | <b>Statistics I (graduate-level)</b> , Lab Instructor                  | Fall 2014                   |
| <b>Certificate in College Teaching</b> | Awarded Spring 2019  |                             |

MENTORSHIP

**Dissertation Committee Member**

Emma Bosley-Smith (OSU - 2022)  
Leanne Barry (OSU - ongoing)  
Xinyun Jiang (OSU - ongoing)  
Evangeline Warren (OSU - ongoing)  
René Iwo (UNC - ongoing)  
Margaret Palmer (UNC - ongoing)

**Undergraduate Thesis Committee Chair**

Sydney Sauer (OSU - 2023)

**Qual./Comp. Exam Committee Member**

Leanne Barry (OSU - 2021)  
Juan Ospina (OSU - 2021)  
Bradley Montgomery (OSU - 2021)  
Mariah Warner (OSU - 2022)

**MA Thesis Committee Member**

Meredith Riley (UNC - ongoing)

**Undergraduate Thesis Committee Member**

Maya Kerr Coste (OSU - 2023)

SERVICE TO THE  
DISCIPLINE

**Journal referee**, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Asian Sociology*, *Poetics*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Indicators Research*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Socius*, and *The Sociological Quarterly*.

**Grant referee**, Israel Science Foundation, Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences (TESS).

**Program committee member**, Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting 2025.

**Session organizer, presider, and discussant**, “Culture & Identity,” ASA Annual Meeting 2022.

**Chair**, John Mohr Award Committee for *ASA Sociology of Culture Section* (2021-2022).

**Committee member**, Nominations Committee, *ASA Sociology of Culture Section* (2020-2021).

**Committee member**, Newsletter Committee, *ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility* (2017-2018).

**Co-chair**, Graduate Student Forum, Duke University Department of Sociology (2016-2017).

**Co-organizer**, Culture and Cognition Workshop, Duke University Department of Sociology (2015-2016).

PROFESSIONAL  
AFFILIATIONS

**American Sociological Association** Altruism, Morality, & Social Solidarity Section; Inequality, Poverty, & Mobility Section; Organizations, Occupations, & Work Section; Sociology of Culture Section; Sociology of Sex & Gender Section

**Society for the Study of Social Problems**

**Southern Sociological Society**

**American Political Science Association**

**Population Association of America**