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## Positions

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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

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COVID-19 Social Change Lab. 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; among many others.
- *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.

Human Movement Laboratory. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

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

Civic Capital and Democratic Institutions. NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

## Education

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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 Kat Albrecht°. *Under Review*. Crime Rates Decline While Racial Bias in African-American Arrests Increases. *PLOS*.

Redbird, Beth, Laurel Harbridge-Yong, and Rachel Davis Mersey. *Forthcoming*. The Social and Political Impact of COVID-19 in the United States: An Introduction. *The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.

- Co-Editor special issue on “The Social and Political Impact of Covid-19 in the United States”, 2022.

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; among many others.

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, Căzilia, 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, Căzilia 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*.

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Redbird, Beth. Sovereignty threat, territory, and inequality at the edges of Indian Country. .

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Redbird, Beth. Who we ought to be: Assimilation, sovereignty, and the historical development of tribal blood quanta. .

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Redbird, Beth and Kat Albrecht°. 2020. Racial Disparity in Arrests Increased as Crime Rates Declined. Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: WP-20-28.

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Redbird, Beth and Kat Albrecht°. 2020. Measuring Racial Disparity in Local and County Police Arrests. Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University: WP-20-27.

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- *Award*: Top five most read IPR working papers in 2020.
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## Book Chapters

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.

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Red Bird, Beth. 2016. The Great Recession. In **Encyclopedia of Sociology, 2nd Edition**, edited by George Ritzer. Wiley Blackwell..

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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..

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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.

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Red Bird, Beth. 2013. Employment Culture. In **Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia**, edited by Vicki Smith. Sage Publications.

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Red Bird, Beth. 2013. Class and Family. In **Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia**, edited by Vicki Smith. Sage Publications.

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## Research Reports

Red Bird, Beth. 2018. Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being. Washington, DC: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.

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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 DEFENCE COUNSEL OFFICE.

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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.

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## Select Research Grants

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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. \$500,000.

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COVID and the Pattern of Human Interaction. *Under Review*. Social, Political, and Economic Inequality, THE RUSSELL SAGE FOUNDATION. \$160,287.

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Tribal Constitutions: Constructing Power by Developing Structures of Self-Governance, with Erin Delaney. 2021. Law & Science Research Program, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$383,488.

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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.

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Social and Behavioral Impact of COVID-19. 2020. Rapid Research Program, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$199,474.

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The Impact of Licensing on Innovation. 2018. Junior Faculty Fellowship Program, EWING MARION KAUFFMAN FOUNDATION. \$20,000.

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Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being. 2017. Scholars Program, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR. \$32,083.

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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.

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Behind Closed Doors: Inequality, Diversity, and the Rise of Occupational Licensure. 2015. Policy Grant, HOROWITZ FOUNDATION FOR SOCIAL POLICY. \$5,000.

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The Impact of Occupational Licensing on Wages, Inequality, and Diversity. 2013. Dissertation Improvement Grant, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION. \$10,000.

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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.

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## Academic and Research Fellowships

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2021-2022	Faculty Fellow in Environments, Health & Social Welfare, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
2019-2020	Faculty Fellow in Environments, Health & Social Welfare, Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.
2013-2015	Vice President for Graduate Education Research Fellow, Diversifying Academia, Recruiting Excellence Doctoral Fellowship Program, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.
2011-2016	National Poverty Research Fellow, Center on Poverty and Inequality, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.
2011-2016	Graduate Research Fellow, NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION.
2009-2010	Dr. William H. Metzler Fellowship, STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

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## Select Talks

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Limited to last 5 years; °Denotes Graduate Student

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Jurisdictional Conflict and Inequality at the Edge of Indian Country, 2021. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF MINNEAPOLIS, December.

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Who we ought to be: Assimilation, Sovereignty, and the Making of Native Identity, 2021. Department of Political Science, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS, CHICAGO, October.

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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.

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- *Award*: SIGKDD 2021 Best Paper Award, Applied Data Science Track.
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Surveying the Social Impact of COVID-19, Presented at:

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- 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. Buffet Institute for Global Affairs, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, June.
  - 2020. Department of Sociology Colloquium, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, April.
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COVID and Health Disparities in Native America, 2020. NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION, November.

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Racial Disparity in Arrests Increases as Crime Rates Decline, 2020. Institute for Policy Research and One Book One Northwestern, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, October.

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Responding to COVID-19: Emerging Insights from Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences?, 2020. NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, October.

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What Drives American Indian Poverty?, 2020. Institute for Policy Research and Center for Native American and Indigenous Research, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, January.

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What Drives American Indian Poverty?, 2019. Department of Sociology, UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, January.

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Tribal Citizenship Criteria and Government Structures Change with Economic Growth, 2018. NATIONAL BUREAU OF ECONOMIC RESEARCH (NBER), November.

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Occupational Licensing Across Time, 2019. FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF CHICAGO, June.

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Islands of Labor: Reservation Labor Markets and American Indian Well-Being, 2018. Scholars Program, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, June.

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What Drives American Indian Poverty?, 2018. Rotman School of Management, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, May.

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The Economic and Structural Consequences of Occupational Licensing, 2018. Department of Sociology, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC), March.

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Causes and Consequences of Occupational Licensing, 2018. OUR ECONOTALK Podcast, February.

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- Podcast with listeners in 60 countries. Past guests include Milton Friedman, Thomas Piketty, Christopher Hitchens, Michael Lewis, and Viviana Zelizer.
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Task Force on Economic Liberty, 2017. Office of Policy Planning, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, November.

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Racial Disparities in Arrest Rates, with Kat Albrecht<sup>o</sup>. 2017. Annual Meeting of the AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION, August.

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## Teaching

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### Awards

Undergraduate 2020-2021 Weinberg College Distinguished Teaching Award (nominated), Northwestern University.

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2019-2020 Teacher Honor Roll, Northwestern University.

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2018-2019 New Course Award, Hewlett Fellowship Program, Northwestern University.

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## Courses

Graduate DESIGN AND ANALYSIS OF SURVEYS, Northwestern University.

- Winter, 2018, Enrolled:17.

Undergraduate INTRODUCTION TO NATIVE AMERICAN STUDIES, Northwestern University.

- Winter, 2021, Enrolled:121.

- Winter, 2019, Enrolled:60.

SOCIAL INEQUALITY: RACE, CLASS, AND GENDER, Northwestern University.

- Winter, 2021, Enrolled:208.

- Fall, 2019, Enrolled:173.

- Spring, 2019, Enrolled:143.

- Winter, 2018, Enrolled:124.

- Spring, 2017, Enrolled:83.

CLASS AND CULTURE, Northwestern University.

- Winter, 2019, Enrolled:62.

- Fall, 2017, Enrolled:61.

- Fall, 2016, Enrolled:26.

CLASSICS OF MODERN SOCIAL THEORY, Stanford University.

- Winter, 2015, Enrolled:23.

SOCIOLOGY OF THE MIDDLE CLASS, Stanford University.

- Fall, 2014, Enrolled:16.

SOCIOLOGY OF THE GREAT RECESSION, Stanford University.

- Fall, 2013, Enrolled:24.

- Summer, 2012, Enrolled:20.

## Advising

Graduate DISSERTATION COMMITTEE, Northwestern University.

- Current: Antonio Nanni, Mariana Oliver.

- 2021: John Lee.

Graduate 3rd Year QUALIFYING PAPERS, Northwestern University.

- 2018: Kat Albrecht; Mariana Oliver.

Graduate SUMMER RESEARCH PROGRAM, Northwestern University.

- 2017: Kat Albrecht; Mariana Oliver.

Graduate SEARLE TEACH CERTIFICATE ADVISOR, Northwestern University.

- 2018: Mariana Oliver.

- Undergraduate UNDERGRADUATE SENIOR THESIS, Northwestern University.
- 2021: Katherine Daehler.
  - 2017: Sarah Permut.
- Undergraduate SUMMER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE, Northwestern University.
- 2021: Ryley Boddeker-O'Connor.
  - 2019: Katherine Daehler; Kaitlyn Rubinstein, Bella Barber.
  - 2018: Cecilia Paz, Kaitlyn Rubinstein.
  - 2017: Daniel Jung; Helen Rucinski.

## Service

Department	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.
	2019-2020	Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
	2018-2019	Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
	2017-2018	Speaker and Colloquium Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
Discipline	2022-2023	Governing Committee Member, Session on Indigenous Peoples/Native Nations, American Sociological Association.
	2019-Present	Editorial Board Member, ASA Journal, Contemporary Sociology.
	2018-Present	Advisory Committee, focus on Indigenous Issues, National Poverty Studies.
	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.
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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2017-Present	Faculty Fellow, Residential College of Cultural and Community, Northwestern University.
2016-Present	Steering 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.
2016-2017	Committee Member, Indigenous Studies Research Initiative, Northwestern University.

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