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### POSITIONS

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**Legatum Postdoctoral Research Fellow**, The Saguaro Seminar: Civic Engagement in America,  
Director: Robert Putnam, Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, July 2009 –  
Present

### EDUCATION

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#### Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology and Demography, June 2009

*Dissertation:* “Slums and Human Capital Disadvantage: The Case of India”

*Qualifying exams:* Poverty and Inequality, Demography, Race and ethnic relations

*Honors:* National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellow, Qualifying exams  
passed with highest distinction, Presidential Fellow

#### Princeton University, Princeton, NJ

Master of Arts, Sociology and Demography, 2007

#### Rice University, Houston, TX.

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, *cum laude*, 2004

*Honors:* Weber-Durkheim Award for Excellence in Sociology (awarded to top graduating  
major), Sociology senior honors, President’s Honor Roll, National Key Honor  
Society, National Society of Collegiate Scholars, National Merit Scholar

### AREAS OF INTEREST

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Urbanization and Development, Poverty and inequality, Demography, Race and ethnic relations, Urban  
sociology

### PUBLICATIONS AND SUBMITTED WORK

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Lewis, Valerie A. Forthcoming. “Social Energy and Racial Segregation in the University Context.” *Social  
Science Quarterly*.

Wuthnow, Robert and Valerie A. Lewis. 2008. “Religion and Foreign Policy Altruism: Evidence from a  
National Survey of Church Members.” *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 47:191-209.

Lewis, Valerie A., Michael O. Emerson, and Stephen L. Klineberg. “Residential Segregation and  
Neighborhood Racial Composition Preferences of Whites, Blacks, and Latinos.” (revise and  
resubmit, *Social Forces*)

Lewis, Valerie A. “Slums, Poverty, and Child Death in India.” (revise and resubmit, *Population Studies*)

Lewis, Valerie A. “The Urban (Dis)Advantage: Slums and Schooling in India.” (under review)

Lewis, Valerie A. “Places and Poverty: How City Contexts Shape Race and Hardship.” (under review)

### PAPERS IN PROGRESS

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Lewis, Valerie A. "Slums: Problems in Conceptualizing and Measuring the World's New Urban Poverty."

Soneji, Samir and Valerie A. Lewis. "Urban Fertility Differentials: Slum, Urban, and Rural Residents in India."

Lewis, Valerie A. "Varying forms of Discrimination: Caste and Malnutrition in India."

Lewis, Valerie A. "Problems in Developing World Maternal Reports of Children's Illness."

Lewis, Valerie A. and William J. Carbonaro. "High School Segregation and Black Students' College Applications."

### **MINOR PUBLICATIONS**

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Lewis, Valerie A. March 2009. Review of *China's Urban Space: Development under Market Socialism*, by T. G. McGee, George C. S. Lin, Andrew M. Marton, Mark Y. L. Wang, and Jiaping Wu. *Contemporary Sociology*.

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

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Lewis, Valerie A. 2009. "Slums and Disadvantage: Infant and Child Death and Health in India." American Sociological Association National Conference. San Francisco, CA.

Lewis, Valerie A. 2008. "Places and Poverty: How City Contexts Shape Material Hardship." Population Association of America Annual Conference. New Orleans, LA.

Lewis, Valerie A. and Daniel J. Myers. 2007. "Racial and Gender Differences in Feminist Attitudes." American Sociological Association Annual Conference. New York, NY.

Lewis, Valerie A. and Daniel J. Myers. 2007. "Feminism in Black and White: Racial and Gender Differences in Feminist-Related Attitudes." Women and Gender Studies Colloquium. Princeton University.

Lewis, Valerie A. 2006. "Social Energy and Racial Segregation in the University Context." American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada.

Lewis, Valerie A. and William Carbonaro. 2006. "The Effects of High School Segregation on Students' College Applications." Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Boston, MA.

Lewis, Valerie A. and Michael O. Emerson. 2005. "Racial Preferences and Residential Segregation: A Factorial Experiment." American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA.

Lewis, Valerie A. 2005. "Racial Segregation in Higher Education: Social Energy Theory Extended." Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Conference. Minneapolis, MN.

Lewis, Valerie A. and Michael O. Emerson. 2005. "When Does Race Matter? Racial Preferences and Residential Segregation." Notre Dame Department of Sociology Colloquium series. Notre Dame, IN.

Lewis, Valerie A. 2004. "Do We Live and Eat Together? Racial Segregation in the University." Invited public presentation, ADVANCE student group, Rice University. Houston, TX.

## **RESEARCH FUNDING AND GRANTS**

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Macro International Fellowship in Population and Health. 2009. "Maternal Health Knowledge and Maternal Reports of Children's Sickness." \$5,000.

Princeton Institute International and Regional Studies Dissertation Grant, Princeton University. 2008. \$3,500.

Center for Migration and Development Dissertation Grant, Princeton University. 2008. \$1,500.

Department of Sociology Dissertation Seed Grant, Princeton University. 2008. \$1,000.

Global Network on Inequality Fellowship, Princeton University. 2007. \$6,000.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

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*Visiting Scholar*, Delhi School of Economics, Global Network on Inequality, Fall 2007

Two month research and travel grant to work with economists at the Delhi School of Economics on research project on health and educational disadvantages faced in Indian slums; conducted focus groups and interviews in Indian slums; began quantitative statistical analyses on the impact of slums on health

*Research Assistant*, Dr. Robert Wuthnow, August 2005 - June 2006

Global Values Survey project. Responsible for conducting all statistical analyses of a national survey of religious congregation members. Managed the data, conducted statistical analyses, collaborated on scholarly paper from findings.

*Research Assistant*, W.E.B. Du Bois Center for the Advanced Study of Race and Religion, 2004 - 2005

Panel Study of Religion and Race, Principle Investigator: Dr. Michael O. Emerson  
Prepared survey and interview questions related to race and racial identity for national panel study, conducted statistical analyses, prepared reports and presentations on race related research.

*Research Assistant*, The Houston Area Survey, Summer 2004

Principle investigator: Dr. Stephen L. Klineberg  
Conducted research related to the Houston Area Survey; prepared reports on findings; conducted statistical analyses; managed the survey data sets; created website for the survey including findings and information on the project

*Research Assistant*, Department of Sociology, Rice University, 2003-2004

Assisted professors with research, statistical analyses, literature reviews, tutoring undergraduate statistics, and grading for undergraduate introductory sociology.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Teaching Assistant*, Demographic Research Methods (Graduate level), Princeton University, Spring 2007

Designed and led weekly sections for graduate demography course covering formal demography models, led help sessions

*Teaching Assistant*, Social Statistics (Graduate level), Princeton University, Fall 2006

Designed and taught weekly lab sessions for graduate statistics course

*Teaching Assistant*, Sociological Research Methods (Undergraduate Statistics Course), Princeton University, Spring 2006, Fall 2006

Taught sections of the introductory statistics course for undergraduate sociology majors, including substantive instruction and instruction on Stata statistical software

### **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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Co-founder and organizer, “Urban Transformations in the Developing World” Lecture Series, Princeton University, Spring 2008.

Professional Development Committee Chair, Office of Population Research, 2006-2007

Organizer, Student Professional Development Series, Princeton Sociology Department, 2007

Professional memberships: American Sociological Association, Population Association of America, Eastern Sociological Society, Society for the Study of Social Problems

### **SKILLS AND INTERESTS**

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Languages: Spanish (proficient), Arabic (proficient), Hindi (functional), French (functional)

Interests: biking, travel, hiking, cooking