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Employment

2016-Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University
2008-2016 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University

Education

Ph.D., 2008, Emory University; Sociology
M.A., 1999, Wake Forest University; Experimental Psychology
B. A., 1997, Spelman College; Psychology
Summa Cum Laude with Departmental Honors
Class Salutatorian

Teaching and Research Interests

Sociology of Education, Education Policy, Social Inequality, Race and Ethnic Relations, Quantitative Methods

Publications

Articles (Peer Reviewed)

Werum, Regina, Tomeka Davis, Irene Browne, and Simon Cheng. Forthcoming. "Adoption Context, Parental Investment, and Children's Educational Outcomes". *Journal of Family Issues*. DOI: 10.1177/0192513X16680010. (First published online February 8, 2017).

Bhatt, Rachana and Tomeka Davis. Forthcoming. "The Impact of Random Metal Detector Searches on Contraband Possession and Feelings of Safety at School." *Educational Policy* DOI: 10.1177/0895904816673735. (First published online October 24, 2016).

Davis, Tomeka and Bobby Jo Otto. 2016. "Juxtaposing Race and Gender Gaps in College Enrollment: Race and Gender Differentiation among College Enrollment Predictors." *Social Science Quarterly* 97 (5): 1245-1266).

Davis, Tomeka. 2016. "Parental Race as Social and Symbolic Capital: Teacher Evaluations of

Part-White Biracial and Monoracial Students.” *Race, Ethnicity, and Education* 19 (2): 339-367. (First published online June 22, 2015).

Davis, Tomeka, Rachana Bhatt, and Kelsey Schwartz. 2015. “School Segregation in the Era of Accountability.” *Social Currents* 2 (3): 239-259.

Davis, Tomeka M. 2014. “School Choice, Segregation, and Course Placement: ‘Tracking’ Racial Equity in Magnet Schools.” *Education and Urban Society* 46 (4): 399-433. (First published online June 18, 2012).

Davis, Tomeka and Adria Welcher. 2013. “School Quality and the Vulnerability of the Black Middle Class: The Continuing Significance of Race as a Predictor of Disparate Schooling Environments.” *Sociological Perspectives* 56 (4): 467-493.

Davis, Tomeka. 2013. “Charter School Competition, Organization, and Achievement in Traditional Public Schools.” *Education Policy Analysis Archives* 21 (88): 1-33. <http://epaa.asu.edu/ojs/article/view/1279>.

Davis, Tomeka and Deirdre Oakley. 2013. “Linking Charter School Emergence to Urban Revitalization and Gentrification: A Socio-Spatial Analysis of Three Cities.” *Journal of Urban Affairs* 35 (1): 81-102.

Werum, Regina, Tomeka Davis, and Simon Cheng. 2011. “How Institutional Context Alters Social Reproduction Dynamics: Ethnic Track Placement Patterns in the US and Germany.” *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 29 (4): 371-391.

Book Chapters

Davis, Tomeka, Deirdre Oakley, and Shanae Stover. Forthcoming (Fall 2018). “School Closing - Atlanta Style: The Convergence of Poverty, Segregation, and Achievement.” *The Costs of Closure*, edited by Ebony Duncan-Shippy.

Davis, Tomeka. Forthcoming (Fall 2018). “How Schools Fail Black Boys (and Girls): Race, Gender, and Academic Trajectories from Kindergarten through Eighth Grade”. *The Handbook of Research on Black Males*, edited by Theodore Ransaw.

Davis, Tomeka and Taralyn Keese. 2015. “Parental Expectations, Family Structure, and the Black Gender Gap in Educational and Occupational Attainment: An Intersectional Approach to the Social Psychological Model of Status Attainment.” In *Ashgate Research Companion to Black Sociology*, edited by Earl Wright and Edward Wallace. Farnham, UK: Ashgate.

Werum, Regina and Tomeka Davis. 2006. “The Hunt for a Competitive Advantage: How PISA Has Shaped Discussions over Educational Policy Reform.” Pp. 133 – 152 in H. Kurthen, A. Menendez, and S. Immerfall (eds.) *Safeguarding German-American Relations in the New Century: Understanding and Accepting Mutual Differences*. Lanham, MD: Lexington Press.

Invited (Non-Peer Reviewed)

Davis, Tomeka. 2014. "Is Charter School Competition Associated with Increased Organization and Achievement in Traditional Public Schools?" for [Conditions of Education in California](http://www.edpolicyinca.org/blog/charter-school-competition-associated-increased-organization-and-achievement-traditional-public-schools) (a blog for Policy Analysis for California Education (PACE)). Available at <http://www.edpolicyinca.org/blog/charter-school-competition-associated-increased-organization-and-achievement-traditional-public-schools>.

Davis, Tomeka. 2010. "Market Reform Meets Conflict Realities: Assessing the Impact of School Choice from Two Competing Theoretical Perspectives." *Politics of Education Association Bulletin*, Volume 34 (2) (Invited).

Manuscripts under Review and in Progress

Davis, Tomeka. "Social Reproduction in the No Child Left Behind Era: Race, Class, and School Selection." In Progress.

Davis, Tomeka. "Adrift or Cooled Out: The Experiences of High Achieving Students from Disadvantaged Backgrounds Transitioning to Postsecondary Education and the Labor Market."

Davis, Tomeka. "Diversity and Excellence among Public and Private Schools."

Davis, Tomeka. "Charter Schools and Segregation in High-Minority Districts." In Progress.

Grants, Fellowships, and Awards

AERA Research Grant (\$18,718), "Explaining the Black Gender Gap in College Enrollment and Completion", 6/1/2014-8/31/2016

Dissertation Award Finalist, Politics of Education Association, 2008-2009

Spencer Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000), 2007-2008

Mellon Graduate Teaching Fellowship, Emory University/Morehouse College, (Declined), 2007-2008

AERA Dissertation Fellowship (\$15,000), 2006-2007

Dean's Teaching Fellowship, Emory University (Declined), 2006-2007

Psi Chi Honor Society, Spelman College, 1996-1997

Golden Key National Honor Society, Spelman College, 1996-1997

Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges, 1995-1996

Undergraduate Honors Program, Spelman College, 1993-1997

DeWitt Wallace Scholarship (Full Tuition), Spelman College, 1993-1997

Paper Presentations

Davis, Tomeka, Deirdre Oakley and Shane Stover. 2017. "School Closings-Atlanta Style." Presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada, August 11-13.

- Davis, Tomeka. 2017. "Social Reproduction in the No Child Left Behind Era: Race, Class and School Selection." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC, March 29- April 1.
- Davis, Tomeka. 2016. Invited Panelist, "Social Mobility in the 21st Century: Is America Still the Land of Opportunity?" Sponsored by the Department of Economics and Jean Beer Blumenfeld Center for Ethics at Georgia State University. February 25.
- Davis, Tomeka (presenting author) and Bobby Jo Otto. 2015. "Juxtaposing Race and Gender Gaps in College Enrollment." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, March 25-28.
- Davis, Tomeka. 2015. Author Meets Critics Panel: "A Critical Look at School Desegregation/Resegregation in Southern School Districts" (Invited). Annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society. New Orleans, LA, March 25-28
- Davis, Tomeka (presenting author) and Taralyn Keese. 2014. "Parental Expectations, Family Structure, and the Black Gender Gap in Educational and Occupational Attainment." Presented at the State of Blacks in America Symposium, Department of Africana Studies, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH, October 3. (Invited)
- Davis, Tomeka (presenting author), Rachana Bhatt, and Kelsey Schwartz. 2014. "School Segregation in the Era of Accountability." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC, April 2-5.
- Davis, Tomeka (presenting author) and Taralyn Keese. 2013. "Parental Expectations, Family Structure, and the Black Gender Gap in Educational and Occupational Attainment." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, New York, NY, August 8-10.
- Davis, Tomeka (presenting author) and Adria Welcher. 2012. "Evaluating Race against Class as Predictors of Disparate Schooling Environments." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association of Black Sociologists, Denver, CO, August 16-18.
- Werum, Regina, Irene Browne, Tomeka Davis (presenting author), and Simon Cheng. 2012. "Determinants of Educational and Developmental Outcomes among Adopted and Non-Adopted Children." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 17-20.
- Tomeka Davis (presenting author) and Deirdre Oakley. 2012. "Charter Schools and Urban Revitalization: Do They Go Hand in Hand? A Spatial Analysis of Three Cities." Panel on Urban Education and Neighborhood Revitalization. Urban Affairs Association Conference, Pittsburgh PA, April 18-21 (Invited).
- Davis, Tomeka. 2012. "School Choice, Segregation, and Course Placement: 'Tracking' Racial

- Equity in Magnet Schools.” 2012. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, New Orleans, LA, March 22-24.
- Davis, Tomeka. 2011. “Hope Betrayed?: Charles Johnson and Black Schooling Outcomes in the 21st Century.” Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Association, Jacksonville, FL, April 8-11.
- Davis, Tomeka. 2010. “Does Charter School Competition Promote Organization and Achievement in Traditional Public Schools?” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 11-14.
- Davis, Tomeka. 2009. “Does School Choice Promote Organization and Achievement?” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 8-12.
- Davis, Tomeka. 2008. “Diversity and Equity in School Choice.” Presented at the American Education Research Association Doctoral Fellows Conference, Washington DC, September 25-27. (Invited)
- Davis, Tomeka. 2008. “Laissez Faire Education Policy: Equity in School Choice.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA, August 1-4.
- Davis, Tomeka (presenting author) and Regina Werum. 2005. “The Limits of Social Capital Explanations: The Ethnically Specific Determinants of AP Placement.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 13-16.
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Courses Taught

Sociology of Education (Graduate)
Race and Ethnic Relations (Graduate)
Social Statistics (Undergraduate)
Wealth, Power, and Inequality (Undergraduate)
Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
Sociology of Sex and Gender (Teaching Assistant)

Dissertations and Theses

Chair

Bobby Jo Otto, Dissertation Defended April 2014
Artis LangBruttig, Thesis Defended June 2013
Jacquelyn Strickland, Dissertation in Progress
Tim Brown, Thesis in Progress
Hersheda Patel, Thesis in Progress
Ebony Townsend Respress, Thesis in Progress

Makeda Roberts, Thesis in Progress
Samantha Martin, Thesis in Progress
Asantewaa Darkwa, Thesis in Progress

Committee Member

Melanie Covert, Dissertation Defended December 2016
Ifeyanyi Ukapi, Thesis Defended December 2016
Amy Stalzer, Dissertation Defended November 2015
Melanie Covert, Thesis Defended May 2015
Jeremy Bennett, Dissertation Defended November 2014
Emmie Cochran-Jackson, Dissertation Defended May 2014
Taura Taylor, Thesis Defended April 2013
Mia Horace, Dissertation Defended November 2012
Janelle Gardner, Dissertation in Progress
Anthony Healy, Dissertation in Progress
Jonathan Grant, Dissertation in Progress
Lea Marzo, Dissertation in Progress
Kya Grooms, Dissertation in Progress
Sarah Roche, Thesis in Progress

Service

Professional (National and Regional Organizations)

Editorial Board, *Social Currents* (2017- Present)

Reviewer: *Population Research and Policy Review* (2016), *Journal of Urban Affairs* (2015), Institute for Education Sciences (2015), *Social Currents* (2016, 2015, 2014), *Sociology of Education* (2016, 2015, 2013), *Sociological Spectrum* (2017, 2015), *American Journal of Sociology* (2014), *Sociological Perspectives* (2013), *Urban Education* (2013), National Science Foundation Grants Program, Social and Behavioral Sciences (2012), *Sociological Quarterly* (2009)

Race and Ethnic Relations Committee, Southern Sociological Society (2011-2012)

University

Georgia State University Executive Committee (2017 – Present)

Georgia State University Atlanta Census RDC Seed Grant Review Panel (November 2012)

Departmental

Chair, Research and Technology Committee (2016-2017, 2010)

Chair, Department Chair Search Committee (2016)

Department Chair Search Committee (2014-2015)

Chair, Race and Urban Comprehensive Exam Committee (2013-2014)

Department Self-Study Committee (2013-2014)

Undergraduate Committee (2013)

Executive Committee (2012, 2015)

Teaching Committee (2011-2012)

Graduate Committee (2010-2012)

Colloquium Committee (2009)

SocioPath - Georgia State Sociology Department Newsletter (2009)
