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## EDUCATION

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2018-Present	<b>Bentley University</b> Lecturer
2014-2018	<b>Utah State University</b> PhD
2011-2014	<b>University of Texas at El Paso</b> Master of Arts in Sociology
2008-2009	<b>University of Texas at El Paso</b> Texas Teaching Certificate
1997-2002	<b>Thomas More College, Crestview Hills, Kentucky</b> Bachelor of Arts in Communications/Journalism

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Homelessness; Social Policy; Social Inequality; Urban Sociology; Social Movements;  
Demography; Migration; and Mental Health.

## PEER REVIEW JOURNAL ARTICLES

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2020. **Smith, Curtis**, Ernesto Castañeda “Sick Enough? Mental Illness and Service Eligibility for Homeless Individuals at the Border. *Social Sciences*, 9(8), 145.
2019. **Smith, Curtis**, Ernesto Castañeda “Improving Homeless Point-In-Time Counts: Student Engagement and the Uncovering of the Marginally Housed. *Social Currents*. 6(2), 91-104.
2018. **Smith, Curtis** and Leon Anderson. “Fitting Stories: Outreach Workers Strategies for Housing Homeless Clients” *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*. 47(5): 535-550

2016. Roark, Jenifer, **Curtis Smith**, Jessica Lucero, & David Parker. (2016) “Knowledge and Attitudes of Social Service Workers Regarding Fair Housing” *Journal of Social Services Research*. 43: 223-235.
2014. Siordia, Carlos, **Curtis Smith** and Ernesto Castañeda. (2014) “A Geographically-Aware Multilevel Analysis on the Association between Atmospheric Temperature and the ‘Emergency and Transitional Shelter Population” *Human Geographies--Journal of Studies & Research in Human Geography* 8(2): 5-16.
2014. Castañeda, Ernesto, Jonathan Klassen and **Curtis Smith**. (2014) “Disparities in Hispanic and Non-Hispanic Homeless Populations in the El Paso, TX region.” *Hispanic Journal of Behavioral Sciences*. 36(4): 488-505.  
Reprinted partially in Frankfort-Nachmias, Chava and Anna Leon-Guerrero. 2017. *Social Statistics for a Diverse Society*. SAGE. Thousand Oaks, CA. pp. 239-243.
2013. Mata, Holly, Flores, Maria, Castañeda, Ernesto, Medina-Jerez, William, Lachica, Josue, **Smith, Curtis**, & Olvera, Hector. (2013) “Health, Hope, and Human Development: Building Capacity in Public Housing Communities on the US-Mexico Border.” *Journal of Health Care for the Poor and Underserved*, 24(4): 1432-1439.
2012. **Smith, Curtis**, Ernesto Castañeda and Josiah Heyman. (2012) “The Homeless and Occupy El Paso: Creating Community among the 99%.” *Social Movement Studies*. 11(3) 356-366.  
Reprinted in Jenny Pickerill, John Krinsky, Graeme Hayes, Kevin Gillan, and Brian Doherty. 2014. *Occupy! A Global Movement*. Routledge: Oxford, UK.

## **BOOK**

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(Under Contract) *Red Tape Warriors: Housing the Homeless through Aggressive Advocacy*. New York: Routledge.

## **BOOK CHAPTER**

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2019. **Curtis Smith** and Leon Anderson. Unearthing Aggressive Advocacy: Challenges and Strategies in Social Service Ethnography in *Ethnography Uncensored*. Edited by Boeri and Shukla. University of California Press.

## **IN PROCESS**

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**Smith, Curtis** and Leon Anderson. “Referral Management.”

**Smith, Curtis**, Ernesto Castañeda, Casey Chiappetta. “Homeless Street Justice: A Community among Liminal Space.”

Castañeda, Ernesto, **Curtis Smith**. “How to Conduct Ethical Research with Homeless Populations.”

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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Fall 2018 to Present—Bentley University

Issues and Investigation in Sociology SO132  
Homelessness and Social Policy SO198  
Sociology of the Edge SO333  
Technology, Society, and Work SO264

Spring 2016 to Spring 2018—Utah State University

Introductory Sociology SOC 1010  
Social Problems SOC1020  
Inequality SOC3010

## **INVITED GUEST LECTURES**

February 28, 2017. Curtis Smith. “Homelessness in the U.S. and Survey Methods” Research Methods, Sociology Department, University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hilo, HI.

March 29, 2016. Curtis Smith. “Homelessness and Mental Health in the U.S.” Inequality, Sociology Department, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

September 17, 2015. Curtis Smith. “Homelessness in the U.S.” Inequality, Sociology Department, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

April 10, 2015. Curtis Smith. “Homelessness: Policy, History, and Data.” Social Deviance, Sociology Department, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

February 25, 2015. Erin Hofmann and Curtis Smith. “Immigration, Internal Migration and Compositional Change in Foreign-Born Populations.” Demography Seminar, Sociology Department, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

November 8, 2013 “The Prevalence of Mental Illness among the Homeless” Guest Lecture, Behavioral Sciences, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

October 15, 2013 “Methods of Sampling Atypical Populations” Guest Lecture, Methods of Research, Sociology Department, University of Texas at El Paso, El Paso, TX.

## **FUNDING**

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### **RESEARCH**

Summer-Fall 2017 Departmental Dissertation Support, “Homeless Outreach Workers as Street Level Bureaucrats” Utah State University (Advisor: Leon Anderson) \$13,000.

Fall 2015 Research Assistant, “Gendered Immigration Patterns in New Destinations” Utah State University (PI: Erin Hofmann) \$3,600.

Summer 2015 Research Assistant, “Gendered Immigration Patterns in New Destinations” Utah State University (PI: Erin Hofmann) \$6,000.

Summer 2014 Research Assistant, “Gendered Immigration Patterns in New Destination States” Utah Agricultural Experiment Station (PI: Erin Hofmann) \$3,600.

Summer 2013. Research Assistant “UTEPS’ Point in Time Methodology to Count the Homeless.” UTEP Provost’s Summer Student Research Assistant Program \$2,200.

Fall 2012-Spring 2013 Research Assistant under Professor Castañeda’s “*Social Determinants of Physical and Mental Health of Migrant and Transient Populations: Health Disparities amongst Hispanics in El Paso.*” Health Research Transitioning Faculty Award. UTEP Hispanic Health Disparities Research Center.

Summer 2012 Research Assistant under Professor Castañeda’s “Socio-Ecology of Hispanics: A Translational Research Agenda for the Human Development of Hispanics in the U.S.”

### **UNIVERSITY AND SERVICE**

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2020 to Present. Racial Justice Task Force at Bentley University.

2017 to Present. Board Member for the Association for Applied and clinical Sociology and Chair of the Client Problem Solving Competition.

### **ADDITIONAL AWARDS**

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Graduate Instructor of the Year Finalist, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University, 2017-2018.

Departmental Graduate Instructor of the Year, Department of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology, Utah State University, 2017-2018.

Graduate Instructor of the Year Finalist, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, Utah State University, 2016-2017.

Departmental Graduate Instructor of the Year, Department of Sociology, Social Work & Anthropology, Utah State University, 2016-2017.

Department of Sociology & Anthropology Departmental Honor Award, University of Texas at El Paso, 2014.

### **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS**

October 17-19, 2019. Curtis Smith “Aggressive Advocacy among Outreach Workers.” Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology. Portland, OR.

August 8-11, 2019. Curtis Smith “Establishing Working Agreements with Landlords: Housing the Homeless.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York City, NY.

October 11-13, 2018. Curtis Smith “Aggressive Advocacy: Social Service Workers as Street-Level Bureaucrats.” Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology. Norfolk, VA.

August 12-15, 2017. Curtis Smith & Ernesto Castañeda. “Enumerating the Homeless: Methodological Improvements Using Student Researchers.” American Sociological Association. Montreal, QC.

August 11-13, 2017. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. “Fitting Stories: Homeless Outreach Workers’ Strategies for Providing Housing.” Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, QC.

August 11-13, 2017. Leon Anderson & Curtis Smith. “Fitting Stories and Identity Work: Homeless Outreach Workers’ Strategies for Providing Housing.” Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction. Montreal, QC.

February 25-26, 2017. Presider/Discussant. Curtis Smith. “Homelessness and Social Service Workers.” Hawaii Sociological Association. Kaneohe, HI.

October 7-10, 2016. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. “Ideal Clients: Social Service Workers who Work with the Homeless.” Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology. Denver, CO.

October 7-10, 2016. Curtis Smith & Ernesto Castañeda. “Student Surveyors: Learning by Doing.” Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology. Denver, CO.

August 20-23, 2016. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. “Targeting the Prime Downtrodden: The Paradox of Seeking Only Vulnerable Homeless Populations to be Housing Ready,” American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.

- August 20-23, 2016. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. "Homeless and Vulnerable: Which Homeless get Housing," American Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.
- August 19-21, 2016. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. "The 'Worst Off,' but 'Still Ready,'" Society for the Study of Social Problems. Seattle, WA.
- August 19-21, 2016. Curtis Smith & Ernesto Castañeda. "Homeless PIT Improvements: Student Surveyors Who Include the Marginally housed homeless," Society for the Study of Social Problems. Seattle, WA.
- October 7-10, 2015. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. "Perceptions of Need vs. Funding Stipulations: Frame Alignment Processes among Homeless Housing Services." Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology. Montgomery, AL.
- April 31-May2, 2015. Erin Hofmann and Curtis Smith. "Immigration, Internal Migration and Compositional Change in Foreign-Born Populations." Population Association of America, San Diego, CA.
- October 9-11, 2014. Curtis Smith & Leon Anderson. "Strategic Deviance Avowal: Street-Level Bureaucracy and the Inherent Mental Health Milieu of Homelessness." Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology. Pittsburg, PA.
- August 16, 2014. Castañeda, Ernesto; Diedrich, Brian; Smith Curtis. "Conducting Research with Homeless Populations: Methodological and Ethical Implications." Society for the Study of Social Problems. San Francisco, CA.
- March 18, 2014. "The Prevalence of Mental Illness among the Homeless" and "Migration and Homelessness" as chair of panel "Dimensions of shelter and homelessness." Society for Applied Anthropology Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, NM.
- November 7, 2013. "The Prevalence of Mental Illness among the Homeless" Graduate Research Exposition, El Paso, TX.
- August 10, 2013. "An Organizational Analysis of National Funding for Homeless Services: A System of Funding that Provides for the Accumulation of Stigmas" American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- March 26, 2013. "An Organizational Analysis of National Funding for Homeless Services: A System of Funding that Provides for the Cultivation of Additional Stigmas for the Homeless" and "Migration and Homelessness" as chair of a panel on migration. Southwestern Social Sciences Association, New Orleans, LA.
- March 2, 2013. "An Organizational Analysis of National Funding for Homeless Services: A System of Funding that Provides for the Cultivation of Additional Stigmas for the Homeless." Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL.

March 7&8, 2012. “Homelessness and Occupy El Paso” and “Migration on the U.S.-Mexico Border” Southwestern Social Sciences Association. San Diego, CA.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE**

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2014-Present *Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.*  
2017-Present *Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction.*  
2014-Present *Association for Applied and Clinical Sociology.*  
2014-2015 *Populations Association of America.*  
2013-Present *Society for the Study of Social Problems.*  
2011-Present *American Sociological Association.*  
2013-2014 *The Society for Applied Anthropology.*  
2011-2014 *Southwestern Social Sciences Association.*

## **SOFTWARE SKILLS**

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SPSS, ArcGIS, STATA

## **OTHER EMPLOYMENT**

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September 2008-June 2012	Socorro Independent School District, El Paso, TX Middle School Social Studies Teacher
May 2007-May 2008	Tumbleweed Drop in Center, Phoenix, AZ Homeless Street Outreach Worker
March 2005-May 2007	Brighton Center, Covington, KY Homelessness Street Outreach Supervisor
October 2004-March 2005	Fidelity Investments Covington, KY 401(K) Account Manager
October 2003-October 2004	Greater Cincinnati Behavioral Health Services, Cincinnati, OH Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH) Street Outreach Worker
May 2002-October 2003	Brighton Center, Covington, KY Street Strategies Homeless Outreach Worker

## REFERENCES

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