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Education

- 2000 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Chicago
- 1994 M.A. in Sociology, University of Chicago
- 1990 B.A. *magna cum laude* in Religion, Columbia University

Research Interests

Urban sociology, organizational sociology, nonprofit organizations, Latina/o populations, poverty, community

Teaching Areas

Urban sociology, qualitative research methods, organizations, nonprofits, immigration, race/ethnicity, theory

Academic Appointments

- 8/2007-present Associate Professor
City University of New York, Baruch College, School of Public Affairs
Faculty Affiliate: Center for Nonprofit Strategy and Management
- 7/2000-6/2006 Assistant Professor
Columbia University, Department of Sociology and Latina/o Studies Program
Faculty Affiliate: Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Center for Urban Research and Policy, Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, Center on Organizational Innovation
Director: Workshop on Nonprofit Organizations in Economy and Society (ISERP).
- 7/1999-6/2000 Research Fellow
The Second Generation in Metropolitan New York Project
Graduate Center of the City University of New York

Other Work Experience

- 1/1994-9/1998 Senior Grants Consultant
Levi Strauss Foundation
Recommended grants to nonprofit organizations seeking support for programs in community economic development, social justice, citizenship, and human services.
- 8/1992-12/1993 Program Associate
AT&T Foundation
Assisted Program Officer with all aspects of running grants program covering maternal and child health, early childhood education, youth development, diversity encouragement, and AIDS prevention.

Honors, Grants, and Fellowships

- 2007 Visiting Scholar (fall 2007)
Havens Center, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2007 National Science Foundation
Sociology Program Grant (SES-0648320)
"The Spatial Allocation of Social Provision: Government Contracting, Material Resources and Urban Poverty" (Principal Investigator, with co-PI Aaron Gullickson)
- 2005 Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action
Theories, Issues, and Boundaries Section
Plenary session panel to discuss "The Non-Profit/For-Profit Continuum: Theorizing the Dynamics of Mixed-Form Markets" (*Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 2005)
- 2005 American Sociological Association
Community and Urban Sociology Section
Robert E. Park Distinguished Scholarly Article Award, for "Privatizing the Welfare State: Nonprofit Community-Based Organizations as Political Actors" (*American Sociological Review*, 2004).
- 2004 Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, Junior Faculty Development
Fellowship
Alternate
- 2004 Columbia College Alumna Achievement Award
- 2004 Quality of Life Inspiration Award, WISE (Working in Support of Education), New York, New York

- 2003 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University
Social Science Research Seed Grant
"Making It Isn't Enough: Strategies for Intergenerational Class Transmission Among U.S. Latinos." (Principal Investigator, with co-PI Rodolfo O. de la Garza)
- 2003 Council for Research in the Social Sciences, Columbia University
Faculty Development Grant
- 2002 Council for Research in the Social Sciences, Columbia University
Faculty Development Grant
- 2001 Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University
Social Science Research Seed Grant
"Effectiveness of Nonprofit Community Based Organizations" (Principal Investigator)
- 1998 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (national competition)
- 1997 National Community Development Policy Analysis Network
Brookings Institution/Kennedy School at Harvard University
Winner of the Research Design Competition (national competition)
- 1997 The Aspen Institute
Nonprofit Sector Research Fund
Dissertation Fellowship (national competition)
- 1996 University of Chicago
Honors pass, Ph.D. qualifying exam in Social Organization
- 1990 Columbia University
Honors B.A. thesis
"A Bounded Civil Religion: The Transformation of Afrikaner Calvinism and the Coming of Apartheid"

Publications

- Marwell, Nicole P. 2007. *Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2007. "Looking for Robert Moses." *Contexts: Understanding People in their Social Worlds* 6: 75-77.
- Marwell, Nicole P. and Paul-Brian McInerney. 2005. "The Nonprofit/For-Profit Continuum: Theorizing the Dynamics of Mixed-Form Markets." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* 34, 1: 7-28.

Marwell, Nicole P. 2004. "Privatizing the Welfare State: Nonprofit Community-Based Organizations as Political Actors." *American Sociological Review* 69: 265-291.

** Reprinted in *Politics and Partnerships: Nonprofits and Associations in American Governance* (Elisabeth Clemens and Doug Guthrie, eds.). Forthcoming (2008). Chicago: University of Chicago Press

Marwell, Nicole P. 2004. "Ethnic and Post-Ethnic Politics in New York City: The Dominican Second Generation." Pp. 257-284 in Philip Kasinitz, Mary Waters, and John Mollenkopf, eds., *Becoming New Yorkers: Ethnographies of the New Second Generation*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Marwell, Nicole P., Françoise Jacobsohn, Susan J. Neva and Mineko Okamoto. 2003. "University-Community Partnerships: New York City University-Nonprofit Information Transfer Project Report." Working Paper Series of the Center for Urban Research and Policy, Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, Columbia University.

Marwell, Nicole P. 2002. "Sociological Uses of a Sociological Memoir." 2002. *Qualitative Sociology* 25, 1: 139-143.

Marwell, Nicole P. 2002. "Leaders Shape City's Racial Climate." Editorial for New York Newsday, February 8, page A43.

Marwell, Nicole P. 1999. "Social Networks and Social Capital as Resources for Community Revitalization: Initial Insights." The Aspen Institute Nonprofit Sector Research Fund Working Paper Series.

Book Reviews

J. Phillip Thompson, "Double Trouble: Black Mayors, Black Communities, and the Call for a Deep Democracy." *City and Community* 5: 460-462. 2006.

Patrick Joyce, "No Fire Next Time: Black-Korean Conflicts and the Future of America's Cities." *Political Science Quarterly* 118: 699-700. 2004.

Michael Fabricant and Robert Fisher, "Settlement Houses Under Siege: The Struggle to Sustain Community Organizations in New York City." *Urban Studies* 40: 1383-1385. 2003.

Jonathan Barker et al., "Street Level Democracy." *Voluntas* 13: 319-321. 2002.

Work In Progress

Marwell, Nicole P. "Making it Isn't Enough: U.S. Latinos and Middle-Class Fragility"

This book project examines the processes of intergenerational class transmission from middle-class Latino parents to their adult children. The American middle class as a whole is increasingly insecure, with basic necessities costing more, employment becoming more risky, wages stagnating, and the practices of credit markets teetering towards consumer abuse. For the Latino members of the middle class, whose standing in this category is far more unsteady than that of their white counterparts, these developments presage a potentially tragic trajectory for their American Dream: that their hard-fought gains will be followed by their children's downward mobility. Using semi-structured, open-ended interviews with 100 adult children (ages 25-35) of middle-class Latino families in New York City, I examine the processes by which these young adults have both successfully replicated their parents' middle-class status, and have become downwardly mobile. The book draws particular attention to the role of institutional practices as conduits of middle-class security for Latinos, whose family assets and resources are far more limited than those of whites.

Marwell, Nicole P. and Aaron Gullickson. "The Spatial Allocation of Social Provision: Government Contracting, Material Resources and Urban Poverty"

This project draws together insights from the literatures on social provision and urban poverty, and uses a unique dataset of government contracts to nonprofit organizations in New York City, to understand how the competition among nonprofits for government social service contracts creates winners and losers among places, organizations, and people. Because nonprofits providing services do so in particular places, citizens are likely to access services for which they are eligible only when a provider is located nearby. This access issue is particularly important for our poorest citizens, who receive a small fraction of state income transfers, and for whom the direct services provided by NPOs can be as important to their well-being as cash. The project uses hierarchical linear models and GIS analysis to examine the relationship of contract allocations to neighborhood socioeconomic need, organizational effectiveness, and neighborhood political strength. The study will extend current work in three areas of sociological inquiry by: (1) adding a theory of service-based social provision to the present focus on income transfers in studies of the *welfare state*; (2) considering the impacts of material resources alongside the current interest in social resources (e.g., social capital) in studies of *neighborhood effects*; and (3) examining the relationships between organizational-level processes and wider social processes in studies of *nonprofit organizations*. This project is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

McQuarrie, Michael and Nicole P. Marwell. "Embracing *Gesellschaft*: Towards an Organizational Urban Sociology."

This theoretical paper critiques urban sociologists' usual strategy of incorporating formal organizations into their analysis. Scholars working in both Chicago integrationist and Marxian conflict theoretical paradigms, and using qualitative, quantitative, and historical methods, tend to make the same mistake: reducing organizations to ciphers, mere expressions of more powerful social forces of interest. We make the case that analyses of the city could benefit from taking core insights of organizational sociology seriously, particularly by examining organizations as *productive*, rather than *derivative*, of urban social relations.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

- 3/2008. "Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City." Invited presentation, Workshop on Urban Ethnography, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2/2008. "Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology Colloquium, Northwestern University.
- 12/2007. "Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology Colloquium, Harvard University.
- 10/2007. "Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City." Invited presentation, Department of Sociology Colloquium, University at Albany (SUNY).
- 8/2007. Invited discussant, "Author Meets Critic: Mario Luis Small's *Villa Victoria*" panel, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 4/2007. "Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City." Invited presentation, Workshop on Social Structures and Processes in Urban Space, University of Chicago.
- 9/2006. "Bargaining for Brooklyn: Community Organizations in the Entrepreneurial City." Invited presentation, Columbia University Urban Planning Colloquium, New York, NY.
- 8/2006. Invited discussant, "Nonprofit and Voluntary Organizations" panel, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 8/2006. Invited discussant, "Immigrant Organizations" panel, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 3/2005. Invited member of the panel "Civil Society and Public Policy," Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, D.C.
- 3/2005. Invited presenter, Social Science Research Council Capstone Conference on Nonprofits and Philanthropy. La Pietra, Florence, Italy.
- 1/2005. Invited participant, Community Politics and Social Organization Roundtable, MacArthur Foundation New Communities Program. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 1/2005. Invited lecturer, Vassar College.
- 5/2004. Invited discussant, National Consortium on Violence Research Conference on Communities, Housing, and Crime. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

- 4/2004. "Ethnic Community-Based Organizations and Political Education." Invited presentation at the Faculty Seminar, School of Public Affairs, Baruch College, New York, New York.
- 10/2003. "The Sense and Nonsense of Community: Institutions and Resources." Invited presentation at the Urban Ethnography Seminar, Department of Sociology, The Graduate Center of the City University of New York.
- 12/2002. "Ethnic and Post-Ethnic Politics: The Dominican Second Generation in New York City." Invited presentation at the Race and Ethnicity Seminar, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 8/2002. Invited discussant, "Underground Economies" panel, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois.
- 4/2002. "Community-Based Organizations as Political Actors." Invited presentation at the Faculty Seminar, School of Public Affairs, Baruch College, New York, New York.
- 6/2001. "Dislocations/Relocations: Latinas/os in New York." Invited keynote speaker at annual *Making Connections* conference of Nassau BOCES (Board of Cooperative and Educational Services), Glen Cove, New York.
- 4/2001. Invited discussant, "Resources for Civil Society/Civil Society as a Resource" panel at the conference *New Spaces for Civil Society in Latin America and Eastern Europe: Strengthening or Fragmenting Democracy?* The Gitelson Roundtable, the Columbia University-New York University Consortium for Latin American Studies, and the Center on Collaborative Organization and Digital Ecologies, New York, New York.
- 3/2001. "Trading Politics for Housing in Brooklyn, New York." Invited paper presented at the Centre for Urban and Regional Studies, University of Birmingham, Birmingham, England.

Conference Presentations (selected)

- Marwell, Nicole P. and Paul-Brian McInerney. 2004. "The Non-Profit/For-Profit Continuum: Theorizing the Dynamics of Mixed-Form Markets." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Washington, D.C.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2004. "Ethnic Community-Based Organizations and Political Education." Presentation at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, New York.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2003. "City and State Contracts to New York City Nonprofit Organizations: A Description and Preliminary Analysis of New Data." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Denver, Colorado.
- Marwell, Nicole P. and Paul-Brian McInerney. 2003. "The Non-Profit/For-Profit Continuum: Making For-Profit Markets from Non-Profit Activities." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Denver, Colorado.

- Marwell, Nicole P. 2003. "Community Based Nonprofit Organizations as Political Actors." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2003. "Clientelism in Brooklyn, New York." Paper presented at the conference *Mapping the "Gray Zone": Clientelism and the Boundary between Democratic and Democratizing Countries*, Institute of African Studies, Barnard College, New York, New York.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2002. "Community Based Organizations and Politics in Dominican New York." Paper presented at the conference *Dominican Community Organizations*, Milano School for Public Affairs, The New School University, New York, New York.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2002. "Serving, Organizing, and Politicking: The Roles of Community-Based Nonprofit Organizations." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action, Montreal, Quebec.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2001. "How Nonprofit Organizations Become Political Machines." Paper presented at the Department of Sociology Colloquium, Columbia University.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2001. "When a Latino Neighborhood is not Latino: Ethnicity in New York City Politics." Paper presented at the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race, Columbia University.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2001. "A Review of Dalton Conley's *Honky*." Presentation at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2000. "Moments in Community Organizing Practice in the United States." Paper presented at the annual conference of the Federation of Black Housing Organisations, Manchester, England.
- Marwell, Nicole P. 2000. "Connecting Community Organizations and Community Politics." Paper presented at the Conference on Immigrant Political Participation in New York City, Center for Urban Research, The Graduate School and University Center of the City University of New York.

Teaching

Undergraduate Courses

"Introduction to Classical Social Theory." Department of Sociology, Columbia University. Twice-weekly lecture covering three classical sociological theorists (Marx, Durkheim, Weber), two historical and intellectual contemporaries (W.E.B. Du Bois, Charlotte Perkins Gilman), and some contemporary empirical sociology that utilizes classical theoretical concepts.

"Introduction to Latina/o Studies." Latina/o Studies Program, Columbia University. Twice-weekly lecture covering the five major Latino sub-groups in the United States, and examining how knowledge about Latina/os is produced in the United States, including proto-colonialist perspectives, Chicana/o- and Puerto Rican-centered scholarship, community-based and radical programs, perspectives on gender and sexuality, and the growing complexity of a broad Latina/o Studies approach.

"Latina/o Communities in New York City." Latina/o Studies Program and Department of Sociology, Columbia University. Weekly seminar utilizing an ethnographic approach to explore contemporary Latina/o community formations in New York City, including readings of existing ethnographic studies and semester-long student fieldwork projects.

Graduate Courses

"Introduction to Public Affairs." School of Public Affairs, Baruch College. Weekly seminar focusing on the social, cultural, political, and economic elements and contexts of public action in the pursuit of the public interest and the satisfaction of people's needs. Examines various elements of American society and their roles; the ideological and philosophical underpinnings of American political culture; the nature of American political economy; the nature and role of political institutions; and the conceptualization, design, adoption and implementation of public policy.

** Taught versions of this course for regular MPA students and the Executive MPA program.

"Qualitative Research Methods: Observations, Interviews, and Documents." Department of Sociology, Columbia University. Weekly seminar covering readings and methodological exercises on five qualitative research methods used in sociology: participant-observation, intensive interviewing, content analysis, focus groups, and the conceptual basis of network analysis.

B.A. Theses

Anthony Morales, Columbia Latina/o Studies (B.A. granted 2002)
 Carlos Vazquez, Columbia Latina/o Studies (B.A. granted 2002)
 Sripriya Radhakrishna, Columbia Sociology (B.A. granted 2002)
 Sylvia Perez, Columbia Urban Studies (B.A. granted 2007)
 Brenda Cepeda, Columbia Latina/o Studies (B.A. granted 2007)

Mentoring Programs for Undergraduates from Under-Represented Groups

Anthony Morales, Columbia College (Kluge Scholars Summer Program, 2001)
 Shaunte Edmonds, Columbia College (Kluge Scholars Summer Program, 2002)
 Betsaida Alcantara, Bard College (Columbia GSAS Summer Research Program, 2003)
 Brenda Cepeda, Columbia College (McNair Fellowship Summer Program, 2006)

Ph.D. Committees

Galit Shashoua-Goldblatt, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2001)
 Maritsa Poros, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2001)
 Daniel Kratochvil, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2002)
 Helen-Maria Lekas, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2002)
 Eleonora Pasotti, Columbia Political Science (Ph.D. granted 2003)
 Libby Russ, Columbia Spanish and Portuguese (Ph.D. granted 2003)
 Andrew Kourvetaris, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2004)
 Norma Fuentes, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2004)
 Paul-Brian McInerney, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2005)
 Carson Hicks, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2006)
 Bo-Seon Shim, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2006)
 Cynthia Duarte, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2007)
 Nadia Islam, Columbia Sociomedical Sciences (Ph.D. granted 2007)
 Michael McQuarrie, New York University Sociology (Ph.D. granted 2007)

Patricia Calles, Columbia Sociology (Co-sponsor; Ph.D. expected 2007)
Isil Celimli, Columbia Sociology (Ph.D. expected 2007)
Erzsebet Fazekas, Columbia Sociology (Sponsor; Ph.D. expected 2007)
David Madden, Columbia Sociology (Co-sponsor; Ph.D. expected 2009)

Professional Memberships and Service

Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)
Community and Urban Section
Latina/o Sociology Section
Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action (ARNOVA)

Professional service

2006 Robert E. Park Article Award selection committee, Community and Urban Section of the American Sociological Association
2005-07 Editorial Board, ASA Rose Series in Sociology
2004 Outstanding Article Award selection committee, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly* (Volume 32, 2003)
2004 Robert E. Park Book Award selection committee, Community and Urban Section of the American Sociological Association
2003-06 Guest lecturer, *WISE: Working in Support of Education*. "Research Design and Methods for High School Students and their Teachers"
2003 Conference organizer, *New York City University-Nonprofit Information Transfer Convening*, Center for Urban Research and Policy, Columbia University (April 18, 2003)
2002-05 Board of Directors, Equal Share
2001-02 Reviewer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Program, Washington, D.C.

Ad hoc reviewer (last three years)

American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Social Problems
Sociological Focus
Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly
Qualitative Sociology

University Service

Columbia University, Department of Sociology

Summer Session Departmental Representative, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007
Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2003
Undergraduate Curriculum Revision Committee, 2001

Columbia University, Latina/o Studies Program

Faculty Adviser, Undergraduate Conference on Ethnicity and Race, 2006-07
Conference Organizer, *Revisiting the Activist Impulse in Ethnic Studies*, Center for the Study of
Ethnicity and Race, Columbia University (March 31-April 1, 2003).
Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2001 and 2002
Undergraduate Curriculum Revision Committee, 2001

Columbia University

Advisory Board, Revson Fellows Program. 2006-08.
Selection Committee, Revson Fellows Program. 2006, 2007.
Faculty Mentor, McNair Fellowship Summer Research Program. 2006
Invited faculty lecturer, 250th Anniversary Columbia College Dean's Day, New York, NY. 2004.
"Privatizing the Welfare State: Government Contracting, Public Services, and Politics."
Selection Committee, Kluge Fellows Summer Research Program, 2004
Invited faculty lecturer, Columbia College Dean's Day, Los Angeles, CA. 2003. "Dislocations/
Relocations: Latinas/os in New York."
Faculty Mentor, GSAS Summer Research Program for Historically Underrepresented Students, 2003
Selection Committee, Mellon Minority Undergraduate Fellowship Program, 2002, 2003
Faculty Mentor, Kluge Fellows Summer Research Program, 2001, 2002
Selection Committee, Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship Program, 2001