

# ERIN YORK CORNWELL

Department of Sociology  
Cornell University  
336 Uris Hall  
Ithaca, NY 14853

office: (607) 255-3261  
cell: (607) 379-9357  
eyc46@cornell.edu

## EDUCATION

---

- 2008                      Ph.D., University of Chicago (Sociology)  
                                    Dissertation: "Household Disorder"  
                                    Committee: Linda J. Waite, Edward O. Laumann, Kathleen A. Cagney
- 2002                      M.A., University of Chicago (Sociology)
- 1999                      B.A. *summa cum laude*, Wellesley College (Sociology)

## EMPLOYMENT

---

- 2010 -                      Visiting Assistant Professor  
                                    Department of Sociology, Cornell University
- 2008 -                      Affiliate, Cornell Population Program
- 2008 - 2010                Postdoctoral Associate  
                                    Department of Sociology, Cornell University  
                                    Fellow, Center for the Study of Economy & Society

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

---

- Sociology of Health and Aging -- household and neighborhood context, social isolation, social support in disease management, interdisciplinary and biosocial analyses
- Sociology of Law -- court process, jury decision-making, access to legal advice
- Social Inequality -- social capital, status processes, inequality in the legal system, health disparities

## PUBLICATIONS

---

- Cornwell, Erin York and Valerie P. Hans. 2011. "Representation through Participation: A Multilevel Analysis of Jury Deliberations." *Law & Society Review*. Forthcoming
- Cagney, Kathleen A. and Erin York Cornwell. 2010. "Neighborhoods and Health in Later Life: The Intersection of Biology and Community." *Annual Review of Gerontology and Geriatrics*. Forthcoming.

- Cornwell, Erin York. 2010. "Opening and Closing the Jury Room Door: A Socio-Historical Consideration of the 1955 Chicago Jury Project Scandal." *Justice System Journal* 31(1):49-73.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Linda J. Waite. 2009. "Measuring Social Disconnectedness and Perceived Isolation Using Multiple Indicators from the NSHAP Study." *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*. 64B:i38-i46.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Linda J. Waite. 2009. "Social Disconnectedness, Perceived Isolation, and Health among Older Adults." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior* 50(1): 31-48.  
Findings reported in *Reuters* and *United Press International* news wires, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *FoxNews.com*, *Science Daily*, *Medical News Today*, and *Self* magazine.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Benjamin Cornwell. 2009. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: An Examination of Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." *Sociological Perspectives* 51(4):853-876.
- York, Erin. 2008. "Reconsidering Social Status and Jury Deliberations: How Does Social Class Determine Influence in the Jury Room?" *Court Manager* 23(1):6-13.
- York, Erin and Benjamin Cornwell. 2006. "Status on Trial: Social Characteristics and Influence in the Jury Room." *Social Forces* 85(1):455-477.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

---

- Cornwell, Erin York. "Toward a Sociology of the Household Environment: A Theoretical Framework and Empirical Application." *Revised and resubmitted*.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Linda J. Waite. "Social Networks and Support in Disease Diagnosis and Management: An Examination of Hypertension among Older Adults" *Under review*.
- Cornwell, Erin York. "Private Attorneys and Case Outcomes in Criminal Trials." *In progress*.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

---

- Cornwell, Erin York and Linda J. Waite. "Awareness and Management of Hypertension among Older Adults: Do Social Networks and Support Matter?" Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, August 14, 2010.
- Hans, Valerie P. and Erin York Cornwell. "Who Participates in Jury Deliberations?" Presented at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University, March 25, 2010.
- Cornwell, Erin York. "Disorder and Decline: Household Conditions and Health among Older Adults." University of Chicago, Department of Health Studies, March 3, 2010.
- Hans, Valerie P. and Erin York Cornwell. "Judicial Efficiency and the Jury." Presented at the Conference on Judicial Efficiency, Turin, Italy, December 3, 2009.
- Cornwell, Erin York and Valerie P. Hans. "Contextualizing Jury Participation: Case-, Jury-, and Juror-Level Predictors of Participation in Jury Deliberations." Presented at the Conference on Empirical

Legal Studies, University of Southern California Law School, November 20, 2009.

Waite, Linda, Martha McClintock, Erin York Cornwell, Lissa Patterson, and Juyeon Kim. "The Link Between Social Isolation and Inflammation: Dimensions, Measures, and Mechanisms." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America. April 30, 2009. Detroit, MI.

York, Erin. "Reconsidering Residential Context: Implications of the Household Environment for Health and Social Relationships." Cornell University, Department of Policy Analysis and Management, November 13, 2007.

York, Erin and Benjamin Cornwell. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 12, 2007. New York, NY.

York, Erin and Linda J. Waite. "Social Isolation and Health Among Older Adults: Assessing the Contributions of Objective and Subjective Social Isolation." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, 2007. New York, NY.

York, Erin. "Integrating Biological and Social Data in the Study of Healthy Aging: Introducing the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project." Presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November 12, 2006.

York, Erin. "Social Status in Jury Deliberations: 1957 and Today." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, 2006. Montreal, Quebec.

Mahay, Jenna, Erin York, and Stacy Lindau. "Integrating Biological and Social Data in the Study of Health: Benefits and Challenges." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 13, 2005. Philadelphia, PA.

Mahay, Jenna and Erin York. "Interdisciplinary Methods for the Study of Health and Aging: Biomarker Collection and the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Gerontological Society of America. November, 2004. Washington, D.C.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

---

### **Cornell University**

Sociology 2560, "Sociology of Law," Fall 2008, Fall 2009, Fall 2010

Sociology 2160, "Health and Society," Spring 2009, Spring 2010

### **University of Chicago**

Social Sciences 13200, "Democracy and Social Science, Part II" (Introduction to the statistical analysis of social survey data), Winter 2007

Social Sciences 13300, "Democracy and Social Science, Part III" (Investigating health inequalities), Spring 2007

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

---

Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, awarded to a graduate student paper addressing institutionalized social inequality, University of Chicago, 2007

Center on Aging Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2006-2008

Honors Pass on Special Field Exam, "Health and Social Context," University of Chicago, 2006

University of Chicago Century Fellowship, University of Chicago, 2000-2004

*Alpha Kappa Delta* Award, Wellesley College, 1999

*Phi Beta Kappa*, Wellesley College, 1999

Jerome A. Schiff Fellowship for Honors Thesis Research (\$2,000), Wellesley College, 1998

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES AND SERVICE**

---

### **Research Consulting and Assistance**

Consultant, National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), 2008-present

Consultant, Finnegan, Henderson, Farabow, Garrett, & Dunner, LLP, 2008-2009

Project Coordinator, National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project (NSHAP), 2003-2006

### **Editorial and Referee Service**

Occasional Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Rural Studies*, *Social Networks*, and *Social Science & Medicine*.

Ad Hoc Proposal Reviewer for the *National Science Foundation*.

Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2004-2005

Book Review Board Member, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2002-2004

Editorial Assistant, *Law and Society Review*, 1997-1999.

### **Other Professional Service**

Discussant, "Aging and Well-Being: Social, Economic, and Psychological Dimensions." *Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America*, Washington, DC, March 2011

Member of Graduate Student Paper Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2009-2010

Coordinator, *Law in Social Context Seminar Series*, Department of Sociology, Cornell University 2008-2009

### **Professional Memberships**

American Sociological Association

*Section Memberships:* Aging and the Life Course, Medical Sociology, Sociology of Population, Sociology of Law, and Theory

Gerontological Society of America

Law and Society Association  
Population Association of America  
Society for Empirical Legal Studies