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### EMPLOYMENT

- 2008- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Cornell University  
Faculty affiliate, Center for the Study of Economy and Society  
Faculty affiliate, Center for the Study of Inequality  
Faculty affiliate, Cornell Population Center
- 2007-8 Postdoctoral Fellow, Center on the Demography and Economics of Aging,  
University of Chicago

### EDUCATION

- 2007 Ph.D., Sociology, University of Chicago  
Dissertation: *Physical Function and Social Action: Implications for Social Connectedness* (Committee: Edward Laumann (chair), Linda Waite, Jason Beckfield)
- 2001 M.A., Sociology, The Ohio State University
- 2000 B.A., *Magna Cum Laude*, High Honors in Sociology, University of Cincinnati

### JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Schneider, John A., Benjamin Cornwell, David Ostrow, Stuart Michaels, L. Philip Schumm, Edward O. Laumann, and Samuel R. Friedman. "Network Mixing and Network Influences Most Linked to HIV Infection and Risk Behavior in a Black Men Who Have Sex with Men HIV Epidemic." Forthcoming in *American Journal of Public Health*.
- Schneider, John A., Tim Walsh, David Ostrow, Benjamin Cornwell, Stuart Michaels, Samuel R. Friedman, and Edward O. Laumann. 2012. "Health Center Affiliation Networks of Black Men Who Have Sex with Men: Disentangling Fragmented Patterns of HIV Prevention and Treatment Utilization." Forthcoming in *Sexually Transmitted Diseases*.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2012. "Spousal Network Overlap as a Basis for Spousal Support." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74:229-38.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2011. "Independence through Social Networks: A Comparison of Older Men's and Women's Bridging Potential." *Journals of Gerontology B: Psychological and Social Sciences* 66B:782-94.

- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2011. "Unemployment and Widespread Influenza in America, 1999-2010." Forthcoming in *Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses*.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. 2011. "Network Position and Sexual Dysfunction: Implications of Partner Betweenness for Men." *American Journal of Sociology* 117:172-208.
- [Press coverage: CBSNews, *Chicago Sun-Times*, FOXNews, *The Globe and Mail*, Huffington Post, *Men's Health Magazine*, MSNBC, *Psychology Today*, *The New York Times*, *TIME*, *The Times of India*, *The Times* (of London), and over 100 other media outlets. Appeared on NewsTalk 1010 Toronto with Ward Anderson, and on KFWB News/Talk 980 Los Angeles with Maggie McKay.]
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2011. "Age Trends in Daily Social Contact Patterns." *Research on Aging* 33:598-631.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2009. "Good Health and the Bridging of Structural Holes." *Social Networks* 31:92-103.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2009. "Network Bridging Potential in Later Life: Life-Course Experiences and Social Network Position." *Journal of Aging and Health* 21:129-54.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Edward O. Laumann, L. Philip Schumm, and Jessica Graber. 2009. "Social Networks in the NSHAP Study: Rationale, Measurement, and Preliminary Findings." *Journals of Gerontology, Series B: Social Sciences* 64B (S1):i47-i55.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Edward O. Laumann, and L. Philip Schumm. 2008. "The Social Connectedness of Older Adults: A National Profile." *American Sociological Review* 73:185-203.
- [Press coverage: ABCNews, *Boston Herald*, CBSNews, *Chicago Tribune*, CNN, FOXNews, *LA Times*, *Miami Herald*, MSNBC, *New York Times*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Seattle Times*, *TIME*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, over 100 other media outlets. Appeared on live television on "Chicago Tonight," and on Cleveland's live NPR show, "The Sound of Ideas."]
- Keister, Lisa A., and Benjamin Cornwell. 2008. "The Development of Influence Hierarchy among Community Elites: The Role of Visible and Obscure Status Characteristics in the Emergence of Elite Social Hierarchies." *Sociological Analysis* 2:5-27.
- York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2008. "Access to Expertise as a Form of Social Capital: An Examination of Race- and Class-Based Disparities in Network Ties to Experts." *Sociological Perspectives* 51:853-76.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2007. "The Protestant Sect Credit Machine: Social Capital and the Rise of Capitalism." *Journal of Classical Sociology* 7:267-90.
- Jacobs, David, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2007. "Labor Markets and Organizations: A Screening Theory of Hiring Networks and Racially Homogenous Employment." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 25:39-55.

- Payne, Danielle, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2007. "Modeling Peer Influences on Delinquency: Beyond the Direct Contact Hypothesis." *Journal of Quantitative Criminology* 23:127-150.
- York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2006. "Status on Trial: Social Characteristics and Influence in the Jury Room." *Social Forces* 85:455-77.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2005. "Contextualizing Closeness Centrality: Incorporating Disconnectedness via the Complement." *Connections* 26:70-81.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Jill Ann Harrison. 2004. "Union Members and Voluntary Associations: Membership Overlap as a Case of Organizational Embeddedness." *American Sociological Review* 69:862-81.
- Curry, Timothy Jon., Paula A. Arriagada, Benjamin Cornwell, and Jeff Jarosch. 2004. "Richer and Whiter: How Publishers of Popular Magazines Construct their Readership for Advertisers." *Sociological Focus* 37:127-41.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2003. "Bonded Fatalities: The Effects of Social Bond Strength on Fatality Risk in a Fire Evacuation." *The Sociological Quarterly* 44:617-38.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. 2003. "The Dynamic Properties of Social Support: Decay, Growth, and Staticity, and Their Effects on Adolescent Depression." *Social Forces* 81:955-81.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Timothy J. Curry, and Kent P. Schwirian. 2003. "Revisiting Long's Ecology of Games: A Network Approach." *City & Community* 2:121-42.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Annulla Linders. 2002. "The Myth of Moral Panic: An Alternative Account of LSD Prohibition." *Deviant Behavior* 23:307-30.
- Curry, Timothy Jon, Paula A. Arriagada, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2002. "Images of Sport in Popular Non-Sport Magazines: Power and Performance vs. Pleasure and Participation." *Sociological Perspectives* 45:397-413.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and David Lundgren. 2001. "Love on the Internet: Involvement and Misrepresentation in Romantic Relationships in Cyberspace vs. Realspace." *Computers in Human Behavior* 17:197-211.
- Partial reprints: 1) 2003. Pp. 516-19, in *The Craft of Argument with Readings*, edited by Williams, Colomb, Tracey, and D'Errico; 2) 2003. Pp. 10-14 in *Points and Counterpoints, Controversial Relationship and Family Issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*, edited by Coleman and Ganong.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Melissa Mason, Wendy Harmon, Brian Merz, and Mike Lampe. 2001. "Panic or Situational Constraints?: The Case of the M/V Estonia." *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters* 19:5-25.

## BOOK CHAPTERS

- Curry, Timothy J, Kent. P. Schwirian, Rachael A. Waldoff, and Benjamin Cornwell. 2004. "Beyond the Arena District: Downtown Columbus." Pp 101-13 in *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Redevelopment*, by Timothy J. Curry, Kent. P. Schwirian, and Rachael A. Waldoff. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.
- . 2004. "Other Cities, Other Games." Pp 114-34 in *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Redevelopment*, by Curry, Schwirian, and Waldoff. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.
- . 2004. "The Ecology of Games Social Action Model." Pp 134-66 in *High Stakes: Big Time Sports and Downtown Redevelopment*, by Curry, Schwirian, and Waldoff. Columbus: The Ohio State University Press.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Social Contact Dynamics and Health Outcomes." In progress
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Is Moving between Social Contexts Stressful?" Revise and resubmit.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Fedor Dokshin. "Elite Connections through Community Associations." Under review.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Emily Hoagland. "Collecting Social Network Data." In progress, for inclusion in the *Handbook of Health Survey Methods*, edited by Timothy Johnson.
- Cornwell, Benjamin and Edward O. Laumann. "The Implications of Social Network Change for Health." Under review.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Edward O. Laumann, and L. Philip Schumm. "Social Network Dynamics in Later Life." In progress.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, Edward O. Laumann, L. Philip Schumm, Juyeon Kim, and Young-Jin Kim. "Measurement of Longitudinal Egocentric Social Networks in the National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project." In progress.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Elizabeth Warburton. "Implications of Nonstandard Work for Social Ties." Under review.
- Ostrow, D. G., S. Michaels, B. Cornwell, M. Plankey, S. Friedman, E. Laumann, L. Jacobson, and J. Schneider. "Self-Reported PEP/PrEP Use Among African American MSM Associated with Reduced Levels of Behavioral Risk-taking Among Seropositive Men." In progress.

## **GRANTS**

Co-Investigator (with David Ostrow, Edward O. Laumann, and John Schnieder). May 2009-April 2011. \$39,002 (total to Cornell). "Men's Assessment of Social Support and Risk Networks." R03. National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Co-Investigator (with Linda J. Waite (PI), Kathleen A. Cagney, William Dale, Elbert Huang, Edward O. Laumann, Martha McClintock, Colm O'Muircheartaigh, and L. Philip Schumm). August 2009-July 2014. \$94,264 (total to Cornell). "NSHAP Wave II Partner Data Collection." R01. National Institutes of Health.

Summer research grant. Summer 1999. \$1,500. "A Comparison of the Nature of Relationships that Develop on and off of the Internet by Chat Room Users." University of Cincinnati Research Council and the University Honors Scholars Program.

*Under review*

Co-Investigator (with Linda J. Waite (PI), Kathleen A. Cagney, William Dale, Elbert Huang, Edward O. Laumann, Martha McClintock, Colm O'Muircheartaigh, and L. Philip Schumm). "NSHAP Wave III." R01. National Institutes of Health.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2012 Institute for the Social Sciences Faculty Fellowship, 2012–2013 (Cornell University)

2007 Patricia Lynn Baker Prize, for "Status on Trial" (University of Chicago)

2006 Distinguished Scholarship Award (sole Honorable Mention), Labor and Labor Movements Section, American Sociological Association, for "Union Members and Voluntary Associations."

2006 National Institute on Aging predoctoral fellowship, 2006–2007 (University of Chicago)

2003 University fellowship, 2003–2006 (University of Chicago)

2002 Summer research fellowship (The Ohio State University)

2000 University fellowship, 2000–2001 (The Ohio State University)

2000 Phi Beta Kappa (University of Cincinnati)

## **PRESENTATIONS**

Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. "Social Network Dynamics and Health in Later Life." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Denver, Colorado, August 2012.

- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Health, Aging, and Social Network Dynamics in Later Life." Paper presented at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Sociology, December 2011.
- Schneider J.A., B. Cornwell, D. Ostrow, S. Michaels, S. R. Friedman, and E .O. Laumann. "Formal Network Analyses Illuminate Opportunities for Personal Network Intervention on Sex and Sex Drug Use Behavior of African American Men Who Have Sex With Men (AA-MSM)." Paper presented at the 6<sup>th</sup> IAS Conference on HIV Pathogenesis, Treatment and Prevention, Rome, Italy, July 2011.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "The Network Bases of Social Support: Why Socially Embedded Spouses are More Supportive." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, D.C., April 2011.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "The Structure of a Community Elite Affiliation Network." Paper presented at Sunbelt XXXI, International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, February 2011.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Accomplishing Social Integration: A Study of Social Contact and Switching Dynamics." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2010.
- Laumann, Edward O., and Benjamin Cornwell. "Sexual Problems of Erectile Function and Orgasm of Older Men: Implications of Social Network Structure for Masculinity." Presented at the annual meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Prague, Czech Republic, July 2010.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Unemployment and Influenza." Presented at the Center for the Study of Economy & Society seminar series, Cornell University, April 2010.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Social Switching Dynamics in Everyday Life: The Role of Age and the Life Course." Presented at the Cornell Population Program seminar series, Cornell University, March 2010.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "How Are Health Problems Related to Older Adults' Social Networks?" Paper presented at the Demography Workshop, University of Chicago, February 2008.
- Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. "Social Connectedness and Sexual Dysfunction: The Relevance of Non-Intimate Social Ties." Paper presented at Sunbelt XXVIII, International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, January 2008.
- Cornwell, Benjamin. "Older Adults' Social Connectedness: A Health Perspective." Paper presented to the Department of Sociology, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, November 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Older Adults' Community Involvement: A Health Perspective." Paper presented to the Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, October 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin, L. Phillip Schumm, and Edward O. Laumann. "How Socially Connected Are Older Adults?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 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." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, New York, August 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Social Networks and Health." Presentation to the NORC Board of Trustees, Chicago, Illinois, April 2007.

Cornwell, Benjamin, and Edward O. Laumann. "Social Network Indices and Confounding in Health Research: New Evidence from the NSHAP Study." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, 2006.

York, Erin, and Benjamin Cornwell. "How the Older Half Lives: Examining Home Disorder among Older Americans." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, Quebec, Canada, August 2006.

Kertcher, Zack, and Benjamin Cornwell. "Theoretical Structures in Social Network Research." Paper presented at the XXV International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Redondo Beach, CA, 2005.

Payne, Danielle C., and Benjamin Cornwell, "Modeling Peer Influences on Delinquency: Beyond the Direct Contact Hypothesis." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville, TN, 2004.

Curry, Tim, Paula A. Arriagada, Benjamin Cornwell, and Jeff Jarosch. "Richer and Whiter: How Publishers of Popular Magazines Construct Their Readership for Advertisers." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, Georgia, August 2003.

Linders, Annulla, and Benjamin Cornwell. "Where's the Panic in Moral Panic?" Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2003.

Cornwell, Benjamin. "Interdependency, Cooperation, and Threat Management: International Diffusion of Y2K Readiness." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2002.

Curry, Timothy J., Kent P. Schwirian, Rachael A Woldoff, and Benjamin Cornwell. "When the Voters Say 'No'. Corporate Action and Urban revitalization: An Ecology of Games Action

Model.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Illinois, August 2002.

Cornwell, Benjamin. “Love on the Internet: Involvement and Misrepresentation in Romantic Relationships in Cyberspace vs. Realspace.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the North Central Sociological Association, Pittsburgh, 2000.

Cubbins, Lisa, and Benjamin Cornwell. “Intergenerational Occupational Mobility.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August 2000.

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

Research Associate, Ogburn-Stouffer Center for the Study of Social Organizations, NORC at the University of Chicago, 2010 -

Consultant, NORC at the University of Chicago, February 2008 - June 2008.

Consultant, Richard Day Research, Evanston, Illinois, December 2007 - January 2008.

Research Assistant, The National Social Life, Health, and Aging Project, University of Chicago, 2005-7.

Research Assistant, Peter B. Ritzma Professor of Sociology Donald N. Levine, University of Chicago, 2004-6.

Research Assistant, Associate Professor of Sociology Lisa Keister, The Ohio State University, 2002-3.

Research Assistant, Associate Professor of Sociology Timothy J. Curry, The Ohio State University, 2001-2.

## **COURSES TAUGHT**

Introduction to Sociology, Fall 2008, Spring 2009, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Fall 2011, Spring 2012, Fall 2012

Basic Problems in Sociology I (Graduate), Fall 2010, Fall 2012

Social Microsequences (Graduate), Spring 2012

## **UNIVERSITY/DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

Acting Director of Undergraduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Cornell, Fall 2012

Advisory board, Gerontology minor, Cornell

Member of minor field of Demography, Cornell



Colloquium committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell, 2011-2012

Undergraduate education assessment committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell, 2011-2013

Faculty Senate alternate, Department of Sociology, Cornell, 2009-2011

Awards committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell, 2009-2011

Faculty search committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell, 2009-2010, 2012-2013

Graduate admissions committee, Department of Sociology, Cornell, 2008-2009

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

Consulting editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2012-2014.

Associate editor, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 2012-2014.

Presider, session on "Social Network Dynamics and Health in Later Life," ASA, Denver, 2012

Session organizer and chair, sessions on "Social Networks, Social Capital, and Aging" and "Social Capital, Aging, and Well-Being," PAA, San Francisco, 2012.

Population Association of America program committee, Population and Aging section, 2011.

Manuscript assignment board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2005 - 2006.

Chair, session on "Social Networks and Health," Sunbelt XXVIII, International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, 2008.

Ad hoc proposal reviewer for National Science Foundation

Journal referee for: *Advances in Life Course Research*, *Ageing & Society*, *American Journal of Public Health*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Disaster Medicine and Public Health Preparedness*, *International Journal of Mass Emergencies and Disasters*, *Journal of Aging and Health*, *Journal of Applied Gerontology*, *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*, *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Social Structure*, Oxford University Press, *Rationality & Society*, *Social Forces*, *Social Networks*, *Social Problems*, *Social Sciences & Medicine*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Social Science Research*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association  
Economic Sociology section  
Aging and the Life Course section  
Mathematical Sociology section  
Disability and Society section

Population Association of America

International Network for Social Network Analysis

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Economy and Society, Cornell University

Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Population Program, Cornell University

## **TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Social network analysis, sociology of health, social epidemiology, social stratification, social psychology, organizational sociology, sequence analysis

## **REFERENCES**

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