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EDUCATION

2008 (expected)	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Chicago
2003	M.A. Sociology, University of Chicago
1999	M.A. Economics, Sofia University, Bulgaria
1997	B.A. Economics, Sofia University, Bulgaria (Minor: English Language and Literature)

PH.D. SPECIAL FIELDS RESEARCH INTERESTS

Economic Sociology and Organizations, Social Statistics
Microfinance, development, organizational and economic
sociology, state formation and nationalism, sexuality

DISSERTATION

Microcredit programs provide small loans to poor people organized in jointly liable groups. Given the lack of collateral, the group lending literature emphasizes the social capital of borrowers, specifically their ties to and information about one another through which they can monitor, sanction, self-select, and provide help and cooperation to fellow members. Group composition in terms of similarity of social characteristics of members and its effect on repayment is significantly less studied. Applying social networks theory to microlending, my thesis explores the interplay between group homogeneity and social capital, and their separate and combined effects on repayment. I argue that group homogeneity is a key factor in analyzing group lending and the success of such microfinance programs worldwide. Using data on borrowing groups of a microlender in Thailand, I assess the extent to which group homogeneity accounts for differences in the social capital of groups and in their risk of formal penalties for late repayment or default. I find that socially homogeneous groups tend to have less social capital in the form of monitoring, sanctions, and cooperation, but such groups also suffer fewer problems with repayment. Through latent class models and logistic regressions, I show that member homogeneity improves group performance. Contrary to most prior research, my results demonstrate that social capital can affect repayment adversely.

PUBLICATIONS

“Sexual Contact between Children and Adults: A Life-Course Perspective with a Special Reference to Men.” 2003. (With Edward O. Laumann, Christopher R. Browning, and Arnout van der Rijt). In *Sexual Development in Childhood*, John Bancroft (ed.). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press.

“Employment and Unemployment in France.” 1998. *East-West Partnership 2*, Sofia, Bulgaria (in Bulgarian).

RESEARCH

“Social Capital and Group Homogeneity: Joint-Liability Lending in Thailand,” Ph.D. dissertation, University of Chicago.

RESEARCH (CONTINUED)

“Sexual Infidelity in Chicago: Trust, Perceived Breaches, and Relationship Well-Being” (with Anthony Paik), working paper, University of Chicago.

“Determinants of Housework” (with Nicholas P. Dempsey), Working Paper #2-13, Alfred P. Sloan Center for Parents, Children and Work, University of Chicago, 2002.

“Making History: Nationalism and Identity in Eight Books about Bulgaria,” working paper, University of Chicago.

“Vertical Integration of Firms in the U.S. and Western Europe,” M.A. Thesis, Sofia University, Bulgaria, July 1998 (in Bulgarian).

PRESENTATIONS

“The Impact of Marriage and Sexual Networks on the Quality of Life” (with Anthony Paik), ASA 97th Annual Meeting in Chicago, August 2002.

“Employment and Unemployment in France” (in French), *Towards Europe of the Future* International Students’ Conference, Varna, Bulgaria, May 1998.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| Jan. 2007 – Mar. 2007 | Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Quantitative Methods in Social Sciences, Steven Raudenbush, University of Chicago. |
| Sep. 2005 – Dec. 2005 | Instructor, Classical Sociological Thought, Simon Fraser University. (A required course for Sociology and Anthropology majors. Designed and taught the course. Topics: Marx, Durkheim, Simmel, Webber.) |
| Jan. 2003 – Mar. 2003 | Teaching Intern in the College, Power, Identity, and Resistance II, Gary Herrigel, University of Chicago. (A required course for Social Sciences majors. Assisted in seminar preparation, lectures and grading, held office hours, led seminars and lectured. Topics: Hobbes, Locke, Rousseau, J. S. Mill, Burke, Nietzsche, Rawls.) |
| Oct. 2002 – Dec. 2002 | Teaching Intern in the College, Power, Identity, and Resistance I, James A. Leitzel, University of Chicago. (A required course for Social Sciences majors. Assisted in seminar preparation, lectures and grading, held office hours, led seminars and lectured. Topics: Adam Smith, Durkheim, Marx.) |
| Mar. 2002 – June 2002 | Teaching Assistant, Applied Regression II, Ross M. Stolzenberg, University of Chicago. (Graded homework and exams, held office hours. Topics: simple, multiple, logistic regression, probit, regression diagnostics, analysis of covariance, path analysis, factor analysis, effects in non-linear and non-additive specifications.) |

RESEARCH AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Aug. 2002 – Aug. 2003 Managing Editor, *Sociological Methodology*, Blackwell Publishing. (Oversaw the article review process, assisted the Editor in article selection, coordinated the correspondence with authors and with the publishing company.)
- Mar. 2002 – July 2002 Assistant Managing Editor, *Sociological Methodology*, Blackwell Publishing.
- June 2000 – Sep. 2001 Research Assistant, *The Chicago Health and Social Life Survey Project*, Edward O. Laumann, National Opinion Research Center and the University of Chicago. (Research and data analysis for various chapters in *The Social Organization of the City*, Laumann et al (eds.), University of Chicago Press, 2004.)

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

- Nov. 2007 Sociology and the Liberal Tradition Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies, Alexandria, VA
- June 2006 Social Change Seminar, Institute for Humane Studies, Stanford University
- 1999 – 2003 Century Fellowship and full tuition support, University of Chicago
- 1999 – 2000 International House of Chicago Fellowship
- 1993 – 1997 Bulgarian Government Stipend for Excellence in Academic Achievement

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

- 2002 – present Member of the American Sociological Association
- 2001, 2002 Coordinator for the Annual Spring Institute, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago
- 2000 – present Member of the Society for Social Research, University of Chicago

LANGUAGES

Bulgarian: native, English: fluent, Russian: very good, French: working knowledge

REFERENCES

- Edward O. Laumann, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, (773) 702-8691, ob01@uchicago.edu.
- William L. Parish, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, 1126 East 59th Street, Chicago, IL 60637, (773) 702-8682, pari@uchicago.edu.
- Patrick Heuveline, Department of Sociology, UCLA, 264 Haines Hall, 375 Portola Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095, (310) 825-1313, heuveline@soc.ucla.edu.