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Center Fellowship Grant Application

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I. General Information

- a. Name: Jeffrey M. Timberlake
- b. M#: 02080761
- c. Department: Sociology
- d. Position: Associate Professor
- e. Project title: *The American Urban Population from World War II to the Present*
- f. Potential external funding that might arise from this project: None—it is for the completion of a book manuscript.
- g. Intended results of a funded research, e.g., concrete plans for publication or conference presentations: Book manuscript, under advance contract with the University of California Press (see Appendix).

II. Taft Grant History

Please list your grant history with Taft for the last 5 years, in reverse chronological order. Please list project title, the name, date, and amount of award, as well as development of the project subsequent to the grant, e.g. publication.

1. Type and Dates Domestic Conference Travel, 2012
 Amount \$620.90
 Project Title “Immigrant Stereotypes and Public Assessments of the Impact of Immigration.”
 Results Timberlake, Jeffrey M., Junia Howell, Amy Baumann Grau, and Rhys H. Williams. “Who ‘They’ Are Matters: Immigrant Stereotypes and Assessments of the Impact of Immigration.” Forthcoming in *The Sociological Quarterly* 56.

2. Type and Dates Domestic Conference Travel, 2012
 Amount \$510.60
 Project Title “Patterns of Minority Suburbanization in U.S. Metropolitan Areas, 1970 to 2010.”
 Results Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, San Francisco, CA, May 2012

3. Type and Dates Faculty Release Fellowship, 2011
 Amount \$6,000.00
 Project Title “Trends in American Urban Spatial Structure, 1970 to 2010.”
 Results Howell, Aaron J. and Jeffrey M. Timberlake. 2014. “Racial and Ethnic Trends in the Suburbanization of Poverty in U.S. Metropolitan Areas, 1980 to 2010.” *Journal of Urban Affairs* 36:79-98.

 Mayer, Adam and Jeffrey M. Timberlake. 2014. “‘The Fist in the Face of God’: Heavy Metal Music and Decentralized Cultural Diffusion.” *Sociological Perspectives* 57:27-51.

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Malat, Jennifer and Jeffrey M. Timberlake. 2013. "County-level Unemployment Change and Trends in Self-rated Health." *Sociological Focus* 46:25-46.

Timberlake, Jeffrey M. and Rhys H. Williams. 2012. "Stereotypes of U.S. Immigrants from Four Global Regions." *Social Science Quarterly* 93:867-890.

4. Type and Dates Domestic Conference Travel, 2011
Amount \$432.90
Project Title "A Spatio-Temporal Assessment of Exposure to Neighborhood Violence."
Results Presented at the annual meeting of the Population Association of America, Washington, DC, March 2011.

5. Type and Dates Domestic Conference Travel, 2009
Amount \$361.30
Project Title "Confined to the Inner Ring? Effects of Ecological Distance on Patterns of Minority Suburbanization in American Metropolitan Areas"
Results Presented at "The Diverse Suburb: History, Politics, and Processes," Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY, October 2009.

III. Project Proposal

The American Urban Population from World War II to the Present

Introduction

This Taft Center Fellowship application concerns a book manuscript for which I have received an advance contract from the University of California Press (see Appendix). This book represents the culmination of some five years of research I have performed with graduate students and other colleagues that analyzes patterns of American urbanization over the past several decades. The proposed book will take a longer view, extending back over seven decades to the dawn of World War II. I will trace changes in the American urban population until the near-present, using data from the U.S. Census Bureau and a variety of other sources. Although the scholarly literature on American patterns of urbanization is vast, I am aware of no other book that analyzes changes in the American urban population as comprehensively as I will in this book. In the remainder of this proposal I describe the project and explain why I believe it merits support from the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center.

About the Book

This volume will examine changes over the past 75 years in where Americans live, focusing on five significant and interrelated trends that characterize the period. First, the population headed South and West. During the immediate post-war period, the U.S. population was concentrated in northeastern and midwestern metropolitan areas offering jobs in heavy manufacturing industries such as automobiles in Detroit, meatpacking in Chicago, steel in Pittsburgh, and military materiel in Philadelphia. During the 1970s and 1980s, the Northeast and Midwest regions experienced sharp declines in these industries, as employers sought cheaper land and labor overseas and in metro areas in the South and West regions of the United States. These regions both absorbed many of the remaining manufacturing jobs, but also gained workers in new high-tech industries such as computer software development and telecommunications.

Second, and largely as a result of regional population shifts, some metropolitan areas grew rapidly, while others suffered slower growth or even population declines. For example, southern and western metropolitan areas such as Las Vegas, Austin, Phoenix, and Orlando all mushroomed (with average annual growth rates of 3.5% to 5.0% from 1970 to 2010), while northeastern and midwestern metros such as Pittsburgh, Cleveland, and Detroit experienced net population loss.

Third, the population continued its post-World War II march to the suburbs. Whereas in 1940 about 15 percent of metro-area residents lived in suburbs, that percentage soared to 38 percent by 1970 and to over 50 percent by 2010. However, there is some evidence that a small share of central city neighborhoods experienced rebirth from 1980 to the present, a process commonly known as “gentrification.”

Fourth, the share of the U.S. immigrant population skyrocketed. In 1940 about 9 percent of the U.S. population was foreign-born, declining by 1970 to under 5 percent. Today that figure stands at about 13 percent. Moreover, the foreign-born population changed dramatically in terms of region of origin. In 1960, just 15 percent of U.S. immigrants were born in Asia or Latin America.

By 2010, that figure had grown to over 80 percent. Moreover, the spatial location of the foreign-born has shifted over time, as immigrants have increasingly moved out of traditional “gateway” metropolitan areas such as New York and Los Angeles to “new destinations” in metro areas in the Southeast and mountain region states such as Nevada, Idaho, and Wyoming.

Finally, residential segregation on the basis of race and ethnicity has declined somewhat over time, both in metropolitan areas, but perhaps more importantly, in residential neighborhoods. The era of the “all-white” neighborhood is now virtually over, as minority families are finding unprecedented access to neighborhoods of all sorts. On the other hand, segregation remains high in absolute terms for African Americans, and has changed little for persons of Asian or Latin American origin. Still, compared to the near-total levels of segregation in the three decades following World War II, the trends have clearly been in the direction of more inclusion on the basis of race and ethnicity.

Organization of the Book

The organization of the book will be as follows: in Chapter 1 I will make an argument for why changes in urban patterns are critically important for such issues as congressional districting, land and resource use, and the life chances of urban residents in both growing and declining cities. I will then introduce the goals of the book, define key terms and methodological issues, and summarize the key points in each chapter to follow. Chapter 2 will provide a pre-1970 historical overview to help readers understand why 1970 is such an important starting point in looking at recent trends. Chapter 3 will discuss some of the theoretical approaches used to understand urban change, including the Human Ecological approach and its offshoots, and the newer political economy approach and its variants. This chapter will provide some concepts and trends that will enable me to discuss the causes of why the trends detailed in the following two chapters likely occurred.

Chapters 4 and 5 will comprise the empirical core of the book, with the first of these chapters detailing between-and within-metropolitan area population movements (the first three topics noted in the introduction) and the second devoted to issues of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic segregation and inclusion (the fourth and fifth topics noted in the introduction). The main questions to be addressed in Chapter 4 are to what extent has the American urban population:

1. *Shifted from the Northeast and Midwest to the South and West?* To answer this question, I will present data from several time points, including immediately pre- and post-World War II (say, 1940 and 1950), plus succeeding decades to show both the volume and pace of change in the regional location of the urban population.
2. *Become concentrated in certain metropolitan areas and less in others?* To answer this question, I will present data on change over time in the size and share of the U.S. urban population in particular cities and metro areas.
3. *Moved to the suburbs?* To answer this question, I will present data on changes in the share of the urban population that lives in the suburbs, as well as show which metropolitan areas are most and least suburban.

The main questions to be addressed in Chapter 5 are to what extent has the American urban population:

4. *Become more racially and ethnically diverse?* To answer this question, I will present data on changes in the share of the urban population that is non-white, showing the timing of these changes across a variety of metropolitan areas.
5. *Become more or less residentially segregated?* To answer this question I will present data on racial/ethnic and economic segregation across places and over time. I will focus on the degree to which racial and ethnic minorities and the poor are more or less evenly distributed throughout metro areas and the degree to which these groups reside in neighborhoods dominated by their own group.

Chapter 6 will address some of the political, social, and environmental consequences of the changes described in the two previous chapters, and attempt to provide some international comparisons where possible. Finally, Chapter 7 will conclude the book with some speculations about where American cities are headed, in terms of racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic diversity. This section will enable me to reflect back on the theoretical claims introduced in Chapter 1.

Conclusion

Overall, this project will contribute a comprehensive understanding of demographic changes in the American urban population, with an eye to showing how these changes have long historical antecedents and crucially important consequences for a variety of social, political, and environmental issues. A Center Fellowship from the Charles Phelps Taft Research Center would prove invaluable as I attempt to complete this chapter of my research agenda. Not only would the fellowship provide me time to complete the project, but the interdisciplinary environment will yield numerous opportunities to refine my arguments and evidence for a broad audience. Sociology in general and urban sociology in particular are inherently interdisciplinary, as we borrow from economics, anthropology, political science, and even mathematics. I look forward to vigorous debates and exchanges with my cohort of Taft Fellows.

Project Schedule

An initial draft of the book manuscript will be due to the publisher in late 2015 or early 2016. Hence, I propose to follow the following writing schedule:

July 1 to September 30:	Drafts of chapters 1-3
October 1 to December 31:	Drafts of chapters 4-5
January 1 to February 28:	Drafts of chapters 6-7

Proposed Format for Final Publication

This project will be published by the University of California Press as a component of the “Contemporary Issues in Sociology” series, edited by John Iceland of the Pennsylvania State University.

IV. Curriculum Vitae

Please include here a current (updated within the last month) curriculum vitae of no more than two pages.

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September, 2014

Education

- 2003 PhD, University of Chicago (Sociology)
1998 MS, University of Wisconsin-Madison (Sociology)
1991 BA, Residential College, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor (Social Sciences)

Publications (last five years)

Book

- 2016 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.** *The American Urban Population from World War II to the Present.* Under contract with the University of California Press.

Peer-reviewed articles

- 2015 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.**, Junia Howell, Amy Baumann Grau, and Rhys H. Williams. "Who 'They' Are Matters: Immigrant Stereotypes and Assessments of the Impact of Immigration." Forthcoming in *The Sociological Quarterly* 56.
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- 2012 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.** and Rhys H. Williams. "Stereotypes of U.S. Immigrants from Four Global Regions." *Social Science Quarterly* 93:867-890.
- 2011 Malat, Jennifer, **Jeffrey M. Timberlake**, and David R. Williams. "The Effects of Obama's Political Success on the Self-rated Health of Blacks, Hispanics, and Whites." *Ethnicity & Disease* 21:349-55.
- Timberlake, Jeffrey M.**, Aaron J. Howell, and Amanda J. Staight. "Trends in the Suburbanization of Racial/Ethnic Groups in U.S. Metropolitan Areas, 1970 to 2000." *Urban Affairs Review* 47:218-55.
- 2010 Heuveline, Patrick, Hongxing Yang, and **Jeffrey M. Timberlake**. "It Takes a Village (Perhaps a Nation): Families, States, and Educational Achievement." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 72:1362-76.
- 2009 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.** "'Scratchin' and Surviving' or 'Movin' on Up'?: Two Sources of Change in Children's Neighborhood SES." *Population Research and Policy Review* 28:195-219.
- Timberlake, Jeffrey M.** "Effects of Household and Neighborhood Characteristics on Children's Exposure to Neighborhood Poverty and Affluence." *Social Science Research* 38:458-76.

External Research funding

- 2014 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.**, Principal Investigator, and Littisha A. Bates and Maliq Matthew, Co-Investigators. "Feasibility Study: Pathways Out of Poverty." The Fordham Institute.
- 2012 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.**, Principal Investigator, (with Matthew Hall and John Iceland). "Spatial Dynamics and Housing Markets in the United States." National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, Grant No. 1226858.
- 2008 Malat, Jennifer, Principal Investigator, and **Jeffrey M. Timberlake**, Co-Investigator. "Race/Ethnicity and Health Care Access and Quality." Research Advisory Council of the Ohio Family Health Survey, Grant No. 25644.
- Kirk, David S., Principal Investigator, and **Jeffrey M. Timberlake**, Co-Investigator. "A Spatio-Temporal Assessment of Exposure to Neighborhood Violence." National Institute of Justice, Data Resources Program, Grant No. 2008-IJCX-0011.
- 2005 **Timberlake, Jeffrey M.**, Principal Investigator. "Racial and Ethnic Inequality in Children's Exposure to Neighborhood Poverty and Affluence." National Poverty Center, Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan, Small Grants Program, Grant No. 005236.

Appendix

Commitment by Naomi Schneider, editor, University of California Press, to Publish *The American Urban Population from World War II to the Present*.

From: Naomi Schneider [mailto:naomi.schneider@ucpress.edu]
Sent: Wednesday, September 24, 2014 3:05 PM
To: Timberlake, Jeffrey (timberjm)
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Subject: contract!

Hi Jeffrey,

I'm happy to let you know that I can offer you a contract for the book! Everyone was jazzed about its potential.

We need a better title. The one in the contract will just be a placeholder. Can you guesstimate how many tables and figures you plan for the book? Please let us know so we can put a figure in the contract.

I look forward to working together!

Naomi

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