# Karen Jeong Robinson

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## **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. 2011. Sociology, University of California, Irvine. *Comprehensive Exams*: (1) Global Inequality and Change; (2) Race and Ethnicity *Dissertation*: "Discipline, Choice and the Educated Person: Reconstituting the University
Student." *Committee*: David John Frank (chair), Ann Hironaka, & Evan Schofer

BA. 1998. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles. Departmental Honors

## **RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

Higher Education	Theory	Sociology of Education
Globalization	Culture	Research Methods
Race/Ethnicity	Quantitative Methods	Comparative Education

## AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

2009	UCI, Department of Sociology, Summer Research Fellowship; \$2,000
2008	Center for Organization Research, UCI: \$1000
2007	UCI, Department of Sociology, Summer Research Fellowship: \$2,500
2007	UCI, School of Social Sciences Spring Research and Travel Grant: \$550
2006	UCI, School of Social Sciences Summer Research Grant: \$3,500
2006	UCI, School of Social Sciences Winter Pre-Dissertation Fellowship: \$7,500
2005	UCI, School of Social Sciences Summer Travel Grant: \$270
2004	UC Regents Summer Fellowship: \$2,500

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- Robinson, Karen Jeong. 2011. "The Rise of Choice in the American University and College: 1910- 2005." *Sociological Forum* 26(3): 601-622.
- Frank, David John, Karen Jeong Robinson, and Jared Olesen. 2011. "The Global Expansion of Environmental Education In Universities." *Comparative Education Review* 55(4): 546-573.
- Robinson, Karen Jeong. 2012. "Isomorphism." In *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, edited by George Ritzer. Wiley-Blackwell.

Robinson, Karen Jeong and David John Frank. Forthcoming. "Higher Education: Institutional Effects." *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research*. Springer.

## PRESENTATIONS

"Global Proliferation of Environmental Programs in Universities." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2010, Atlanta, Georgia.

"Rethinking Lifelong Learning." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2009, San Francisco, California.

"Discipline, Choice and the Educated Person." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2009, San Francisco, California.

"Historical Conceptions of the Educated Person." Paper presented at the Annual Conference of the UCI History Department, Under Construction. May 2009, Irvine, California.

"Lifelong Learning and Neo-Liberal Discourse." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. April 2009, San Diego, California.

"From Discipline to Choice: The Reconstitution of the University Student." Paper presented at the UCI Comparative Sociology Workshop. October 2008, Irvine, CA.

"The Rise of the University of Choice." Paper presented at the CSU/UCI Joint EdD Regional Research Symposium. March 2007, Irvine, California.

"From Discipline to Liberation: The Rise of the Elective System in Higher Education." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. August 2006, Montreal, Canada.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

#### INSTRUCTOR

Department of Sociology, Cal State University Dominguez Hills: Global Organizations and Social Processes Sociology 311 Spring 2011; Fall 2011				
Department of Sociology.University of California, Irvine:International SociologySociology 2Summer 2009; Summer 2010Race and EthnicitySociology 63Summer 2006				
TEACHING ASSISTANT				
Department of Sociology. University of	f California, Irvii	ne:		
Introduction to Sociology	Sociology 1	Fall 2005; Fall 2006; Fall 2007		
International Sociology	Sociology 2	Spring 2006; Spring 2007; Spring 2008		
Introduction to Social Problems	Sociology 3	Winter 2004; Winter 2005		
Race and Ethnicity	Sociology 63	Spring 2004; Fall 2004		
Social Theory	Sociology 120	Winter 2008		
Business Decisions	Sociology 138	Fall 2008		
Sociology of Los Angeles	Sociology 69	Spring 2005		

Department of Education, University of California, Irvine:Multicultural EducationEducation 124Spring 2010

Department of Social Sciences.	University of California, Irvine:	
Honors: Critical Issues	Social Science H1F	Winter 2009

Department of Asian American Studies. University of California, Irvine: Introduction to Asian American Studies Asian American Studies 60A Fall 2003

#### **Research experience**

Research Assistant: University Expansion and the Knowledge Society. PIs: David John Frank (UC Irvine) and John W. Meyer (Stanford University). Winter 2007.

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

2008-Present	Pacific Sociological Association
2004-Present	American Sociological Association

# SERVICE

Invited Speaker on 1.5 Immigrant Experience. University of California, Irvine, International Sociology. 2005 Summer.

Invited Graduate Student Speaker on Minorities and Graduate School. University of California, Irvine, Summer Academic Enrichment Program. 2006 Summer.

Graduate Student Mentor. Department of Sociology, UCI. 2007-2008

Student Outreach Committee Member. ASA Section on Global and Transnational Sociology. 2010-2011.

#### **REFERENCES:**

Chair	David John Frank Professor, Sociology School of Social Sciences University of California, Irvine 4107 Social Science Plaza Irvine, CA 92697 frankd@uci.edu (949) 824-1117	<b>Evan Schofer</b> Associate Professor, Sociology School of Social Sciences University of California, Irvine 4271 Social Science Plaza Irvine, CA 92697 schofer@uci.edu (949) 824-1397
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