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2019 **PhD in Sociology**, University of Washington
2016 **MA in Sociology**, University of Washington
2013 **BA in Political Science, BS in Psychology**, Louisiana State University

Academic Positions

2022– **Assistant Professor**, Kennesaw State University, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice
2022–2023 **Lecturer**, Cornell University, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy
2020–2022 **Postdoctoral Associate**, Cornell University, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy
2019–2020 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Rutgers University–Camden, Center for Urban Research and Education

Publications

Articles in Peer-Reviewed Journals

- Forthcoming Barron, Boris; Kinkhabwala, Yunus; **Hess, Chris**; Hall, Matt; Cohen, Itai; Arias, Tomás. “Extending the Use of Information Theory in Segregation Analyses to Construct Comprehensive Models of Segregation” *Population Research & Policy Review*.
- 2026 Leverso, John; **Hess, Chris**; Densley, James; Stubbs, Kristonn. “GangTok: Street Gang Content, Culture, and Roleplay on TikTok” *Crime, Media & Culture*.
- 2025 **Hess, Chris**; Yi, Youngmin; Sharp, Gregory; Hall, Matt. “Within-Day Diversity Change, Neighborhood Social Organization and Fear Of Crime” *Socius*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241309224>.
- Hess, Chris**; Leverso, John. “The gang’s not out there anymore: Gentrification, neighborhood change and gang retreatism in Chicago” *International Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s43576-025-00171-7>.
- Moore, Brian; **Hess, Chris**; Gomes, Kimberly; Collette, Tyler; Horan, Kristin Horan; Channer, Bianca Channer; Hodges, Thomas; Moore, Katherine; Ross, Patricia; Sanchez-Cardona, Israel. “An Evaluation of the Impact of Social Determinants of Health in Military Reservists” *Military Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08995605.2025.2556524>.
- Worthen, Meredith; Leverso, John; **Hess, Chris**; Hedgpeth, Gracie. “‘Dude, you’re a bitch!’ Gang Members’ Internet Banging Masculinity via Bitch Discourse” *Deviant Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2025.2464182>
- 2024 **Hess, Chris**; Hall, Matt. “Daily Diversity Flows: Ethnoracial Context at Home and Work” *Demography*. <https://doi.org/10.1215/00703370-11567098>.
- Hess, Chris**; Colburn, Gregg; Allen, Ryan; Crowder, Kyle. “Cumulative housing cost burden exposures and disadvantages to children’s well-being and health” *Social Science Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2024.102984>.
- Hess, Chris**; Horan, Kristin; Collette, Tyler; Sanchez-Cardona, Israel; Channer, Bianca; Moore, Brian. “Rent burden and demographic change among veterans: a research brief” *Social Currents*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23294965241275198>.

- Reosti, Anna; **Hess, Chris**; Allen, Courtney; Crowder, Kyle. “‘Mom-and-pop’ Landlords and Regulatory Backlash: A Seattle Case Study” *Socius*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241296169>.
- Somashekhar, Mahesh; **Hess, Chris**; Kennedy, Ian; Crowder, Kyle. “How Do Real Estate Actors Attract Home Seekers into Mixed-Income Neighborhoods? The Importance of Home Security” *Socius*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241260253>.
- Colburn, Gregg; **Hess, Chris**; Allen, Ryan; Crowder, Kyle. “The Dynamics of Housing Cost Burden Exposures” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2023.2288587>.
- Walter, Rebecca; Acolin, Arthur; Wang, Ruoniu; **Hess, Chris**; Ramiller, Alex; Colburn, Gregg; Crowder, Kyle; Foster, Thomas; Garboden, Philip. “Exploring the association between household compositional change and mobility of subsidized householders: A life course perspective” *Journal of Urban Affairs*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/07352166.2024.2371380>.
- 2023 Stewart, Remy; **Hess, Chris**; Kennedy, Ian; Crowder, Kyle. “Move-In Fees as a Residential Sorting Mechanism on Online Rental Platforms” *Cityscape*. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscape/vol25num1/ch12.pdf>.
- 2022 **Hess, Chris**; Walter, Rebecca; Kennedy, Ian; Acolin, Arthur; Ramiller, Alex; Crowder, Kyle. “Segmented information, segregated outcomes: housing and neighborhood representation on a voucher-focused rental housing platform and three mainstream alternatives” *Housing Policy Debate*. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10511482.2022.2133548>.
- 2021 **Hess, Chris**; Acolin, Arthur; Walter, Rebecca; Kennedy, Ian; Chasins, Sarah; Crowder, Kyle. “Searching for housing in the digital age: Neighborhood representation on internet rental housing platforms across space, platform and metropolitan segregation” *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0308518X211034177>.
- Leverso, John; **Hess, Chris**. “From the Hood to the Home: Masculinity Maturation of Chicago Street Gang Members” *Sociological Perspectives*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07311214211040844>.
- Gabriel, Ryan; Leibbrand, Christine; **Hess, Chris**; Crowder, Kyle. “Metropolitan Segregation and Residential Mobility Into and Out of Lower Poverty Neighborhoods” *Spatial Demography*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40980-021-00090-x>.
- Leibbrand, Christine; Gabriel, Ryan; **Hess, Chris**; Crowder, Kyle. “When Push Comes to Shove: Local Violence and Residential Mobility among Families” *Journal of Marriage and Family*. <http://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12769>.
- Costa, Ana; Sass, Victoria; Kennedy, Ian; Roy, Roshni; Walter, Rebecca; Acolin, Arthur; Crowder, Kyle; **Hess, Chris**; Ramiller, Alex; Chasins, Sarah. “Toward a cross-platform framework: Assessing the comprehensiveness of online rental housing markets” *Cityscape*. <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscape/vol23num2/ch17.pdf>.
- 2020 **Hess, Chris**. “Residential Segregation by Race and Ethnicity and the Changing Geography of Neighborhood Poverty” *Spatial Demography*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40980-020-00066-3>.
- Kennedy, Ian; **Hess, Chris**; Paullada, Amandalynne; Chasins, Sarah. “Racialized Language and Discourse in Seattle Rental Ad Texts” *Social Forces*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaa075>.
- Hess, Chris**; Colburn, Gregg; Crowder, Kyle; Allen, Ryan. “Racial disparity in exposure to housing cost burden in the United States: 1980-2017” *Housing Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/02673037.2020.1807473>.
- 2019 **Hess, Chris**; Gabriel, Ryan; Leibbrand, Christine; Crowder, Kyle. “Does Hypersegregation Matter for Black-White Socioeconomic Disparities?” *Demography*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s13524-019-00825-y>.

Hess, Chris; Walter, Rebecca; Acolin, Arthur; Chasins, Sarah. “Comparing Small Area Fair Market Rents With Other Rental Measures Across Diverse Housing Markets” *Cityscape*.
<https://www.huduser.gov/portal/periodicals/cityscape/vol21num3/article8.html>.

Leibbrand, Christine; Gabriel, Ryan; **Hess, Chris;** Crowder, Kyle. “Is geography destiny? Disrupting the relationship between segregation and neighborhood outcomes” *Social Science Research*.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2019.102396>.

2018 **Hess, Chris.** “Light-rail investment in Seattle: Gentrification pressures and trends in neighborhood ethnoracial composition” *Urban Affairs Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078087418758959>.

Articles in Edited Volumes

2025 Hodges, Thomas; Horan, Kristin; Alicea, Adrian; Trejo-Rivera, Edwin; Vincent, Sophia; Dubuisson, Phaina; Moore, Katherine; Channer, Bianca; **Hess, C.;** Moore, Brian. “Building Trust in Employee Assistance Programs among first responders: Focus groups on EAPs with police and fire personnel” *Advances in first responder mental health: Research, training, and practice*. Springer.

2024 Channer, B., Schlenk, M., Sanchez-Cardona, I., Collette, T. L., Horan, K., **Hess, C.,** Hodges, T., & Moore, B. A. “Mental and occupational health of fire rescue personnel: A model for conducting organizational health assessments.” *Advances in first responder mental health: Research, training, and practice*. Springer.

2023 Carll, Erin; Lee, Hannah; **Hess, Chris;** Crowder, Kyle. “Understanding Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Residential Mobility among Housing Choice Voucher Holders” in *The Sociology of Housing*, University of Chicago Press.

2022 **Hess, Chris;** Chasins, Sarah. “Informing Housing Policy through Web Automation: Lessons for Designing Programming Tools for Domain Experts” *2022 ACM CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems Extended Abstracts*. <https://doi.org/10.1145/3491101.3503575>

Research Grants

2026 **Co-Principal Investigator**
 (Not Funded) “Veterans & Visionaries: Integrating the Civil Rights Legacy of Veterans in the Southeast”
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Legacy Grant Program
 – *PI:* Kristin Horan; *Co-I:* Brian Moore

Co-Principal Investigator
 (Not Funded) Census of Law Enforcement Training Academies (CLETA)
 Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
 – *PI:* Tyler Collette

2025 **Co-Principal Investigator**
 “Veterans & Visionaries: Veterans in the Southeast and the Civil Rights Movement”
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Legacy Grant Program (\$341K)
 – *PI:* Kristin Horan; *Co-I:* Brian Moore

2024 **Co-Principal Investigator**
 “Veterans and Visionaries: Georgia’s World War II Veterans and the Civil Rights Movement”
 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Veteran Legacy Grant Program (\$311K)
 – *PI:* Kristin Horan; *Co-I:* Brian Moore

Co-Investigator
 “SSG Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Extension for Year 2”
 Georgia Department of Veterans Service (\$2.25M, \$1.74M to KSU)

– *PI*: Tricia Ross (GDVS); *Co-PI*: Brian Moore; *Co-I*: Tyler Collette, Kristin Horan, Israel Sanchez-Cardona

2023

Co-Investigator

“SSG Parker Gordon Fox Suicide Prevention Grant”

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (\$2.25M, \$315K to KSU)

– *PI*: Highland Rivers; *Site PI*: Israel Sanchez-Cardona; *Co-I*: Tyler Collette, Kristin Horan, Brian Moore

Co-Investigator

“Georgia’s Expansion of Suicide Prevention Activities”

Center for Disease Control (CDC) Comprehensive Suicide Prevention Program (\$4.35M, \$675K to KSU)

– *PI*: DeAndre Cain (GA DBHDD); *Co-I*: Brian Moore; Tyler Collette, Kristin Horan, Israel Sanchez-Cardona

2022

Co-Investigator

“Georgia Prevention of Suicide”

Georgia Department of Veterans Service (\$2.25M, \$1.74M to KSU)

– *PI*: Tricia Ross (GDVS); *Co-PI*: Brian Moore; *Co-I*: Tyler Collette, Kristin Horan, Israel Sanchez-Cardona

Teaching

Undergraduate

2022–

Instructor of Record, Kennesaw State University, Sociology & Criminal Justice

“Introduction to Sociology” – Fall ’22, Spring ’23, Spring ’24

“The Sociology of Housing” – Spring ’23

“Research Methods in Sociology” – Spring ’24, Fall ’24, Spring ’25, Fall ’25, Spring ’26

“Criminology” – Fall ’24

“Research Methods in Criminal Justice” – Fall ’23

2020-2021

Programming Instructor, Cornell University, Policy Analysis and Management

“Big Data for Big Policy Problems” – Fall ’20, Spring ’21

2019

Instructor of Record, University of Washington, Sociology

“Foundations of Social Inquiry” – Summer ’19

Graduate

2022–

Instructor of Record, Cornell University, Jeb E. Brooks School of Public Policy Executive MPA Program

“Introduction to R” – Fall ’22, Fall ’23

2021

Seminar Facilitator, Cornell University, Policy Analysis and Management

“Principles of Demography” – Fall ’21

Presentations

*denotes presenting author when not self

Invited

2024

“Housing Insecurity among Georgia Veterans”

– Presentation to Georgia State Senate Study Session on Veteran Mental Health and Housing

2022

“Campus to Community Forum on Housing”

– Panel convened by Kennesaw State University Office of Economic Development and Community Engagement

2021 “Scraping web data for social science: an introduction to Helena for web automation and review of research applications” with Sarah Chasins and Ian Kennedy
– Advances in New Data and Big Data for Aging Research Series co-sponsored by NIA research centers at Syracuse University, University of Wisconsin, University of Pennsylvania, University of Southern California and University of Texas–Austin

2019 “Racial Disparity in Exposure to Housing Cost Burden in the U.S.: 1980-2017” with Gregg Colburn, Kyle Crowder and Ryan Allen
– Symposium on Housing Affordability in the Advanced Economies co-sponsored by Oxford University and the University of Pennsylvania

Conference

2026 “Experienced Diversity and Social Capital” with Youngmin Yi, Thelonious Goerz and Matt Hall
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting

“Veteran Suicide Mortality in Georgia, 2011–2022: Pairing VDRS Surveillance with County-Level Mortality Review” with Brian Moore
– National Violent Death Reporting System (NVDRS) Reverse Site Visit

2025 “GangTok: Street Gang Content, Culture, and Roleplay on TikTok” with John Liverso, James Densley and Kristonn Stubbs
– American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

2024 “Daily mobility patterns and residential preferences: A multi-city study of how preferences for residential diversity vary by trajectories of intraday population change” with Youngmin Yi, Greg Sharp and Matt Hall
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting

“Rent burden and demographic change among veterans, 1968-2019” with Kristin Horan, Israel Sanchez-Cardona, Bianca Channer, Tyler Collette and Brian Moore
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting

2023 “Within-Day Diversity Change, Neighborhood Social Organization and Fear Of Crime” with Greg Sharp, Youngmin Yi, and Matt Hall
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting
– American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

“Is Residential Segregation Always Spatial Separation? Home Fortification in Mixed Income Neighborhoods across the United States” with Mahesh Somashekhar*, Ian Kennedy and Kyle Crowder
– Urban Association of America Annual Meeting

2022 ““It depends where you are”: Understanding the relationships of neighborhood change with gang presence and practices” with John Liverso
– American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

“Gay Gang Slurs and Misogyny Off the Streets and on Facebook” with Worthen, Meredith*, Gracie Hedgpeth and John Liverso
– American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting

“Renters’ Revolt and a Changing Policy Terrain for Landlords” with Anna Reosti*, Kyle Crowder and Courtney Allen
– American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

- “Using Information Theory to Create Sociological Models: an Introduction and Application to Segregation” with Boris Barron*, Tomás Arias, Itai Cohen, Yunus Kinkhabwala and Matt Hall
– American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- “Daily Diversity Flows: Assessing Intraday Change in Ethnoracial Diversity at Home and Work” with Matt Hall
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting
- “Segmented information, segregated outcomes: Housing affordability and neighborhood representation on a voucher-focused online housing platform and three mainstream alternatives” with Rebecca Walter, Ian Kennedy, Arthur Acolin, Alex Ramiller and Kyle Crowder
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting
- “Immigrant Enforcement and Local Housing Dynamics: Evidence from the Largest Worksite ICE Raid” with Matt Hall*
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting
- “Use of Move-In Fees as a Residential Sorting Mechanism: A Computational Text Analysis of Craigslist Rental Listings” with Remy Stewart*, Ian Kennedy and Kyle Crowder
– Population Association of America Annual Meeting
- “Informing Housing Policy through Web Automation: Lessons for Designing Programming Tools for Domain Experts” with Sarah Chasins
– Association for Computing Machinery CHI Conference on Human Factors in Computing Systems

Awards and Recognition

2026	KSU Early Career Award RCHSS Early Career Award SCJ Early Career Award
2025	APLU Public Impact Award for AMES Research Center
2024	KSU Top Researcher Recognition

Service

Current	AMES Research Center Faculty Affiliate and Data Core Member Curriculum Committee Member for Sociology Program
2026	SCJ Chair Search Committee Member
2025	SCJ Assistant Professor of CJ Search Committee Member
2023	Programming Instructor for NextGenPop Undergraduate Program in Population Research Recorder for KSU Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Discussant for PAA 2023 Annual Meeting Session “Race, Ethnicity and Immigration: Neighborhoods and Communities” Chair for ASC 2023 Annual Meeting Session “Fear of Crime Victimization”
2022	Recorder for KSU Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Steering Committee Member for KSU RCHSS 365 Days of Learning and Service Initiative
2021	Organizer for Cornell Computational Policy Working Group

Discussant for PAA 2021 Annual Meeting Session “Segregation and Neighborhood Change”

Occasional
Reviewer

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Demography, Socius, Urban Affairs Review, Urban Studies, City & Community, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Spatial Demography, Housing Studies, Housing Policy Debate, Housing and Society, Journal of Urban Affairs, Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency, American Journal of Criminal Justice, Nature: Cities, The Professional Geographer, Annals of the American Academy of Geographers, Demographic Research, Journal of Economic Inequality, Latino Studies, Health and Social Care in the Community, Urban Planning