

Keith Gunnar Bentele
March 2026

Southwest Institute for Research on Women
University of Arizona
925 N. Tyndall Ave.
Tucson, AZ 85721
Email: keithb@email.arizona.edu

Education

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Sociology: August 2009

Dissertation: *Rising Earnings Inequality in the United States: Determinants, Divergent Paths, and State Experiences*. Committee: Lane Kenworthy (ch), Kathleen Schwartzman, Charles Ragin

M.A. University of Arizona, Sociology: May 2003.

B.A. New College of Florida, Sociology: May 2000.

Professional Experience

- Aug 2019 - Present: **Associate Research Professor**
Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona
- Feb 2021 - Oct 2021 **Consultant**
Pima County Department of Community and Workforce Development
- Sept 2015 - July 2019: **Associate Professor**
Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston
- Sept 2009 - Aug 2015: **Assistant Professor**
Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston
- June 2003 - May 2009: **Graduate Instructor**
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona
- Aug 2001 - 2004: **Graduate Student Research and Teaching Assistant.**
Department of Sociology, University of Arizona.

Research and teaching specialties

Homelessness, Evaluation Research Methods, Quantitative Methods, Race & Ethnicity, Gender, Public Policy, Inequality, Political Sociology

Major Research Projects (2025)

Let's Measure Better – Funded by a gift from the Garcia Family Foundation this project seeks to address data gaps related to homelessness and housing insecurity locally. This project involves regular reports provided to community partners and assistance with research and evaluation activities being undertaken by the City of Tucson, Pima County, & the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness.

Arizona Housing Analytics Collaborative - The Arizona Housing Analytics Collaborative (AzHAC) is a team of researchers from ASU, NAU, & UA who are working to create a central data repository which can link data across systems (HMIS, AHCCCS, & criminal justice data). I have been actively involved in advising this team and working on discrete projects (mostly analysis of Pima HMIS data) in support of AZ CoCs and other organizations.

HUD-funded Arizona Encampment Project - This project was conceptualized in partnership with community stakeholders across three counties and will contribute to knowledge of encampment resolution strategies associated with positive outcomes. The project also will provide critical evaluation of the effectiveness of select humane and promising homeless encampments response strategies in the most populous areas of Arizona (Maricopa, Pima, and Yuma Counties), incorporating the perspectives of people experiencing homelessness, service providers, and community leaders.

Publications

Articles:

Shuman S.J., Law L, Sargus T, **Bentele K.G.** 2025. “I Don’t Want to Pass Away Like This”: A Qualitative Study of the Goals and Needs of People Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson, Arizona. *Community Health Equity Research & Policy*.

Meyerson, Beth. E., Linde-Krieger, L. B., Agle, J., Vadieli, N., Crosby, R., & **Bentele, K. G.** (2025). Access to syringes at pharmacies (ASAP): Preliminary impact of a pharmacy-level intervention. . *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*.

Korchmaros, Josephine, **Keith G. Bentele**, Alma Brenda Granillo, & Kathryn McCollister. 2025. “Costs, Cost Savings, and Effectiveness of a Police-led Pre-arrest Deflection Program”. *Journal of Multidisciplinary Studies in Human Rights*.

Meyerson Beth E., J. Agle, R.A. Crosby, **K.G. Bentele**, N. Vadieli, L.B. Linde-Krieger, D.R. Russell, K. Fine, L.A. Eldridge. 2024. “ASAP: A pharmacy-level intervention to increase nonprescription syringe sales to reduce bloodborne illnesses”. *Research in Social and Administrative Pharmacy*.

Russell, Danielle M., Meyerson Beth E., Mahoney Arlene N., Garnett I, Ferrell C, Newgass K, Agle JD, Crosby RA, **Bentele, Keith G.**, Vadieli N, Frank D, Linde-Krieger LB. 2024.

“Come Back When You’re Infected: Secret shopper study of pharmacy syringe sales in Arizona, USA 2023”. *BMC: Harm Reduction Journal*.

Meyerson, Beth E., Danielle Treiber, Benjamin R. Brady, Kylee Newgass, Kate Bondurant, **Keith G. Bentele**, Savannah Samorano, Christina Arredondo, & Nick Stavros. 2024. “Dialing for Doctors: Secret Shopper Study of Arizona Methadone and Buprenorphine Providers, 2022.” *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*.

Meyerson, Beth E., **Keith G. Bentele**, Benjamin R. Brady, Nick Stavros, Danielle M. Russell, Arlene Mahoney, Irene Garnett, Shomari Jackson, Roberto C. Garcia, Haley Coles, Brenda Granillo, G.A. Carter. 2024. “Insufficient Impact: Limited implementation of federal regulatory changes to Methadone and Buprenorphine access in Arizona during COVID”. *AJPM Focus*.

Brady, Benjamin R., Meyerson, Beth E. & **Bentele, Keith G.** 2023. “Flying blind: Survey research among methadone and buprenorphine providers in Arizona”. *Survey Methods: Insights from the Field*. Research Note: 1-9.

Meyerson, Beth E., Danielle M. Russell, Missy Downer, Amirah Alfar, Irene Garnett, John Lowther, Rebecca Lutz, Arlene Mahoney, Julie Moore, Greg Nunez, Savannah Samorano, Benjamin R. Brady, **Keith G. Bentele**, & Brenda Granillo. 2023. “Opportunities and Challenges: Hepatitis C Testing and Treatment Access Experiences Among People in Methadone and Buprenorphine Treatment During COVID-19, Arizona, 2021”. *AJPM Focus* 2(1):1-9.

Meyerson, Beth E., **Keith G. Bentele**, Danielle M. Russell, Benjamin R. Brady, Missy Downer, Roberto C. Garcia. 2022. “Nothing really changed: Arizona patient experience of methadone and buprenorphine access during COVID”. *PLoS ONE* 17(10): 1-13.

Price, Kate & **Keith G. Bentele**. 2022. “Defining Worthy Victims: Socioeconomic Factors Associated with State-level Legislative Decisions to Prevent the Criminalization of Sexually Exploited Children in the United States.” *Victims & Offenders*. 1-26.

Robertson Christopher T., **Keith G. Bentele**, Beth E. Meyerson, Alex S. A. Wood, Jackie Salwa. 2021. “Effects of Political Versus Expert Messaging on Vaccination Intentions of Trump Voters.” *PLoS ONE*. Vol. 16 (9): 1-7.

Agley, Jon. Beth E. Meyerson, Lori A. Eldridge, Rick A. Crosby, **Keith G. Bentele**, Mikyoung Jun, Nina Vadieli, Amy Kennedy, Kirsten Anderson. 2021. “Exploration of Pharmacist Comfort with Harm Reduction Behaviors: Cross-sectional Latent Class Analysis.” *Journal of the American Pharmacists Association*. Oct 2021: 1-9.

Keith G. Bentele. 2021. "How did Inequality Gain Such Prominence on the Democratic Party Agenda?", Pettinicchio, David. (Ed.) *The Politics of Inequality (Research in Political Sociology*, Vol. 28), Emerald Publishing Limited, Bingley, pp. 3-22.

Keith G. Bentele, Sager, Rebecca & Amanda Aykanian. 2018. "Rewinding *Roe v. Wade*: Understanding the Accelerated Adoption of State-level Restrictive Abortion Legislation, 2008-2014." *Journal of Women, Politics, & Policy*. Vol. 39 (4): 490-517.

Price, Kate & **Keith G. Bentele.** 2016. "Voting to End Vulnerability: Understanding the Recent Proliferation of State-level Child Sex Trafficking Legislation." *William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law*. Vol. 23 (1): 1-26.

Rebecca Sager & **Keith G. Bentele.** 2016. "Coopting the State: The Conservative Evangelical Movement and State-level Institutionalization, Passage, and Diffusion of Faith-Based Initiatives." *Religions*. 7 (71): 1-26.

Vandewalker, Ian & **Keith G. Bentele.** 2015. "Vulnerability in Numbers: Racial Composition of the Electorate, Voter Suppression, and the Voting Rights Act." *Harvard Latino Law Review*. Vol. 18 (99): 1-51.

Bentele, Keith G., Rebecca Sager, Gary Adler Jr., & Sarah A. Soule. 2014. "Breaking Down the Wall Between Church and State: State Adoption of Religious Inclusion Legislation, 1995-2009" *Journal of Church and State*. Summer 56 (3): 503-533.

Bentele, Keith G. & Erin O'Brien. 2013. "Jim Crow 2.0?: Why States Consider and Adopt Restrictive Voter Access Policies" *Perspectives on Politics*. 11 (4): 1088-1116.

Bentele, Keith G. 2013. "Distinct Paths to Higher Inequality? A Qualitative Comparative Analysis of Rising Earnings Inequality Among U.S. States, 1980-2010" *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*. 34: 30-57.

Bentele, Keith G. & Alexander Ibsen. 2013. "Exploring the Patent Surge: Increased Incentives or Multiplying Motives?" *Journal of the Patent and Trademark Office Society*. 95 (1): 99-122.

Bentele, Keith G. & Lisa Thiebaud Nicoli. 2012. "Ending Access as We Know It: State Welfare Benefit Coverage in the TANF Era." *Social Service Review*. 86 (2): 223-268.

King, Brayden G, **Keith G. Bentele,** and Sarah A. Soule. 2007. "Protest and Policymaking: Explaining Fluctuation in Congressional Attention to Rights Issues, 1960-1986." *Social Forces* 86 (1): 137-164.

Book Chapters:

Bentele, Keith G. & Erin O'Brien. 2016. 2021. "Con: Resolved, States Should Enact Voter ID Laws and Reduce Early Voting." In Richard Ellis & Michael Nelson (Eds.) *Debating Reform: Conflicting Perspectives on How to Fix the American Political System*. 3rd & 4th Editions. CQ Press.

Bentele, Keith G. and Lane Kenworthy. 2013. "Globalization and Earnings Inequality in the United States." In Robert Rycroft (Ed.) *The Economics of Inequality, Poverty and Discrimination in the 21st Century*. Praeger, pp.343-358.

Kenworthy, Lane and **Keith G. Bentele**. 2011. "How Trickle Down Can Fail: The U.S. Case." in Lane Kenworthy (Author) *Progress for the Poor*. Oxford University Press, pp. 19-33.

Other Scholarship:

Bentele, Keith G. & Sara Shuman. 2025. "Increasing Need and Decreasing Capacity to Serve: An Urgent Case for Local Homelessness Prevention - Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness 2024 Gaps Analysis". Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Bentele, Keith G. & Sara Shuman. 2025. "System Performance Measure Report AZ-501: TPCoC Fiscal Years 2015-2024". Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Law, Lara, **Keith G. Bentele**, Tamara Sargus, & Sara Shuman. "Evaluation of the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness (TPCH) Flexible Fund Program: 6-Month Report". Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Arizona Housing Analytics Collaborative.

Powell, Claudia, **Keith G. Bentele** & George Lopez. 2024. "Health Hope Home 2.0 (H3 2) Baseline Data Summary." Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women. (1 report in Fed, another updated in Dec)

Shuman, Sara & **Keith G. Bentele** 2024. "Women Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson - 2023 Needs Assessment Short Report" Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Shuman, Sara & **Keith G. Bentele** 2024. "Men Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson - 2023 Needs Assessment Short Report" Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Bentele, Keith G. (2023). "Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson - 2023 Needs Assessment Short Report" Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Shuman, Sara & **Keith G. Bentele** 2024. "Black, Indigenous, & People of Color Adults Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson - 2023 Needs Assessment Short Report" Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Shuman, Sara & **Keith G. Bentele** (2024). "Justice Involved Adults Experiencing Homelessness in Tucson - 2023 Needs Assessment Short Report" Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Bentele, Keith G. 2020-2024. "Housing Insecurity Indicators and Potential Homelessness Estimates for Arizona and Pima County." (Reports 1 through 52 provided as Census HPS data are released) Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women. (Reports 48-52 released in 2024)

Bentele, Keith Gunnar, Tamara Sargus, George Lopez, Tayonah Burton, Gerald Davis II, Taniqua Dixon, Donald Hargrett, Tahasha Harpole, Yanna Jones, Andres Montano, Stacey R. Sivley-Taylor, & Danna Williams. 2023. "*No Judgement Here*" *City of Tucson Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness 2023*. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Korchmaros, J. D., **Bentele, Keith G.**, Granillo, B., & McCollister, K. 2022. "Costs, Cost Savings, and Effectiveness of a Police-led Pre-arrest Deflection Program". Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Korchmaros, J. D. & **Bentele, Keith. G.** 2022. "Comprehensive Evaluation of an Innovative Collaborative Response to the Opioid Epidemic: Final Project Findings Report". Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Bentele, Keith G. 2021. "Housing Insecurity and Potential Homelessness Estimates for Arizona and Pima County - Summary of Trends to Date and Housing Insecurity Forecasts." Tucson, AZ. Report commissioned by Pima County's Community and Workforce Development Department.

Bentele, Keith G. 2021. "Pima County Landlord Survey Report." Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Bentele, Keith G. (2021). People Experiencing Homelessness in the Tucson/Pima County Continuum of Care: A Detailed Examination of their Demographics, Conditions, and Experiences 2018-2020. Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Batty, Kent, Bonnie Bazata, **Keith G. Bentele**, Manira Cervantes, Peg Harmon, Steve Huffman, Peggy Hutchison, Mary Kinkade, Jeffery Landon, Michael McDonald, Omar Mireles, Michele Mirto, Liz Morales, Melanie Morrison, Arnold Palacios, Kristen Randall, Lauren Romero, Lisa Royal, Katy Scoblink, Dan Sullivan, Anthony Young, Jay Young,

Marcos Ysmael. 2020. "Pima County Eviction and Homelessness Prevention Task Force December 2020 Report." Tucson, AZ: Pima County.

Bentele, Keith G., & Powell, Claudia. 2020. "Forecasting Homelessness in Arizona During the COVID-19 Crisis." Tucson, AZ: University of Arizona, Southwest Institute for Research on Women.

Jared Bernstein and **Keith G. Bentele**. 2019. "Got Work? The Highly Responsive Labor Supply of Low-Income, Prime-Age Workers." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*.

Jared Bernstein and **Keith G. Bentele**. 2019. "The Increasing Benefits and Diminished Costs of Running a High-pressure Labor Market." *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*.

Bentele, Keith G. 2012. "Evaluating the Performance of the U.S. Social Safety Net in the Great Recession." *Center for Social Policy Publications*. Paper 62.

Friedman, Donna H. Tim Davis, Arthur MacEwan, Nancy Wagman, Luc Schuster, **Keith G. Bentele**, Randy Albelda, Damien Turini, Mary Coonan, Marija Bingulac, Amy Branger. 2014. "On Solid Ground: Building Opportunity, Preventing Homelessness." *Center for Social Policy Publications*. UMass Center for Social Policy with Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center.

Other Writing/Resources:

Bentele, Keith G. & Nicole Janich. "Best Practices and Approaches to Internal Program Evaluation." This is a training developed by the University of Arizona SIROW in collaboration with the City of Tucson, with funding from the Arizona Department of Housing. Jan 2025.

Romero, Trinidad, Zach Simmons, & Keith Bentele. Update to TPCCH "Needs Help?" Resource Guide for People Experiencing Homelessness. This update was provided in Dec of 2025 to allow an updated guide to be distributed during the Jan 2026 PIT count.

Bentele, Keith G. & Erin O'Brien. Evidence suggests that state legislators are working to restrict access to the vote in response to minority turnout. The London School of Economics & Political Science USAPP Blog, March 4, 2014.
<http://bit.ly/1eR1s0r>

Sager, Rebecca and **Keith G. Bentele**. Religious displays and the grey area between church and state. *OUPBlog*, August 22, 2013.
<http://blog.oup.com/2013/08/religious-displays-church-and-state/>

Review of Derber, Charles, 2013. *Sociopathic Society: A People's Sociology of the United States*. Paradigm Publishers. *International Review of Modern Sociology* 40 (2), Fall 2014.

Review of Wang, Tova Andrea, 2012. *The Politics of Voter Suppression: Defending and Expanding Americans' Right to Vote*. Cornell University Press. *Perspectives on Politics* 11 (3), September 2013.

Grant Funded Projects

Active

5558820 (K Bentele)

6/1/22-12/31/2026

Garcia Family Foundation

Let's Measure Better: Developing and Implementing a More Accurate, Accessible, and Actionable System for Measuring Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Pima County

In this project SIROW researchers are using a two-track approach over a two-year timeline. On the first track SIROW researchers are working to compile information related to housing insecurity and homelessness drawing upon data sources that are currently publicly accessible or could be provided by community partners without concerns about personal identifiable information. The second track of this project will focus on working with stakeholders and community partners to design, and then begin implementing a better system for measuring the number of people experiencing homelessness in Pima County.

Role on project: PI

\$120k in additional funding awarded to Bentele in 2025 to support a Pima County Homelessness Prevention Infrastructure Mapping project.

G09833-300 (K Ferguson)

6/1/22-12/31/2027

Garcia Family Foundation

ASU – Homeless Youth Data Aggregation (now AZ Housing Analytics Collaborative)

This project seeks to integrate data on people experiencing homelessness across currently siloed data systems (esp. HMIS, AHCCCS, & criminal justice data) to improve care coordination and allow research on the experiences of homeless individuals.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst.

\$66k in additional funding awarded to Bentele & Shuman in 2025.

H-21756CA (S Shuman)

9/1/23-9/30/26

HUD

University-Nonprofit Partnerships Supporting Community-Engaged Research Designed to Address Homelessness. This project was conceptualized in partnership with community stakeholders across three counties and will contribute to knowledge of encampment resolution strategies associated with positive outcomes. The project also will provide critical evaluation of the effectiveness of select humane and promising homeless encampments response strategies in the most populous areas of Arizona (Maricopa, Pima, and Yuma Counties), incorporating the perspectives of people experiencing homelessness, service providers, and community leaders. This will provide actionable and practical information to those working to address homelessness in cities with large unsheltered populations and in turn, to the unsheltered homeless population through improved service coordination and provision.

Role on project: Co-PI

SM088423 (C Powell)
SAMHSA

1/1/23-1/1/28

Health Home Hope 2.0 (H3 2.0). The purpose of the Health Home Hope 2.0 (H3 2.0) Project is to end the cycle of homelessness for households currently experiencing long term unsheltered homelessness in Tucson and Pima County through the expansion, integration, and coordination of local community behavioral health (BH), physical health and housing support systems. H3 provides BH and other recovery-oriented services to those experiencing long-term unsheltered homelessness.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

Subaward from NAU (R Wickham)
Garcia Family Foundation

4/1/24 - 9/31/26

TPCH Homeless Prevention Evaluation. This project is focused on an evaluation of a flexible homelessness prevention fund administered by TPCH. TPCH provided funding to its member organizations to address immediate needs that would divert or prevent someone from becoming homeless. This funding is intended to be used for costs that are otherwise not covered by existing programming in the community. Unexpectedly, our team was asked to support and advise on basic program logistics and eligibility criteria as the program was set up.

Role on project: Advisor/Supervisor/Quantitative Analyst

Completed

TI080533 (K Bentele)

12/1/22-6/30/2024

Pima County Department of Community and Workforce Development

Prosperity Initiative and Anti-Poverty Policies

This project seeks to identify policies that can be implemented at the regional or city level that have the potential to break intergenerational cycles of poverty. After identifying policies and getting feedback from regional partners this project will then shift to advocating for the implementation of these policies in jurisdictions within Pima County.

Role on project: Researcher

H-21756CA (A Jaramillo)
HUD

10/1/23-6/30/24

Tucson House Resident Assets and Needs Assessment. This proposal is for an Assets and Needs Assessment of Tucson House Resident. This project will be carried out by a research team at the University of Arizona. Dr. Atticus Jaramillo and Dr. Arlie Adkins will lead the team as Co-Principal Investigators (Co-PIs), overseeing all aspects of the project including survey/interview protocol development, data collection, and data analysis. They will also work closely with City of Tucson Housing and Community (HCD) to create a final report that can be easily integrated into their Choice Neighborhoods People Plan.

Role on project: Co-I

SM080732 (C Powell)

1/1/19-1/1/24

SAMHSA

Health Home Hope (H3). The purpose of the Health Home Hope (H3) Project is to end the cycle of homelessness for households currently experiencing long term unsheltered homelessness in Tucson and Pima County through the expansion, integration, and coordination of local community behavioral health (BH), physical health and housing support systems. H3 provides BH and other recovery-oriented services to those experiencing long-term unsheltered homelessness.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

TI080533 (R Cannon)

9/30/17-9/29/2023

SAMHSA

The Dragonfly Community Center Supportive Services for Homeless Individual and Families

Dragonfly village provides housing and supportive services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

017935-00001 (B. Meyerson)

4/2021-12/2022

Vitalyst Health Foundation/University of Arizona Foundation

Evidence and Action to Normalize MOUD Access in Arizona

Role on project: Co-investigator/Statistician/Quantitative Analyst

017827-00001 (B. Meyerson)

4/2021-3/2022

FORE Foundation For Opioid Response Efforts

Evidence for Action: COVID as a window of opportunity to normalize MOUD Access

Role on project: Co-investigator/Statistician/Quantitative Analyst

19-02804 (J. Korchmaros)

12/2019-10/2022

Arnold Ventures

Comprehensive Evaluation of an Innovative Collaborative Response to the Opioid Epidemic

This research project is a comprehensive evaluation of the feasibility, implementation, costs, outputs, and outcomes of an innovative law enforcement/behavioral health peer support co-responder deflection model to address misuse of opioids and other substances—the Deflection Program.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

1H79TI080527 (C Powell)

11/30/18-11/29/2023

SAMHSA

The Lighthouse Project: A trauma responsive system of care for LGBTQ+ transitional age youth and young adults experiencing homelessness

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

1H79TI080669 (C Powell)

9/30/17-9/29/2022

SAMHSA

Spectrum: A culturally-responsive, LGBTQ+ affirming continuum of HIV prevention and education services, expanded substance use and co-occurring disorder treatment and a myriad of supportive services

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

1H79TI081559-01 (T. Cheung)

09/2018-09/2021

SAMHSA-CSAT

U-MATTER (Unified Medication Assisted Treatment Targeted Engagement Response)

The purpose of U-MATTER is to enhance and expand access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for adults in Pima County, Arizona with an opioid use disorder seeking or receiving MAT.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

1H79SP021778-01 (A. Greene)

09/2016-09/2021

SAMHSA-CSAP

Bridges to Wellness (B-Well)

The purpose of Bridges to Wellness (B-Well) is to develop a solid foundation, infrastructure, and capacity to deliver and sustain quality, accessible, evidence-based substance abuse (SA), HIV, and Viral Hepatitis (VH) prevention services to reduce the onset of SA, HIV and VH infection among system-involved minority youth ages 13-17 in Pima County, Arizona (AZ).

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

1H79TI081529-01 (C. Huebner Torres)

02/2019-02/2022

SAMHSA-CSAT

Safe Haven – A program providing medication-assisted treatment (MAT) OUD assessment, assessment of co-occurring disorders, and recovery support services.

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

Unfunded Grant Applications (2025 only)

(Beskind, Soto, Murphy, Wong, & Bentele)

University of Arizona Big Idea Challenge

It Takes a Village: A Transdisciplinary Collaborative for Micro-Shelters as a Solution for People Experiencing Housing Instability

Role: Co-PI

(K. G. Bentele)

Peter & Pat Hirschman University-Community Research Partnership Fund

The Prosperity Initiative and a Targeted BIPOC Stakeholder Engagement Process

Role: PI

(K. G. Bentele & Sara Shuman)

Constellation Fund CoLAB Grant

Evaluating the Impact of Arizona's Youth Homeless Prevention Projects on Upward Mobility
Role: PI

Other Grants and Awards

- 2025 University of Arizona College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Outstanding Public Scholar Award
- 2015-2016 Principal Investigator, "A Tale of Two Recoveries:
Understanding State-level Trends in Market-generated Poverty, Poverty
Relief, & Overall Poverty Following the 2001 and 2007-09 Recessions"
Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality (\$10,000)
- 2014 Sponsored Research, "On Solid Ground White Paper" (on family
homelessness in Massachusetts), UMass Boston Center for Social Policy
(\$4,000)
- 2012-2013 Principal Investigator, "Evaluating the Performance of State Social Safety
Nets and Transformations in Racial and Ethnic Inequality: Household
Poverty, Assets, and Social Welfare Benefits in the Great Recession"
Russell Sage Foundation (\$17,051)
- 2007 William K. Bunis Graduate Student Teaching Award
- 2007 1st Place Raymond V. Bowers Sociology Paper Award
- 2007 Graduate Fellow of the American Academy of Political and Social Science
- 2006 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Award
for "Income Inequality in the United States: Determinants, Trends, and
Paths" (\$6,770)
- 2006 University of Arizona Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute
Dissertation Research Grant 2006 (\$800)
- 2006 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute ArcGIS Scholarship
- 2006 2nd Place Raymond V. Bowers Sociology Paper Award
- 2005 Social and Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Graduate Summer
Research Development Stipends

Professional Presentations

- 2026 Bentele, Keith G. & Clifton Phanawong Nelson “TPCH General Council LSA Data Analysis Review” presentation to TPCH General Council (Feb 2026).
- 2025 Schaffer, Helen, Lena Porell, Jennie Grabel, & Keith G. Bentele. Panelist on “Building Prosperity” panel presentation to UA Honor’s College Course HNRS 370 (Dec 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “TPCH HIC/PIT Annual Monitoring” presentation to TPCH General Council (Aug 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “TPCH Emergency Shelter Program Bed Utilization *Preliminary Findings*” presentation to TPCH Leadership (Jul 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “TPCH Annual Monitoring”, “CoC & ESG Monitoring Reporting”, “CoC & ESG Monitoring Reporting V2”, “SPM Annual Monitoring”, “TPCH LSA Annual Monitoring “TPCH LSA Annual Monitoring - Update”, “TPCH Quarterly ESG & CoC Monitoring Reporting: Q3 2024-2025” presentations to TPCH System Performance & Evaluation Committee (Jan (2), Mar, Apr (2), May, Sep 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “TPCH System Performance & Evaluation Committee - Reporting Share Back” presentation to TPCH General Council (May 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “The Affordable Housing Crisis in Tucson/Pima County: Origins, Consequences, and Solutions” presentation to UA Geography Department’s colloquium series (Mar 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. & Zachary Simmons. “Homelessness Prevention in Pima County: Why We Need More, Existing Infrastructure, Gaps, & Best Practices” Invited presentation to City of Tucson Commission on Equitable Housing and Development’s Equitable Housing Strategies Subcommittee (Jun 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “Homelessness & The Affordable Housing Crisis in Tucson/Pima County: Origins, Consequences, and Solutions.” Invited presentation to Arizona Construction Trades Annual Dinner Meeting (Jun 2025).
- 2025 Law, Lara, Sara Shuman, Jessie Helmes, Keith G. Bentele, Micaela Mercado, Tanner C. Knox, & Valery E. Martinez Almedia. “Evaluating a Statewide Homelessness Prevention Program: Insights on Using Flexible Funding” presentation at the Arizona Housing Conference (May 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. & Zion Alderette. “People Experiencing Homelessness in Encampments in Tucson: Preliminary Findings & Evidence-based

- Recommendations” Invited presentation to OPCS Housing First Forum (Mar 2025).
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. “Housing Insecurity in Arizona & Pima County: 2025 Update” Invited presentation to Phoenix Community Alliance (Mar 2025)
- 2025 Bentele, Keith G. & Sara Shuman. 2025. “Increasing Need and Decreasing Capacity to Serve: An Urgent Case for Local Homelessness Prevention - Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness 2024 Gaps Analysis” Invited presentation to Tucson Metro Chamber (Feb 2025).
- 2024 Bentele, Keith G. “TPCH Prevention & Rapid Resolution Fund - Preliminary Evaluation Findings” presentation to City of Tucson Commission on Equitable Housing & Development (Dec 2024).
- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “CE Test Assessment Tool Analyses - Round 3.5” presentation to TPCH Coordinated Entry Committee (Aug 2024).
- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “The Affordable Housing Crisis in Tucson/Pima County and Avenues for Philanthropic Solutions” presentation to Halle Foundation leadership (Jul 2024)
- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “CE Test Assessment Tool Analyses - Round 3” presentation to TPCH Coordinated Entry Committee (Jul 2024).
- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “Youth Homelessness Demonstration Project (YHDP) Program Analyses” presentation at TPCH’s YHDP Kickoff Event (Jul 2024)
- 2024 Bentele, Keith G. “Housing Insecurity in Arizona & Pima County: 2024 Update” presentation to Phoenix Community Alliance (Mar & Aug 2024), Pima County Eviction Prevention Coalition (Apr 2024), Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission (Jun 2024).
- 2024 Bentele, Keith G. “Homelessness & Housing Insecurity in Tucson/Pima County” presentation to Pima County Justice Court Employee Training (Mar 2024), Pima County Superior Court Employee Training (Jun 2024).
- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “CE Test Assessment Tool Analyses - Round 2” presentation to TPCH Coordinated Entry Committee (Jun 2024).
- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “TPCH 2024 Gaps Analysis Overview” presentation at TPCH’s Board Meeting (Jun 2024)

- 2024, Bentele, Keith G. “Intro to CE Test Assessment Tool Analyses” presentation to TPCCH Coordinated Entry Committee (May 2024).
- 2024 Bentele, Keith G. & Shannon Fowler. “SIROW DEI Subcommittee Share Back & Discussion” SIROW Brown Bag presentation (May 2024).
- 2024, Bazata, Bonnie, Brian Mayer, & Keith G. Bentele. “Prosperity Initiative: Reducing Generational Poverty & Improving Community Wealth.” Presentation at *Pathways to Impacts* event hosted by UA’s Office of Societal Impacts (Mar 2024).
- 2024, Bazata, Bonnie, & Bentele, Keith G. “Prosperity Initiative Policies Update.” Presentation to City of Tucson Mayor & Council Study Session (Jan 2024).
- 2023 Bazata, Bonnie (or Nicole Fyffe) & Keith G. Bentele. “The Prosperity Initiative” presentation to: City of Tucson Commission on Equitable Development (Mar 2023), City of Tucson Mayor & Council Meeting (Apr 2023), Marana Town Council (Jun 2023), Pima County Regional Affordable Housing Commission (Jul & Aug 2023), Tucson Metro Chamber (Sept 2023), City of South Tucson Mayor & Council Meeting (Oct 2023), City of Tucson Gentrification/Displacement Working Group (Oct 2023), Pima County Planning & Zoning Commission (Oct 2023), NAACP Tucson Branch General Meeting (Dec 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G. “Qualitative Question Findings for Older Adults Experiencing Homelessness.” Panel presentation at Stop Abuse and Financial Exploitation of Elders (SAFE) Training Event (Dec 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G. “No Judgement Here’ City of Tucson Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness 2023 Short Presentation.” TPCCH Board Meeting (Oct 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G. “FUSE (Frequent User System Engagement) Initiative Update.” TPCCH HMIS Committee (Oct 2023), TPCCH Board Meeting (Oct 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G., Stacey Sivley-Taylor, & Yanna Jones. “No Judgement Here’ City of Tucson Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness 2023” TPCCH Webinar (Sept 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G. “Homelessness and Housing Insecurity in Tucson/Pima County.” Dunbar Spring Neighborhood Association Meeting (Aug 2023), Historic Fourth Ave Coalition (Sept 2023).
- 2023 Stevens, Sally, Rosi Andrade, Keith G. Bentele, & George Lopez. “Amity at Dragonfly Project Evaluation Data Summary.” presentations at Amity Foundation’s Dragonfly Village, Tucson, AZ (May & Nov 2023).

- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G., Maya Abela, Jay Young. “Ensuring Housing Opportunity for All” Online Forum sponsored by Arizona Partnership for Healthy Communities & Southwest Fair Housing Council (Apr 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith G. “Recent Trends in Child Poverty and Policy Recommendations.” presentation to: Prosperity Initiative Working Group Meeting (Feb 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith G. “Housing Insecurity in Arizona During the COVID-19 Crisis – 2023 Update.” presentation to: Pima County Eviction Prevention Call (Feb & Jun 2023), Phoenix Community Alliance (Jun & Oct 2023)
- 2023 Bentele, Keith G. & Tamara Sargus. “Let’s Measure Better Initial Findings and Next Steps Prioritization.” presentation at Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness’s annual retreat (Jan 2023).
- 2022 Stevens, Sally, Rosi Andrade, Keith G. Bentele, & George Lopez. “Amity at Dragonfly Project Evaluation Data Summary.” presentation at Amity Foundation’s Dragonfly Village, Tucson, AZ (May & Nov 2022).
- 2022 Bentele, Keith G. “People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness Counts, Estimates, & Trends - Pima County CoC 2018-2022.” presentation during Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness’s Community Forum: TPCCH System Performance & Trends in Homelessness (Apr 2022), TPCCH Annual Meeting/General Council Meeting (May 2022).
- 2022 Bentele, Keith G. “Housing Insecurity in Arizona During the COVID-19 Crisis – 2022 Updates.” presentation to: Phoenix Community Alliance (Feb & Jun 2022).
- 2021 Bentele, Keith G. “Housing Insecurity in Arizona During the COVID-19 Crisis – 2021 Trends & 2022 Forecasts.” presentation to: Pet Housing Crisis Task Force Meeting (Dec 2021), Phoenix Community Alliance (Dec 2021), Pima County Eviction Prevention Call (Dec 2021).
- 2021 Stevens, Sally, Rosi Andrade, Keith G. Bentele, & George Lopez. “Amity at Dragonfly Project Evaluation Data Summary.” presentation at Amity Foundation’s Dragonfly Village, Tucson, AZ (May & Nov 2021).
- 2021 Bentele, Keith G. “Quick Update on Housing Insecurity, Evictions, and Rental Assistance in Pima County.” presentation to: Tucson Tenants Union Listening Session (Nov 2021).
- 2021 Bentele, Keith G. “Forecasting Homeless in Arizona During the COVID-19 Crisis – Update.” presentation to: Maricopa Regional Continuum of Care (Jan 2021),

- Phoenix Community Alliance (Feb, July, & Dec 2021), Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness General Council Meeting (Feb 2021), Valley of the Sun United Way (Mar 2021).
- 2021 Meyerson, Beth E., Danielle Russell, Jon D. Agle, Nina Vadieli, & Keith G. Bentele. "ASAP: Access to Syringes at Pharmacies. Reducing Pharmacy-Based Stigma to Increase the Sale and Purchase of Over-the-counter Syringes." presentation to: Stigma of Addiction Summit Regional Meeting (via Zoom).
- 2020 Bentele, Keith G. "Forecasting Homeless in Arizona During the COVID-19 Crisis." presentations to: Old Pueblo Community Services (Aug 2020), Pima County's Task Force on Preventing Evictions and Homelessness (Sep 2020), Pima County's Eviction Prevention Collaboration Group (Sep & Dec 2020), the Arizona Housing Coalition (Sep 2020), Primavera Foundation's Board Meeting (Sep 2020), Pima County Health Department (Nov 2020), Pima County Addressing Poverty Working Group (Nov 2020), United Way of Tucson and Southern Arizona's ELDER Alliance (Dec 2020).
- 2020 Bentele, Keith G. "The 2020 US Presidential Election - A View from AZ." presentation to communication workers and political advisers for Høyre (a Norwegian political party) Oslo, Norway (via Zoom).
- 2020 Stevens, Sally, Rosi Andrade, Keith G. Bentele, & George Lopez. "Amity at Dragonfly Project Evaluation Data Summary." presentation at Amity Foundation's Dragonfly Village, Tucson, AZ.
- 2019 Stevens, Sally, Rosi Andrade, Keith G. Bentele, & George Lopez. "Amity at Dragonfly Project Baseline Data." presentation at Amity Foundation's Dragonfly Village, Tucson, AZ.
- 2017 Price, Kate & Keith G. Bentele. "Voting to End Vulnerability: Understanding the Recent Proliferation of State-level Child Sex Trafficking Legislation." presentation at the William and Mary Journal of Women and the Law's Symposium: Combating Human Trafficking Through Law and Social Policy in February, Williamsburg, VA.
- 2016 Bentele, Keith G. "Pro-Poor Growth, Trickle-Down Inequality, Dystopian Inequality, & Egalitarian Stagnation: Distinctive Patterns of Growth in U.S. State Earnings Inequality and the Size of Low Wage Workforces 1979-2015" presentation at The University of Arizona's School of Sociology Brownbag Series in March, Tucson, AZ.
- 2015 Bentele, Keith G. "Black Votes Matter: Responding to State Voter Restrictions" presentation at Equality Re=Imagined Conference sponsored by the ISIP Center for the Study of Inequality in February, Yale University.

- 2014 Rebecca Sager, Keith G. Bentele & Amanda Aykanian. "Rewinding *Roe v. Wade*: Why States Have Accelerated Adoption of Restrictive Abortion Legislation, 2008-2012" Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Association meeting in February, Baltimore, MD.
- 2013 Bentele, Keith G. "Jim Crow 2.0?: Why States Consider and Adopt Restrictive Voter Access Polices" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, New York, NY
- 2012 Bentele, Keith G. "Evaluating the Performance of the U.S. Social Safety Net in the Great Recession" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, Denver, CO
- 2012 Bentele, Keith G. & Erin O'Brien. "Jim Crow 2.0?: Why States Recently Considered or Adopted Voter Access Polices" Paper presented at Midwest Political Science Association annual meeting in April, Chicago, IL
- 2012 Bentele, Keith G., Teen Empowerment Panel Presentation, April, Boston, MA
- 2011 Adler, Gary, Keith G. Bentele, Rebecca Sager, & Sarah Soule. "Diversity of Law in Church and State Legislation: The 50 States of Church and State" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, Las Vegas, NV
- 2010 Bentele, Keith G. "State-level Poverty, Inequality, and the Social Safety Net in the Great Recession" Paper presented at symposium "The Great Recession: Impacts and Responses" organized by the Research Center for Urban Cultural History at University of Massachusetts, Boston in October, Boston, MA
- 2010 Sager, Rebecca & Keith G. Bentele. "Understanding the Processes of How Social Movements Matter: Implementation of State Faith-based Initiatives Over Time" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, Atlanta, GA
- 2010 Ibsen, Alexander & Keith G. Bentele. "Court Specialization the Cause of the Patent Explosion? Evidence from Norway" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, Atlanta, GA
- 2008 Sager, Rebecca & Keith G. Bentele. "State Faith-Based Practices and the Dual Cultural Processes of Desecularization and Devolution of the Public Sector" Paper presented at Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management annual meeting in November, Los Angeles, CA

- 2008 Bentele, Keith G & Lisa Thiebaud. "Ending Access as We Know It? Determinants of State Welfare Benefit Coverage in the TANF Era" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, Boston, MA
- 2008 Bentele, Keith G. "Distinct Paths to Higher Inequality? Earnings Inequality in the United States, 1980-2005" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, Boston, MA
- 2007 Bentele, Keith G. "The Dynamics of Systemic and Regional Income Inequality in U.S. States, 1970-2000" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August 2007, New York, NY.
- 2006 Bentele, Keith G. "Have Macroeconomic Forces Contributed to Rising Earnings Inequality in the United States?" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August 2006, Montreal, QC.
- 2004 King, Brayden G, Keith Bentele, and Sarah A. Soule. "Congressional Agenda-Setting and Fluctuating Attention to Civil and Political Rights, 1960-1987" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August, San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 Bentele, Keith G. "The Temporal Dynamics of Income Inequality in the U.S. States, 1976-1995" Paper presented at American Sociological Association annual meeting in August 2004, San Francisco, CA.

Teaching

University of Arizona, SIROW MA 2024:

Taught MA Capstone Course, Applied Research Methods and Analysis, & Research Dissemination and Translation to Facilitate Change

PhD Advising

Lara Law - ASU Social Work program (committee member, 2024-present)

Lenoa Davis (committee member, 2023-present)

Chinelo Edochie (committee member, 2023-present)

Peter Echieh (committee member, 2023-2025)

Jack Algier - ASU Psychology Department (RA-ship mentor, 2025-present)

2023:

Taught Applied Research Methods & Developed MA Capstone Course

University of Arizona 2018-2019:

Undergraduate Courses

Political Sociology, Social Inequality, Sociology Internship Coordinator

University of Massachusetts Boston 2009-2018:

Undergraduate Courses

Political Sociology, Social Class and Inequality, Introduction to Sociology,
Sociology of Recession & Economic Crisis

Graduate Courses

Methods of Sociological Research I, Methods of Sociological Research II,
Advanced Quantitative Analysis

MA Thesis Advising

Taylor Hall (committee member, 2011-2012)
Orla Heymann (committee member, 2012-2013)
Amanda Aykanian (chair, 2012-2013)

PhD Advising

Amy Helburn (2010-2014)
Kate Price (2015-2019; chair)
Allyson Baughman (2015-2019)
Julianne Siegfriedt (2018-2019)

Center for the Improvement of Teaching Seminar (participant; spring 2011)

University of Arizona 2003-2009:

Undergraduate Courses

Social Issues in America, Introduction to Sociology, Social Research Methods,
Political Sociology

Profession Activities/Service

University of Massachusetts Boston

2009-11, Member Department Curriculum Committee
2011-12, Chair Department Curriculum Committee
2011, Criminal Justice Search Committee Member.
2012, Criminal Justice Search Committee.
2012-2013, Co-chair Department Curriculum Committee
2014-2015, Chair Labor Studies Committee, College of Liberal Arts
2014-2015, Chair Department Sociology Committee
2012-2016, Majors Advising Committee, College of Liberal Arts
2010-2012, 2015-Present Member Department Graduate Committee
2014-2018, Member Institutional Review Board
2013-2018, Member Department Personnel Committee
2017-2018, Director Applied Sociology MA Program

Organizer, Symposium “The Great Recession: Impacts and Responses.” at UMass Boston Oct. 28, 2010.

American Sociological Association

2012-2013 Nominations committee member, ASA Political Sociology Section
2013-2014 Political Sociology Article Award Committee, ASA Political Sociology Section

Society for the Study of Social Problems

2013-2014 Graduate Student Paper Award Committee, Sociology & Social Welfare Section
Session organizer, Consumer Credit, Debt & Breaking Barriers to Inequality, 2014

Scholars Strategy Network

2013-2017 Co-chair of SSN Working Group on Protecting and Expanding Voting Rights

Southwest Institute for Research on Women

2020 Hiring committee for associate research social scientist
2021 Hiring committee for research specialist
2022-present, Member of SIROW Steering Committee
2022, Hiring committee for WISE Director
2022, Member of SIROW MA admission committee
2023-2025, SIROW Director of Graduate Studies
2023, Member of Hiring Committee for new faculty member
2023-2024, Member of SIROW DEI Subcommittee
2024, Organized November SIROW Brown Bag on Policy Advocacy

UA Social & Behavioral Sciences

2024-present, Member of SBS Wildcat Support Council (fka DEI Council)
2025-present, Co-lead of SBS Wildcat Support Council (fka DEI Council)

Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness

2022-2025, Member System Performance & Evaluation Committee
2024, Member TPCH Bonus/Safe Haven Review Panel
2025, Member TPCH NOFO Review Panel
2025-present, Member of TPCH Continuum of Care Board (elected in July)

UA AWARDSS-PLUS Program Seminar Series

2023, Presentation and discussion of influencing policy through research
2024, Orientation Panel Presentation - Jan
2024, Presentation and discussion of influencing policy through research
2025, Presentation and discussion of influencing policy through research - Nov

2023 Arizona Student Association Youth Empowerment Caucus
-Discussion facilitator for housing insecurity group

Community Involvement/Outreach

2022-present, Member of Tucson Alliance for Housing Justice Steering Committee

2024-present, Member of the Pima County team that engaged in the Urban Institute's Mobility Action Learning Network a series of workgroup meetings and presentations focused on identifying metrics to monitor the implementation of the Prosperity Initiative. Meetings occurred throughout 2024 and 2025.

2025-present, Member of the Community Coalition for Prosperity (CC4P) The CC4P is an effort to increase economic mobility and align the boarder community with the Prosperity Initiative—a set of policies passed in 2024 at both Pima County and the City of Tucson. Meetings occurred throughout 2025.

2025-present, Member of Data Advocates of Tucson (D.A.T.A.) United Way's Cradle 2 Career data-centered community of practice. Meetings occurred throughout 2025.

2025, Attended convening of partners to discuss homelessness among older adults in Pima County organized by City of Tucson HCD and PCOA - January

2025, Attendee at Primavera Presents Community Solutions on Housing and Homelessness. Hosted by the Primavera Foundation - May

2025, Invited attendee at Community Advisory Council (CAC) Meeting - CAC is a vital coalition of community members serving in an advisory capacity to the Pima County Health Department - June

2025, Panelist on panel discussion following ULI Arizona and ARCHES screening of [Fault Lines](#) documentary - March

2025, Provided letter of support for Pima County's Three Cents for Affordable Housing Bill & spoke in support of this proposal at 3 consecutive Pima County Board of Supervisor's meetings - May-June

2025, Invited Speaker at The Homing Project's Ribbon Cutting Event - October

2025, Provided letter of support for City of Tucson's Middle Housing Bill - November

2025, Invited to review and provided feedback on TPCCH Strategic Plan - Dec

- 2023-2024, Member of *Tucson for Everyone's* Neighborhood Association Education Project
- 2023-2024, Consulted with the TPCCH Coordinated Entry committee on their pilot of a new prioritization assessment tool. Multiple TPCCH meetings throughout 2024.
- 2024, Met with leadership of Tucson Crime Free Coalition (at their invitation) to discuss homelessness in Tucson - Nov
- 2024, Panelist on panel Discussion at the Foothills Forum men's group on local solutions to homelessness - Nov
- 2024, Presentation to the Foothills Forum men's group entitled, "The Growing Problem of Homelessness: Causes and Consequences" - Oct
- 2024, Provided public comments on revised draft of City of Tucson's P-CHIP Plan - Sep.
- 2024, Provided letter of support for City of Tucson's application to the PRO Housing Initiative
- 2024, Met with United Way's data team to discuss areas of collaboration on homelessness & the Prosperity Initiative - Dec
- 2024, Met with leadership at Old Pueblo Community Services to discuss areas of collaboration on homelessness & the Prosperity Initiative - Dec
- 2024, Panelist on a virtual fundraiser event for UA Innovations for Justice's Housing Stability Legal Advocate (HLSA) project - Dec
- 2024, Served as a member of the TPCCH's NOFO Combined/Bonus Review Panel - Oct
- 2024, Attended convening of partners to discuss homelessness among older adults in Pima County organized by City of Tucson HCD and PCOA - August
- 2024, Consulted the leadership of The Homing Project, a project envisioning the creation of a tiny home village with supportive services in Tucson, on grant writing and evaluation - Jul
- 2024, Provided a bespoke (requested) presentation to the leadership of the Halle Foundation "The Affordable Housing Crisis in Tucson/Pima County and Avenues for Philanthropic Solutions". (This was provided to guide their decision making in supporting projects with a clear understanding that they do not fund research) - Jul
- 2024, Provided consultation on homelessness in Tucson for The Salvation Army's Tucson

Metro Needs Assessment - Jun

- 2024, Authored & provided *Improving Moving On Process “Mini”-Evaluation Mini-report* to TPCCH System Performance & Evaluation Committee - Apr
- 2024, Provided letter of support for Pima County’s Application for the Arizona Department of Housing Grant (committing to providing evaluation for these projects if awarded with this evaluation supported by Garcia Family Foundation funds). This grant was awarded to Pima County.
- 2024, Meeting with Teniqua Broughton, CEO of The State of Black Arizona, to discuss the Prosperity Initiative - Mar
- 2024, Consulted member of Maricopa CoC’s Coordinated Entry committee on CE assessment revisions - Feb & Mar
- 2024, Provided quick analysis of eviction filings data to City of Tucson’s HCC Unit Acquisition team to identify most frequent eviction plaintiffs in Pima County - Feb
- 2024, Attended & provided consultation Place Network Investigation (PNI) Orientation hosted by City of Tucson’s Community Safety Health & Wellness Program - Feb
- 2024, Volunteered with the TPCCH Point in Time Count - Jan
- 2024, Consulted with members of the HUD technical assistance team supporting implementation of the Housing Central Command model (a Housing First response to unsheltered homelessness in Tucson) - Jan
- 2024, Meeting with Pima County Interfaith Executive Team to discuss collaboration with the Prosperity Initiative - Jan
- 2023 Panelist on Solutions Focused Community Book Club on *Poverty, by America* hosted by Community Foundation for Southern Arizona
- 2021-2023, Member of Pima County Eviction Prevention Collaboration working group
- 2023 Panelist on “How We Take Care of Us: A Panel on Housing, Services, and Alternatives to Incarceration” Panel hosted by *No Jail Deaths*
- 2023 Met with Community on Wheels (a local mutual aid group providing support to people experiencing homelessness) to discuss how the findings of the 2023 Needs Assessment can inform their work
- 2023 Consulted Arizona Data Landscape Project on data and homelessness in Arizona

- 2023 Consulted with leadership at Old Pueblo Community Services on new models of shelter and connecting with community groups providing mutual aid
- 2022 Consulted Tucson City Court Judge on development of a community court
- 2022 Consulted leadership at the Tucson Police Department on a new Homeless Protocol Tool
- 2022 Submitted a comment on a rule change to the Arizona Court Rules Forum that would allow eviction judgements to be vacated after the tenant has paid their judgement debts (in response to a request from a statewide nonprofit).
- 2021 Member of Pima County Women’s Employment Initiative working group
- 2021 Member of Tucson Eviction Response
- 2020 Member of Pima County Task Force on Preventing Evictions and Homelessness. Co-facilitator of Legislative Action Group, member of Affordable Housing Action Group.
- 2015 Bentele, Keith G. Testified before MA State House Joint Committee on Revenue in support of a state Earned Income Tax Credit expansion.
- 2015 Bentele, Keith G. Served as an expert witness in *Currie VS State of North Carolina* a challenge to North Carolina’s voter ID law.
- 2014 Bentele, Keith G. “Key Issues: Election 2014” Panel discussion at the Cambridge Forum”, Cambridge, MA.
- 2014 Bentele, Keith G. "Jim Crow 2.0?: Why States Consider and Adopt Restrictive Voter Access Polices" Keynote speaker at North Shore Community College’s Law Day, Lynn, MA.
- 2014 Bentele, Keith G. “Voter Suppression, Equal Rights, and the Promise of Democracy” Panel discussion at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

Produced “A Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute” for the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute (a non-profit providing support to survivors of homicide) as a component of a 2011 Graduate Research Methods course.

Produced a report “Teen Empowerment Evaluation” for Teen Empowerment (a local program for at-risk youth), as a component of a 2012 Graduate Research Methods course.

Produced an evaluation report for UMass Boston's Veterans Upward Bound as a component of a 2014 Graduate Research Methods course.

Memberships

Tucson Alliance for Housing Justice

Supplementary Quantitative Methods Training

"Mediation Analysis: Nearly 100 Years of Progress!" Seminar
(September 20, 2023, hosted by Statistical Horizons online)

"Regression Discontinuity Designs for Evaluating Programs and Policies" Workshop
(October 19, 2016, hosted by Percontor online)

"Panel Data Analysis Using Stata" ICPSR Summer Program
(July 18-22, 2011 Ann Arbor, MI)

"Foundations of Spatial Regression" Workshop
(June 19-22, 2007, Urbana-Champaign, IL)

"ArcGIS Level 1"
(2-day course, June 2006, Tucson, AZ)

Media Mentions (2025)

Kunichoff, Yana. "Urgent need': Report paints stark picture of homeless services in Tucson and Pima County." *Arizona Luminaria*. Jan 31, 2025.
<https://azluminaria.org/2025/01/31/urgent-need-report-paints-stark-picture-of-homeless-services-in-tucson-and-pima-county/>

Cree, Hannah. "The Buzz: Mental healthcare in the Pima County Jail." *AZPM*. Feb 21, 2025.
<https://www.azpm.org/s/100445-the-buzz-mental-healthcare-in-the-pima-county-jail/>

Torres, Raya. "Pima County Supervisors Discuss Affordable Housing Proposal that Would Increase Property Taxes." *KOLD 13 News*. May. 6, 2025.
<https://www.kold.com/2025/05/07/pima-county-supervisors-discuss-affordable-housing-proposal-that-would-increase-property-taxes/>

Washington, John. "Pima County Proposes Raising Property Taxes to Build More Affordable Housing." *Arizona Luminaria*. May 7, 2025.
<https://azluminaria.org/2025/05/07/pima-county-proposes-raising-property-taxes-to-build-more-affordable-housing/>

Wallace, J.D. “Plan Tucson 2025 Provides 10-Year Road Map for City.” *KOLD 13 News*. May. 20, 2025. <https://www.kold.com/2025/05/21/plan-tucson-2025-provides-10-year-road-map-city/>

Cree, Hannah. “Board of Supervisors Delays Property Tax Vote – Again.” *AZPM*. May 20, 2025. <https://news.azpm.org/p/azpmnews/2025/5/20/224900-board-of-supervisors-delays-property-tax-vote-again/>

Washington, John. “Supervisors Press Pause on 3-Cent Tax for Affordable Housing.” *Arizona Luminaria*. May 20, 2025. <https://azluminaria.org/2025/05/20/supervisors-press-pause-on-3-cent-tax-for-affordable-housing/>

Morlock, Blake. “Policy makers: Heinz & Cunningham Buck Trend, Put Ideas on Table.” *Tucson Sentinel*. May 23, 2025. https://www.tucson sentinel.com/opinion/report/052325_haus_heinz_op/policy-makers-heinz-cunningham-buck-trend-put-ideas-table/

Kortright, Mia, “Tucson to pilot STAR Village Sanctioned Camp for Homeless.” *Tucson Sentinel*. August 28, 2025. https://www.tucson sentinel.com/local/report/082825_star_village_camp/tucson-pilot-star-village-sanctioned-camp-homeless/

Lapidus, Sarah. “Tucson to offer city-sanctioned camp for homeless women, nonbinary people.” *Arizona Republic*. Sep 1, 2025. <https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona/2025/09/01/tucson-to-offer-sanctioned-camp-for-homeless-women-nonbinary-people/85873705007/?gnt-cfr=1&gca-cat=p&gca-uir=false&gca-epti=undefined&gca-ft=0&gca-ds=sophi>

Servellon, Topacio "Topaz", “Tiny home village brings hope to Tucson.” *Tucson Spotlight*. Oct 22, 2025. <https://www.tucson spotlight.org/tiny-home-village-brings-hope-to-tucson/>

Korkzan, Shireen. “Arizona Episcopal church continues serving unhoused, low-income people despite lawsuit threats.” *Episcopal News Service*. Oct 30, 2025. <https://episcopalnewsservice.org/2025/10/30/arizona-episcopal-church-continues-serving-unhoused-low-income-people-despite-lawsuit-threats/>

Broader Impact

National

A co-authored article on voter restrictions, (Bentele & O’Brien, 2013), was cited in 2014 by U.S. circuit judge Richard Posner in a dissenting opinion on a case involving a Wisconsin voter ID law. In 2015 I served as an expert witness in a challenge to a North Carolina voter ID law.

Regional

Pima County's Prosperity Initiative (described above) is an initiative to identify policies with the potential to reduce intergenerational cycles of poverty. I authored 3 of 13 the policy briefs (those intended to Increase Housing Mobility and Opportunity, Improve Housing Stability, & Improve Quality of Life and Opportunity in High Poverty Areas) and did 10 presentations on the Prosperity Initiative to local government entities in Pima County. The Pima County Board of Supervisors passed the Prosperity Initiative in December of 2023.

Pima County is currently implementing different aspects of the Prosperity Initiative's policies and goals. This includes an inventory of the County's existing programs, policies, & activities, the convening of multi-departmental working groups to work on specific programs, tracking progress on Prosperity Initiative goals, and engaging with jurisdictions within Pima County (incorporated, unincorporated, and tribal).

More details here:

<https://www.pima.gov/3137/The-Prosperity-Initiative>

Another direct impact of this policy research is that multiple housing-related grants have been awarded to Pima County & City of Tucson focused on achieving specific goals identified in the Prosperity Initiative's housing policy recommendations. This approach of the local government applying for funding to enact programs was a specific recommendation within the Prosperity Initiative (in addition to directing local government departments to align their spending priorities with the goals of initiative).

"Grants to help low-income Pima County homeowners with repairs." *Arizona Daily Star*. Jan 9 2025.

https://tucson.com/news/article_4412fe3e-cec0-11ef-b320-1bc4f439f372.html

"By providing low-income community members with assistance in making necessary home repairs, this funding reduces household costs and improves the health and safety of existing housing stock in the County," Dan Sullivan, director of the Pima County Community & Workforce Development Department, said in the release... ..Sullivan said the funding is tied to the goals of the "[Prosperity Initiative](#)," a wide-ranging set of anti-poverty policies adopted by the county in 2023."

"Pima County, City of Tucson receive \$7 million HUD grant to reduce barriers to preserving and producing affordable housing." *Pima County Official Website*. Jan 14 2025.

<https://www.pima.gov/?ref=terra.do&contentId=f6d28935-acf8-4a93-90c7-22184aa0e220>

"When I along with my fellow Board members voted to adopt the Prosperity Initiative policies, I said that reducing generational poverty across this county should be a priority at all levels of government," said Board of Supervisors Chair Rex Scott. "It is also morally imperative that we improve access for low-income families to many of the opportunities afforded to families in higher income neighborhoods. This is an excellent example of the City, County and Federal governments working together to address the affordable housing crisis and reduce generational poverty in an evidence-based manner."

The Prosperity Initiative broadly and specific housing-policy recommendations are also cited within Pima County's 2024 draft of *Pima Prospers* "the ten-year long-range comprehensive land use plan that guides and directs continued growth and development in Pima County."

<https://www.pima.gov/270/Pima-Prospers>

In June of 2025 the Pima County Board of Supervisors passed Policy #:D 22.17 *Closing the Gap in Affordable Housing, Tackling Housing Insecurity, & Preventing an Escalation of Homelessness* (fka Three Cents for Affordable Housing). The background section of this policy cited only one publication to illustrate the need for this policy, our (Bentele & Shuman's) 2025 report *Increasing Need and Decreasing Capacity to Serve: An Urgent Case for Local Homelessness Prevention - Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness 2024 Gaps Analysis*. Further, the subsequent county planning documents (shared with me in Fall of 2025) outlined the use of the roughly \$250 million that will be generated by this policy over a 10-year period. The allocation of funds to different activities (e.g. affordable housing construction, preservation, and etc.) will be guided by the priorities outlined in the housing policies in the Pima County Prosperity Initiative. As mentioned above I authored those housing-related policy briefs found in the Prosperity Initiative passed by the county in 2023.

In 2025 I was approached by leadership at Pima County's Office of Housing Opportunities and Homelessness Solutions and asked if I could support a Shelter Workgroup seeking to build an accurate, live, & public-facing shelter bed dashboard that would allow identification of shelters with open beds in Pima County (which, to date, does not exist). Using flexible funds from my *Let's Measure Better* project I have supported my time and that of staff members to convene leadership at shelter providers, collect needed information on programs for the dashboard, and we are currently working with Pima County staff to design the dashboard with guidance from partners who operate emergency shelters.

Local

City of Tucson Mayor & Council passed a city-level version of the Prosperity Initiative in January 2024.

In addition to the securing of grants to pursue Prosperity Initiative recommendations, the Prosperity Initiative is having substantial impacts on local planning in the housing space. The City of Tucson's *People, Communities, and Homes Investment Plan* or "P-CHIP" is the Housing and Community Development's 5-year Strategic Plan (adopted by Mayor & Council on November 7, 2024). The revision of this plan in 2024 cited the Prosperity Initiative as both a guiding plan and a cross-cutting principle of P-CHIP's approach. It even includes a symbol on the tables listing P-CHIP objectives that are aligned with the Prosperity Initiative's goals. This symbol is present on 14 different P-CHIP objectives.

In 2025 I was invited by the lead of the City of Tucson Commission on Equitable Housing and Development's Equitable Housing Strategies Subcommittee to present their committee on the state of homelessness prevention in Pima County. I was told that our presentation, entitled, "Homelessness Prevention in Pima County: Why We Need More, Existing Infrastructure, Gaps, & Best Practices", was exactly what they were looking for and that it directly informed the recommendations of the commission.

Languages

Spanish (Intermediate; Limited working proficiency)

Swedish (Intermediate; Limited working proficiency)