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**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**

Quantitative Methods, Research Methods, Race & Ethnicity, Gender, Public Policy, Inequality, Political Sociology, Social Movements, Stratification, Environmental Sociology

## Major Research Projects (2023)

*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.

*The Prosperity Initiative* - Pima County's Community & Workforce Development Department has contracted me to provide research support and guidance on the Prosperity Initiative. The mandate of the Prosperity Initiative was to identify policies that have strong empirical evidence of being able to reduce child poverty and break cycles of intergeneration transmission of poverty. I have authored multiple policy briefs as a component of this work.

*City of Tucson's 2023 Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness* - I oversaw the City of Tucson's 2023 Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness. This involved training a team of interviewers with lived experience of homelessness with whom we conducted 389 interviews with people experiencing homelessness in Tucson (we also did 6 focus groups with different subpopulations).

*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 Maricopa HMIS data) in support of the Maricopa CoC and other organizations in Maricopa.

## Publications

### Articles:

°Russell, Danielle M., Meyerson Beth E., Mahoney Arlene N., Garnett I, Ferrell C, Newgass K, Agle JD, Crosby RA, **Bentele, Keith G.**, Vadie N, Frank D, Linde-Krieger LB. "Come Back When You're Infected: Secret shopper study of pharmacy syringe sales in Arizona, USA 2023". *BMC: Harm Reduction Journal*. (accepted Jan 2024)

°Meyerson, Beth E., Danielle Treiber, Benjamin R. Brady, Kyle Newgass, Kate Bondurant, **Keith G. Bentele**, Savannah Samorano, Christina Arredondo, & Nick Stavros. (under review). "Dialing for Doctors: Secret Shopper Study of Arizona Methadone and Buprenorphine Providers, 2022." *Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment*. (accepted Jan 2024)

°Meyerson, Beth E., **Keith G. Bentele**, Benjamin R. Brady, Nick Stavros, Danielle M. Russell, Arlene Mahoney, Irene Garnett, S. Jackson S, Roberto C. Garcia, Haley Coles, Brenda Granillo, G.A. Carter. "Insufficient Impact: Limited implementation of federal

regulatory changes to Methadone and Buprenorphine access in Arizona during COVID". *AJPM Focus* (Accepted Nov 2023)

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, et al. 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 E. 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*. 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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 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.

**Bentele, Keith G.** 2020-2023. “Housing Insecurity Indicators and Potential Homelessness Estimates for Arizona and Pima County.” (Reports 1 through 47 provided as Census HPS data are released) 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:**

**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.

#### **Works in Progress:**

**Bentele, Keith G.**, Beth E. Meyerson, Benjamin R. Brady (under review). "Development and Validation of the MOUD Access Policy Implementation Index (MAPI2) Measuring Implementation of Policies Supportive of Increased Access to MOUD by Arizona MOUD Providers." Revise & Resubmit at *Substance Use Treatment, Prevention, and Policy*.

Korchmaros, J. D., **Bentele, Keith G.**, Granillo, B., & McCollister, K. Costs, cost savings, and effectiveness of a police-led pre-arrest deflection program. *Criminology & Public Policy* special issue entitled *Criminal Justice Responses to the Opioid Epidemic*.

## Grant Funded Projects Active

H-21756CA (S Shuman)  
HUD

9/1/23-9/30/26

**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

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

5558820 (K Bentele)  
Garcia Family Foundation

6/1/22-6/30/2024

**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

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

G09833-300 (K Ferguson)

6/1/22-10/31/2024

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

**Completed**

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 (2023 only)**

(K. G. Bentele)

National Alliance to End Homelessness

**Improving Moving On:** A Process and Outcome Evaluation of the Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness's Move On Strategy

Role: PI

## Other Grants and Awards

- 2015-2016 Principle 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 Principle 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

- 2024 Bentele, Keith G. “Homelessness & Housing Insecurity in Tucson/Pima County” presentation to Pima County Justice Court Employee Training (Mar 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 (SAFEE) Training Event (Dec 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G. “No Judgement Here’ City of Tucson Needs Assessment of Adults Experiencing Homelessness 2023 Short Presentation.” TPCB Board Meeting (Oct 2023).
- 2023 Bentele, Keith, G. “FUSE (Frequent User System Engagement) Initiative Update.” TPCB HMIS Committee (Oct 2023), TPCB 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” TPCB 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 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-present, SIROW Director of Graduate Studies  
2023, Member of Hiring Committee for new faculty member  
2023, Member of SIROW DEI Subcommittee

Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness  
2022-present, Member System Performance Committee

2023 UA AWARDSS-PLUS Program Seminar Series  
-Presentation and discussion of influencing policy through research

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

2023-present, Member of Tucson for Everyone's Neighborhood Association Education Project

2023 Panelist on Solutions Focused Community Book Club on *Poverty, by America* hosted by Community Foundation for Southern Arizona

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 Meet 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 with the TPCH Coordinated Entry committee on their pilot of a new prioritization assessment tool

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 Pima County Eviction Prevention 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 Policies" 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 (2023)

Wallace, J.D. “Tucson remains a top rent raiser, but some relief could arrive soon, Rent prices could level off but solutions to address high rates are being discussed.” *KOLD 13 News*. Aug. 16, 2023.  
<https://www.kold.com/2023/08/17/tucson-remains-top-rent-raiser-some-relief-could-arrive-soon/>

Wallace, J.D. “Homeless needs assessment makes some revelations.” *KOLD 13 News*. Aug. 22, 2023.  
<https://www.kold.com/video/2023/08/22/homeless-needs-assessment-makes-some-revelations/>

Lapidus, Sarah. “Report: Homeless People Struggling to Get Services.” *Arizona Daily Star*. Nov. 3, 2023. [https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?publink=275e41af9\\_134ade3](https://arizonadailystar-az.newsmemory.com/?publink=275e41af9_134ade3)

Borla, Charles. “Pima County plan seeks to tackle poverty, social ills.” *Arizona Daily Star*. Dec 17, 2023. [https://tucson.com/news/local/government-politics/prosperity-initiative-passes-pima-county-board-of-supervisors/article\\_dcdf2fd2-95e8-11ee-a8f3-fb7b8885a8e6.html](https://tucson.com/news/local/government-politics/prosperity-initiative-passes-pima-county-board-of-supervisors/article_dcdf2fd2-95e8-11ee-a8f3-fb7b8885a8e6.html)

## 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 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, and the City of Tucson Mayor & Council passed a city-level version of the initiative in January 2024.

### **Languages**

Spanish (Intermediate; Limited working proficiency)

Swedish (Intermediate; Limited working proficiency)