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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**

Sept 2019 – Present:     **Associate Research Professor, Career Track**  
Southwest Institute for Research on Women, University of Arizona

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

**Publications**

**Articles:**

**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. "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*. 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.

### Reports:

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.** How did Inequality Gain and Retain Such Prominence as a Political Issue on the Democratic Party Agenda? Invited article to *Research in Political Sociology*.

## Grant Funded Projects

### Active

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

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

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

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

TI080533 (R Cannon) 9/30/17-9/29/2022

SAMHSA

## **The Dragonfly Community Center Supportive Services for Homeless Individual and Families**

Role on project: Quantitative Analyst

### **Completed**

1H79SP021778-01 (A. Greene)

09/2016-09/2021

SAMHSA-CSAP - \$1,146,675

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

### **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**

- 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 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

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*

Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*

Reviewer, *American Journal of Political Science*

Reviewer, *Social Forces*

Reviewer, *Perspectives on Politics*

Reviewer, *Industrial & Labor Relations Review*

Reviewer, *Socio-Economic Review*

Reviewer, *Urban Studies*

Reviewer, *The Sociological Quarterly*

Reviewer, *Social Science Quarterly*.

Reviewer, *Socius*

### **Community Involvement/Outreach**

- 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**

American Sociological Association.  
Political Sociology Section of ASA.  
Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section of ASA.  
Scholars Strategy Network

### **Supplementary Quantitative Methods Training**

"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)

**Languages**

Spanish (Intermediate; Limited working proficiency)

Swedish (Intermediate; Limited working proficiency)