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Research Interests

Crime; Inequality and Stratification; Quantitative Methodology; Urban Policy.

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, New York University, 2014 - Present.

Master in Public Policy, Harvard University, 2012 - 2014.

B.S. Engineering, Polytechnic University of Catalonia, 2001 - 2004.

Affiliations

Behavioral Insights Team North America.
Research Fellow, 2017 - Present.

Furman Center for Real Estate and Urban Policy, New York University.
Doctoral Fellow, 2014 - Present.

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Ellen, Ingrid G. and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. (Forthcoming). "Gentrification and Fair Housing: Does Gentrification Further Integration?" *Housing Policy Debate*.

Ellen, Ingrid G., Michael Suher, and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. 2019. "Neighbors and Networks: The Role of Social Interactions on the Residential Choices of Housing Choice Voucher Holders." *Journal of Housing Economics* 43: 56-71.

Balcells, Laia and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. 2018. "Using a Natural Experiment to Estimate the Electoral Consequences of Terrorist Attacks." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 115(42): 10624-10629.

Outstanding Paper Award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section of ISA.

Heissel, Jennifer A., Patrick T. Sharkey, **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**, Kathryn Grant, and Emma K. Adam. 2018. "Violence and Vigilance: The Acute Effects of Community Violent Crime on Sleep and Cortisol." *Child Development* 89(4): 323-331.

Sharkey, Patrick, **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**, and Delaram Takyar. 2017. "Community and the Crime Decline: The Causal Effect of Local Nonprofits on Violent Crime." *American Sociological Review* 82(6): 1214-1240.

Sharkey, Patrick and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. 2017. "The Effect of Violent Crime on Economic Mobility." *Journal of Urban Economics* 102: 22-33.

Work in Progress

Torrats-Espinosa, Gerard. "Crime and Inequality in Academic Achievement across School Districts in the United States." Revise and resubmit *Demography*

Torrats-Espinosa, Gerard. "Business Improvement Districts and Crime: Evidence from Chicago"

Torrats-Espinosa, Gerard. "Aggregation Bias in the Two-Stage Least Squares Fixed Effects Model"

Torrats-Espinosa, Gerard and Patrick Sharkey. "The Fall of Violence and the Reconfiguration of Urban Neighborhoods"

Ellen, Ingrid G. and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. "High-Cost Cities, Gentrification, and Voucher Use"

De Filippo, Alexandra, Michael Kaemingk, Katherine Rodrigues, and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. “Reducing Teachers’ Attitudes Toward Corporal Punishment. Experimental Evidence from a Tanzanian Refugee Camp.”

Book Chapters

Weiss, Christopher, Emma Garcia, and **Gerard Torrats-Espinosa**. 2015. “A Comparative Analysis of the Relationship between Learning Environments and Educational Performance in Japan and the United States” Pp. 211-240 in *Japan Viewed from Interdisciplinary Perspectives* edited by Yoneyuki Sugita. Lexington Books.

Media Articles

“Do terrorist attacks make people more politically engaged?” *Washington Post*. August 28, 2017 (with Laia Balcells).

“Els efectes polítics del terrorisme” (“The Political Consequences of Terrorism”). *Ara*. August 22, 2017 (with Laia Balcells).

“La violencia policial y la división racial en los Estados Unidos” (“Police Brutality and the Racial Divide in the United States”). *La Vanguardia*. July 12, 2016.

Grants

Russell Sage Foundation & William T. Grant Foundation (PI, \$7,000), “Crime and Inequality in Academic Achievement across School Districts in the United States,” 2016.

Fellowships & Awards

Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award, New York University, 2018.

Urban Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2018-2019.

Outstanding Paper Award from the Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Migration Section of ISA, 2017.

Predocctoral Interdisciplinary Research Training Fellowship (PIRT), New York University, 2014-2017.

Henry M. MacCracken Doctoral Fellowship, New York University, 2014-2019.

“La Caixa” Graduate Fellowship, Spain, 2012-2014.

Teaching

New York University

Introduction to Quantitative Methodology (Sociology Graduate), Fall 2017 (TA and Lab Instructor).

Math, Probability and Statistics Refresher (Sociology Graduate), Summer 2017 (TA and Lab Instructor).

Statistical Inference & Regression Analysis (Stern Undergraduate), Spring 2016 (TA).

Harvard Kennedy School

Intro Microeconomics (MPP Program Graduate), Fall 2012 (TA).

Conference Presentations

APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, 2018.

American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, 2018.

Population Association of America, Denver, CO, 2018.

APPAM Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL, 2017.

Population Association of America, Chicago, IL, 2017.

International Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 2017.

Urban Economics Association, Minneapolis, MN, 2016.
American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA, 2016.
APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, 2016.
American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, 2016.
American Real Estate and Urban Economics Association, Washington, DC, 2016.
Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia: Conference in Gentrification, Philadelphia, PA, 2016.
Education and Inequality in 21st Century America, Stanford University, CA, 2016.
Population Association of America, Washington, DC, 2016.
Russell Sage Foundation: Intergenerational Mobility in the United States, New York, NY, 2015.

Seminar Presentations

Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, 2018
Furman Center Speaker Series, New York University, 2017

Programing & Language Skills

Software: R, Stata, L^AT_EX, ArcGIS.
Languages: Spanish and Catalan (Native), English (Fluent), French (Intermediate).

Service

Conference Service

Session organizer, “Fair Housing Research 50 Years after the Fair Housing Act,” APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, 2018
Session organizer, “Understanding the Locational Decisions and Outcomes of Assisted Housing Recipients,” APPAM Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL, 2017
Session organizer, “Reforming the Housing Choice Voucher Program,” APPAM Fall Research Conference, Chicago, IL, 2017
Discussant, “Gentrification and Urban Policies,” Urban Economics Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, 2016
Session organizer, “Gentrification in the 21st Century,” APPAM Fall Research Conference, Washington, DC, 2016

Journal Service

Reviewer for: American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review (2), Journal of Public Economics, Journal of Urban Health, Sociology of Education (2).

Membership

American Sociological Association, Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management.

Other

Student Representative, Graduate Student Association, New York University, 2015-2016.
Assistant Editor, Harvard Journal of Real Estate, Harvard University, 2012-2013.

Past Employment

Barcelona Fire Department, Spain, 2007 - 2012.

References

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