

# Noah P. Mark

## Curriculum Vitae

University of North Carolina at Charlotte  
Department of Sociology  
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### Academic Appointment

2015 - present, Assistant Research Professor of Sociology, UNC Charlotte

2008 - 2015, Assistant Professor of Sociology, UNC Charlotte

2006 - 2007, Visiting Associate Professor, Duke University

1998 - 2006, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Stanford University

### Education

1998, Ph.D. Sociology, University of Arizona

1995, M.A. Sociology, University of Arizona

1993, B.A. Sociology and Mathematics, Drew University, Summa Cum Laude

### Published Papers

Noah Mark. 2018. "Status Organizes Cooperation: An Evolutionary Theory of Status and Social Order." *American Journal of Sociology* 123:1601-1634.

Award Recipient

2019, Outstanding Article Award of the Mathematical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

2019, Best Article Award of the Evolution, Biology, and Society Section of the American Sociological Association.

- Reuben Thomas and Noah Mark. 2013. "Population Size, Network Density, and the Emergence of Inherited Inequality." *Social Forces* 92:521-544.
- Noah Mark and Daniel Harris. 2012. "Roommate's Race and the Racial Composition of White College Students' Ego Networks." *Social Science Research* 41:331-342.
- Noah Mark. 2011. "The Cultural Evolution of Indiscriminate Altruism in a Large Randomly Matching Population." *The Journal of Mathematical Sociology* 35:235-248.
- Noah Mark, Lynn Smith-Lovin, and Cecilia Ridgeway. 2009. "Why Do Nominal Characteristics Acquire Status Value? A Minimal Explanation for Status Construction." *American Journal of Sociology* 115:832-862.
- Paula England, Paul Allison, Su Li, Noah Mark, Jennifer Thompson, Michelle Budig, and Han Sun. 2007. "Why Are Some Academic Fields Tipping Toward Female? The Sex Composition of U.S. Fields of Doctoral Degree Receipt, 1971-2002." *Sociology of Education* 80:23-42.
- Noah Mark. 2004. "Cultural Transmission, Disproportionate Acquisition, and the Evolution of Cooperation: Reply to Bienenstock and McBride." *American Sociological Review* 69:144-149.
- Noah Mark. 2003. "Culture and Competition: Homophily and Distancing Explanations for Cultural Niches." *American Sociological Review* 68:319-345.
- Noah Mark. 2002. "Cultural Transmission, Disproportionate Acquisition, and the Evolution of Cooperation." *American Sociological Review* 67:323-344.
- Award Recipient  
2005, Theory Prize of the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association.
- Noah Mark. 1998. "Birds of a Feather Sing Together." *Social Forces* 77:453-485.
- Award Recipient  
1995, Raymond V. Bowers Sociology Award, University of Arizona.
- Noah Mark. 1998. "Beyond Individual Differences: Social Differentiation from First Principles." *American Sociological Review* 63:309-330.
- Award Recipient  
1999, Theory Prize of the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association.  
1996, Raymond V. Bowers Sociology Award, University of Arizona.  
1996, Runner-up in the Graduate Student Paper Competition of the Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association.

## **Book Reviews**

- 2017, *Order on the Edge of Chaos: Social Psychology and the Problem of Social Order*. Edited by Edward J. Lawler, Shane R. Thye, and Jeongkoo Yoon. *Contemporary Sociology* 46(2):196-198.
- 2011, *A Cooperative Species: Human Reciprocity and Its Evolution*. By Samuel Bowles and Herbert Gintis. *Journal of Artificial Societies and Social Simulation* 14(4).
- 2003, *Accountability in Social Research: Issues and Debates*. By Norma R.A. Romm. *Sociological Methods and Research* 31(3):430-434.
- 2001, *The Problem of Solidarity: Theories and Models*. Edited by Patrick Doreian and Thomas Fararo. *Contemporary Sociology* 30(1):91-92.

## **Presentations at Professional Meetings**

- 2019, “Why the Political Party That Supports Social Welfare Programs Is Advantaged in Campaign Fundraising, and Other Implications of State-Leveraged Voluntary Cooperation.” Presented at the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Group Processes Conference, New York.
- 2013, “Status Organizes Cooperation: An Evolutionary Theory of Status and Social Order.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta.
- 2011, “Status Organizes Cooperation: An Evolutionary Theory of Status and Social Order.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas.
- 2006, “An Illustration of an Aggressively Simplifying Strategy in Theoretical Analysis.” Presented at the Second Meeting of EPOS, Epistemological Perspectives on Simulation, Brescia, Italy.
- 2006, “Why Do Nominal Characteristics Acquire Status Value? A Minimal Explanation for Status Construction.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal.
- 2003, “Group Processes and Beyond.” Presented at the Group Processes Conference, Atlanta.
- 2003, “Examining How Sanctioning Behavior and Status Behavior May Promote the Evolution of Cooperation.” Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Methodology Section of the American Sociological Association in Seattle and at the Symposium of the Center for the Study of Cultural and Ecological Foundations of the Mind in Sapporo.

- 2003, "Population Growth and the Shrinking World: A Proposal for Further Steps Toward Clarifying the Logic of an Ecological-Evolutionary Theory of Macro Social Structure." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans. Session Honoring the Work of Peter M. Blau.
- 2002, Discussant of paper by Martin Ruef. "Ecological Perspectives on Industrial Decline and Resurgence." Conference Celebrating 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Organizational Ecology, Stanford University.
- 2002, Discussant and discussion moderator for session on Group Processes and Complexity Theory at the Group Processes Conference, Chicago.
- 2001, "The Cultural Evolution of Indiscriminate Altruism in Networks of Unilateral Opportunities to Give: Toward a More Robust Explanation for Generalized Exchange." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim.
- 2000, "Cultural Transmission, Disproportionate Acquisition, and the Evolution of Altruism." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.
- 1999, "The Emergence of Status Inequality." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- 1999, "The Emergence of Status Inequality: A Research Project Using Strategies Advocated by Bruce Mayhew." Presented at Plenary Session at the Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Nashville.
- 1998, "Culture and Competition: A Critical Test of Homophily and Distinction Explanations for Cultural Niches." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.
- 1996, "Beyond Individual Differences: Social Differentiation from First Principles." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- 1995, "An Ecology of Culture: The Case of Music." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC.

## **Invited Lectures**

- 2008, "Toward an Evolutionary Theory of Status and Social Order." Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina - Charlotte.
- 2006, "Roommate's Race and the Racial Composition of White College Students' Ego Networks." Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina - Charlotte.
- 2006, "Why Do Nominal Characteristics Acquire Status Value? A Minimal Explanation for Status Construction." Department of Sociology, Kent State University.
- 2006, "Population Growth, the Shrinking World, and the Evolution of Social Order and Social Inequality." Department of Social Sciences, University of Brescia.
- 2005, "The Emergence of Status Inequality." Department of Sociology, Duke University.
- 2005, "Population Growth, the Shrinking World, and the Evolution of Social Order and Social Inequality." Bruce H. Mayhew Jr. Memorial Lecture. Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina.
- 2005, "The Emergence of Status Inequality." Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina, Charlotte.
- 2004, "The Cultural Evolution of Indiscriminate Altruism in Large Randomly Mixing Networks." Seminar in Organizational Behavior, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University.
- 2003, "The Cultural Evolution of Indiscriminate Altruism." Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
- 2003, "The Cultural Evolution of Indiscriminate Altruism in Networks of Unilateral Opportunities to Give: Toward a More Robust Explanation for Generalized Exchange." Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
- 1999, "The Emergence of Status Inequality." Department of Sociology, Stanford University.
- 1999, "Culture and Competition: A Critical Test of Homophily and Distancing Explanations for Cultural Niches." Seminar in Organizational Behavior, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University.
- 1998, "Culture and Competition: A Critical Test of Homophily and Distinction Explanations for Cultural Niches." Social Psychology Workshop, Stanford University.
- 1998, "Beyond Individual Differences: Social Differentiation from First Principles." Graduate Proseminar in Sociology, Stanford University.

## **Honors and Awards**

2004, Invited to give the Bruce H. Mayhew Jr. Memorial Lecture. Spring 2005. Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina.  
1999-2000, McNamara Faculty Fellowship, Stanford University.  
1994-1997, National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship.  
1993-1994, Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona.  
1993, Ciba-Geigy Award in Science: Mathematics, Drew University.  
1992, Elected to Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

## **Courses Taught**

Social Networks (SOCY 4140, previously taught as SOCY 4090: Topics in Sociology)  
Sociology of Religion (SOCY 4145, previously taught as SOCY 4090: Topics in Sociology)  
Foundations of Society – Writing Intensive (SOCY 4091: Topics in Sociology)  
Foundations of Society (SOCY 4090: Topics in Sociology)  
Social Inequality (SOCY 4111)

## **Dissertation Committees**

Reuben Jasper Thomas, co-chair, December 2004 - 2009  
Elijah Onsomu, Graduate Faculty Representative, 2009-2010  
Raymond Buettner, reader, 2002-2008  
Coye Cheshire, reader, 2002-2005  
Tiffany Smith, reader, 2002-2004  
Eric Rice, reader, 1999-2002  
S.C. Noah Uhrig, reader, 1998-1999  
Colin Beck, member of oral defense committee, 2006  
Mariaelena Gonzales, member of oral defense committee, 2006  
I-Chun Lin, member of oral defense committee, 1999

## **Master's Thesis Committees**

Aaron Silverman, reader, 2011 - 2012  
John Taylor, reader, 2010  
Jesse Clark, reader, 2008

## **Professional Service**

Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory* (2009-2011)  
Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology* (2006-2008)

Reviewer:

*American Journal of Sociology*

*American Sociological Review*  
*Annual Review of Sociology*  
*International Journal of Comparative Sociology*  
*Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
*Journal of Mathematical Sociology*  
*Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology*  
*Management Science*  
*National Science Foundation (Sociology Program, Geography and Regional Science Program)*  
*Nature Communications*  
*Poetics*  
*Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*  
*Rationality and Society*  
*Social Currents*  
*Social Forces*  
*Social Psychology Quarterly*  
*Social Networks*  
*Social Science Research*  
*Sociological Perspectives*  
*Sociological Theory*

Session Organizer and Presider. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2015.  
Regular Session. Social Theory: Advances in Explaining Institutional Dynamics  
Regular Session. Social Theory: Methods and Practice

Theory Section, American Sociological Association  
Member of Selection Committee for Theory Prize (2000, 2001, 2004)  
Roundtable Session Organizer (2003)

Mathematical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association  
Council Member (2002-2005)  
Chair of Selection Committee for Graduate Student Paper Award (2005)  
Member of Selection Committee for Graduate Student Paper Award (2003)  
Member of Selection Committee for Outstanding Article Award (2001)

Evolution, Biology and Society Section, American Sociological Association  
Member of Best Student Paper Committee (2012)

Culture Section, American Sociological Association  
Chair of Selection Committee for Best Student Paper Award (2003)

Social Psychology Section, American Sociological Association  
Section Session Organizer (2002)