

Daniel T. Lichter

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Biography

Biographical Statement

Dr. Daniel T. Lichter is the Ferris Family professor in the Department of Policy Analysis and Management, Professor of Sociology, and Director of the Cornell Population Center. He received his Ph.D. in Sociology in 1981 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He joined the Cornell faculty in August 2005. He taught previously at Pennsylvania State University (1981-1999) and The Ohio State University (1999-2005).

Teaching

Teaching and Advising Statement

Lichter teaches courses on population and public policy, poverty and inequality, and demographic techniques.

Professional

Current Professional Activities

Dr. Lichter is Director of the Cornell Population Center. He is past-president of the Population Association of America (2012) and the Rural Sociological Society (2010-11). He also is past-president of the Association of Population Centers, and he has served as chair of both the family and population sections of the American Sociological Association. He also has served as editor of *Demography* (2002-2004), the flagship journal of the Population Association of America (PAA).

Dr. Lichter is a member of the research advisory board of the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unintended Pregnancy. He also is a policy fellow of the Carsey Institute at the University of New Hampshire, and a member of the poverty working group (on race and ethnicity) at the Stanford Center of Poverty and Inequality. He is currently serving as a member of the National Academy Sciences panel on "The Integration of Immigrants into American Society" during 2014-2015. For a full description of panel activities, see <http://www8.nationalacademies.org/cp/projectview.aspx?key=49598>

Research

Current Research Activities

Dr. Lichter has published widely on topics in population and public policy, including

studies of concentrated poverty and inequality, intermarriage, cohabitation and marriage among disadvantaged women, and immigrant incorporation. His recent work, for example, has focused on changing ethnoracial boundaries, as measured by changing patterns of interracial marriage and residential segregation in the United States. He is especially interested in America's racial and ethnic transformation, growing diversity, and the implications for the future. His other work centers on new destinations of recent immigrants, especially Hispanics moving to less densely-settled rural areas. He has provided new national estimates of racial residential segregation in Hispanic "boom towns" in the Midwest and South, focusing on the spatial assimilation and economic incorporation of the new immigrants into local communities. As a measure of acculturation, he also has documented high rates of fertility and poverty among Hispanic immigrants and natives in new destinations.

Extension

Current Extension Activities

Dr. Lichter is a member of USDA's regional project (W3001: The Great Recession, Its Aftermath, and Patterns of Rural and Small Town Demographic Change).

Education

Education

- PhD 1981 - University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology
- MA 1977 - Iowa State University, Sociology
- BA 1975 - South Dakota State University, Sociology

Courses

Courses Taught

- PAM 2030: Population and Public Policy
- PAM 6210: Poverty, Public Policy, and the Life Course
- PAM 6060: Demographic Techniques

Websites

Related Websites

- Cornell Population Center: <http://www.cpp.cornell.edu/>
- Sociology: <http://www.soc.cornell.edu/faculty/lichter.html>
- ResearcherID: <http://www.researcherid.com/rid/F-3941-2010>
- Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/citations?user=6-C8WyIAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=ao>

Administration

Administrative Responsibilities

Director, Cornell Population Center

Publications

Selected Publications

Lichter, D.T., D. Parisi, and M.C. Taquino. (2015). "Toward a New Macro-Segregation? Decomposing Segregation Within and Between Metropolitan Cities and Suburbs." *American Sociological Review*, forthcoming.

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Johnson, K.M., and D.T. Lichter. (2013). "Rural Retirement Destinations: Natural Decrease

- and the Shared Demographic Destinies of Elderly and Hispanics." Pp. 275-294 in *Rural Aging in 21st Century America* (eds., N. Glasgow et al.). New York: Springer.
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- Lichter, D.T., D. Parisi, and M.C. Taquino. (2012). "The Geography of Exclusion: Race, Segregation, and Concentrated Poverty." *Social Problems* 59:364-388.
- Sassler, S., F. Addo, and D.T. Lichter. (2012). "The Tempo of Sexual Activity and Later Relationship Quality." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 74:708-725.
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