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**CURRICULUM VITAE**

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**Education:**

- 1996-2004 Ph.D. in Sociology, Department of Sociology, State University of New York, University at Albany.
- 1991-1992 M.A. in Theory and Practice of Human Rights, Essex University, United Kingdom.
- 1984-1989 B.A./M.A. in Sociology, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria.

**Master Theses Research:**

- 1991-1992 “Minority Groups and Citizenship Rights.” Advisor: Professor Michael Freeman.
- 1984-1989 “Fascist Ideology and its Impact upon the Bulgarian Political Club ‘Zveno’ 1929-1944.” Advisor: Professor Dr. Georgi Karasimeonov.

**Dissertation Research:**

Title: “Housing Inequality in Sofia in the Era of Economic Globalization”  
Committee: John R. Logan (Chair), Richard D. Alba, Nancy A. Denton.

**Academic Positions:**

- 2008-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, Queens College, and the Graduate Center, City University of New York (tenure track).
- 2003-2008 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC (tenure track, successfully passed third year review).
- 2003-2008 Affiliate, Consortium for Latino Immigration Studies, USC, Columbia, SC.
- 2003-2008 Associate, Walker Institute for International Studies, USC, Columbia, SC.
- 1997-2002 Research Assistant to John Logan, Richard Alba, Nancy Denton, Lawrence Raffalovich, Glenn Deane and Stewart Tolnay, principal investigators for several different projects funded by NSF, NICHD and the Ford Foundation. The research was related to residential segregation, suburbanization, black migration patterns, and inequality and economic development.
- 1990-1994 Doctoral Student, Department of Sociology, Sofia University, Sofia, Bulgaria.

**Academic Honors and Awards:**

- 2008 Certificate of Recognition, City University of New York; In Honor of Outstanding Scholarly Achievements and Contributions to the Creation and Transmittal of Knowledge (presented by the Chairman, Board of Trustees, Benno Schmidt, Jr.; the Chancellor, Matthew Goldstein; and Executive Vice Chancellor and University Provost, Alexandra Logue).
- 2008-2010 Vesselinov, Elena (PI) and Renaud Le Goix (Co-PI, Department of Geography, University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne, France). "Socio-Economic Impact of Gated Communities on American Cities." \$146,880. Funded by NIH, under the R03 mechanism (Score: 142, 10.6 percentile).
- 2006-2007 "The Economic and Social Impact of Latino Immigration in S. Carolina." Co-PI. A Study funded by the South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs. \$51,000.
- 2006-2007 Recipient of the Research and Productive Scholarship Award, Category I, Office of Research and Health Sciences, University of South Carolina. Project Title: "Gated Communities and Social Change: A Study of the Impact of Gating and Latino Immigration on American Cities." \$9,800.
- 2006-2007 Summer Research Support Grants, University of South Carolina, \$9,000.
- 2004-2005 Recipient of College of Liberal Arts Scholarship Support (CLASS) Awards, Category A. Preliminary Support for Extramural Grant Application, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. \$7,000.
- 2004-2005 Summer Research Support Grants, University of South Carolina, \$12,000.
- 2001-2003 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Award (Co-PI with John R. Logan, PI), for *Housing Inequality in Sofia, Amsterdam and New York*. \$7,500.
- 2000-2001 Individual Research Grant (RSS No: 93/2000) awarded by the Research Support Scheme of the Open Society Support Foundation, for *Housing Inequality in Sofia and Amsterdam*. \$6,000.
- 2000-2001 Research Grant awarded by the Foundation for Urban and Regional Studies (FURS), Essex University, UK. \$2,500.
- 2000 Community and Urban Sociology Section of American Sociological Association Outstanding Student Paper Award for "The Continuing 'Wind of Change' in the Balkans: Globalization and Housing Transformations in Sofia."  
The same paper was awarded Third Prize in the 1999 FURS Prize for the Best International Essay of Urban and Regional Themes by Young Authors.
- 2000 Scholarship awarded by European Network for Housing Research (ENHR) to attend the ENHR Annual Research Meeting in Gavle, Sweden.
- 1999-2000 Contract for writing a book chapter under the project "Globalization and the Transformation of Cities in Central and Eastern Europe", sponsored by UNU/IAS.

1998 Scholarship awarded by the Research Committee of the International Sociological Association (RC21) and SUNY-Albany Travel Grant to attend RC21 Conference in Hiroshima, Japan.

1996-2000 Graduate Fellowship, Department of Sociology, SUNY-Albany.

1991-1992 British Council Scholarship, to obtain Master of Art degree at Essex University, UK.

### **Publications:**

#### ***Journal Articles***

**Vesselinov, Elena.** 2008. "Members Only: Gated Communities and Residential Segregation in Metropolitan U.S." *Sociological Forum*, 23(3).

**Vesselinov, Elena,** Matthew A. Cazessus and William W. Falk. 2007. "Gated Communities and Spatial Inequality." *Journal of Urban Affairs*, 29(2). (Lead article)

**Vesselinov, Elena.** 2004. "The Continuing 'Wind of Change' on the Balkans: Sources of Housing Inequality in Sofia." *Urban Studies*, 41(13):1261-80.

Raffalovich, Lawrence E. and **Elena Vesselinov.** 2004. "The Power of Property in Comparative Perspective." *Research on Social Stratification and Mobility*, v. 20: 361-384.

Alba, Richard D., Amy Lutz and **Elena Vesselinov.** 2001. "How Enduring Are the Inequalities Among European Immigrant Groups in the US?" *Demography*, Volume 38-Number 3, August: 349-356.

Tolnay, Stewart E., **Elena Vesselinov** and Kyle D. Crowder. 1999. "The Collective Impact of Southern Migrants on the Economic Well-being of Northern-born Black Males, 1970." *Social Science Quarterly*. December, v. 80, No. 4.

#### ***Book Chapters and Other Articles***

**Vesselinov, Elena.** 2008. "Americanization." *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Editor Vincent N. Parrillo. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

**Vesselinov, Elena** and Matthew A. Cazessus. 2008. "Melting Pot." *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*. Editor Vincent N. Parrillo. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

**Vesselinov, Elena.** 2007. "South Carolina's Latinos in Numbers." Report on the Socio-Demographic Characteristics of the Latino Population for the Commission on Minority Affairs (40 p.), Columbia, SC.

**Vesselinov, Elena.** 2006. "Gated Communities and Latino Groups." Research Article in the *Community and Urban Sociology Section Newsletter*.

**Vesselinov, Elena.** 2006. "Housing Inequality: Changes of *First-Order* in Sofia, Bulgaria" Chapter in *Paths of Urban Transformation*, Ed. Frank Eckardt. Peter Lang Pub. Group.

**Vesselinov, Elena** and John R. Logan. 2005. "Mixed success: Economic Stability and Urban Inequality in New Sofia," In *Transformation of Cities in Central and Eastern Europe: Towards Globalization*, edited by F.I.E. Hamilton, K. Dimitrovska-Andrews and N. Pichler-Milanovic. United Nations University Press: Tokyo.

**Vesselinov, Elena**, Alexander Mihajlov, Peter Dikov, and Sergej Tsvetarski. 2003. "Sofia." *Encyclopedia of Urban Cultures*. Editors Melvin and Carol R. Ember. Yale U Press.

### **Book Reviews**

**Vesselinov, Elena**. 2007. Glasze, Georg, Chris Webster and Klaus Frantz. *Private Cities, Global and Local Perspectives*. Taylor and Francis (Routledge). *Journal of the American Planning Association*. Autumn.

**Vesselinov, Elena**. 2006. Kazerov, Yuri (editor). *Cities of Europe: Changing Contexts, Local Arrangements, and the Challenge to Urban Cohesion*. Blackwell Publishers. *City and Community*, 5 (1), March.

### **Paper Presentations at Professional Meetings:**

**Vesselinov, Elena** and Naomi Kolberg. 2008. "Gates, Race and Class: Segregation and Gated Communities in Five American Cities." Presented at the American Sociological Association's meeting in Boston, CUSS regular session: Space and the City.

**Vesselinov, Elena**. 2007. "Housing Inequality in Bulgaria during the Period of Market Transition." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Harvard University.

**Vesselinov, Elena**, and Renaud Le Goix. 2007. "Gated Communities and Homogeneity in Las Vegas and Phoenix." Paper presented at the 4th International Conference of the Research Network Private Urban Governance and Gated Communities, Paris, France.

**Vesselinov, Elena**. 2007. "Gated Communities and Social Change: Impact of Gating and Latino Immigration on American Cities." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Urban Affairs Association, Seattle, WA.

**Vesselinov, Elena**, Matthew A. Cazessus and William W. Falk. 2006. "Gated Communities and Spatial Inequality." Paper presented at the regular session "Space and Place" at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, August 11-14, Montreal, Canada.

**Vesselinov, Elena**. 2006. "The *Interim Mode* of Stratification: Housing Inequality during the Period of Market Transition." Presented at the American Sociological Association's Annual Meeting, August 11-14, Montreal, Canada.

**Vesselinov, Elena**. 2006. "Gated Communities and the Latino Groups: Segregation, Integration or Fashion Choice?" Presented at the Council of European Studies Conference, Chicago.

**Vesselinov, Elena** and William Folk. 2006. "Gated Communities." Invited Presentation, Southern Sociological Society, panel "Housing in the South," New Orleans.

- Yang, Ying and **Elena Vesselinov**. 2005. "Wealth Inequality: Differences among Five Asian Immigrant Groups." Paper presented at a regular session at the American Sociological Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 14-17, Philadelphia.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2005. "Gated Communities: The New Frontier of Urban Inequality in Metropolitan U.S.?" Paper presented at a regular session at the American Sociological Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 14-17, Philadelphia.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2005. "Gating in the Middle: Gated Communities as Middle Class Enclaves in America." Paper Presented at the RC21 Annual Meeting, Paris, France.
- Vesselinov, Elena** and Katie Woodlieff. 2005. "Gating or Segregating? Forms of Urban Inequality in Metropolitan U.S." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, April 14-17, Charlotte, N.C.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2005. "Hispanic Population in South Carolina" Invited Presentation at the Palmetto Affordable Housing Forum, January 25-26, 2005, Columbia, SC. Available at: <http://www.cas.sc.edu/cli/papers.htm>
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2004. "Post-Socialist Regimes of Housing Inequality." Paper accepted to be presented at the American Sociological Association's 99<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, August 14-17, San Francisco.
- Vesselinov, Elena** and Katie Woodlieff. 2004. "Members Only: Gated Communities and Residential Segregation." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society's 67<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, April 14-17, Atlanta.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2002. "Global and Local Interactions: Homeownership and Inner City Change in Amsterdam." Invited presentation at the conference *The Future of the Historic Inner City of Amsterdam*. Amsterdam, September 5-7.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2001. "Income, Political Affiliation or Location? A study of house values in Sofia." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the ASA, Anaheim, CA.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2001. "Polarization of Place: The New Power of Location in Sofia". Paper Presented at the RC21 Annual Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- Denton, Nancy A., **E. Vesselinov**, Glenn Deane, and Larry Raffalovich. 2001. "The Appreciation of Place: A Case Study of Metro Washington, D.C. Neighborhoods." Paper Presented at the Population Association of America meeting, March, 2001.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2000. "The Continuing 'Wind of Change' on the Balkans: Housing Transformations in Sofia." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C., August, 2000. Winner of the Outstanding Student Paper Award of the Community and Urban Sociology Section of ASA for 2000. A winner of the Third Prize in 1999 FURS Prize for the Best Essay of Urban and Regional Themes by Young Authors.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 2000. "Housing Inequality in Sofia, Bulgaria." Paper Presented at the European Network for Housing Research Conference in Galve, Sweden.

- Alba, R., A. Lutz and **E. Vesselinov**, 2000. "How Enduring are the Differences of the Immigrant Generation? A Reexamination of the Grandchildren of the Immigrants of the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century". Presented at the Population Association Meeting, San Diego, 2000.
- Vesselinov, Elena** and John R. Logan. 1999. "Mixed success: Economic Stability and Urban Inequality in the New Sofia" Book chapter in the project "Globalization and the Transformation of Cities in Central and Eastern Europe", sponsored by IAS/UNU. Presented at a meeting in Bled, Slovenia, December 16-18, 1999.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 1999. "Wealth Accumulation and the Housing Values of Immigrants", presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Raffalovich, Lawrence E. and **Elena Vesselinov**. 1999. "The Power of Property in Comparative Perspective", presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 1998. "Housing Policy in Bulgaria: The Case of Sofia", presented at a RC21 Conference "City, State and Region in Global Order: Toward the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", Hiroshima, Japan.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 1998. "Immigrant Homeownership and the Concept of Social Class, 1970-1990", presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Vesselinov, Elena**. 1998. "Individual and Contextual Effects on Homeownership of Immigrants", Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

### **Teaching Experience:**

#### ***Graduate Seminars***

- "Survey of Research Methods," Sociology 720 (satisfies quantitative methods requirement).
- "Theories of Urbanization," Sociology 790 (satisfies theory requirement).
- "Comparative Urbanization," Sociology 790E.
- Invited Lecture, "Exploring Funding Opportunities", Sociology 702.
- Invited Lecture, "Eastern European cities on the move: new housing and segregation patterns", Spring Semester, 2004. European Seminar on Urban Transformation, Poverty, Spatial Segregation and Social Exclusion (**EUREX**).
- Invited Lecture, "Sources of Housing Inequality", Fall Semester, 2002. European Seminar on Urban Transformation, Poverty, Spatial Segregation and Social Exclusion (**EUREX**). [Http://www.shiva.uniurb.it/eurex/](http://www.shiva.uniurb.it/eurex/)

#### ***Undergraduate***

- "Urban Sociology," Sociology 351; Regular course and Honor's College course.
- "Minority Group Relations," Sociology 355.
- "Immigration to America," Sociology 598 (with a Master's level component); Regular course and Honor's College course.

**Professional Service and Activities:*****Department and College*****Queens College, CUNY**

2008-2009 Member, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology.

**University of South Carolina**

2007-2008 Member, University of South Carolina Family Fund Steering Committee.

2007-2008 Member, Graduate Student Committee, Department of Sociology.

2007-2008 Reviewer, Research Opportunity Program, Office of Research and Health Sciences.

2006-2007 Member, Faculty Evaluation Committee, Department of Sociology.

2004-2006 Member, Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology.

2003-4, 2005-6 Recording Secretary, Department of Sociology.

2003-2006 Coordinator, Family Fund Initiative, Department of Sociology.

***Profession at large***

2007-Present Member, Nominations Committee, Section Community and Urban Sociology  
American Sociological Association

2007 Organizer, Section Community and Urban Sociology Refereed Roundtables,  
American Sociological Association, August 11-14, New York.

2006 Presider, Regular Session: Social Stratification: Earnings Inequality in the U.S.  
ASA's Annual Meeting, August 11-14, Montreal.

2006 Chair, Panel on "Gated Communities and Social Exclusion" at the Council of  
European Studies Conference in Chicago, March 12-16.

2005-Present Reviewer, peer reviewed journals  
*International Migration Review, Anthropology and Education Quarterly*  
*American Sociological Review, Journal of Urban Affairs*  
*Racial and Ethnic Studies*

2005-Present Statistical Consultant, Rosetta Stone, Inc. "Assessing the Effectiveness of Rosetta  
Stone in Learning English as a Foreign Language"

2005 Presider, Section on Community and Urban Sociology Roundtables, American  
Sociological Association's 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, P.A.

2005 Presider, Regular Session "Residential Segregation and Housing Discrimination  
Southern Sociological Society's 68<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, April 14-17, Charlotte, N.C.

2004-Present National Science Foundation, External Grant Reviewer

- 2000-2001 Chair, Young Housing Researchers Working Group, part of the European Network for Housing Research. Organized an international workshop, June 21-24, 2001 Warsaw, Poland.
- 2000-2001 Coordinator, Urban Sociology Teaching Guide, coordinated the activities related to updating the new edition of the guide for CUSS of the American Sociological Organization.
- 2001 Reviewer, Grant Application Reviewer for the Graduate Student Organization, SUNY-Albany.
- 1999-2000 President, Initiated a Graduate Student Urban Group; a peer based interdisciplinary group, involved in lecture series, paper discussions, urban field trips.
- 1999 Presider, Refereed Roundtables, "International Urbanization Issues", Section on Community and Urban Sociology. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 1999 Presider, Refereed Roundtables, "Race and Space in the Context of Housing", Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities in Sociology. ASA Annual Meeting.

**Invited Lectures and Participations:**

University of Connecticut, Department of Sociology. 2007. "Gated Communities and Urban Inequality".

American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, Harvard University. 2007. Panel Discussion: "Transformations in Postcommunist Cities."

Population Research Colloquium, USC, 2007. "Gated Communities and the Latino Groups: Segregation, Integration or Fashion Choice?"

Council of European Studies, Chair, Panel "Gated Communities and Social Exclusion;" Annual Meeting, Chicago, March, 2006.

Southern Sociological Society, panel "Housing in the South," at the Annual Meeting, New Orleans, March, 2006.

The Professional Society of International Studies, Political Science Department, USC, 2005. "Global Cities and Social Polarization."

Palmetto Affordable Housing Forum, January 25-26, 2005, Columbia, SC.  
Presentation available at: <http://www.cas.sc.edu/cli/papers.htm>

Conference "The Future of the Historic Inner City of Amsterdam." Amsterdam, September 5-7, 2002. Sponsored by University of Amsterdam and the Amsterdam Center for Metropolitan Research.

Workshop "Cities In China: The Next Generation of Urban Research". June 2002. Urban China Research Network. Sponsored by the Mumford Center and the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis, SUNY, Albany.

Seminar on Bulgaria for Ambassador-designate Richard Miles. 1999. Sponsored by Bureau of Intelligence and Research, Foreign Service Institute, U.S. Department of State. Meridian International Center, Washington D. C.

Workshop “Internal Migration and Its Impacts on Chinese Urbanization”. May 1999. Sponsored by the Center for Social and Demographic Analysis and Vice President for Research, SUNY, Albany, NY.

Conference “The Benefits and Mechanisms for Spreading Asset Ownership”. 1998. Sponsored by Ford Foundation and the C.V. Starr Center at New York University, NY

**Professional Membership:**

(1) American Sociological Association: Section Community and Urban Sociology, Section International Migration, Section Comparative and Historical Research.

(2) European Network for Housing Research. (3) RC21 and RC43 of International Sociological Association. (4) Council for European Studies. (5) International Research Network Private Urban Governance and Gated Communities. (6) Urban Affairs Association.