

Diversity Project

The diversity files at this website come from a project entitled “Racial and Ethnic Diversity in American Communities, 1980-2010,” which was funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (R01HD074605). Barrett Lee, the project PI, led a team of seven investigators with backgrounds in sociology, demography, and geography. The team consisted of Lee, Stephen Matthews, and Christopher Fowler at Penn State; Matthew Hall and Laura Tach at Cornell; Chad Farrell at the University of Alaska-Anchorage; and Gregory Sharp at the University at Buffalo-SUNY. Two graduate students served as research assistants: Michael Martin and Lauren Hannsott, both at Penn State.

Team members sought to better understand how racial and ethnic diversity—the representation of multiple racial-ethnic groups in a population—manifests itself across geographic units that range in scale from states to places. They used decennial census and American Community Survey data to construct measures of diversity magnitude and structure based on general (panethnic) and detailed (country of origin) racial-ethnic categories.

The five major goals of the project were to (1) describe ethnoracial diversity patterns from 1980 through 2010 for states, counties, areas (metropolitan, micropolitan, rural), and their constituent places; (2) compare changes in the ethnoracial diversity of areas and places to changes occurring on other, non-racial dimensions of diversity; (3) document the role of spatial processes in the spread of ethnoracial diversity across all counties nationally and across places within selected metropolitan areas; (4) identify the sources or correlates of community ethnoracial diversity, both cross-sectionally and over time; and (5) explore the relationship between the geographic redistribution of particular ethnoracial groups and their members’ exposure to diversity. When the project came to a formal end in May of 2017, it was clear that a few loose ends remained. Nevertheless, all five goals had been addressed to a substantial extent.

Project Papers

Findings from the project are reported in the following publications:

- Farrell, Chad R. Forthcoming. “The Anchorage Mosaic: Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Urban North.” In James K. Barnett and Ian C. Hartman (eds.), *Imagining Anchorage: The Making of America’s Northernmost Metropolis*. Fairbanks, AK: University of Alaska Press.
- Lee, Barrett A., Michael J.R. Martin, Stephen A. Matthews, and Chad R. Farrell. Forthcoming. “A Universal Trend? State-Level Changes in U.S. Racial and Ethnic Diversity, 1980 to 2015.” *Demographic Research*.
- Lee, Barrett A., Michael J.R. Martin, and Matthew Hall. Forthcoming. “Solamente Mexicanos? Patterns and Sources of Hispanic Diversity in U.S. Metropolitan

Areas.” *Social Science Research*. Early view available at <http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0049089X16305488>.

- Farrell, Chad R. and Barrett A. Lee. Forthcoming. “No-Majority Communities: Racial Diversity and Change at the Local Level.” *Urban Affairs Review*. Early view available at <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/1078087416682320>.
- Martin, Michael J.R., Stephen A. Matthews, and Barrett A. Lee. Forthcoming. “The Spatial Diffusion of Diversity across U.S. Counties.” *Spatial Demography*. Early view available at <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s40980-016-0030-8>.
- Sharp, Gregory and Barrett A. Lee. Forthcoming. “New Faces in Rural Places: Patterns and Sources of Nonmetropolitan Ethnoracial Diversity since 1990.” *Rural Sociology*. Early view available at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/ruso.12141/epdf>.
- Lee, Barrett A. and Gregory Sharp. 2017. “Ethnoracial Diversity across the Rural-Urban Continuum.” *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 672(1):26-45. Available at <http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/0002716217708560>.
- Fowler, Christopher S., Barrett A. Lee, and Stephen A. Matthews. 2016. “The Contributions of Places to Metropolitan Ethnoracial Diversity and Segregation: Decomposing Change across Space and Time.” *Demography* 53(6):1955-1977. Available at <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s13524-016-0517-3/fulltext.html>
- Hall, Matthew, Laura Tach, and Barrett A. Lee. 2016. “Trajectories of Ethnoracial Diversity in American Communities, 1980-2010.” *Population and Development Review* 42(2):271-297. Available at <http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/j.1728-4457.2016.00125.x/epdf>.
- Lee, Barrett A. and Lauren Hughes. 2015. “Bucking the Trend: Is Ethnoracial Diversity Declining in American Communities?” *Population Research and Policy Review* 34(1):113-139. Available at <http://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11113-014-9343-8>.
- Lee, Barrett A., John D. Iceland, and Chad R. Farrell. 2014. “Is Ethnoracial Residential Integration on the Rise? Evidence from Metropolitan and Micropolitan America since 1980.” Pp. 415-456 in John R. Logan (ed.), *Diversity and Disparities: America Enters a New Century*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation. Available at https://www.russellsage.org/sites/all/files/logan/logan_diversity_chapter13.pdf.

Additional papers are still under review or revision, including:

- Tach, Laura, Barrett A. Lee, Lauren Hannscoff, and Michael J.R. Martin. "Fragmentation or Diversification? Ethno-Racial Change and the Social and Economic Diversity of Communities."
- Martin, Michael J.R. and Christopher S. Fowler. "Connecting the Dots: The Spatial Processes Underlying Place-Level Diversity Change in U.S. Metropolitan Areas between 1990 and 2010."
- Lee, Barrett A. and Michael J.R. Martin. "Concentrated or Dispersed? The Spatial Distribution of Hispanic Origin Groups in Metropolitan America since 1990."

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