

Dr. Josh Chen

Sociology

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Research Interests:

Dr. Chen's research is shaped by broader questions regarding how to pursue the common good in a fragmented society and in understanding the normative and empirical foundations for social justice. His work focuses on the mechanisms by which structural racism and racialization are sustained or challenged in residential and organizational settings. He has conducted research on the organizational dynamics of racial and socioeconomic integration in churches and colleges. More recently, he has written on why Catholic Social Thought needs to take the role of social structures more seriously in order to understand and address the way non-racists contribute to racial injustice in patterned ways like the ubiquitous case of residential segregation.

Professional Interests:

Dr. Chen's teaching interests include principles of sociology, race and ethnicity, and structures of inequality. He enjoys engaging students on the significance of viewing the world through a sociological lens and in pursuing thoughtful conversations across a range of viewpoints. He is especially interested in matters of social justice, diversity and equity, and student success.