

Race and Gender Disparities in Academic Pay

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5 Professors Sue Rutgers, Saying It Shortchanges Women on Pay

The five women say they are paid tens of thousands of dollars less than men with similar qualifications. The university says it is “committed to pay equity.”

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- ▶ Date: October 15th, 2020



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Introduction

- ▶ Extract race & gender using computational techniques to examine inequality in faculty pay

Agenda

- ▶ Briefly review literature on pay disparities
- ▶ Introduce our data and methods
- ▶ Results for 86 colleges and universities in the U.S.
- ▶ Our study's next steps

Gender and Racial Pay Gap

- ▶ Allocative, valuative, and within-job wage discrimination (Peterson and Morgan, 1995)
 - ▶ (Dwyer 2013; Glenn 1992; Pager, Bonikowski, and Western 2009)
- ▶ Racial wage inequality (Huffman and Cohen, 2004)
- ▶ Gender income gap (Blau and Kahn, 2017)

Specifically in Academia

- ▶ 11% gender gap at Ohio State (Chen and Crown, 2019)
- ▶ Women allocated to lower-paying academic locations (Renzulli et al., 2013)
- ▶ Faculty of color may have reached parity in pay with white colleagues (Toutkoushian, Bellas, and Moore, 2007)

Our Research

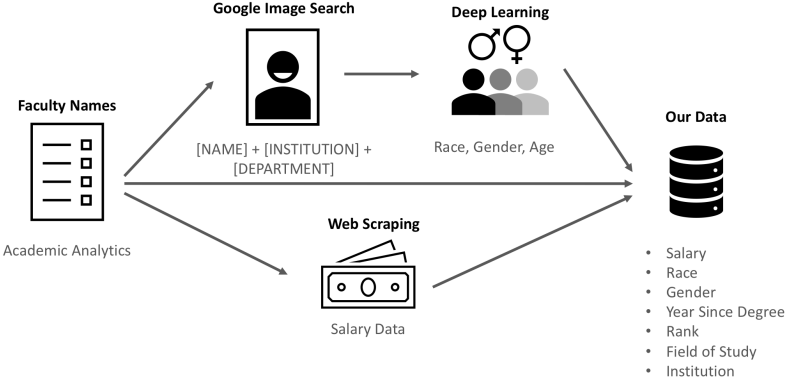
Are there disparities in academic pay?

- ▶ Race and gender
- ▶ All public US universities
- ▶ 8 years of data (2012-2018)

This Study

- ▶ 86 universities across the United States
- ▶ 2018 Salary
- ▶ 26,079 professors

Data



Data

Accuracy rate (number of observations predicted) by Race and Gender

		Race				
		Asian	Black	Other	White	N
Gender	Men	85.4% (123)	47.4% (19)	3.6% (28)	90.3% (259)	544
	Women	84.1% (44)	81.8% (11)	0% (6)	88.4% (224)	185
N		167	30	34	483	

Method

- ▶ Linear Mixed-Effects Model
- ▶ Random Intercepts
 - ▶ Field of Study
 - ▶ Institution

**Linear Mixed-Effects Model (Random Intercepts:
Field of Study/Institution)**

	Total Salary for Latest Year	
	Model 1	Model 2
Asian	-9,010 ^{***} (805)	
Black	-4,238 ^{**} (1,408)	
Other	-2,632 (1,347)	
Woman		-10,547 ^{***} (654)
Constant	111,756 ^{***} (8,348)	113,690 ^{***} (8,170)
<i>N</i>	26,079	26,079
Log Likelihood	-318,468	-318,420
AIC	636,951	636,849
BIC	637,008	636,890

* $p < .05$; ** $p < .01$; *** $p < .001$

Base categories for race and gender are white and male.

**Linear Mixed-Effects Model (Random Intercepts:
Field of Study/Institution)**

	Total Salary for Latest Year	
	Model 1	Model 2
Asian Men	-12,635 ^{***} (950)	-11,025 ^{***} (946)
Asian Women	-15,201 ^{***} (1,400)	-13,442 ^{***} (1,392)
Black Men	-5,056 ^{**} (1,756)	-2,245 (1,748)
Black Women	-16,725 ^{***} (2,214)	-13,585 ^{***} (2,203)
Other Men	-4,776 ^{**} (1,453)	-3,635 [*] (1,443)
Other Women	-21,815 ^{***} (3,587)	-19,528 ^{***} (3,561)
White Women	-12,646 ^{***} (748)	-11,861 ^{***} (743)
Age		872 ^{***} (43)
Constant	116,899 ^{***} (8,209)	84,606 ^{***} (8,321)
N	26,079	26,079
Log Likelihood	-318,275	-318,068
AIC	636,572	636,161
BIC	636,662	636,259

* p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001

Base categories for race and gender are white and male.

Linear Mixed-Effects Model (Random Intercepts: Field of Study/Institution)

	Total Salary for Latest Year
Asian Men	-3,414 ^{***} (851)
Asian Women	-3,242 ^{**} (1,251)
Black Men	591 (1,560)
Black Women	-5,598 ^{**} (1,970)
Other Men	-45 (1,291)
Other Women	-7,752 [*] (3,188)
White Women	-4,743 ^{***} (671)
Associate Professor	-33,801 ^{***} (713)
Assistant Professor	-52,285 ^{***} (665)
Other	-82,849 ^{***} (1,858)
Constant	144,970 ^{***} (7,564)
N	26,079
Log Likelihood	-315,143
AIC	630,314
BIC	630,428

* p < .05; ** p < .01; *** p < .001

Base categories for race, gender, and rank are white, male, and professor.

Conclusion

- ▶ There is a significant gender gap ($\sim 5k$) in salary across racial groups even when accounting for professorial rank
- ▶ The pay gap for all groups decreases significantly when controlling for rank, suggesting groups be promoted less frequently than white men

Implications

- ▶ Dr. Joyce Chen recently advocated for a raise by comparing her salary against her colleagues' salaries (Woolston 2021).
- ▶ However, we find wage inequality to be systemic. The solution should be too.

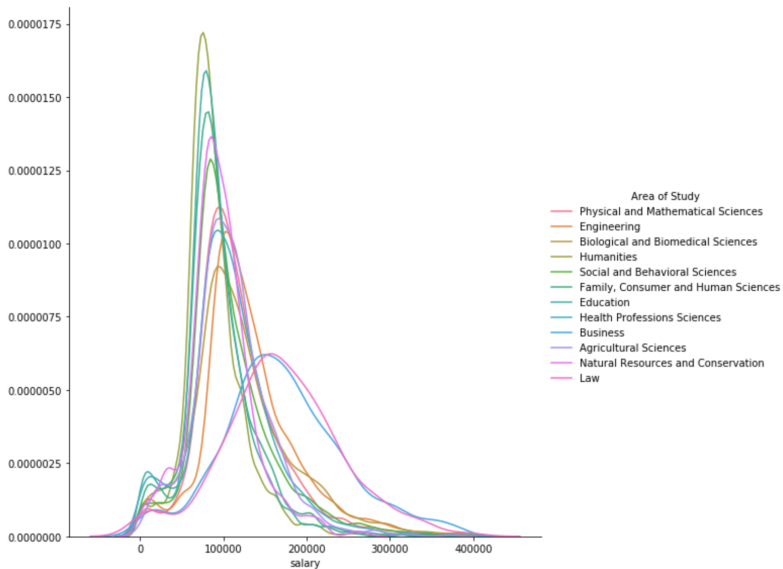
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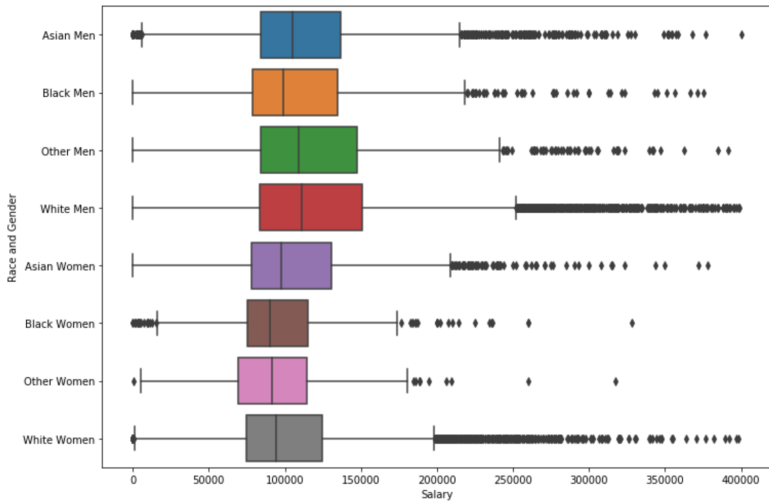
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Additional Material



Comparing Race Pay



Comparing Gender Pay

