



# Reuben A. May

***HAVING FUN IN URBAN NIGHTLIFE: RACE,  
CLASS, AND CULTURE IN PUBLIC SPACE***

Reuben A. Buford May, PhD is Professor of Sociology in the Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University. May has served as a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Visiting Professor, in the School of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences at MIT and held a Sheila Biddle Ford Foundation Fellowship at the [W.E.B. Du Bois Institute for African and African American Research at Harvard University](#). His recent publications include two books, [Talking at Trena's: Everyday Conversation at an African American Tavern](#) (New York University Press, 2001) [Living Through the Hoop: High School Basketball, Race, and the American Dream](#) (New York University Press, 2008) Winner of 2008, Association for Humanist Sociology, Book of the Year Award. May is currently working on a book length manuscript that uses the case of the downtown party scene in Athens, Georgia to examine how race, class, and culture influence interactional dynamics across categories of space users. His work has also appeared in scholarly journals such as *Qualitative Sociology*, *Qualitative Inquiry*, *Studies in Symbolic Interaction*, *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, and *Journal of Ethnic and Racial Studies*.

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