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Curriculum vitae
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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Michigan, expected 2020.
M.A., Sociology, University of Michigan, 2014.
B.A., Sociology (Departmental Citation) and History (Departmental Highest Honors),
University of California, Berkeley, 2011.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political and urban sociology, social inequality, macro-historical change, political economy, social theory, comparative-historical methods, and the philosophy of the social sciences.

DISSERTATION

Title: *The Political Development of Urban Clientelism in Twentieth Century Latin America: Mexico City, Lima, and Caracas in Comparative-Historical Perspective*

Committee: George Steinmetz (co-chair), Robert S. Jansen (co-chair), Greta Krippner, Victoria Langland (historian, University of Michigan), and Kenneth Roberts (political scientist, Cornell University).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

2019. "Civil Society and the Transition Towards Socialism." *Comparative Sociology* 18(3):345-85. (First author, with Laura J. Enríquez.)
2019 "The State's Unintentional Production of Turf-Controlling Neighborhood Elites in Twentieth Century Lima, Peru." *Research in Political Sociology* 26:15-37. (Lead article.)
2016 "The Conflicted State and Agrarian Transformation in Pink Tide Venezuela." *Journal of Agrarian Change* 16(4):594-626. (Second author, with Laura J. Enríquez.)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PREPARATION (drafts available upon request)

- "How Not to Lie with Comparative-Historical Sociology: Theory, Case(s), and 'Big' Causal Mechanisms." Conditionally accepted for inclusion in *Comparison After Positivism* (edited by Nicholas Wilson and Damon Maryl).
"The Emergence of Bureaucratic Priorities: The State, Societal Bullies, and the Uneven Extension of Urban Citizenship in *fin-de-millénaire* Lima, Peru." Under review.
"(Mis)theorizing Capitalism in Isolation." Under review.
"Urbanization and Broker Power in Twentieth Century Latin America."

MISCELLANEOUS PUBLISHED WRITING

- 2018 “A Critical History of the Miniconference.” *Trajectories* 30(1):37-39.
- 2018 Book review of A. Javier Treviño, *C. Wright Mills and the Cuban Revolution: An Exercise in the Art of Sociological Imagination* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2017).
Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences 54(4):313-14.
- 2017 “Beyond Strawmen and Red Herrings: What Are the Essentials of Critical Realism?”
Critical Realism Network blog, 15 July
(<http://criticalrealismnetwork.org/2017/07/15/beyond-strawmen-and-red-herrings-what-are-the-essentials-of-critical-realism/>) (first author, with George Steinmetz).
- 2016 “Method in Comparative Political Social Science: Converging on Critical Realism?”
Critical Realism Network blog, 13 December
(<http://www.criticalrealismnetwork.org/2016/12/13/methodcriticalrealism/>).
- 2010 “Capitalist Development as White Elephant: A Case Study of Argentina’s Yacyretá Hydroelectric Dam.” *Eleven: The Undergraduate Journal of Sociology* 1:54-83.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

External:

- 2016-2018 National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant (Law and Social Sciences, award number 1627893).
- 2016-2017 Social Science Research Council International Dissertation Research Fellowship (SSRC IDRF).
- 2014 Social Science Research Council Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship (SSRC DPDF).

Internal:

- 2019-2020 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan.
- 2017-2018 Dissertation Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
- 2016 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan.
- 2014 University of Michigan International Institute Individual Fellowship.
- 2014 Tinker Foundation Field Research Grant (through University of Michigan).
- 2014 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan.
- 2012-2018 Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan (disbursed 2012-2013, 2015-2016, and 2018).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Outstanding Graduate Student Mentor Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
- 2011 Departmental Citation, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (single recipient).
- 2011 Highest Honors, Department of History, UC Berkeley (one of four recipients).
- 2011 High Distinction in General Scholarship, UC Berkeley.
- 2010 Library Prize for Undergraduate Research, UC Berkeley (one of four upper-division recipients).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2019 “How to Not Lie in Comparative-Historical Sociology: Theory, Case(s), and ‘Big’ Causal Mechanisms.” Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference (Evanston, IL), 17 May. (Refereed conference presentation.)

- 2019 “The Origins and Dynamics of Urban Broker-Clientelism in 20th Century Latin America.” Chicago Area Comparative Historical Social Sciences Conference (Evanston, IL), 17 May. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2018 “The De-Monopolization of Violence in Urban Latin America: The Case of Nezahualcōyotl, Mexico City, 1968-1985.” Social Science History Association (Phoenix, AZ), 11 November. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2018 “The Political Development of Urban Clientelism in 20th Century Latin America: Caracas, Lima, and Mexico City in Comparative-Historical Perspective.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Philadelphia, PA), 12 August. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2018 “Variation Without Variables: Theory and Case(s) in Post-Covering Law Historical Sociology.” Post-Positivism Comparison Conference (New Haven, CT/Yale), 3 August. (Invited conference presentation.)
- 2018 “The Political Development of Clientelism and Conflict: Urban Brokers in Lima, Caracas, and Mexico City, 1940-1985.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress (Barcelona), 26 May. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2017 “Urbanization and the Paradox of Postwar Latin American Political Development: A Comparative Analysis of Lima, Mexico City, and Caracas.” Social Science History Association (Montreal, Canada), 5 November. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2017 “Explaining the Paradox of Postwar Latin American Political Development.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Montreal, Canada), 14 August. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2017 “Falsificationism Redux? In Search of Explanatory Rationality.” Beyond Positivism: Theory, Methods, and Values in Social Science (Montreal, Canada), 8 August. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2016 “Towards a Post-Weberian Theory of Latin American Political Development: A Comparative-Historical Analysis of Postwar Lima, Peru, Mexico City, and Caracas, Venezuela.” Social Science History Association (Chicago, IL), 19 November. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2016 “Autonomy, Temporality, and *Raison d’État*: How Past State Activity Affects Present State Priorities in the Squatter Settlements of Peru.” Mini-Conference of the ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section (Seattle, WA), 16 August. (Refereed conference presentation.) (Also presented in ASA 2016, refereed conference presentation, 22 August.)
- 2016 “The State and the Agrarian Public Sphere in Venezuela” (paper co-authored with Laura J. Enríquez). International Sociological Association 3rd Forum of Sociology (Vienna, Austria), 10 July. (Refereed conference presentation, RC47.)
- 2016 “Temporality and *Raison d’État*: How Past Regime Activities Affect Present State Priorities in the Squatter Settlements of Lima, Peru.” Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress (New York, NY), May 27. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2016 “Civil Society and the Transition Towards Socialism.” Political Sociology Seminar, London School of Economics and Political Science (London, UK), 12 May. (Invited presentation.)
- 2016 “Which Spaces to Neoliberalize? Explaining the Priorities of the Peruvian Government’s Mass Regularization of Squatter Settlements, 1996-2000.” Rule & Form: Confronting the Spatial Transactions and Logistics of Capital (Ann Arbor, MI). 6 February. (Refereed graduate student conference presentation.)

- 2015 “Seeing Like a Beleaguered State: Regime Legacies and the Mass Regularization of Urban Squatter Settlements in Lima, Peru.” Social Science History Association (Baltimore, MD), 13 November. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2015 “State Transformation and the Structure of the Public Sphere” (paper co-authored with Laura J. Enríquez). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL), 24 August. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2014 “Agrarian Change and the Conflicted Venezuelan State” (paper co-authored with Laura J. Enríquez). American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (San Francisco, CA), 16 August. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2014 “Discrepancies within the State and the State-Civil Society Nexus in Pink Tide Venezuela” (paper co-authored with Laura J. Enríquez). Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress (Chicago, IL), 24 May. (Refereed conference presentation.)
- 2013 “The Conflicted State and Agrarian Change in Pink Tide Regimes” (paper co-authored with Laura J. Enríquez). Latin American Studies Association Annual Congress (Washington, D.C.), 30 May. (Refereed conference presentation.)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- Research Assistant for Professor Robert Jansen (Sociology, University of Michigan), 2015-2016.
Seminar in the Philosophy of the Social Sciences, Philip S. Gorski (Sociology, Yale University), summer 2015.
- Research Data Analyst for Professor Laura J. Enríquez (Sociology, UC Berkeley), summer 2012 (data collection in Venezuela).
- Research Assistant for Professor Laura J. Enríquez (Sociology, UC Berkeley), fall 2010 and fall 2011.
- Interviewer for Randi Korn and Associates, Inc., fall 2010 (Monterey Bay Aquarium) and 2011-2012 (San Francisco Museum of Modern Art).
- Research Intern at The Center for Urban Ethnography (UC Berkeley), summer 2010.

VISITORSHIPS

- Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Urbanismo, Universidad Central de Venezuela (Caracas, Venezuela), March-August 2018.
- Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, London School of Economics and Political Science (London, England), April-July 2016.
- Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (Lima, Peru), June-July 2014.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan:
- *Introduction to Sociology*, Professor Robert Jansen, winter 2014.
 - *Law and Society*, Professor Sandra Levitsky, fall 2014.
 - *Nationalism*, Professor Geneviève Zubrzycki, fall 2013 and winter 2015.
- Course Reader, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan:
- *Political Sociology*, Professor Jeffrey Paige, winter 2014.
- Course Reader, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley:
- *Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Inequality*, Szonja Ivester, fall 2011.
 - *Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Education*, Kerstin Lueck, spring 2012.

SERVICE

To the profession:

- Student Council Representative, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2019-2021.
- Assistant Editor-in-Chief, Critical Historical Sociology Blog (official blog of the Comparative-Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, <http://chs.asa-comparative-historical.org/category/blog/>), February 2018-present.
- Discussant, “Economic Actions in Historical Social Formations” panel, Social Science History Association (Phoenix, AZ), 11 November.
- Co-organizer with Professor John R. Hall, Theory Section open sessions, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2018.
- Co-organizer with Barış Büyükokutan, Luis Flores, Tasleem Padamsee, Eric Schoon, George Steinmetz, Kim Voss, and Melissa Wilde, conference of the American Sociological Association Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, “The Crisis of History and the History of Crisis,” Philadelphia, 10 August 2018.
- Membership Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2016-2018.
- Student Council Representative, Theory Section, American Sociological Association, 2015-2018.
- Roundtable presider (Durkheim table), Theory Section, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Chicago, IL), 24 August 2015.
- Ad-hoc reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *Histórica* (Lima), *Journal of Agrarian Change*, *Sociological Quarterly*, *Urban@* (Caracas)

To my department:

- Student coordinator with Professor George Steinmetz, Social Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2015-2016.
- Co-convener, Comparative-Historical Sociology Reading Group, University of Michigan, 2014-2016.
- Faculty Recruitment Representative, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, 2014.

ACADEMIC ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Social Science History Association
Latin American Studies Association

LANGUAGES

English (native)
Spanish (fluent)