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SPECIAL ISSUE: 2019 CBSM JUNIOR SCHOLARS JOB MARKET CANDIDATES

The ASA meetings are quickly approaching, and I wanted to take this opportunity to share some information and ideas to help you get ready. While the overall ASA meetings can be a bit daunting, I always find the section sessions, related panels, and the reception a welcome way to meet up with colleagues and make new connections. With this in mind, here are some ideas and suggestions to help make your experience at the meeting the most productive and enjoyable.

1. **Help a Job Candidate:** Take a close look at the job candidate profiles in this issue of *Critical Mass*. If you can spread the word, offer advice or plug someone into a network, please do so. We know that networking works, and it is essential to support emerging scholars as they hit the job market.
2. **Buy a gift membership:** If you can afford it, consider buying a gift membership for the section (or the ASA) for a graduate student or emerging faculty. Building our section is essential for the work we do, and more section members brings more sessions for the section. In case you missed the instructions in the email blast (and on the ASA email newsletter), see below:
 - To purchase a gift ASA membership for students: Once logged into the member portal, please click "Purchase a gift membership for a student" under the *Contribute/Give* heading. Students can be searched by name through the online member database. A new contact record can be created by the member if the student is not found in the database. Your gift will be redeemable by the recipient for an ASA student membership (or a \$51 discount on another membership type). Your gift recipient will receive their gift credit via email immediately after your purchase. Gift memberships are not refundable if unredeemed by the end of the 2019 membership year, September 30, 2019. Gift memberships are not tax deductible. **The deadline for a 2019 gift *ASA membership* for students is July 31, 2019.**

- To purchase a gift section membership: Once logged into the member portal, please click “Purchase a gift section membership” under the *Contribute/Give* heading. Select the section and search for your recipient by name. Section membership requires 2019 ASA membership. Only 2019 ASA members who do not already have a membership in that section are eligible to receive a gift. Your recipient will receive an e-mail immediately after your payment notifying them of the section gift. (Your name will be included in this message). If the recipient declines the gift within 30 days of receipt, you will receive a refund by mail. Gifts are not tax deductible. ***The deadline for a 2019 gift *section* membership addition is July 31, 2019.***
3. **Pre-plan your meeting.** Now is a good time to start building your schedule. There is a (rather) comprehensive listing on our website (<http://cbsm-asa.org/2019/05/cbsm-events-at-asa-2019/>). Also, the ASA program is searchable and has a way for you to build a personal schedule calendar. Most of the section’s sessions will be on Monday, and one session I am particularly excited for is the Monday, August 12 session (from 10:30-12:10) on “Thinking about Abeyance in the 21st Century” that will discuss the contributions of Verta Taylor and Leila Rupp, as they begin to move toward retirement.
 4. **Come to the Reception.** Stymied by the high cost of venues outside the hotel, the section is co-hosting the reception with the CITAMS (Communication, Information Technologies and Media Society) and SKAT (Science, Knowledge and Technology) sections in the Sheraton, 3rd Floor, New York Ballroom West from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, August 11. My goal this year was to find an adequate space for networking (perhaps introduce that student on the job market around?) and conversation. (Too many receptions where I “scream-chatted” in an overfilled room.) We will have a selection of light refreshments and a cash bar (perhaps buy that grad student in line a drink?). Plan on dinner either before or afterwards. This event is graciously sponsored by Berghahn Books and their journal *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest*. (See below on how to access the journal as a part of their gift to the section).
 5. **Check out our committees!** The Membership, Diversity and Inclusion committee is working on reaching out to movement scholars of color and increasing social media around the section. Daisy Reyes will be the chair next year, so let her know if you have any ideas. The Mentoring committee has 22 mentoring/mentee matches this year at the meetings and will be treating them to tea/coffee/beverages at Le Pain Quotidien next to Paley Park (7 East 53rd St, 2.5 blocks from the conference hotels) from 2:30-4:30pm on Sunday, August 11th before the awards ceremony/presidential address and the section reception. Folks can drop by any time during that window and look for Caroline Lee (wearing glasses and ASA nametag) by the counter. There will be room to meet upstairs, or feel free to take coffees to Paley Park if the weather cooperates.
 6. **Attend the Business Meeting.** The business meeting for all members of the section will be held in the same room at the section roundtables (so stick around after hearing some great papers)—Monday, August 12th from 3:30-4:10 in the Sheraton, 2nd Floor, Ballroom East. We will be presenting awards, committee reports and section business as well as welcoming the new officers.
 7. **Browse the journals who help sponsor the section!** We have some amazing academic presses who support the work of the discipline and the section.
 - **Reception sponsor – Berghahn Books – *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest*** is dedicated to research on social protest, collective action, and contentious politics. *Contention’s* mission is to bridge scholarly divides and promote knowledge exchange across a diverse audience of scholars in the social sciences

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and humanities. The **Editors:** Benjamin Abrams, University of Cambridge and Giovanni A. Travaglino, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The journal is offering ASA and CBSM members full access to *Contention* until Aug 31. Please use the code: **CBSM2019**. View redemption details: www.berghahnjournals.com/redeem. To browse all issues, visit the website: www.berghahnjournals.com/contention.

- **Award Sponsor – *Mobilization: An International Quarterly*** is an international journal of research and theory specializing in social movements, protests, and collective behavior. *Mobilization* was created to provide an interdisciplinary and international scope that dealt exclusively with social movements, protest, and collective action. To see the latest issue, visit <https://mobilizationjournal.org/toc/maiq/24/2> (for subscribers). For subscriptions, see <https://mobilizationjournal.org/action/ecom>

merce. For information on the 4th annual conference, visit <https://mobilizationconference.sdsu.edu/>.

- **Award Sponsor – Cambridge Studies in Contentious Politics.** The series breaks apart the narrow disciplinary and subfield boundaries that have fragmented the study of both traditional social movements and their non-routine politics. The exploration of noninstitutionalized political actions, including revolutions, democratization, cycles of protest, and ethnic conflicts, enables the connections between a wide array of political and social phenomena to be examined in national, comparative, and global perspective.

Jo Reger
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**2019 CBSM
JUNIOR SCHOLARS
JOB CANDIDATES**

Joshua A. Basseches

Northwestern University



Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at Northwestern University, where I am also affiliated with the Legal Studies Program and the Institute for Policy Research. In the United States, federal policy action to address climate change has been limited; the action has been almost entirely at the state level. My dissertation examines the politics of state-level climate policymaking in the states that have taken the most expansive action thus far. Given that the political power of business interests is generally assumed to be the impediment to federal climate

policy, I ask why the same interests have been unable to prevent so much progress in the states. I find that, even in the so-called “leading states,” there is significant variation in the quality of the policies that have been adopted. Some are ambitious, stringent, and enforceable while others are symbolic, voluntary, and purely aspirational. Ultimately, I explain this variation in terms of key differences in the policy preferences and political power of key fragments of the business community (most pivotal is the role of investor-owned utilities). I also account for the role of social movement organizations, public opinion, and a range of other interest groups, thus taking into consideration the full range of “inputs” into the policymaking process. This research contributes to key theoretical debates in environmental sociology, political sociology, and the study of social movements.

Selected Publications

Basseches, Joshua A. (Forthcoming, 2020). “California Cap-and-Trade: History, Design, Effectiveness.” In *Contesting Carbon*, edited by William G. Holt. Routledge.

Basseches, Joshua A. (Forthcoming, 2019). “‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors:’ Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.” *Mobilization* 24(3).

Manuscripts in Preparation

Basseches, Joshua A. “Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.”

Basseches, Joshua A., and Brayden G. King. “Power to the People? How Private Interest Groups Reinforce Political Power.”

Basseches, Joshua A. “The Devil is in the Details: Accounting for Variation in the Quality of State-Level Climate Policy.”

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Daniel Burridge

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Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at the University of Pittsburgh. I study social movements, political sociology, and globalization through the lenses provided by a regional focus on Latin America. My dissertation interrogates the dynamics of power and conflict *within* the post-revolutionary “movement-parties” of the FMLN in El Salvador and the Sandinistas in Nicaragua as they administer neoliberal democratic states. I contextualize the exhaustion of “electoral vanguardism” by highlighting how diverse social movements are reinventing efforts for social change through “co-governance” with sympathetic state institutions and pragmatic self-governance when institutions prove hostile. My comparative design across various movements sectors and subnational territories elucidates how revolutionary legacies intersect with trans-local flows of ideas to shape divergent movement-state dynamics.

I have two additional research projects. One interrogates the theoretical and practical implications of grassroots peace-building amid violent contests for sovereignty between gangs and state actors in El

Salvador. The other project surveys social movement practices across Latin America as they relate to globalization and democratic innovations.

I have taught Social Theory, Social Change, Social Movements, and Global Society, and recently received our Latin American Center’s award for Social Justice and Human Rights. I am committed to public sociology and participatory-action research models that co-create knowledge with—and for—research participants.

Selected Publications

Burridge, Daniel. (Forthcoming, 2019). “The Horizon of ‘Critical Collaboration’: Feminist Co-Governance and Movement-State Negotiations in El Salvador.” *Latin American Perspectives*.

Burridge, Daniel, and John Markoff. (Under contract, 2020). “Globalization and Social Movements in Latin America.” In *Oxford Handbook of Latin American Social Movements*, edited by Federico Rossi. New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Burridge, Daniel. 2019. “Conflictos metodológicos en una zona roja: Navegando el peligro, lo político, y lo personal.” (Methodological Conflicts in a Red Zone: Navigating Danger, the Political, and the Personal.) In *Rostros de la violencia en Centroamérica: abordajes y experiencias desde la investigación social* (Faces of Violence in Central America: Approaches and Experiences in Social Research), edited by Daniel Núñez. Guatemala City: Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales (FLACSO).

Markoff, John, and Daniel Burridge. 2019. “The Global Wave of Democratization.” In *Democratization*, 2nd ed, edited by Christian W. Haerpfer, Patrick Bernhagen, Ronald F. Inglehart, and Christian Welzel. New York/Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Burridge, Daniel. 2015. Book Review of *Mobilizing Democracy: Globalization and Citizen Protest*. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 56(1):81-83.

Perla, Hector, Salvador Marti i. Puig, and Daniel Burrige. 2013. "Central America's Relations with the United States of America." In *Handbook of Central American Governance*, edited by Diego Sanchez-Ancochea and Salvador Marti i. Puig. London: Routledge.

Blog Post

Burrige, Daniel. 2016. "Critical Collaboration and Silent Movements: Reinventing the Left in El Salvador and Nicaragua," *Mobilizing Ideas*.
<https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2016/09/02/critical-collaboration-and-silent-movements-reinventing-the-left-in-el-salvador-and-nicaragua/>

Under Review and In Progress

Burrige, Daniel. "The Gray Zones of Red Zones: Contested Sovereignties and Community Based Peace-Building in Urban El Salvador." *Under review*.

Burrige, Daniel and John Markoff. "Participation, Refoundings, and De-centering the Nation-State: The Remaking of Democracy in Latin America." *In progress*.

Burrige, Daniel. "Twilight of the Vanguard: Social Movements and the Reinvention of Leftist Politics in Post-Revolutionary Central America." *In progress*.

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Trisha L. Crawshaw

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Candidate Statement

My name is Trisha L. Crawshaw, and I am a doctoral candidate in Sociology at Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. I study gender, inequality, and resistance in social movements and youth culture. My dissertation is a study of Girls Rock Carbondale, a radical youth program that promotes self-esteem and expression for young girls and genderfluid kids throughout the Southern Illinois community. Using participant observation and in-depth interviewing, this study, *Not Just Girls, Not Just Rock*, considers how kids contribute to feminist social movements while challenging and, at times, reproducing gendered, raced, sexualized, and classed hegemonic norms. My work has been published in *Contexts*, *Fat Studies*, and *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change*. I am also a contributing author in the latest volume of *Advanced Gender Research: Gender and the Media*.

Selected Publications

Crawshaw, Trisha L. 2019. "Rock and Rolls: Exploring Body Positivity at Girls Rock Camp." *Fat Studies*.

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Danaher, William, and Trisha L. Crawshaw. 2019. "As We Come Marching: Framing Amplification and Transformation Through Songs and Poetry." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change*.

Crawshaw, Trisha L. 2018. "Truth, Justice, Boobs: Gender in Comic Book Culture." Pp. 89-104 in *Advances in Gender Research*, vol. 26, *Gender and the Media*, edited by Vasilikie Demos and Marcia Texler Segal. Bingley, U.K.: Emerald Group Publishing Limited.

Crawshaw, Trisha L. 2017. "Girls Rock the Stage and Smash the Patriarchy." *Contexts* 16(3):60-62.

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Thomas R. Davidson

Cornell University



Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at Cornell University. I use computational methods and online data to study contemporary radical right social movements. My dissertation focuses on the Brexit referendum and the rise of the far-right Britain First movement. The first chapter examines the organizational ecology of the Brexit referendum and

how both the structure and content of the debate shifted over time. The second chapter moves to the meso level, assessing whether online support for Britain First responds to offline events including protests, elections, and terrorist attacks. The final chapter examines the effects of opinion leaders on other people involved the Brexit debate. My work draws upon scholarship in social movements, political sociology, public opinion, and computational linguistics. I combine social media, newspaper, and other online data sources and use computational and statistical methods including natural language processing, topic modeling, and social network analysis. I recently co-authored an article on the relationship between Britain First and the U.K Independence Party, published in [Mobilization](#). My analyses of recent elections in [Germany](#) and [Italy](#) appeared in *The Washington Post*. I have also published papers on topics including online hate speech, social capital, and machine learning in venues including [Social Forces](#) and [Socius](#).

Selected Publications

Davidson, Thomas. (Forthcoming). "Black Box Models and Sociological Explanations: Predicting High School GPA Using Neural Networks." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*.

Davidson, Thomas, and Mabel Berezin. 2018. "Britain First and the UK Independence Party: Social Media and Movement-Party Dynamics." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 23(4):485-510.

Davidson, Thomas, and Paromita Sanyal. 2017. "Associational Participation and Network Expansion: Microcredit Self-Help Groups and Poor Women's Social Ties in Rural India." *Social Forces*. 95(4):1695-1724.

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Candidate Statement

I completed a PhD degree in sociology in June 2019 and will serve as a lecturer at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (UTK) beginning this fall. I joined UTK's PhD program in 2015 as an Assistant Professor of Sociology on leave from the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, Bangladesh. I taught several courses both in Bangladesh and in the US, including Social Movements, Globalization and Justice, Society and Environment, Sociological Theory, and Introduction to Sociology.

My doctoral dissertation, "Slow Violence and Movement Resistance by the *Gas Peddit* in Neoliberal India," offers a critical examination of the catastrophic yet biosocial and environmental consequences of—and grassroots resistance to—the 1984 Bhopal disaster. Drawing data from 60 interviews with Bhopal gas and water sufferers (*Gas Peddit*) and activists, observations, relevant archives, and a cross-national dataset on industrial disasters that have enduring social and environmental consequences, I argue that prolonged biosocial and ecological destruction is characteristic of India's neoliberal regime; and the process of marginalization of affected Bhopalis in

neoliberal India has created a new kind of politics for social and environmental justice, evident in the Bhopal Movement, the longest-running social movement in postcolonial India. In recognition of its exceptional promise, my dissertation is supported by several grants and awards, both external and internal, including the 2018 Racial/Ethnic Minority Fellowship from the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Selected Publications

Deb, Nikhil. (Forthcoming, 2019). "Corporate Capitalism, Environmental Damage, and the Rule of Law: The Magurchara Gas Explosion in Bangladesh." In the *Routledge International Handbook of Green Criminology*, edited by Nigel South and Avi Brisman. London: Routledge.

Deb, Nikhil. (Forthcoming, 2019). "Theorizing Socioenvironmental Destruction and Movement Resistance in Marginalized Peripheral Countries." In *Planetary Sociology*, edited by Harry F. Dahms. Bingley, UK: Emerald.

Deb, Nikhil. 2018. "The Fukushima Disaster and the Framing of Nuclear Energy in India." *Perspectives on Global Development and Technology* 17(4):473-495. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1163/15691497-12341489>.

Hussain, Belayeth A.H.M, and Nikhil Deb. 2016. "Gender-Sensitivity of Bangladesh PRSP: A Gender Scanning." *SUST Journal of Social Sciences* 25(2):43-55.

Deb, Nikhil. 2011. "Postmodernism: A Perplexing Framework for a Malleable World." *SUST Studies* 13(1):1-11.

Book Reviews

Deb, Nikhil. 2017. Review of *Facing the Planetary: Entangled Humanism and the Politics of Swarming* by William E. Connolly. Duke University Press, 2017. *London School of Economics Review of Books* October 25, 2017:1-3. (<http://eprints.lse.ac.uk/id/eprint/85534>)

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Deb, Nikhil. 2017. Review of *Exceptional America: What Divides Americans from the World and from Each Other* by Mugambi Jouet. University of California Press, 2017. *London School of Economics Review of Books* August 10, 2017:1-3. (<http://bit.ly/2wwrN0l>)

Manuscripts under Review

Deb, Nikhil. "A Cloud with no Silver Lining: The Bhopal Catastrophe and the Slow Violence of Biosocial and Environmental Destruction."

Manuscripts in Preparation

Deb, Nikhil. "The Bhopal Movement: A New Political Society for Social and Environmental Justice."

Deb, Nikhil, and Stephanie Bohon. "Neoliberal Globalization and the Slow Violence of Social and Environmental Destruction: A Cross-national Analysis of Industrial Disasters, 1980-2015."

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Sarah Gaby

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Candidate Statement

My research focuses on youth, education, and social movements with critical attention to inequality. My dissertation examined how organizations engage and politicize youth using ethnographic fieldwork, interviews, and focus groups. I found that organizations that include youth in decision-making and model civic participation within the group help them become more engaged in civic activity in their communities. I am revising the manuscript as a book that contributes to understanding the mobilizing capacity of organizations for diverse youth. This project builds on my previous findings that sociodemographic characteristics condition youth political socialization and civic participation.

I have also published work on movement interactions with the state, media, and organizations. In my postdoctoral position, I am examining how Civil Rights era protest and repression mediate the relationship between legacies of racial violence and enslavement and contemporary outcomes including housing segregation, health inequalities, and rates of imprisonment.

I am also a dedicated teacher who engages students in critical thinking, conducting research, and engaging with their communities. I have taught courses including Social Movements, Social and Economic Justice, and Introduction to Sociology. At the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, I received the university-wide Tanner Award for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching.

Selected Publications

Gaby, Sarah. 2018. "Media Use and Participant Inclusion: Influences on Efficacy in Paid Staff Youth Non-Profit Civic Organizations." Pp. 209-240 in *Social Movements and Media*, edited by Jennifer Earl and Deana A. Rohlinger. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited.

Gaby, Sarah. 2017. "The Civic Engagement Gap(s) Youth Participation and Inequality From 1976 to 2009." *Youth & Society* 49(7):923-946.

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Caren, Neal, Sarah Gaby, and Catherine Herrold. 2017. "Economic Breakdown and Collective Action." *Social Problems* 64(1):133-155.

Gaby, Sarah, and Neal Caren. 2016. "The Rise of Inequality: How Social Movements Shape Discursive Fields." *Mobilization* 21(4):413-429.

Andrews, Kenneth T., and Sarah Gaby. 2015. "Local Protest and Federal Policy: The Impact of the Civil Rights Movement on the 1964 Civil Rights Act." *Sociological Forum* 30(S1):509-527.

Gaby, Sarah, and Neal Caren. 2012. "Occupy Online: How Cute Old Men and Malcolm X Recruited 400,000 U.S. Users to OWS on Facebook." *Social Movement Studies* 11(3-4):367-374.

Papers Under Review

Gaby, Sarah. "Reconfiguring Organizational Commitments: Boundary Crossing in Civic Groups."

Gaby, Sarah, and Amy Magnus. "Teen Courts as Alternative Justice? The Paradox of Criminal Justice Reach as an Approach to Diversion."

Papers in Preparation (Available by Request)

Gaby, Sarah. "Managed Autonomy: Youth and Adult Inequality in Organizational Settings."

Gaby, Sarah, Kari Kozlowski, Karolyn Tyson, Calvin Morrill, Richard Arum, and Lauren B. Edelman. "Learning to Fight for Your Rights? Political Socialization and Mobilization in Schools."

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Yagmur Karakaya

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Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. My research and teaching interests are comparative-historical sociology, political sociology, cultural sociology, and collective memory. Specifically, I study nostalgia as a collective force, highlighting its central place within both populist political discourse and popular culture. My dissertation, *Disentangling Contemporary Ottoman Nostalgia in Turkey: Popular and Political Forms of Collective Memory*, examines the contemporary Ottoman revival in the making as a dynamic process between two forms: state-sponsored neo-Ottomanism observable in public displays, and the entertainment-oriented popular Ottomania exemplified by leisure activities. In my article in *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, I argue that state-led populist nostalgia mobilizes both emotions and reflexive cognition to shape political engagement. In an earlier co-authored article in *New Perspectives on Turkey*, I focus on the reception of historical drama "Magnificent Century." A third lead-authored paper, forthcoming in *Sociological Forum*, compares Holocaust Remembrance Days (HRD) in Spain and Turkey to argue that even though memory travels transnationally, the nation-state still is the most powerful translator. In a co-authored project, I am looking at Trump's rallies using ethnographic

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discourse analysis. I will present this work at the “States of Exception” ASA mini-conference.

Selected Publications

Karakaya, Yagmur, and Alejandro Baer. (Forthcoming). “Hatred has Never Flourished on Our Soil:’ The Politics of Holocaust Memory in Turkey and Spain.” *Sociological Forum*.

Karakaya, Yagmur. (Forthcoming, 2020). “Political Staging of Nostalgia: Neo-Ottomanism in Turkey.” In *Nostalgia Now: Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives on the Past in the Present*, edited by Michael Hviid Jacobson. Abingdon: Routledge.

Karakaya, Yagmur. 2018. “The Conquest of Hearts: The Central Role of Ottoman Nostalgia within Contemporary Turkish Populism.” Online first at *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41290-018-0065-y> (The Sociology of Culture Section’s Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Student Paper, Honorable Mention)

Ergin, Murat, and Yagmur Karakaya. 2017. “Between neo-Ottomanism and Ottomania: Navigating the State-led and Popular-cultural Representations of the Past.” *New Perspectives on Turkey* 56:33-59. (equal authorship)

Moen, Phyllis, Erik Kojola, Erin L. Kelly, and Yagmur Karakaya. 2016. “Men and Women Expecting to Work Longer: Do Changing Work Conditions Matter?” *Work, Aging and Retirement* 2(3):321-344.

Manuscripts in Progress

Karakaya, Yagmur. “Nostalgia as an Analytical Tool Applied to Turkey’s Relationship with Its Past.” (manuscript available)

Gowan, Teresa, and Yagmur Karakaya. “Drinking the Other? Addiction Management in HBO’s True Blood” (manuscript available)

Policy Reports and Other Publications

“Study This, Not That!” Invited Piece for *Tales from the Field: Reflections on the Research Process*

Spring/Summer 2019 Issue for Political Sociology Newsletter *States, Power & Societies*

Boyle, Elizabeth, Cosette Creamer, Yagmur Karakaya, Suzy McElrath, Florencia Montal, and j. Siguru Wahutu. 2017. “Making Human Rights Campaigns Effective While Limiting Unintended Consequences: Lessons from Recent Research.” *USAID/DCHA/DRG Working Papers Series*.

Karakaya, Yagmur, and Jacqui Frost. 2017. “Nostalgia Isn’t What It Used to Be.” *The Society Pages*.

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Yewon Andrea Lee

University of California, Los Angeles



Candidate Statement

I am a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles. I begin a Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Toronto in Fall 2019.

As a labor and political sociologist and urban ethnographer, I am interested in how ordinary people organize to preserve their ways of living against urban inequality. My dissertation, in particular, focuses on the resistance of tenant shopkeepers in Seoul, Korea, who are organizing against their displacement and dispossession. The dissertation explores a classic sociological question first articulated by Marx: Can self-employed workers who are fragmented and isolated in their work experiences overcome this spatial constraint to collectively organize? I illustrate how and when structural impediments such as spatial precarity—tenant shopkeepers’ lack of ownership rights to their shops, their crucial means of production—can be creatively transformed into unique spatial leverage through organizing. The Global South, with its unprecedented level of commodification of urban space, occupies an important place in my research as a site where new agents of social change emerge and new vocabularies of rights are experimented with.

A manuscript that derived from this dissertation is forthcoming in *Critical Sociology* and has received multiple awards including Honorable Mention from the ASA 2019 Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Graduate Student Paper Award.

Selected Publications

Lee, Yewon. (Forthcoming.) “Reframing Gentrification: How Tenant Shopkeepers’ Activism in Seoul Radically Reframed Gentrification.” *Critical Sociology*.

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May Lin

University of Southern California



Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at the University of Southern California. I am a community-engaged scholar of race, class, and gender; social movements; youth; and health. My dissertation, *Emotional Counterpublics of Black, Latinx, and Asian American Youth*, theorizes connections between these fields by arguing that youth-led movements inject new life into intersectional resistance. I build on Black feminist scholarship to show how emotions propel youth’s creative resistance—from healing wounds of racialized, classed, and gendered trauma to negotiating for equitable policies in city council chambers. Youth embrace affective knowledge to critique systems as fundamentally ill and debunk hierarchies that pathologize their emotional states. They enact expansive possibilities for social change by refusing to glorify burnout and experimenting with novel ways to build across difference. I draw on three years of participant observation in three youth-led social movement organizations, 100 interviews, and survey analysis. My research/ teaching agenda revolves around resistance on terrains re-made by intersectionally marginalized communities, broadening sociological understandings of social

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transformation. Other peer reviewed articles in *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* and *Health Affairs* examine Asian American and immigrant young adult political engagement and health equity frames in community organizing. I also regularly collaborate with community groups and high school and undergraduate students to produce publicly relevant research.

Selected Publications

Terriquez, Veronica, and May Lin. 2019. "Yesterday They Marched, Today They Mobilized the Vote: A Developmental Model for Civic Leadership among the Children of Immigrants." Online First at *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*.

[DOI:10.1080/1369183X.2018.1556457](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2018.1556457)

Lin, May. 2018. "From Alienated to Activists: Expressions and Formation of Group Consciousness among Asian American Young Adults." Online First at *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies*. [DOI: 10.1080/1369183X.2018.1495067](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369183X.2018.1495067)

Pastor, Manuel, Veronica Terriquez, and May Lin. 2018. "How Community Organizing Promotes Health Equity, And How Health Equity Affects Organizing." *Health Affairs* 37(3):358-363. [DOI: 10.1377/hlthaff.2017.1285](https://doi.org/10.1377/hlthaff.2017.1285)

In Progress

Lin, May. "Paradoxes between the Personal and Political: How Youth of Color Led Movements Re-Imagine Social Movements."

Serrano, Uriel, and May Lin. "In Millennial Footsteps: Intersectionality in Generation Z's High School Student Movement."

Sample Community Reports

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Candidate Statement

I study the participation of ordinary people in the deliberate constitution of their societies. My work is driven by a personal commitment to building democracy as a means of resolving otherwise intractable social and ecological problems and achieving durable systemic change. I am a PhD candidate in Sociology at the UC Santa Barbara and will be defending my dissertation thesis in the fall.

My research takes in social movements, law, politics, technology, climate, and ecology, focusing on comparative democratization and constitutionalism, as well as global governance and movements, and I have published widely on these themes. In centering popular agency in the constitution of society, my approach provides balance to top-down institutional accounts of law and democracy. And in bringing constitutionalism into the purview of social movement studies, I bridge the usually disparate theoretical traditions of contention, identification, and praxis.

My academic work builds on decades of practical political experience and policy research. I am a Liberty Tree Fellow, IPS Associate Fellow, Next System Project Research Fellow, and Critical Realism Network Associated Fellow. I practiced law for eight years and managed national advocacy organizations, direct action campaigns, and political campaigns and parties for over twenty years.

Selected Publications

Manski, Ben, ed. 2019. "Symposium: Corporate Power and Local Democracy." *Journal of World-Systems Research* 25(1):6-58.

Manski, Ben, and Jackie Smith. "Introduction: The Dynamics and Terrains of Local Democracy and Corporate Power in the 21st Century." *Journal of World-Systems Research* 25(1):6-14.

Manski, Ben. 2019. "Methodological Approaches to Movement Waves and the Making of History." In *The Palgrave Handbook on Social Movements, Revolution, and Social Transformation*, edited by Berch Berberoglu. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

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Pulver, Simone, and Ben Manski. (Forthcoming). "Corporations and Markets." In *The Springer Handbook of Environmental Sociology*. New York City: Springer Publishing.

Lazar, Hillary, and Ben Manski, eds. (Forthcoming, 2019). "Seattle+20: Movements at the Millennium." *Socialism and Democracy*.

Paper in Preparation

Manski, Ben, and John Foran. "Toward Climate Democracy."

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Candidate Statement

My name is Maria De Jesus Mora and I am an ABD doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of California Merced. As a first-generation student from a small farm working community in the Salinas Valley of California, my dissertation research explores immigrant rights campaigns against political and repressive threats in order to better understand how low-income Latino immigrant communities are able to sustain mobilization over the long term at the local level. This research is being carried out in seven cities in the San Joaquin Valley using interview and archival data with funding support from UCMEXUS. I have published my work on immigrant movements and excluded groups with *Sociology Compass* and the *CLACSO Handbook* on Latin American Social Movements. My research interests include Social Movements, Immigration, Comparative-Historical, Latino/a Movements, Political Sociology, Environmental Sociology, and Race/ Ethnicity.

Selected Publications

Mora, Maria De Jesus, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Alejandro Zermeño, and Paul Almeida. 2018. "Immigrant Rights and Social Movements." *Sociology Compass* 12(8):1-20.

Mora, Maria de Jesus, Alejandro Zermeño, Rodolfo Rodriguez, and Paul Almeida. 2017. "Exclusión y movimientos sociales en

los Estados Unidos." Pp. 641-670 in *Movimientos Sociales en América Latina: Perspectivas, Tendencias y Casos*, edited by Paul Almeida and Allen Cordero Ulate. Buenos Aires: CLACSO.

Works in Progress

"Local Battles for Immigrant Rights: Threat and Sustained Mobilization." Article Manuscript.

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Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at the University of California, Berkeley. Starting in the fall of 2019, I will begin a post-doc at the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University. I use multiple methods (ethnographic, interview, spatial, and network analysis) to study the relationship between disruptive and routine politics. My current research agenda asks: When do civil society organizations safeguard against authoritarianism, and when do they become the primary carriers of it? For my dissertation, I investigated this question in the context of contemporary Brazil. Titled *The Revolution Will Be*

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Organized: Power and Protest in Brazil's New Republic, 1988-2018, I show that power struggles among meso-level actors—specific capital fractions, political parties, and Pentecostal church networks—best explain how and why the political terrain shifted so dramatically in what was once the largest social democracy in the Americas. Before grad school, I worked as a political and community organizer in Ohio and Rio de Janeiro and obtained a B.A. in social studies from Harvard.

Selected Publications

Han, Hahrie, Elizabeth McKenna, and Michelle Oyakawa. (Forthcoming). *Of, By, For: The Political Logic of Collective Action*: Under advance contract, University of Chicago Press.

Bringel, Breno, and Elizabeth McKenna. (Forthcoming, 2020). "Social Movements in Global Perspective." In *The Nonprofit Sector: A Research Handbook*, Vol. 3, edited by Walter W. Powell and Patricia Bromley. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

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Candidate Statement

I am a sociologist of transgender inequalities and resistance. In Fall 2019, I will be a Postdoctoral Fellow in Gender and Health in the Department of Sociology and the Program of Women, Gender, & Sexuality Studies at the University of Houston. In my current book project, I investigate how trans people make social change as they create new knowledge systems and social practices that facilitate their recognition. I find that, collectively and individually, they politically labor to reinvent gender as a system of meaning, build a community of practice that affirms trans identities, and, in the process, collectively constitute themselves and each other as subjects. Drawing on previous queer political logics—the deconstructionist aims of anti-identitarian queer theory and the structural concerns of identity-oriented gay and lesbian mobilization—trans political actors engage a new form of constructive resistance, using their embodied selves to work on, against, with, and through existing gender notions in order to change them. I argue that by working to gain recognition, trans actors reconfigure the gender knowledge system, exercising a degree of agency, in sharp contrast to frequent assumptions about the overwhelming power of gender structures.

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Selected Publications

Nordmarken, Sonny. In progress. *Radiant Selves: Transgender People and the Remaking of Gender*. Book manuscript.

Nordmarken, Sonny. (Forthcoming). "Cisnormative and Transnormative Misgendering: Holding Gender Minorities Accountable to Gender Expectations in Mainstream and Trans/Queer Spaces." In *The Research Companion to Transgender Studies*, edited by Petra Doan and Lynda Johnston. New York: Routledge.

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Nordmarken, Sonny, and Samuel Ace. 2017. "Transfiguring Desire: Divining the Origin of Species." *Journal of Lesbian Studies* 22(2):153-164.

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Nordmarken, Sonny. 2015. "Bodies of Exception and Transactional Microaggressions." American Sociological Association Section on the Body and Embodiment Blog.

Nordmarken, Sonny, and Reese Kelly. 2014. "Limiting Transgender Health: Administrative Violence and Microaggressions in Health Care Systems." Pp. 143-166 in *Health Care Disparities and the LGBT Population*, edited by Vickie Harvey and Teresa Housel. Lanham, MD: Lexington Books.

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Jozie Nummi is a doctoral candidate in sociology at Texas A&M University. She studies racial and ethnic relations, social movements, and gender. Her research focuses on how collective identity impacts police use of force, online communication, and political participation. In her dissertation titled "21st Century Protests in Ferguson, Missouri: Social Media Impact on Protest Communication" she studies the influence of Twitter users on protest police and news media coverage during the protests against the shooting of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson in 2014. She also studies the extent to which trolling by white men is a collective behavior driven by opinion leaders and social networks. She co-authored a chapter in disaster

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studies and a forthcoming article in *Sociological Forum*. Her research contributes to new media studies, race theory, social movement studies, and gender studies.

Selected Publications

Nummi, Jozie, Carly Jennings, and Joe Feagin. (Forthcoming, 2019). “#BlackLivesMatter: Innovative Black Resistance.” *Sociological Forum* 34(S1).

Nummi, Josephine, and Kathryn Henderson. 2017. “Chapter 16: Women’s Leadership in Texas Forest Fires and Recovery: How Gender Roles and Assumptions Empower and Constrain Women and Men Post-Disaster in a Rural Southern Town.” Pp. 173-182 in *Responses to Disasters and Climate Change: Understanding Vulnerability and Fostering Resilience*, edited by Michele Companion and Miriam S. Chaiken. Boca Raton, FL: CRC Press.

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My work explores how social movements make change even within inherently slow-to-change institutions. I am particularly interested in the institutional change that SMOs with broad social justice goals—like gender, racial, and environmental justice—can effect. In my dissertation I examine the relationship between graduate employee unionization, the increasing dominance of market logic, and institutional change in higher education. I draw on data from ethnographic participant observation, in-depth qualitative interviews, and text analysis of documents at a large, public research university in the Eastern US. I put my work in conversation with scholars of social movement outcomes, institutional change, and sociology of higher education.

Alongside my research I have participated in social movement organizing and training others how to engage in non-violent direct action. I bring these experiences of popular education into the classroom where I am passionate about engaging students’ sociological imagination and critical thinking skills. I am particularly interested in mentoring first-gen undergraduate students through the research process. In 2019 I was awarded the Ronald L. Taylor Award for Best Graduate Student Paper and the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Award by the UConn Sociology Department. I was also recognized for excellence in teaching by the UConn Office of the Provost.

Selected Publications

Reyes, Daisy Verduzco, and Kathleen Ragon. 2018. “Analyzing Ethnoracial Mobilization.” *Sociology Compass* 12(10):1-13.

Ragon, Kathleen. A. (Forthcoming). “The Pleasures and Paradoxes of Reform: Union Organizing in the Corporate Academy.” Chapter 12 in *The Precariat & The Professor: Contingent Voices in Higher Ed*, edited by J. L. Powers and E. Van Duyne.

Work in Progress

Ragon, Kathleen A. “The Politics of Saying ‘No’: Constructing Organizational Leadership in a Graduate Employee Union Campaign.” Journal article under review.

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Ragon, Kathleen A. "Hercules or Sisyphus?: Exploring the Institutional Impact of Graduate Employee Unions." Journal article in progress.

Ragon, Kathleen A. "Culture Clas(s)h: Labor and Identity in Academia." Journal article in progress.

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Andrew K. Thompson

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Candidate Statement

I became a social movement scholar to understand the challenges of mobilization I confronted directly as a participant in struggles for social justice. Addressing myself to both scholarly and movement-based audiences, my research explores the relationship between social movements, sovereignty, and violence while engaging questions of race, culture, and critical theory. My written work has appeared in journals including *Social Movement Studies* and *Interface*, as well as in venues like *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association*. I am the author of two books and contributing editor to three collections about social movements, critical theory, and culture. My first book,

Black Bloc, White Riot (2010) is now the subject of a forthcoming special issue of the journal *Theory in Action*.

In my current role as Visiting Assistant Professor at Ithaca College, I have developed and taught courses in areas including social movements, social change, intersectionality, race and critical whiteness studies, visual culture, queer theory, and violence. Now seeking a permanent, tenure-track academic appointment to begin in the Fall of 2020, I am interested in connecting with colleagues in a department that values critical cutting-edge research, rigorous teaching, and active civic participation.

Selected Publications

Thompson, AK. (Forthcoming, 2020). "Citing History," *Social Movement Studies*, Special Issue on "Time and Movement: Approaching Temporalities in Understanding Contention." Volume 19, No. 1-2

Thompson, AK. 2019. "When Shock is No Longer Shocking: The Role of Seduction in Revitalizing Walter Benjamin's Dialectical Image Under Late-Capitalist Conditions." *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association* 8(1).

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Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate at the Ohio State University Department of Sociology. My main research interests are: contentious politics and social movements with a focus on the Middle East and North Africa, environmental sociology, and quantitative methodology.

In my research on social movements, I am especially interested in how signals of political opportunities (either domestic or international) can contribute to protest emergence in authoritarian regimes. Also, I am enthusiastic about using sophisticated quantitative methods to probe questions such as determinants of movement emergence vs. its outcomes or potentials for reciprocity between protest and repression.

Part of my research is on the overlap between contentious politics and environmental sociology. In this regard, I am interested in analyzing the link between climate change and protest or civil war with a focus on the MENA region. While the rise of the Syrian civil war gave rise to heated debates about this topic, the number of quantitative analyses of the link between climate change and contentious politics in the MENA remains very small. It is one of my professional goals to address this gap during my early career as a social scientist.

Finally, I am also interested in research on causes of environmental concern, unequal exchange, and environmental justice.

Selected Publications

Under Review

Tofangsazi, Bashir. “Controlled Elections and False Signals; A New Typology of Political Opportunities.”

Tofangsazi, Bashir. “From the Islamic Revolution to the Green Movement: Social Movements in Contemporary Iran.”

In Progress

Tofangsazi, Bashir. “Arab Spring: Protests, Democratization, and Violent Conflict: A Study of Determinants of Movement Emergence and Outcomes in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa.”

Tofangsazi, Bashir. “Climate Change and Civil War in the Contemporary Middle East and North Africa.”

Tofangsazi, Bashir. “A Theoretical Review of the Role of Political Opportunities in Protest Emergence and Social Movement Outcomes.” In collaboration with J. Craig Jenkins.

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Candidate Statement

I am currently a postdoctoral scholar in the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations at Rutgers University and a fellow with the Center for Innovation in Worker Organization. My research agenda is a theoretically and empirically driven effort to understand the structural origins and consequences of inequality and the struggles of

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ordinary people to achieve greater equality and dignity through organizations and social movements. To this end, I have published widely on labor and social movements, social stratification, and the intersection of work and environmental issues in journals such as *Socius*, *Social Science Research*, *Labor Studies Journal*, *Sociological Forum*, and the *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society*. I am currently completing a book manuscript about the emerging labor-climate movement within the U.S. labor movement. The book, which is based upon four years of participant observation within this “movement within the movement,” explores the contested framing of a “just transition” by movement participants and the relationship between frame deployment and the tactical repertoires of three movement organizations—one at the state, one at the national, and one at the international level. Readers will explore the qualitatively rich backstory of the currently contested Green New Deal resolution that was introduced to congress by Representative Ocasio-Cortez and Senator Marley in February of 2019. My teaching interests include social movements, work, environment, stratification, and research methods, including quantitative methods.

Selected Publications

Vachon, Todd E. (Forthcoming). *Clean Air and Good Jobs. U.S. Labor and the Struggle for Climate Justice*. Book manuscript currently under review.

Hyde, Allen, and Todd E. Vachon. 2019. “Running with or against the Treadmill? Unions, Institutional Contexts, and Greenhouse Gas Emissions in a Comparative Perspective.” *Environmental Sociology* 5(3):269-282.

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Hyde, Allen, Todd E. Vachon, and Michael Wallace. 2017. “Financialization, Income Inequality, and Redistribution in 18 Affluent Democracies.” *Social Currents* 5:193-211.

Vachon, Todd E., Michael Wallace, and Allen Hyde. 2016. “Union Decline in a Neoliberal Age: Globalization, Financialization, Regionalization, and Union Density in Eighteen Affluent Democracies.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, Volume 2, January.

Vachon, Todd E., and Jeremy Brecher. 2016. “Are Union Members More or Less Likely To Be Environmentalists? Some Evidence from Surveys.” *Labor Studies Journal* 41:185-203.

Vachon, Todd E., and Josef Ma. 2015. “Bargaining for Success: Examining the Relationship between Teacher Unions and Student Achievement.” *Sociological Forum* 30:391-414.

Vachon, Todd E., and Michael Wallace. 2013. “Globalization, Labor Market Transformation, and Union Decline in U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” *Labor Studies Journal* 38:229-255.

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Mario Venegas

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Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in sociology at University of Texas at Austin. I specialize in social movements, racial/ethnic politics, and the internal politics of social movements. Via archival research and in-depth interviews, my dissertation examines how progressive activists address issues of corruption, internal repression, and expressions of inequality in their movement organizations. In three case studies of social movements in Texas: labor, LGBTQ, and the Chicano movements, I examine how styles of organizing like New Left, Alinskyism, and Business Unionism shape the ways activists hold each other accountable and how they handle cases of corruption and inequality in their organizations.

Moreover, through collaborative projects across disciplines such as anthropology and law I developed my research agenda to examine racial and ethnic politics both in the US and Latin America. These projects examine political moments like the Dreamer movement, the racial politics of tort reform, and the politics of ethnic professional classes in managing “intercultural” health disparities in Latin America.

My research experiences make me a versatile scholar that can work across disciplines to examine political and social movements among and between racial and ethnic groups in both historical and contemporary contexts. They also equip me to teach courses on political sociology, social movements, race and ethnicity, and historical and comparative methods.

Selected Publications

Under Review

Venegas, Mario. 2019. “Between Community and Sectarianism: Calling out and Negotiated Discipline in Precognitive Politics.”

Works in Progress

Venegas, Mario. “Tactical Warfare and Movement Building: Alinskyism and Tactical Dexterity in the Texas Chicano Movement, 1965-1978.”

Mario Venegas, and Michael P. Young. “Reification and Radicalization in the Dreamer Movement.”

Venegas Maria D, Venegas, Mario and Alfredo Paulo Maya. “Ethnic Custodial Politics of Intercultural Health in Latin America: Mexico and Nicaragua.”

Venegas, Mario. “Hellhole Counties and Bronx Juries: The Racecraft of the Tort Reform Movement in Texas, 1986-1998.”

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Domestic Terrorist Attacks: Evidence from a Cross-National Quantitative Analysis, 1970-2010.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 60(3):173-189.

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Zhang, Yongjun. 2017. “Premarital Cohabitation and Marital Dissolution in Postreform China.” *Journal of Marriage and Family* 79(5):1435-1449.

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I am a sociology PhD candidate at the University of Arizona studying social movements, organizational behavior, political sociology, and computational methods. Particularly, I am using computational and quantitative methods to study the sources, dynamics, and consequences of political and organizational change. My dissertation focuses on the antecedents and consequences of shareholder activism that seeks to improve corporate political transparency and accountability in the United States after 2000. Other ongoing work examines the policy impact of social movement organizations and social scientists before Congress.

Selected Publications

Fiel, Jeremy E., and Yongjun Zhang (equal authorship). (Forthcoming). “With All Deliberate Speed: The Reversal of Court-Ordered School Desegregation in the United States, 1970-2013.” *American Journal of Sociology*.

Davis, Andrew P., and Yongjun Zhang (equal authorship). 2019. “Civil Society and Exposure to