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## Message From the Chair

Deana Rohlinger  
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I'm an optimist. I'm not the perpetually cheery kind of optimist with a gift for finding the silver lining

in a bad situation. I'm the kind that believes Martin Luther King Jr. was right, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Despite the recent political turmoil in the U.S. and abroad, I see you, my colleagues, hard at work in classrooms, in communities, and in front of your computers, pressing for a better tomorrow. It fills me with optimism, and I thank you for it. I am also very optimistic about the vibrancy of our section. In this issue of *Critical Mass*, we celebrate the section's vibrancy and recognize our 2022 section award winners. The outstanding scholarship produced by CBSM members is amazing and I encourage you to continue sharing your publications with us via the CBSM [website](#).

I am incredibly grateful to past-Chair, Rory McVeigh, all the CBSM elected officers, volunteers, and continuing members who have pitched in to keep building the section into something truly special. I am truly thankful to the newsletter editors, Julia and Mario, the website managers, Myra and Wei, our Twitter coordinator, Anna Zhelnina, and the Publications Committee (Crystal, Leslie, Megan) for their work on improving our communication within and beyond the section.

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Here are some events to look forward to in coming months:

- Ask a Social Movement Scholar Anything – a special thanks to Hahrie Han and Rachel Einwohner for sharing their time and experiences with section members. The next virtual event will be in mid-January.
- Book Bazar – the 60 minute inaugural event will be January 11, 2023 and feature four CBSM authors who will tell us a bit about their books and answer questions. I will post the event on ASA Connect and send you an invitation through email.
- Reproductive Rights panel – this co-sponsored event (with the Political Sociology and Human Rights sections) will take place sometime in the new year.
- CBSM Working groups – Pam Oliver spearheaded the effort to organize substantive working groups for the section. A big “thank you” to Pam for spearheading the survey, analyzing the results, and organizing us around sub-interests.
- The CBSM workshop – that’s right. Save the date. The section will host a 1-day workshop before ASA at UPenn on August 17<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for details from the amazing Workshop Organizing Committee – Kelsy Kretschmer, Ruth Braunstein, Aisha Upton, and Jeff Sheng.
- ASA 2023 Meeting in Philly – I appreciated all the members who submitted suggestions for sessions. I combined topics wherever it made some sense to do so, and am so thankful that we have members that are willing to think creatively and work together on sessions.

Hopefully, you are excited as I am about the direction of the section.

To keep you informed on section happenings, I’ll continue to send an email once or twice a month with information. I would encourage you to sign up for the ASA Connect section digest if you haven’t already. Our members post information about interesting talks and virtual conferences that are often time sensitive. There is also a great beginner guide for Mastodon, a Twitter alternative, posted by Jeff Sheng and a nice set of teaching resources for courses on social movements.

I’ll end this letter with warm wishes for the upcoming holiday season. I’m looking forward to the new year and more opportunities to connect with friends and colleagues.

Be well, Deana

## 2022 Section Award Winners

Mayer N. Zald Distinguished  
Contribution to Scholarship Student  
Paper Award Winner:

**Simone Durham**, University of Maryland, for  
“Not in this Lifetime’: The Black Millennial  
Imagination and Impacts of Black Lives Matter  
on Racial Dynamics in the U.S.”

Read about Simone:

Simone Durham was born and raised in Sacramento, CA. She moved to Baltimore, MD in 2011, where prior to attending the University of Maryland she earned a B.A. and M.A. in Sociology from Morgan State University, a Historically Black University (HBCU) in Baltimore. Simone currently lives in Atlanta, GA, where she is completing the dissertation phase.

Simone has worked in higher education both as an adjunct faculty member and an



administrator. She has taught undergraduate courses at Morgan State University, Anne Arundel Community College, and the University of Maryland. Courses she teaches include: Introduction to Sociology, Introduction to Anthropology, Social Problems, Social

Psychology, Sociology of Race Relations, Introduction to the Study of Deviance, and Sociology of Sports. At Morgan, she served as the coordinator for the university financial literacy program and graduation cohort tracking initiative through the Office of Student Success and Retention. Simone is a critical race scholar, focusing on identity, meaning making, mental health, and social movements. Her second year paper was an examination of racial projects taken on by polarized news media sources through coverage of the Black Lives Matter movement. Her dissertation project uses interviews to examine Black millennial perspectives on and engagement with the #BlackLivesMatter movement. This project covers a variety of topics, including collective identity, participation, evaluations of present and future success, media influence, and how her respondents conceptualize BLM as a racial project. She is also currently working on a co-authored reference book on BLM. In the future, Simone hopes to continue her academic career as tenure track faculty at an HBCU.

## Honorable mention:

**Stephen Wulff**, University of Minnesota, for "Entrepreneurs of Punishment': Police Misconduct Insurance, Grassroots Activism, and the Limits of Linguistic Capital."

### Read about Stephen:

Stephen Wulff is a PhD candidate in sociology at University of Minnesota with research interests in policing, punishment, law and society, and social movements.



His dissertation research on the role of insurance and risk management strategies to regulate police behavior extends the sociology of punishment literature on "monetary sanctions." Existing research focuses on all the costs imposed by the criminal justice system on traditional offenders accused and/or convicted of a crime. Instead of focusing on how cities (like Ferguson, Missouri) budget for revenue generated from monetary sanctions and the micro-level predatory effects these sanctions have on traditional offenders, his dissertation project illuminates: **1)** how police misconduct payouts contribute to tax revenue shortfalls, which can trap cities in long-term debt cycles; and **2)** how financially immunizing officers and departments has meso-level predatory effects on cities by diverting tax revenue from the public sector to cover payouts. His first sole-authored article recently published in *Law & Social Inquiry* examines the failed 2016 ballot campaign of the Committee for Professional Policing, a police accountability group in Minneapolis, Minnesota, which attempted to make

Minneapolis the first city nationwide to require police to carry professional liability insurance.

Award Committee: Deana Rohlinger, Paul Almeida, Apoorva Ghosh, Lisa Martinez

## Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award Winner:

**Ya-Wen Lei**, Harvard University, for “Delivering Solidarity: Platform Architecture and Collective Contention in China’s Platform Economy” published in *American Sociological Review*.

Read about Ya-Wen:



Ya-Wen Lei is an Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at Harvard University. She is also affiliated with the Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies and

the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs at Harvard. Trained in both law and sociology, she holds a J.S.D. from Yale Law School and a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Michigan. After graduating from University of Michigan in 2013, She was a Junior Fellow at the Society of Fellows at Harvard University (2013-2016). She is the author of *The Contentious Public Sphere: Law, Media, and Authoritarian Rule in China* (Princeton University Press, 2018). Her second book, *The Gilded Cage: Techno-State Capitalism in China*, is forthcoming with Princeton University Press in Fall 2023. Her work has appeared in *American Sociological Review* and *American Journal of Sociology*, among other peer-reviewed journals. Her publications have received various awards

from the American Sociological Association, the Law and Society Association, and *The China Quarterly*.

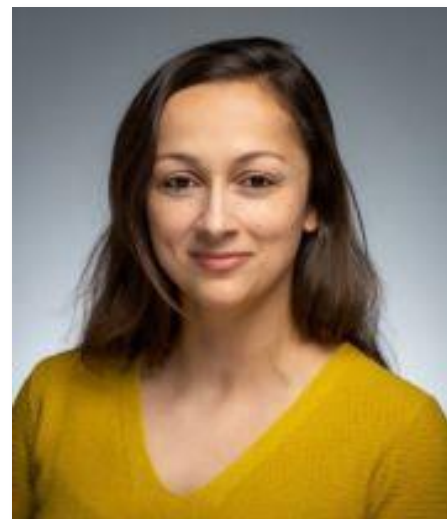
Award Committee: Rachel Einwohner, Joshua Bloom, Catherine Corrigan-Brown, Sharon Erikson Nepstad

## Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award Winner:

**Dana M. Moss**, University of Notre Dame, for *The Arab Spring Abroad: Diaspora Activism against Authoritarian Regimes* published by Cambridge Press.

Read about Dana:

Dana Moss, PhD is an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame. Her research investigates how authoritarian forces repress their critics and how collective actors resist this repression in a globalized world. To date, Dana’s work grows out of fieldwork conducted across the Middle Eastern region and among diasporas in the US and Great Britain.



Her first book, *The Arab Spring Abroad: Diaspora Activism Against Authoritarian Regimes* (Cambridge, 2022) received three Best Book Awards from the American

Sociological Association in 2022. Her work has been published in venues such as the *American Sociological Review*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, and *Mobilization*, and she was awarded the college-wide 2020 Tina and David Bellet Excellence in Teaching Award at her previous institution, the University of Pittsburgh.

The Arab Spring revolutions of 2011 sent shockwaves across the globe, mobilizing diaspora communities to organize forcefully against the authoritarian regimes in countries such as Libya, Syria, and Yemen. Despite the important role that diasporas can play in influencing affairs in their countries of origin, however, little is known about when diaspora actors mobilize, how they intervene, or what makes them effective forces for change. Moss' recent book, *The Arab Spring Abroad*, addresses these questions and presents a new framework for understanding the transnational dynamics of contention. By demonstrating how home-country and geopolitical conditions shape diaspora struggles against authoritarianism, Moss brings new empirical and theoretical attention to the social forces that both enable and suppress transnational activism in a globalized world.

### Honorable Mention:

**Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz**, Northwestern University, for *Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change* published by Princeton Press.

### Read about Michael:

Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, where he would later join barrio struggles against gentrification and campaigns to free Puerto Rican political prisoners. Marked by these experiences, his scholarship investigates the racialized politics of time and knowledge, primarily in Latinx communities and movements. He recently

joined the University of California, Berkeley as an associate professor of sociology. His first book, *Figures of the Future: Latino Civil Rights and the Politics of Demographic Change* (Princeton University Press, 2021), examines contemporary political struggles and meaning-making processes through which individuals and societies come to envision and sense demographic change.



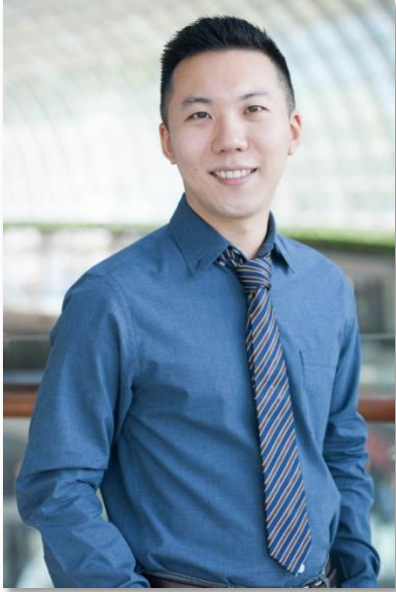
The book, which is an extension of his award-winning dissertation, is based on several years of ethnographic research on national Latino advocacy organizations during the Obama and Trump presidencies. At ASA 2022, it was awarded the best book prize from the Latino/a and Culture sections and received an honorable mention for the Charles Tilly Distinguished Book Award from the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section. His work has also appeared in the *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, *Du Bois Review*, *American Behavioral Scientist*, and *Ethnography*, among other outlets. He has also contributed chapters to several edited volumes, most recently *The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. Du Bois*.

*Award Committee: Rory McVeigh, Paul Y. Chang, Kelsy Kretschmer, Eleonora Pasotti*

## Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Dissertation Award Winner:

**Minwoo Jung**, Loyola University, Chicago, for *Rights Projects in a Globalized World*, University of Southern California.

Read about Minwoo:



Minwoo Jung is an Assistant Professor of Sociology and Women's Studies and Gender Studies at Loyola University Chicago. His research investigates the impacts of global and regional geopolitics on political,

economic, and social life of marginalized groups and individuals. Drawing on multi-sited fieldwork conducted across East and Southeast Asia, he is working on a book project that presents a comparative ethnography of the intimate entanglements of queer lives and geopolitics. His work has been published in *The British Journal of Sociology*, *The Sociological Review*, *Social Movement Studies*, and *positions: asia critique*. He received his PhD in sociology in 2021 from the University of Southern California.

*Award Committee: Mikaila Mariel Lemonik Arthur, Benjamin H. Bradlow, Leslie A. Bunnage, May Lin*

## Aldon Morris Award for Lifetime Achievement in the Scholarship of Social Movements Winner:

**Aldon Morris**, Northwestern University.

Read about Aldon:

Aldon Morris is the Leon Forrest Professor of Sociology and African American Studies at Northwestern University.



His interests include race, social inequality, religion, politics, theory and social movements. Morris is the author of the award winning book, *The Origins of the Civil rights Movement*. He is co-editor of *Frontiers in Social Movement Theory and Opposition Consciousness*. He has published widely on a variety of topics. His book, *The Scholar Denied: W. E. B. Du Bois and the Birth of Modern Sociology*, was published in 2015 by the University of California Press. *The Scholar Denied*, continues to exert significant influence in sociology and the social sciences, nationally and internationally. It has challenged sociologists to rethink the canon and how they teach sociology, especially sociological theory and methodology.<sup>1</sup>

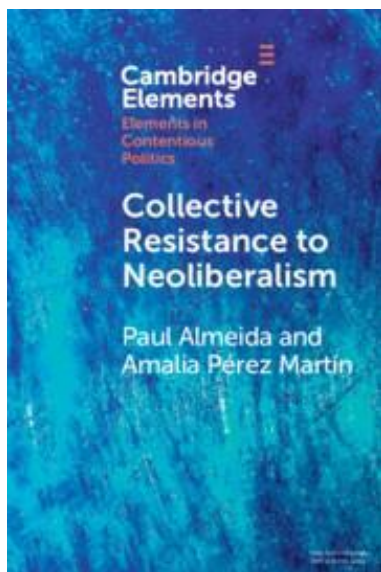
*Award Committee: Rachel Einwohner, Kenneth Andrews, Joyce Bell, Mary Bernstein, Hajar Yazdiha*

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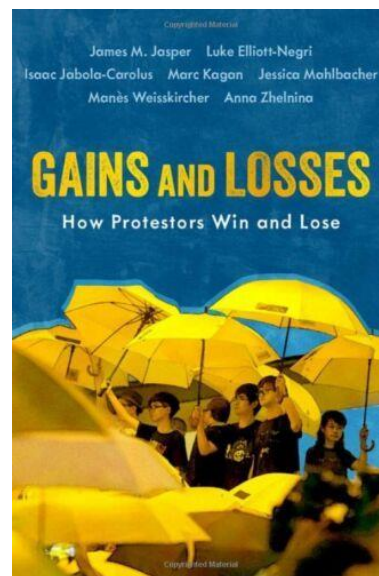
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# Recent Publications

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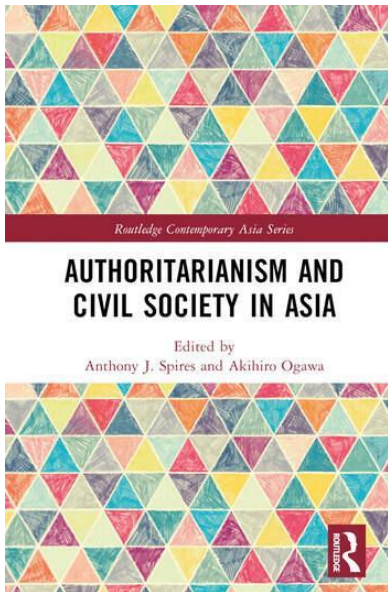
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2022. *Building Structure Shapes: What structure reveals about strategy from six movement organizations in transition*. Realizing Democracy Project and P3 Lab. Baltimore: Stavros Niarchos Foundation Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University.

Messamore, Andrew. “The Effect of Community Organizing on Landlords’ Use of Eviction Filing: Evidence from U.S. Cities”. *Social Problems*. Forthcoming

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## SEEKING CO-EDITOR FOR CRITICAL MASS

CBSM is seeking a person to serve as co-editor for the Critical Mass newsletter. This is a wonderful opportunity to stay abreast of new research in social movements and to connect with the section leadership.

A brief description of the position: This is a 3-year position. You will shadow the process this year and take over next year (August 2023). There are three issues a year: a fall issue (typically coming out early December), a spring issue (typically coming out late April/early May), and a job candidate issue (typically coming out late July). The job includes communicating with the CBSM section chair and webmaster, editorial decisions about substantive pieces, soliciting said pieces, emailing with scholars who wish to publish announcements in the newsletter, formatting in Word, and copy editing.

What to submit: Please send a CV and a paragraph detailing your interest in the position. Please note if you have any relevant experience, why the position appeals to you, and if you have any ideas for what to do with *Critical Mass* once you are editor.

Who to send it to: Julia Goldman-Hasbun [julia.goldman.hasbun@gmail.com](mailto:julia.goldman.hasbun@gmail.com) and Mario Venegas [venegasma@sonoma.edu](mailto:venegasma@sonoma.edu)

Spires, Anthony J., and Akihiro Ogawa. 2022. "Introduction – Civil Society in Asia: Challenging and Navigating the Boundaries of Authoritarianism." Pp. 1-15 in *Authoritarianism and Civil Society in Asia*, edited by A. J. Spires and A. Ogawa. New York, NY: Routledge.

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<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.geoforum.2022.08.007>

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## Announcements

**Shirley A. Jackson**, Portland State University is the new president of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. She is also president of the Pacific Sociological Association.

## Next Issue of Critical Mass

The Spring 2023 issue of the Critical Mass Newsletter will feature a list of CBSM events for the 2023 ASA meeting. We will also be featuring student essays on social movements, new publications, and announcements.

Please email your submissions to:  
[cbsmnews@gmail.com](mailto:cbsmnews@gmail.com)