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CURRENT POSITION

Professor, Department of Sociology, and Faculty Fellow, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University

MAJOR PROFESSIONAL INTERESTS

Comparative-historical sociology; economic sociology; political sociology; sociology of development

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Chicago, 2000 (Sociology)
M.A. University of Chicago, 1995 (Sociology)
M.A. Johns Hopkins University, 1993 (Writing Seminars)
B.A. Yale University, 1991 (English and Religious Studies), summa cum laude

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

- 2021 *Problem-Solving Sociology*, Oxford University Press
- 2018 *Starving the Beast: Ronald Reagan and the Tax Cut Revolution*, Russell Sage Foundation Press
- 2012 *The Land of Too Much: American Abundance and the Paradox of Poverty*, Harvard University Press
- Chinese translation 过剩之地: 美式富足与贫困悖论, Shanghai People's Publishing House, 2018
- 2009 (co-edited with Isaac Martin and Ajay Mehrotra) *The New Fiscal Sociology: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective*, Cambridge University Press
- 2006 *The Politics of Free Markets: The Rise of Neoliberal Economic Policies in Britain, France, Germany, and the United States*, University of Chicago Press

Journal Articles

- 2022 "Proto-Bureaucracies," *Sociological Science* September 12, 2022
10.15195/v9.a15
- 2022 "Hidden Benefits and Dangers of Carbon Tax," *PLOS Climate* 1(7):
e0000052. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pclm.0000052>
- 2022 "Peace by Committee: State, Society, and the Control of Communal Violence in Bhagalpur, India," *India Review* 21(2): 181-215 (co-author, with Aditi Malik)

- 2021 "Bureaucratic Quality and Social Development," *Sociology of Development*, 7(3): 231-252 (co-author, with Marina Zaloznaya)
- 2021 "Pragmatism as Problem-Solving," *Socius*, 7 (2021): <https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023121993991>
- 2019 "Approaches to Corruption: A Synthesis of the Scholarship," *Studies in Comparative International Development* 54(1): 96-132 (first author, with Mariana Borges and Andre Nickow)
- 2016 "Mechanisms of the 'Aid Curse': Lessons from South Korea and Pakistan," *Journal of Development Studies* 52(11): 1612-1627 (first author, with Andre Nickow)
- 2016 "Walking the Line: The White Working Class and the Economic Consequences of Morality," *Politics and Society* 44(2): 281-304 (first author, with Steve G. Hoffman and Kieran Bezila)
- 2012 "The Popular Origins of Neoliberalism in the Reagan Tax Cut of 1981," *Journal of Policy History* 24(3): 351-383
- 2012 "State-Level Renewable Electricity Policies and Reductions in Carbon Emissions," *Energy Policy* 45:237-42 (first author, with Steven Munch)
- 2011 "Tax 'Expenditures' and Welfare States: A Critique," *Journal of Policy History* 23(2): 251-266
- 2009 "The Origins of Tax Systems: A French-U.S. Comparison," *American Journal of Sociology* 114(5): 1350-94 (co-author, with Kimberly Morgan)
- 2009 "The Undeserving Rich: 'Moral Values' and the White Working Class," *Sociological Forum* 24(2): 225-253 (first author with Perrin, Bezila, Kindleberger, Hoffman, Manturuk, Smith, and Payton)
- 2009 "There Must Be a Reason," *Sociological Inquiry* 79(2): 142-162 (first author, with Perrin, Bezila, Kindleberger, Hoffman, Manturuk, and Smith)
- 2009 "Taxation and the Worlds of Welfare," *Socio-Economic Review* (first author, with Yingying Deng)
- 2006 "Consumers With A Conscience: Will They Pay More?" *Contexts*, 5(1): 24-29 (co-author with Kimeldorf, Meyer, Robinson)
- 2005 "Why is France so French? Culture, Institutions, and Neoliberalism," *American Journal of Sociology*, 111(2): 357-407
- 2004 "Consumers of the World Unite: A Market-Based Response to Sweatshops," *Labor Studies Journal*, 29(3): 57-80 (co-author with Kimeldorf, Meyer, Robinson)
- 1999 "The Morality of Market Exchange: Love, Money, and Contractual Justice," *Sociological Perspectives* 42(2): 181-214
- 1999 "International Capital on 'Silicon Plateau': Work and Control in India's Computer Industry," *Social Forces*, 77(2): 429-52
- 1998 "Taking the State Back Out: Turkey's Kemalist Revolution," *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 42:55-71

Book Chapters and Other Publications

- 2020 "Piketty and the Gilded Age," *Journal of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era*, 19, no. 2 (2020): 230-234
- 2019 "The Trade-Off between Social Insurance and Financialization: Is There a Better Way?" Niskanen Center
- 2018 "Problem-Solving Sociology," *Contemporary Sociology* 47(4): 393-398
- 2017 "Deadly Deficits," *Contexts*, 16(1): 22-23

- 2016 “American Exceptionalism and the Welfare State: The Revisionist Literature,” *Annual Review of Political Science*
- 2016 “Mann and Neoliberalism,” in *An Anatomy of Power: The Social Theory of Michael Mann*, Cambridge University Press, ed. Ralph Schroeder
- 2014 “Taxes and Fiscal Sociology,” *Annual Review of Sociology*, 40: 331-345 (with Isaac Martin)
- 2013 “The American Way of Welfare: Political Consequences of a Consumer-Oriented Growth Model,” background briefing for the think tank Demos
- 2013 “Avoiding the Aid Curse: Foreign Aid, Taxation, and Development in Japan,” in *The Political Economy of Transnational Tax Reform: The Shoup Mission to Japan*, eds. W. Elliot Brownlee, Eisaku Ide, and Yasunori Fukagai, Cambridge University Press
- 2012 “Comparative Historical Sociology” in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*
- 2009 “Taxation as a Regulatory Tool: Lessons from Environmental Taxes in Europe,” in Edward Balleisen and David Moss, *Toward a New Theory of Regulation*, Cambridge University Press
- 2009 “Three Theories of the Crisis,” *Economic Sociology Newsletter Accounts*
- 2009 “The Thunder of History: The Roots and Development of the New Fiscal Sociology” (co-author with Isaac Martin and Ajay Mehrotra) in *The New Fiscal Sociology*, Cambridge University Press
- 2008 “State and Market in France,” *European Studies Forum* 38(1): 27-31
- 2007 “Risk and the Welfare State” contribution to symposium on Jacob Hacker’s “The New Economic Insecurity - And What Can Be Done About It,” *Harvard Law and Policy Review Online* (first author, with Kathryn Ray)
http://www.hlpronline.com/2007/04/prasad_ray_01.html

Book Reviews

- Histoire Sociologique du Capitalisme*, Pierre François and Claire Lemerrier, *Economic Sociology: Perspectives and Conversations*, 23 no. 1 (2021)
- The Bonds of Inequality*, Destin Jenkins, *Just Money*, <https://justmoney.org/m-prasad-histories-of-hammers/> (2021)
- The Conservative Heartland*, Jan K. Lauck and Catherine McNicol Stock (eds.), *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 51, no. 4 (2021): 657-658
- The Populist Temptation* by Barry Eichengreen, *The Journal of Interdisciplinary History*, 50, no. 2 (2019): 266-267
- The Power and Independence of the Federal Reserve* by Peter Conti-Brown, *Perspectives on Politics*, 16(4): 1182-1183
- Roaring Metropolis* by Daniel Amsterdam, *Journal of American History*, 104(1): 222-223
- The Reagan Era* by Doug Rossinow, *Journal of American History*, 102(3): 955-6
- American Tax Resisters* by Romain Huret, *American Historical Review*, 120(2): 653
- The Making of Global Capitalism* by Leo Panitch and Sam Gindin, *New Left Review* 23(2): 106-108
- Locating Neoliberalism in East Asia: Neoliberalizing Spaces in Developmental States* edited by Bae-Gyoon Park, Richard Child Hill, and Asato Saito, *American Journal of Sociology* 119(2): 556-557
- Taxing the Poor: Doing Damage to the Truly Disadvantaged* by Katherine S. Newman and Rourke L. O’Brien, *Social Forces*
- The Ironies of Citizenship* by Thomas Janoski, *American Journal of Sociology*, 117(2): 689-691

- The Monetary Conservative* by Christopher Chivvis, *American Historical Review*, 116(4): 1208-1209
- Recasting Welfare Capitalism* by Mark I. Vail, *Journal of Social Policy*, 40(2): 420-422
- One Nation Under Debt* by Robert E. Wright, *Enterprise and Society*, 11(3): 641-642
- Low Income, Social Growth, and Good Health* by James C. Riley, *American Historical Review*, 114(4): 1049-1050
- Power in the Global Age* by Ulrich Beck, *American Journal of Sociology*, 115(3): 903-4
- The United States since 1980* by Dean Baker; *Economic History Review*, 61(2): 530-531
- Structuring the State* by Daniel Ziblatt; *American Journal of Sociology*, 113(2): 560-562
- Virtual Migration* by A. Aneesh; *Economic and Political Weekly (India)* 42(9): 756.
- Inequality and Prosperity* by Jonas Pontusson; *Contemporary Sociology* 36(1): 63-64, 2007
- Democracy Derailed in Russia: The Failure of Open Politics* by M. Steven Fish; *American Journal of Sociology*, 112(1): 301-303, 2006
- Race and Regionalism in the Politics of Taxation in Brazil and South Africa*, Evan Lieberman; *American Journal of Sociology*, 110(5): 1537-1538, 2005
- The Legacies of Liberalism: Path Dependence and Political Regimes in Central America*, James Mahoney; *American Journal of Sociology* 107(6): 1639-1641, 2002
- Unemployment and Government: Genealogies of the Social*, William Walters; *American Journal of Sociology* 107(1): 264-65, 2001

PROFESSIONAL TALKS (selected)

- Roundtable on *Starving the Beast*, The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute, Washington, D.C., August 2, 2022 [online]
- “How to Build a State,” New York University, Department of Sociology, March 28, 2022, New York, NY
- Panel discussion, “Reimagining Revenue,” Georgia Budget and Policy Institute, October 8, 2021 [online]
- “Karl Polanyi et l’avenir de l’État-providence,” Université de Neuchâtel, Neuchâtel, Switzerland, December 8, 2020 [online]
- Littauer Speaker, Babson College, Babson, MA, December 2, 2020 [online]
- “Democratic Discord and the Rise of the Populist Right in Western Europe,” American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, September 2020 [online]
- “Democratic Discord and the Rise of the Populist Right in Western Europe,” American Sociological Association Virtual Engagement Event, August 2020 [online]
- “Islands of Integrity and Corruption Reform,” American Sociological Association Virtual Engagement Event, August 2020 [online]
- Discussion of book manuscript for *Problem Solving Sociology*, Singapore Management University, March 2020, Singapore [online]
- “Présentation de l’ouvrage *Starving the Beast*,” Paris School of Economics, March 2020, Paris, France

Author meets critics panel on *Starving the Beast*, November 2019, Social Science History Association, Chicago, IL

“Problems of Democracy (and How to Overcome Them),” October 2019, Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin, Berlin, Germany

Keynote Speaker, “Interdisciplinary Approaches to Corruption” workshop, October 2019, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana

“Poverty in the Midst of Plenty,” August 2019, Indian Institute of Technology-Patna, Patna, India

“Did it Work in Theory? Lessons from an NSF Graduate Student Workshop in Problem-Solving Sociology,” August 2019, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY

“Problems of Democracy and How to Overcome Them,” October 2018, Texas A&M University, Department of Sociology, College Station, TX

“Peace By Committee: State and Civil Society in the Control of Communal Violence,” August 2018, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

Lectures on political economy, June 2018, Kyiv Polytechnic University, Kiev, Ukraine

“The Economical Welfare State (or, How Polanyi and Esping-Andersen Got It Wrong, and Why It Matters If You Care About Poverty and Inequality),” Johns Hopkins University, April 2018, Baltimore, MD

“Anti-Tax America,” January 2018, Georgetown University Law Center, Tax Law and Public Finance Workshop, Washington, D.C.

“The Problem of the Wellesley Democrat? Affluent Democrats and the Home Mortgage Interest Deduction,” Social Science History Association, November 2017, Montreal, Canada

“The European Welfare State as a Neoliberal Project,” May 2017, University of Chicago, Neubauer Collegium, Chicago, IL

“The European Welfare State as a Neoliberal Project,” April 2017, University of California, Los Angeles, Comparative Social Analysis Seminar, Los Angeles, CA

“Running to Stay in Place: Money in American Politics,” March 2017, Harvard University, Workshop on Culture, History, and Society, Cambridge, MA

“Running to Stay in Place: Money in American Politics,” March 2017, University of California, Davis, Department of Sociology, Davis, CA

Panel on “Global Transformation in the Mirror of Historical Sociology,” January 2017, Gaidar Forum, Moscow, Russia

Keynote Address, “Histories of Taxation and State Finances” Conference, December 2016, Europainstitut der Universität Basel, Basel, Switzerland

“Combatting Corruption Among Civil Servants,” September 2016, United States Agency for International Development, Washington, D.C.

“The Popular Origins of Neoliberalism in the Reagan Tax Cut of 1981,” May 2016, New York University School of Law, Tax Policy and Public Finance Colloquium and Seminar, New York, NY

Keynote Address, “Taking Stock of the State in Nineteenth Century America” Conference, April 2016, Yale University, Yale Center for the Study of Representative Institutions, New Haven, CT

“The Popular Origins of Neoliberalism in the Reagan Tax Cut of 1981,” March 2016, New York University, Wagner School of Public Policy, New York, NY

“Redistribution and the Consumer Economy,” March 2016, Brown University, Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, RI

“The Popular Origins of Neoliberalism in the Reagan Tax Cut of 1981,” February 2016, Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY

“The Popular Origins of Neoliberalism in the Reagan Tax Cut of 1981,” February 2016, Columbia University, Department of History, New York, NY

“A Demand-Side Theory of Comparative Political Economy,” January 2016, New York University-Abu Dhabi, Department of Social Research and Public Policy, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

Discussion of The Land of Too Much, March 2015, Georgetown University, Department of Sociology, Washington, D.C.

“Starving the Beast: The 1981 Reagan Tax Cut,” March 2015, University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law, Los Angeles, CA

“Secrets of the European Welfare States,” February 2015, Princeton University, Department of Sociology, Princeton, NJ

Discussion of The Land of Too Much, November 2014, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, NJ

Discussion of The Land of Too Much, October 2014, European Academy of Sociology, Paris, France

Author meets critics panel on The Land of Too Much, August 2014, American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA

Three lectures on political economy, June 2014, Fudan University, School of International Relations and Public Affairs, Shanghai, China

Plenary Address, “Is Neoliberalism Over?” April 2014, British Sociological Association, Leeds, UK

Author meets critics panel on The Land of Too Much, Social Science History Association, November 2013, Chicago, IL

AWARDS

For Starving the Beast:

- Viviana Zelizer Award, Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2019

For Land of Too Much:

- American Sociological Association Distinguished Scholarly Publication Award for best book in sociology, 2014
- Allan Sharlin Memorial Award, Social Science History Association, 2013
- European Academy of Sociology Prize for Best Book, 2013
- Barrington Moore Book Award, Comparative Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2013
- Viviana Zelizer Award, Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2013
- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2013

For Politics of Free Markets:

- Barrington Moore Book Award, Comparative Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2007
- Honorable Mention, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2007

Nominated by Northwestern Sociology Department graduate students for Clarence Ver Steeg Teaching Award, 2007

For “Why is France so French?”:

- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2006
- Best Article Award, Comparative Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2006

Divisional Dissertation Award for best doctoral thesis in the social sciences in 2000, University of Chicago Division of Social Sciences, awarded 2001

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

National Science Foundation, “Problem Solving Sociology Workshops,” 2018-2022
United States Agency for International Development/Institute of International

Education Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance (DRG) Research and Innovation Grant (co-PI with Jordan Gans-Morse), 2016

Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship, 2015-2016

Russell Sage Foundation Fellowship, 2015-2016

Fulbright Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, 2012

Frederick Burkhardt Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2011-2012

Faculty Early Career Development Award, National Science Foundation, 2009-2014

National Endowment for the Humanities/Social Science Research Council Berlin

Program Post-Doctoral Fellowship, Berlin, Germany, 2003-2004

Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst (DAAD) Grant for Ph.D. Candidates and Recent Ph.D.s, 2002

Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2000-2003

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE (selected)

Member, Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory*, 2022-

Chair, Mary Parker Follett Award committee, Politics and History section of the American Political Science Association, 2022

Associate Editor, *Review of Social Economy*, 2022-

Senior Editor, *Theory and Society*, 2022-

Member, Editorial Board, *Studies in American Political Development*, 2019-2021

Senior Fellow, Niskanen Center, 2019-

Member, Editorial Board, *Social Forces*, 2018-2022

Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 2017-2019

Consulting Editor, *Sociological Science*, 2017-2018

Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne, Germany, 2016-2024

Chair, Comparative Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2015-2016

Member, Editorial Board, *Social Science History*, 2014-2017

Teaching-Track Promotion and Reappointment Committee, Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences, Northwestern University, 2014-2015

Chair, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 2013-2014

Council member, American Sociological Association, 2011-2014

Tenure Committee, Northwestern University, 2011, 2013-2014

Member, Editorial Board, *Socio-Economic Review*, 2010-2017

Council member, Economic Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 2010-2013

Executive Committee, Social Science History Association, 2010-2013
Program Committee Co-Chair, Social Science History Association, 2010
Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2009-2011
Council member, Political Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 2008-2011
Reviewer, Social Science Research Council IDRF Fellowship, 2007-2010
Associate Editor, *Sociological Theory*, 2007-2010
Newsletter Editor, Comparative Historical Sociology section of the American Sociological Association, 2005-2007