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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

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Chicago, 2000 (Sociology)

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

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, with distinction in both majors

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

2012 *The Land of Too Much: American Abundance and the Paradox of Poverty*, Harvard University Press

- 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

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

- 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

Journal Articles

- 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
- 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
- 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

- 2016 "American Exceptionalism and the Welfare State: The Revisionist Literature," *Annual Review of Political Science*
- 2015 "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.hlpsonline.com/2007/04/prasad_ray_01.html

Book Reviews

- Roaring Metropolis* by Daniel Amsterdam, *Journal of American History*, forthcoming
- The Power and Independence of the Federal Reserve* by Peter Conti-Brown, *Perspectives on Politics*, forthcoming
- 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

MEDIA (selected)

Interview on Land of Too Much, BBC Thinking Allowed, May 20, 2013
“Land of Plenty (of Government),” New York Times, March 3, 2013
“Carbon Tax: a way forward or economic ruin?” Australian Broadcasting Corporation
Radio National, “Rear Vision,” August 18, 2010
“On Carbon, Tax and Don’t Spend,” New York Times, March 25, 2008

PROFESSIONAL TALKS (past 5 years)

“Running to Stay in Place: Money in American Politics,” October 2016, University of
Chicago, Chicago, IL
“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,
Tax Policy and Public Finance Colloquium and Seminar, New York
University School of Law, New York, NY
Keynote Address, “Taking Stock of the State in Nineteenth Century America,” April
2016, Yale University, Yale Center for the Study of Representative
Institutions, New Haven, CT
“Redistribution and the Consumer Economy,” March 2016, Brown University,
Watson Institute for International Studies, Providence, RI
“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
“A New Measure of Inequality,” September 2015, Columbia University, Center on
Wealth and Inequality, New York, New York
“A New Measure of Inequality,” September 2015, McGill University, Department of
Sociology, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
“A New Measure of Inequality,” September 2015, CUNY Graduate Center,
Department of Sociology, New York, New York
Panel on Lane Kenworthy’s Social Democratic America (discussant), August 2015,
American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL
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

“Business and the Tax Revolt,” August 2014, American Sociological Association annual meeting, San Francisco, CA

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

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

“Is Neoliberalism Over?” April 2014, Cornell University, Center for the Study of Economy and Society, Ithaca, NY

“Is Neoliberalism Over?” April 2014, Yale University, Institute for Social and Policy Studies, New Haven, CT

“The Successful Use of Foreign Aid,” April 2014, Yale University, Comparative Research Workshop, New Haven, CT

“Is Neoliberalism Over?” April 2014, Wesleyan University, Department of Sociology, Middletown, CT

“What Kind of Political Economy Have We Had? Political Consequences of a Consumer-Oriented Growth Model,” March 2014, Harvard University, Center for European Studies, Cambridge, MA

“Is Neoliberalism Over? The Rise and Possible Demise of the Right in American Politics,” December 2013, Stanford University, Department of Sociology, Stanford, CA

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

Guest speaker, SSRC Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship, May 2013 and September 2013, Chaska, MN and Boston, MA

Book symposium on The Land of Too Much, September 2013, American Political History Seminar, Department of History, University of California, Berkeley

Book panel, The Land of Too Much, August 2013, American Political Science Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL

Author meets critics panel on the Viviana Zelizer Book Award winner (Land of Too Much), August 2013, American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY

“Policy Implications of the Credit/Welfare State Tradeoff,” August 2013, American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY

“The Rise (and Fall?) of the Era of American Neoliberalism,” February 2013, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL

“The Rise (and Fall?) of the Era of American Neoliberalism,” January 2013, University of Washington, Seattle, WA

“The Politics of Raising Taxes in the Anti-Tax Era,” December 2012, Taxing the Wealthy Policy Briefing, Institute for Policy Research, Northwestern University, Washington D.C.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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
Nominated by Northwestern Sociology Department graduate students for Clarence
Ver Steeg Teaching Award, 2007
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, Scientific Advisory Board, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies,
Cologne, Germany, 2016-2021
Chair, Comparative Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological
Association, 2015-2016
Teaching-Track Promotion and Reappointment Committee, Weinberg College of Arts
and Sciences, Northwestern University, 2014-2015
Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, 2014-
2015
Frederick Burkhardt Selection Committee, American Council of Learned Societies,
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
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