CURRENT ADVISEES

Pre-ABD:

Primary Advisor:

Shira Zilberstein (PhD expected 2025)
Mari Sanchez (PhD expected 2025)
Nicole Letourneau (PhD expected 2024)

Secondary Advisor:

Jenna Cook (PhD expected 2023)
Qualifying Paper
“I’m Not Like My Mother’: The Moral Justification of Son Preference in Contemporary China”

Elliot Stoller (PhD expected 2022)
Qualifying Paper

ABD:

Primary PhD Advisor:

Elena Ayala-Hurtado (PhD expected 2023)
Qualifying Paper
“Denouncing/Embracing the Fallacious Fairytale: How Spanish University Graduates Imagine their Professional Futures”

Derek Robey (PhD expected 2021)
Qualifying Paper
“Invisibly Connected or Visibly Disconnected: A Comparative Case Study of the Muslim and Atheist Struggle for Recognition”

Nina Gheihman (PhD expected 2020)
Dissertation
“Veganized: How Cultural Entrepreneurs Transformed a Fringe Movement”

Bo Yun Park (PhD expected 2021)
Dissertation

Amy Tsang (PhD expected 2020)
Dissertation
“Becoming Part of the City: Place Identity in Urbanizing China”
**Member of Dissertation Committee:**

**Victoria Asbury** (PhD expected 2022)  
*Dissertation*  “Immigration Discourse, Group Boundaries, and Resource Allocation”

**Allison Daminger** (PhD expected 2022)  
*Dissertation*  “Class, Gender, and Cognitive Labor Inequalities”

**Hanna Katz** (PhD expected 2022)  
*Dissertation*  “In Loco Parentis: The Boundary Work of Campus Police”

**Laura Adler** (PhD expected 2021)  
*Dissertation*  “What's a Job Candidate Worth? Pay-Setting and Gender Inequality after the ‘Salary History Ban’”

**Lumumba Babushe Seegars** (PhD expected 2021)  

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**PAST ADVISEES**

**Primary Advisor:** Graduate Students

**Sada Aksartova** (Princeton, 2005)  
*Current position:* Senior Social Science Analyst in International Affairs and Trade at the Government Accountability Office, Washington, D.C.  
*Dissertation:* “Civil Society from Abroad: U.S. Donors in the Former Soviet Union”

**Christopher Bail** (Harvard, 2011)  
*Current position:* Professor of Sociology, Public Policy, and Data Science, Duke University  

**Stefan Beljean** (Harvard, 2019)  
*Current position:* Postdoctoral Fellowship, President's Research Group, Social Science Research Center Berlin (funding from Swiss National Science Foundation)  
*Dissertation:* “The Pressures of Status Reproduction: Upper-Middle-Class Youth and the Transition to Higher Education in Germany and the United States”
Bethany Bryson (Princeton, 2000)
Current position: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, James Madison University
Dissertation: “Conflict and Cohesion: Why the Canon Wars Did Not Destroy English Literature”

Matthew Chew (Princeton, 1997)
Current position: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Hong Kong Baptist University

Matthew Clair (Harvard, 2018)
Current position: Assistant Professor of Sociology and (by courtesy) Law, Stanford University (2019)
Dissertation: “Privilege and Punishment: Unequal Experiences of Criminal Justice”

Caitlin Daniel (Harvard, 2017)
Current position: Post-Doctoral Researcher, Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: “Cultural and Economic Influences on Parents' Food Choices”

Crystal Fleming (Harvard, 2011)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology, State University of New York, Stony Brook
Dissertation: “Imagining French Atlantic Slavery: A Comparison of Mnemonic Entrepreneurs and Everyday Antilleans in Metropolitan France”

Nathan Fosse (Harvard, 2011)
Current position: Research Analyst, Massachusetts Healthy Families Evaluation Project-2 (MHFE-2), Tufts Interdisciplinary Evaluation Research, Tufts University
Dissertation: “When Tomorrow is Never Promised: Drug Use, Sexual Health, and Beliefs Toward the Future Among Low-Income Emerging Adults”

Joshua Guetzkow (Princeton, 2004)
Current position: Professor, Institute of Criminology and Department of Sociology, Hebrew University

Nicole Hirsch (Harvard, 2017)
Current position: Turpanjian Chair in Civil Society & Social Change Postdoctoral Fellow at the University of Southern California
Dissertation: “Advocacy and Anti-Racism: How Institutions Shape Organizational Responses to Racially Biased Policing in France and the United States”

Christy Ley (Harvard, 2018)
Current position: Senior Social Science Analyst with the U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO), Washington, D.C.
Dissertation: “Ambiguous Ideals: Expertise and Morality in an Innovation Supercluster”

Joyce Liu (Harvard, 2013)
Current position: Editor, Chinese University Press, Hong Kong
Dissertation: “Expertise Diversification and the Transformation of the Field of Contemporary Chinese Art: 1979-2012”

Charlotte Lloyd (Harvard, 2019)
Current position: Post-doctoral Research, WCFIA Scholars Program.

Ryann Manning (Harvard, 2017) (dissertation co-chair)
Current position: Assistant Professor, Organizational Behaviour, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto

Virag Molnar (Princeton, 2003)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology, The New School for Social Research

Sabrina Pendergrass (Harvard, 2010)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology, Carter G. Woodson Institute, University of Virginia
Dissertation: “Making Moves: Place, Culture, and Stratification in African American Reverse Migration to the Urban South”

Lauren Rivera (Harvard, 2009)
Current position: Associate Professor of Management and Organizations, Kellogg School of Management; Associate Professor of Sociology, Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Northwestern University
Dissertation: “Hiring and Inequality in Elite Professional Service Firms”

Abigail Saguy (Princeton, 2000)
Current position: Professor, Department of Sociology, UCLA
Dissertation: “Defining Sexual Harassment in France and the United States,”
1975-1998”

**Jasmin Aviva Sandelson** (Harvard, 2019) (dissertation co-advisor with Matthew Desmond)
- **Current position:** Justice Lab, Columbia University
- **Dissertation:** “Looking Out: Hope, Help, and Friendship Between Poor, Teenaged Girls”

**Alvaro Santana-Acuña** (Harvard, 2014)
- **Current position:** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Whitman College
- **Dissertation:** “The Making of a National Cadastre (1763-1807): State Uniformization, Nature Valuation, and Organizational Change in France”

**Graziella Silva** (Harvard, 2010)
- **Current position:** Associate Professor of Sociology, Federal University Rio; Associate Professor, Anthropology and Sociology of Development, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
- **Dissertation:** “Re-making Race, Class and Nation: Black Professionals in Brazil and South Africa”

**Maureen Waller** (Princeton, 1997)
- **Current position:** Associate Professor of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University

- **Current position:** Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives (Democratic Member)
- **Dissertation:** “Discretion, Cognition and Embodiment in Process—Days and Nights with 911 Dispatchers”

**Jessica Welburn** (Harvard, 2011)
- **Current position:** Assistant Professor; Sociology & African American Studies, The University of Iowa
- **Dissertation:** “Managing Instability: Conceptions of Opportunity and Success among African Americans from Middle-Income Households Homes”

**Secondary Advisor:**

**Patricia Banks** (Harvard, 2006)
- **Current position:** Associate Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies, Mount Holyoke
- **Dissertation:** “Art Identity and the New Black Middle Class: How Elite Black Construct Their Identity through the Consumption of Visual Art”

**Monica Bell** (Harvard, 2018)
Current position: Associate Professor, Yale Law School  

Curtis Chan (Harvard, 2017)  
Current Position: Assistant Professor of Management and Organization, Boston College  
Qualifying Paper: “Men and Women of the Administration: Job Task Segregation and Gender Inequality Among Airport Security Screeners”

Oana Dan (Harvard, 2012)  
Current position: Research Manager at The Nielsen Company - New York, NY  

Jeffrey Denis (Harvard, 2011)  
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology, McMaster University  
Dissertation: “Canadian Apartheid: Boundaries and Bridges in Aboriginal-Non- Aboriginal Relations”

Julian Dierkes (Princeton, 2003)  
Current position: Associate Professor and Keidanren Chair in Japanese Research Institute of Asian Research, University of British Columbia  
Dissertation: “Teaching Portrayals of the Nation: Postwar History Education in Japan and the Germanys”

Timothy Dowd (Princeton, 1996)  
Current position: Professor, Department of Sociology (Chair), Emory University  
Dissertation: “Making the Mainstream Market: Organizational and Musical Change in the US Recording Industry”

John Evans (Princeton, 1997)  
Current position: Professor, Associate Dean of Social Sciences, Co-director of the Institute for Practical Ethics, UC San Diego  

Ruben Gaztambide-Fernandez (Harvard, 2006)  
Current position: Associate Professor, Department of Curriculum, Teaching and Learning, Ontario Institute for the Study of Education, University of Toronto  

Anthony Jack (Harvard, 2016)  
Current Position: Junior Fellow, Harvard Society of Fellows; Assistant Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Shutzer Assistant Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
Dissertation: “Same Folks, Different Strokes: Class, Culture and the ‘New’ Diversity at Elite Colleges and Universities”

Theodore Leenman (Harvard, 2017)
Current position: Research Associate at Harder+Company Community Research
Dissertation: "Reconceiving Risk: Relational Understandings of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis and the Down-Low"

Kevin Lewis (Harvard, 2012)
Current position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
Dissertation: “Mate Choice on an Online Dating Site”

Grégoire Mallard (Princeton, 2008)
Current position: Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology and Sociology of Development, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

Margarita Mooney (Princeton, 2005)
Current position: Associate Professor of Congregational Studies, Princeton Theological Seminary
Dissertation: “Upward Climb or Downward Slide? Religion, Social Capital and Haitian Immigrants in Miami, Montreal and Paris”

Ann Morning (Princeton, 2004)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology, New York University

Melanie Penny Ochoa (Harvard, 2011)
Current Position: Staff Attorney for Criminal Justice and Police Practices, ACLU of Southern California

Mark Pachucki (Harvard, 2010)
Current position: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Computational Social Science Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Kim Pernell-Gallagher (Harvard, 2016)
Current Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto
Dissertation: "The Causes of the Divergent Development of Banking Regulation in the U.S., Canada, and Spain”

Cassi Pittman (Harvard, 2012)
Current Position:  Assistant Professor of Sociology, Case Western University
Dissertation: “The End of Poverty, or the Emergence of the Horizontal Ghetto? Post-Public Housing Spatial Concentration in Baltimore”

Eva Rosen (Harvard, 2014)
Current position:  Assistant Professor at the McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
Dissertation: “The End of Poverty, or the Emergence of the Horizontal Ghetto? Post-Public Housing Spatial Concentration in Baltimore”

Kyoko Sato (Princeton, 2007)
Current position:  Associate Director, Honors Program Director, Science & Technology Studies, Stanford University
Dissertation: “Politics and Meanings of Genetically Modified Food in the United States, Japan and France”

John Schmalzbauer (Princeton, 1997)
Current position:  Associate Professor and Blanche Gorman Strong Chair in Protestant Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Missouri State University

Laura Stark (Princeton, 2006)
Current position:  Associate Professor at the Center for Medicine, Health, and Society Associate Professor of History, Vanderbilt University
Dissertation: “Morality in Science: How Research is Evaluated in the Age of Human Subjects Regulation”

Anna Sun (Princeton, 2008)
Current position:  Associate Professor of Sociology and Asian Studies, Kenyon College
Dissertation: “Confusions over Confucianism: Two Controversies over the Religious Nature of Confucianism, One Hundred Years Apart”

Joshua Wakeham (Harvard, 2012)
Current position:  Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, The University of Alabama
Dissertation: “Managing in the Face of Ambiguity and Uncertainty: The Problems of Interpretation and Coordination in Juvenile Justice Organizations”

Natasha Warikoo (Harvard, 2007)
Current position:  Associate Professor, Graduate School of Education, Harvard
**Past Visiting Graduate Students and Faculty**

**Gabriel Abend** (Sociology, Northwestern University; visiting graduate student, Harvard, 2005-2006)

*CURRENT POSITION:* Associate Professor of Sociology, New York University; Professor of Sociology, University of Lucerne

*Dissertation:* “A Genealogy of Business Ethics”

**Kristina Bakkaer Simonsen** (Political Science, Aarhus University; visiting Research Fellow spring 2016)

*CURRENT POSITION:* Assistant Professor, Political Science, Aarhus University

*Dissertation:* “Do They Belong? Host National Boundary Drawing and Immigrants’ Identificational Integration”

**Alaric Bourgoin** (University of Padova; visiting faculty, Harvard, 2013)

*CURRENT POSITION:* Assistant Professor, Department of Management, Hautes etudes commercial, U de Montreal

*Dissertation:* “Le conseil en management à l’épreuve de sa mise en valeur”

**Moa Bursell** (Stockholm University; visiting graduate student, Harvard, 2008-2009)

*CURRENT POSITION:* Postdoctoral researcher, Sociology, Institute for Futures Studies

*Dissertation:* “Ethnic Labor Market Incorporation in Sweden”

**Phillipa Chong** (Department of Sociology, University of Toronto; visiting graduate student, Harvard, spring 2010. Served on her dissertation committee)

*CURRENT POSITION:* Assistant Professor of Sociology, McMaster University

*Dissertation:* “Good Fiction: How Race and Ethnicity Inform Constructions of Literary Value”

**Vincent Gengnagel** (Sociology, University Friedrichshafen, Germany; visiting graduate student at Harvard University, Fall/Winter 2015)

*CURRENT POSITION:* PhD ongoing

*Dissertation:* “The Academic Field between Nation-State and the ‘European Project’: The Contribution of the Social Sciences and Humanities”

**Linda Haapajarvi** (Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; visiting graduate student, Harvard, 2012-2013)

*Dissertation:* “Le passage à la citoyenneté. Analyse comparée des politiques d'intégration des femmes migrantes.”

**Delphine Hesters** (Ph.D. fellow of the Research Foundation, Flanders (FWO) and a doctoral candidate at the Centre for Sociological Research (CeSO) of the University of Leuven, Belgium; Fellow in Sociology, Harvard, 2009-2010.)

*CURRENT POSITION:* Head Performing Arts & Researcher, Flemish Theatre Institute (VTi), Belgium Researcher at the Institute for Human Activities, Belgium
**Peter Hepburn** (Department of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley; Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, Harvard, 2014)

- **Current position:** PhD ongoing
- **Dissertation:** “Limited Resources, Little Time: Work, Family, and Child Care Challenges Facing Low-Income Households”


- **Current Position:** Techno-Science and Societal Transformation Strategic Advisor, Institute for Advanced Studies, University of Vienna
- **Dissertation:** “The Role of Interdisciplinarity in Knowledge Production.”

**Lasse Gøhler Johansson** (University of Copenhagen, visiting graduate student at Harvard University, Spring 2017)

- **Current position:** PhD ongoing
- **Dissertation:** "A Historical and Transnational Sociology of Research Practices in the Humanities"

**Thomas König** (University of Vienna, visiting graduate student, Harvard, 2013-2014)

- **Current Position:** Senior Advisor in Research Administration, University of Helsinki

**Matthieu Mazzega** (University of Grenoble; visiting graduate student, Harvard, summer 2009)

- **Current Position:** UX Researcher & Interaction Designer, Steelcase, Munich, Germany
- **Dissertation:** "From the study of racism and antiracism common sense from discussions on the Internet”

**Nasar Meer** (Political Science, University of Bristol (U.K.); visiting graduate student Harvard, fall 2005)

- **Current position:** Professor of Race, Identity and Citizenship, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Edinburgh; Royal Society of Edinburgh Research Fellow
- **Dissertation:** “Citizenship and double consciousness: Muslims and multiculturalism in Britain”

**Jules Naudet** (Sciences Po, Paris; I served on his dissertation oral defense)

- **Current Position:** Senior researcher, Politics and Society Research Area, Centre for Social Sciences and Humanities, India
- **Dissertation:** "Analyse comparée de l’expérience de la mobilité sociale ascendante intergénérationnelle aux Etats-Unis, en France et aux Indes"

**Frédéric Renkens** (European University Institute; visiting graduate student, Harvard, 2009-2010)

- **Current position:** Consultant, Zahrnt & Renkens
- **Dissertation:** “The Discourse of Self-Actualization under the Influence of Academic Institutional Framework and Social Background:”
Comparing Students’ Narratives in French and American Elite and Non-Elite Universities”

Olivier Roueff (Sociology, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris; visiting graduate student, Harvard, 2004-2005)


Current position: Lycee teacher in St-Etienne
Dissertation Topic: “Sports and Ethnic Conflict in France”

Julien Wacquez (PhD studies in Sociology at École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris; visiting grad student, Harvard, 2015-2016)

Dissertation: “La Grammaire de la Vraisemblance: l’attachement à la réalité des praticiens de la science-fiction”

Jonathan White (Political Science, European University Institute, Florence; visiting graduate student, Harvard, winter 2005)

Current position: Professor of European Politics, London School of Economics
Dissertation: “The Political Bond in Europe”

Ariane Zambiras (Sociology, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales; Served on her dissertation defense committee)

Current position: Blockchain Technology Consultant, BlockMotion
Dissertation: “La politique inspirée: Religion et imaginaire politique aux Etat-Unis”

Past Post-doctoral Fellows

Johannes Angermuller (Centre for Applied Linguistics; Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Harvard, 2012)

Current Position: Professor of Discourse, Centre for Applied Linguistics, Warwick, Coventry, UK

Janice D. Aurini (Sociology, McMaster University; post-doctoral researcher, Harvard, 2006-2007)

Current position: Associate Professor, Associate Chair for Undergraduate Studies, Sociology, University of Waterloo
Dissertation: “Extra-Curriculum Activities and Social Reproduction in the Canadian and American Upper-Middle Class”

Matteo Bortolini (Center for the Sociology of Innovation; Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Harvard, 2013)

Current Position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Padova, Italy
Bruno Cousin (Observatoire sociologique du changement, Sciences Po; Paris; Post-doctoral Fellow, Sociology, Harvard, 2008-2009)

Current position: Assistant Professor, Sciences Po
Dissertation: “Comparatism as a Mode of Perception and Representation: a Case Study of French Expatriates and Immigrants in the United States”

Nicolas Duvoux (Université de Vincennes Paris 8; Visiting Scholar, Department of Sociology, Harvard, 2012-2013)

Current Position: Professor, Department of Sociology, Université de Vincennes Paris 8

Margaret Frye (Sociology Department, The University of California, Berkeley; Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard, 2013-2015)

Current position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Michigan
Dissertation: “Sexual Behavior and Scholastic Success: Moral Codes and Behavioral Outcomes in Malawi”

Honaida Ghanim (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Hebrew University; post-doctoral Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard, Fall 2006)

Current position: General Director of “MADAR” the Palestinian Forum for Israeli Studies (Ramallah)

Silke Gülker (Wizzenschaft Zentrum Berlin, Post-Doctoral Fellow; Visiting Scholar, SRC Program, Department of the History of Science/Divinity School, Harvard 2013-2014)

Current position: Research Fellow at Research Group Science Policy Studies, WZB Berlin Social Research Center

Julian Hamann (University of Bonn, Germany, Alexander von Humboldt Foundation post-doctoral fellow, Harvard, 2016)

Current position: Post-doc, Leibniz Center for Science and Society, University of Hannover, Germany

Camille Hamidi (University of Lyon; Visiting Scholar, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard, fall 2017)

Current Position: Associate Professor, Political Science, University of Lyon, France

Mathieu Hauchecorne (Ecole Normale Superieure et Universite de Lille)

Current position: Lecturer, Department of Political Science, Université Paris 8
Michael Sauder (Northwestern University, Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Program, Harvard University 2010-2012)

Current Position: Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa; Editor of Contemporary Sociology


Ori Schwartz (Hebrew University, post-doctoral researcher at Harvard, 2011-2012)

Current Position: Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Bar-Ilan University


Talia Shiff (Department of Sociology, Northwestern University; Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard, 2018-2019)

Avi Shoshana (Department of Anthropology and Sociology, Hebrew University; post-doctoral researcher at Harvard, 2006-2007)

Current position: Lecturer, Bar-Ilan University, Israel

Dissertation: “Alternate Biographies: On Reconstructing Boundaries of the “True Self” among the “Gifted Disadvantaged” and their Disadvantaged”

Kate Williams (Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge; Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard, 2018-2019)

Current position: Economic and Social Research Council Future Research Leaders Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge; Research Fellow, Lucy Cavendish College, University of Cambridge