CURRENT ADVISEES

Pre-ABD:

**Primary Advisor:**

Elizabeth Sheprow (PhD expected 2026)
Shira Zilberstein (PhD expected 2025)
Mari Sanchez (PhD expected 2025)
Nicole Letourneau (PhD expected 2024)

**Secondary Advisor:**

Elliot Stoller (PhD expected 2023)


Maleah Fekete (PhD expected 2023)

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 VisiblyDisconnected: A Comparative Case Study of the Muslim and Atheist Struggle for Recognition”

Bo Yun Park (PhD expected 2021)


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”

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

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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, Max Weber Institute for Sociology, Heidelberg University
- **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) (co-chair with Paul DiMaggio)
- **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) (co-chair with Devah Pager)
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: Visiting Scholar, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: “Cultural and Economic Influences on Parents' Food Choices”

Crystal Fleming (Harvard, 2011)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology and Africana Studies, Stony Brook University
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”

Nina Gheihman (Harvard, 2020)
Current Position: Postdoctoral Scholar, Haas School of Business, University of California, Berkeley; Co-founder, Plant Futures Initiative
Dissertation: “Veganized: How Cultural Entrepreneurs Transformed a Fringe Movement”

Joshua Guetzkow (Princeton, 2004) (co-chair with Bruce Western)
Current position: Associate Professor, Institute of Criminology and Department of Sociology, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Nicole Hirsch (Harvard, 2017)
Current position: Research & DEI Consultant
Dissertation: “Advocacy and Anti-Racism: How Institutions Shape Organizational Responses to Racially Biased Policing in France and the United States”

Christy Ley (Harvard, 2018)

Dissertation: “Ambiguous Ideals: Expertise and Morality in an Innovation Superc cluster”

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”

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

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

Sabrina Pendergrass (Harvard, 2010)
Current position: Assistant Professor of African American and African Studies, 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: Professor of Management and Organizations, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
Dissertation: “Hiring and Inequality in Elite Professional Service Firms”

Abigail Saguy (Princeton, 2000)
Current position: Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles

Jasmin Aviva Sandelson (Harvard, 2019) (co-chair with Matthew Desmond)
Current position: Postdoctoral Research Scholar, Justice Lab, Columbia University

Alvaro Santana-Acuña (Harvard, 2014)
Current position: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Whitman College

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

Maureen Waller (Princeton, 1997) (co-chair with Kathryn Edin)
Current position: Associate Professor of Policy Analysis and Management, Cornell University
Dissertation: “Redefining Fatherhood: Paternal Involvement, Masculinity, and Responsibility in the ‘Other America’”

Current position: In-House Researcher, Metropolitan Police Department, Washington D.C.

Jessica Welburn Paige (Harvard, 2011)
Current position: Sociologist, RAND Corporation

Secondary Advisor:

Patricia Banks (Harvard, 2006)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies, Mount Holyoke College
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; Associate Professor of Sociology, Yale University

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: Director of Data Science at The Nielsen Company, New York

Jeffrey Denis (Harvard, 2011)
Current position: Associate Professor of Sociology; Associate Professor of Social Psychology, 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, University of California, San Diego

Ruben Gaztambide-Fernandez (Harvard, 2006)
Current position: 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; Shuter Assistant Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study
Dissertation: “Same Folks, Different Strokes: Class, Culture and the ‘New’ Diversity at Elite Colleges and Universities”

Hanna Katz (Harvard, 2021)
Current position: Management Specialist, Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
Dissertation: “In Loco Parentis: The Boundary Work of Campus Police”

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

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

Charlotte Lloyd (Harvard, 2019)
Current position: Senior Analyst, Abt Associates

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

Margarita Mooney (Princeton, 2005)
Current position: Associate Professor of Congregational Studies, Department of Practical Theology, 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: Professor and Blanche Gorman Strong Chair in Protestant Studies, Department of Religious Studies, Missouri State University

Lumumba Babushe Seegars (Harvard, 2021)
Current position: Assistant Professor of Business Administration, Organizational Behavior Unit, Harvard Business School

Laura Stark (Princeton, 2006)
Current position: Associate Professor at the Center for Medicine, Health, and Society; Associate Professor of History, Anthropology, and Sociology, 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 Religious Studies, Duke University
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: Professor of Sociology, Tufts University

**Past Visiting Graduate Students and Faculty** (up to 2016—see also Research Cluster on Comparative Inequality and Inclusion, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs for 2016-present: https://inequality.wcfia.harvard.edu/)

**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: Associate 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: Associate 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: Researcher, Institute for Futures Studies; Researcher, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University
- 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

**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)

*Current Position:* Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Tampere; Fellow, Institute for Migration

*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:* Design and Facilitation Reformer, Drama Education Program, Conservatorium Antwerpen, Belgium

**Peter Hepburn** (Department of Sociology, University of California at Berkeley; Visiting Fellow, Department of Sociology, Harvard, 2014)

*Current position:* Associate Professional Specialist, Eviction Lab, Department of Sociology, Princeton University


*Current Position:* Senior Advisor, Support for Research Management Specialist, Research Services, University of Helsinki

*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:* Professor and Chair of Political Science and International Relations, University of Mannheim

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

*Current Position:* Co-founder and No-code Expert at Ideable

*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: CNRS Research Fellow, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris
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: Researcher, Centre National de Recherche Scientifique, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris

Current position: Professor of Sociology, Université de La Rochelle
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)
Current position: Visiting Fellow, CEFRES, French Research Center in Humanities and Social Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic
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: Project Director, Fabernovel US
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, Languages and Applied Linguistics, Open University, Milton Keynes, UK; 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: Associate 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 of Urban Sociology, 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 of Sociology, University of Paris 8 Vincennes Saint-Denis; Editor-in-chief, La Vie des Idées

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 (Wissenschaft Zentrum Berlin, Post-Doctoral Fellow; Visiting Scholar, SRC Program, Department of the History of Science/Divinity School, Harvard 2013-2014)
Current position: Research Associate in Sociology, University of Leipzig
**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:* Associate Professor 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:* Associate Professor at the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, BarIlan University


**Talia Shiff** (Department of Sociology, Northwestern University; Postdoctoral Fellow, Weatherhead Scholars Program, Harvard, 2018-2020)

*Current position:* Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Anthropology and Department of Labor Studies, Tel-Aviv University.

**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:* Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of York