CURRENT ADVISEES

Pre-ABD:
Primary Advisor:

Jane Choi (PhD expected 2029)
Qualifying Paper  Title TBD

Elizabeth Sheprow (PhD expected 2026)
Qualifying Paper  Title TBD

Tiffany Smith (PhD expected 2028)
Qualifying Paper  Title TBD

Secondary Advisor:

Rachel Kim (PhD expected 2027)
Qualifying Paper  Title TBD

ABD:
Primary PhD Advisor:

Elena Ayala-Hurtado (PhD expected 2024)
Dissertation  “Insecurity among the Educationally Privileged: Young College Graduates in the United States and Spain”

Nicole Letourneau (PhD expected 2025)
Qualifying Paper  Title TBD

Derek Robey (PhD expected 2023)
Dissertation  “The Long Arc of a Nation: Historical Narratives and Future Projections of Racism and Race in the United States and Canada”

Mari Sanchez (PhD expected 2025)
Dissertation  “Minoritized Categories: Unpacking the Language of Diversity, Solidarity, and Racial Justice in the US and UK”

Amy Tsang (PhD expected 2023)
Dissertation  “How People Become Urban: Inter-group Boundaries in Urbanizing China”

Shira Zilberstein (PhD expected 2025)
Dissertation  “The Making of Ethical AI: Developing Artificial Intelligence Solutions for Healthcare”
Member of Dissertation Committee:

Victoria Asbury (PhD expected 2023)
Dissertation “Contemporary Contours of National Belonging: Experimental and Survey Approaches for Understanding the Structures of the American Hierarchy”

Jingyun Dai (PhD expected 2025)
Dissertation Title TBD

Maleah Fekete (PhD expected 2025)
Dissertation Title TBD

PAST ADVISEES

Primary Advisor: Graduate Students

Laura Adler (Harvard, 2022)
Current position: Assistant Professor of Organizational Behavior, Yale School of Management, Yale University
Dissertation “From the Job’s Worth to the Person’s Price: Pay-Setting, Gender Inequality, and the Changing Understanding of Fair Pay”

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: Professor 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”

Allison Daminger (Harvard, 2021)
Current position: Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Caitlin Daniel (Harvard, 2017)
Current position: Associate of the Department of Sociology, Harvard University
Dissertation: “Cultural and Economic Influences on Parents' Food Choices”

Crystal Fleming (Harvard, 2011)
Current position: 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 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”

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

Bo Yun Park (Harvard, 2021)
Current position: Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies and Sociology, University of Richmond

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 of Sociology (Chair), University of California, Los Angeles

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

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

Graziella Silva (Harvard, 2010)
Current position: Associate Professor, Anthropology and Sociology, The Graduate Institute, Geneva; Co-director, Albert Hirschman Centre on Democracy
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: 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 A. Banks (Harvard, 2006)
Current position: 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: Professor of Law, Yale Law School; Associate Professor of Sociology, Yale University

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

Oana Dan (Harvard, 2012)
Current position: Vice President of Data Science, 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 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: Tata Chancellor’s Chair in Social Sciences, Professor of Sociology, 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:* Assistant Professor, Harvard Graduate School of Education; Shutzer Assistant Professor, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University
*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
*Dissertation:* “The Atomic Confederacy: Europe’s Quest for Nuclear Weapons and the Making of the New World Order”

Margarita Mooney Suarez (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:* 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: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Computational Social Science Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

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

Cassi Pittman Claytor (Harvard, 2012)
Current Position: Associate 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: Associate Professor, 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, Plymouth State University
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: Lenore Stern Professor in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Department 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; Lecturer, 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: Associate Professor of Sociology, McMaster University


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

Current Position: Research Associate, Seminar for Sociology; Research Fellow, Interdisciplinary Center for European Studies (ICES), Europa-Universität Flensburg

Dissertation: “In the Service of Your Excellence: 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: Professor in Qualitative Research Methods, KU Leuven

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.”

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 Sociology, School of Social and Political Sciences, University of Edinburgh

Dissertation: “Citizenship and double consciousness: Muslims and multiculturalism in Britain”

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

Current Position: 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: Deputy Head of the European Institute and Professor of 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: FNSP Associate Professor of Sociology, Sciences Po
Dissertation: “Comparativism 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: Associate 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: Junior Professor of Higher Education, Humboldt University Berlin, 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 of Sociology (Chair), University of Iowa; Editor of Contemporary Sociology

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

Current Position: Director, Graduate Program in Digital Culture; 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: Professor of Education, the University of Haifa
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: Senior Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of York