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1 EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology

University of Wisconsin

December 2026 (expected)

Madison, WI

- Dissertation: *Measuring Income, Measuring Inequality: The Key Role of Capital in US Income Inequality*. First chapter currently under review at *American Journal of Sociology*.

M.S. in Sociology

University of Wisconsin

2019

Madison, WI

- Thesis: *Explaining the Early Decline in the Industrial Share of Employment in Argentina and Brazil: Theory and Evidence*

B.A. in Political Science and Global Studies, *summa cum laude*

University of North Carolina

2014

Chapel Hill

- Thesis: *Amidst the Wonders We Have Made? On Some 20th Century Reworkings of Marx's Theory of Value*

2 SKILLS

- Highly proficient in applied statistics. First dissertation chapter makes use of sophisticated decomposition techniques to examine the role of income sources in income inequality. Second chapter contains advanced discussion of theoretical and practical aspects of defining income. Third chapter contains advanced discussion of single-number measures of dispersion.
- Highly proficient in both Python and Stata. Have lectured a course in Stata programming (see below). Familiar with R and knowledgeable about legacy software such as SAS.
- Excellent public communicator. Have lectured introductory statistics and served as a graduate assistant for an advanced statistics course; have won a number of teaching awards (see below).

3 ACADEMIC HONORS

- RC28 Travel Award 2026
- Wisconsin Scholarship Hub (WISH) Student Research Grants Competition Travel Award 2024
- University Fellowship, UW-Madison 2023–2024
- UW Sociology Nominee for 2023–2024 L&S Teaching Mentors Program 2023
- UW Sociology Nominee for Campus Exceptional Service Award 2021
- UW-Madison Winner of Excellence in Teaching by a Teaching Assistant 2020
- Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship 2018
- Highest honors for an undergraduate honors thesis, UNC-Chapel Hill 2014

- Dean’s list, UNC-Chapel Hill 2010—2014
- National Merit Finalist 2010

4 CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

RC28 August 2026

- “The Contribution of Capital to US Income Inequality, 1980 – 2016”

American Sociological Association August 2026

- “The Effects of Competing Definitions of Income on Measured Trends in Income Inequality”

American Sociological Association August 2024

- “The Contribution of Factor Incomes to Economic Inequality: A Process Perspective on Class”

Conference of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) July 2019

- “Explaining ‘Premature’ Deindustrialization in Developing Countries”

5 TEACHING

Lecturer 2020-2023
University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
25 hours/week

- Primary instructor for “Statistics for Sociologists” (SOC360), “Data Management for Social Science” (SOC365), and “Social Research Methods” (SOC357). Wrote a portion of my own introductory quantitative methods textbook available [here](#) and produced a lecture series about [statistics](#) and [Stata](#) (see respective links). Full description of my teaching portfolio, including lecture slides and code, is available [here](#) on my website. Received excellent reviews from students, available upon request.

Teaching Assistant 2017-2020, 2024
University of Wisconsin Madison, WI
20 hrs/week

- Taught introductory sociology courses, averaging 60-80 students of my own. Primary courses taught: “American Society: How It Really Works” (SOC125) and “Population Problems” (SOC170), and “Statistics for Sociologists II” (SOC361). Received excellent reviews from students, available upon request.

Tutor 2017-present
Galvin Education Madison, WI
15 hrs/week

- Tutor math and standardized test preparation. Received excellent reviews from students, available upon request.

6 GRADUATE COURSEWORK

- “Statistics for Sociologists I” (SOC360) (A)
- “Statistics for Sociologists II” (SOC361) (A)
- “Statistics for Sociologists III” (SOC362) (A)
- “Research Methods in Sociology” (SOC750) (AB)
- “Community Economic Analysis” (PA820) (A)
- “Economic Sociology” (SOC983) (A)

- “Sociology of Economic Change and Development” (SOC993) (A)
- Economic Sociology (preliminary examination passed)
- Sociology of Economic Change and Development (preliminary examination passed)

7 LABOR, ORGANIZING, AND WORKER EDUCATION

Membership Secretary, Executive Board 2018–2020
Teaching Assistants’ Association (AFT Local 3220), University of Wisconsin Madison, WI

- Elected to the executive board twice as Membership Secretary. Supported member outreach, internal communication, organizing work, and graduate-worker education.
- Participated in teach-ins and presentations to graduate workers, including presentations related to segregated fees and graduate-worker conditions.

Sociology Shop Steward 2017–2018
Teaching Assistants’ Association (AFT Local 3220), University of Wisconsin Madison, WI

- Served as a departmental point of contact for graduate-worker organizing and union communication in Sociology.

Organizer January 2016–June 2016
Working America, AFL-CIO Greensboro, North Carolina

- Organized working-class constituents around Medicaid expansion, voting rights, and workplace and political issues.
- Gave frequent presentations and talks at public meetings.

Data Specialist and Organizer 2015
Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Durham, North Carolina

- Supported organizing work through data, outreach, and related campaign support.

Co-President 2013–2014
United Students Against Sweatshops Chapel Hill, NC

- Helped lead UNC-Chapel Hill’s student labor organization focused on worker solidarity and campus labor issues.

Intern May 2012–August 2012
Democracy North Carolina Durham, North Carolina

- Gave regular public presentations on voting, political participation, and legislative issues.

8 REFERENCES

- Christine Schwartz (Professor of Sociology, UW-Madison)
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- Gay Seidman (Professor of Sociology, UW-Madison)
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- Joel Rogers (Professor of Law, Public Affairs, and Sociology, UW-Madison)
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