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PROFESSIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

Academic Positions

- 2022-present Chair, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Iowa
- 2017-present Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2019-2021 COFUND Fellow, Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt, Germany
- 2014-2019 Editor, *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2018-2019 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2013 Fellow, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa
- 2012-2014 Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2011-2017 Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
- 2010-2012 Fellow, Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Program, Harvard University
- 2005-2011 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

Education

- 2005 Ph.D., Northwestern University, Department of Sociology
- 1997 M.A., Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology
- 1993 B.A., Truman State University, Psychology (Minor: Philosophy)

SCHOLARSHIP

Books

- 2021 Ringel, Leopold, Wendy Espeland, Michael Sauder, Tobias Werron (eds.), *Worlds of Rankings* (Emerald Publishing)
- 2016 Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. *Engines of Anxiety: Academic Rankings, Reputation, and Accountability* (Russell Sage Foundation)
*Midwest Sociology Society's 2018 Distinguished Book Award
*Max Weber Book Award – Honorable Mention
*Distinguished Book Award of the American Sociological Association's Sociology of Law Section – Honorable Mention
- 2009 Manza, Jeff and Michael Sauder (eds.), *Inequality and Society: Social Science Perspectives on Social Stratification* (W.W. Norton)

Publications

- 2022 Accominotti, Fabien, Freda Lynn, and Michael Sauder. "The Architecture of Status Hierarchies: Variations in Structure and Why They Matter for Inequality." *Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8:87-102.
- 2022 Chun, Hyunsik and Michael Sauder. "The Logic of Quantification: Institutionalizing Numerical Thinking." *Theory and Society* 51:335-370.
- 2022 Chun, Hyunsik and Michael Sauder. "The Power in Managing Numbers: Changing Interdependencies and the Rise of Ranking Expertise." *Higher Education*.
- 2021 Ossandon, Jose, Wendy Espeland, and Michael Sauder. "Islands of Quality in an Ocean of Quantification." *Valuation Studies* 8:103-121.
- 2021 Sauder, Michael, Hyunsik Chun, and Wendy Espeland, "The Garbage Can Model and Organizational Metrics." *Research in the Sociology of Organizations (Worlds of Rankings)* 74:175-197.
- 2021 Ringel, Leopold, Wendy Espeland, Michael Sauder, Tobias Werron. "Worlds of Rankings." *Research in the Sociology of Organizations (Worlds of Rankings)* 74:1-23.
- 2021 Goto, Michihiko, Eli Perencevich, Alexandre Marra, Bruce Alexander, Brice Beck, Daniel Livorsi, Julia Friberg, Christopher Richards, DeShauna Jones, and Michael Sauder. "Automated Nationwide Benchmarking Dashboard for Antimicrobial Stewardship Programs within the Veterans' Health Administration." *Antimicrobial Stewardship Healthcare Epidemiology*.
- 2020 Sauder, Michael. "A Sociology of Luck." *Sociological Theory* 38(3): 193-216.
Theory Prize for Outstanding Article, ASA Theory Section, 2021

- 2020 Stapleton, Orla, Michael Sauder, and Tim Hallett. "What are Public Ideas?" *Contexts* 19(3):46-51.
- 2019 Hallett, Tim, Orla Stapleton, and Michael Sauder. "Public Ideas: Their Varieties and Careers." *American Sociological Review* 84(3): 545-576.
Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section, 2020
- 2019 Sauder, Michael, Wendy Espeland, and Hyunsik Chun. "Managing Measures: The Dangers of Reactivity." *Controlling and Management Review* 63:14-19.
- 2019 Kava, Christine, Edith A. Parker, Barbara Baquero, Susan J. Curry, Paul A. Gilbert, Michael Sauder, and Daniel K. Sewell. "Associations between Organizational Culture, Workplace Health Climate, and Employee Smoking at Smaller Workplaces," *Tobacco Use Insights*, 12.
- 2019 Lynn, Freda, Mary Noonan, Michael Sauder, and Matthew A. Andersson. "A Rare Case of Gender Parity in Academia." *Social Forces* 98(2): 518-547.
- 2018 Sauder, Michael. "Systems of Evaluation and the Matthew Effect," *Journal of Management Inquiry* 27(4).
- 2018 Livorsi, Daniel, Cassie Goedken, Michael Sauder, Mark Vander Weg, Eli Perencevich, Heather Schacht Reisinger. "Barriers to Effective Audit and Feedback Using Direct Observation of Hand Hygiene Compliance: A Qualitative Study." *JAMA Network Open*.
- 2018 Kava, Christine, Edith A. Parker, Barbara Baquero, Susan J. Curry, Paul A. Gilbert, Michael Sauder, and Daniel K. Sewell. "A Qualitative Assessment of the Smoking Policies and Cessation Activities at Smaller Workplaces." *BMC Public Health*.
- 2018 Kava, Christine, Edith A. Parker, Barbara Baquero, Susan J. Curry, Michael Sauder, and Daniel K. Sewell. "Organizational Culture and the Adoption of Anti-Smoking Initiatives at Small to Very Small Workplaces: An Organizational Level Analysis." *Tobacco Prevention and Cessation* 39: 1-10.
- 2017 Anna Essen and Michael Sauder, "The Evolution of Weak Standards: The Case of the Swedish Rheumatology Quality Registry," *Sociology of Health and Illness* 39:513-531.
- 2015 Michael Sauder and Wendy Espeland, "On the Audit Trail," (comment on "Audit Culture Revisited" by C. Shore and S. Wright), *Current Anthropology* 56: 442-443.
- 2015 Chad McPherson and Michael Sauder, "The Quantification of Qualitative Research" in *Innovative Qualitative Research*, ed. Kimberly Elsbach and Roderick Kramer. Routledge, pp. 434-443.
- 2014 Arik Lifschitz, Michael Sauder, and Mitchell Stevens. "Football as a Status System in U.S. Higher Education" *Sociology of Education* 87:204-219.
- 2014 Gabriel Abend, Caitlin Petre, and Michael Sauder. "Styles of Causal Thought: An Empirical Investigation." *American Journal of Sociology* 119:602-654.

- 2013 McPherson, Chad and Michael Sauder. "Logics In Action: Managing Institutional Complexity in a Drug Court." *Administrative Science Quarterly* 58:165-196.
- 2012 Sauder, Michael, Freda Lynn, and Joel M. Podolny. "Status: Insights from Organizational Sociology." *Annual Review of Sociology* 37:267-283.
- 2012 Doubt, Keith and Michael Sauder. "Friendship in Plato's Lysis." *Luvah* 1:39-47.
- 2012 Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. "The Dynamism of Indicators," in *Governance by Indicators: Global Power through Quantification and Rankings*, ed. Kevin E. Davis, Benedict Kingsbury, and Sally Engle Merry. Oxford University Press
- 2010 Manza, Jeff, Michael Sauder, and Nathan Wright. "Producing Textbook Sociology." *European Journal of Sociology* 51:271-304
- 2010 Linnenberg, Kathryn and Michael Sauder. "Applying the Sociological Imagination to Ourselves." *Sociological Imagination* 45:37-42.
- 2009 Sauder, Michael and Wendy Espeland. "The Discipline of Rankings: Tight Coupling and Organizational Change." *American Sociological Review* 74:63-82.
- 2009 Sauder, Michael and Wendy Espeland. "Rankings and Diversity." *The Southern California Review of Law and Social Justice* 18:587-610.
- 2009 Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. "A Matter of Rank." *Contexts*. 8:16-21.
- 2009 Sauder, Michael and Chad McPherson. "The Value of a Negative Case: Cormac McCarthy's *The Road*." *Sociological Forum* 24:474-480.
- 2008 Sauder, Michael. "Interlopers and Field Change: The Entry of U.S. News into the Field of Legal Education." *Administrative Science Quarterly* 53:209-234.
Alfred R. Lindesmith Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2008 Sauder, Michael and Gary Alan Fine. "Arbiters, Entrepreneurs, and the Shaping of Business School Reputations." *Sociological Forum* 23:699-723.
- 2007 Espeland, Wendy and Michael Sauder. "Rankings and Reactivity: How Public Measures Recreate Social Worlds." *American Journal of Sociology* 113:1-40.
Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section, 2009
Shelton Prize for Outstanding Published Empirical Research in Legal Education, Law School Admissions Council, 2009
- 2006 Sauder, Michael. "Third Parties and Status Systems: How the Structures of Status Systems Matter." *Theory & Society* 35:299-321.
- 2006 Sauder, Michael and Ryon Lancaster. "Do Rankings Matter? The Effect of *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings on the Admissions Process of Law Schools." *Law and Society Review* 40:105-134.

Reprinted in *The Law and Society Reader*, eds. Erik Larson and Patrick Schmidt.
New York University Press: New York, NY. 2013.

ASA Sociology of Law Section Award for best graduate student paper, 2004

- 2006 Sauder, Michael and Wendy Espeland. "Strength in Numbers? A Comparison of Law and Business School Rankings." *Indiana Law Journal* 81:205-227.
- 2005 Sauder, Michael. "Contexts and Symbols: An Interactionist Approach to the Study of Social Status." *The Sociological Quarterly* 46:279-298.
- 2005 Manza, Jeff, Clem Brooks, and Michael Sauder. "Money, Participation, and Votes: Social Cleavages and Electoral Politics," in *A Handbook of Political Sociology: States, Civil Societies and Globalization*, ed. Thomas Janoski, Robert Alford, Alexander M. Hicks, and Mildred A. Schwartz. Boston: Cambridge University Press, pp. 201-227.
- 2004 Fine, Gary Alan, Tim Hallett, and Michael Sauder. "Myths and Meanings of Bowling Alone: A View from the Lanes," *Society* 41:47-49.

Non-refereed

- 2020 Sauder, Michael. "Self-Control Won't Save You." Review Essay for *Public Books*.
- 2017 Sauder, Michael. "The Art of Acknowledgments." *Contemporary Sociology*, 47.
- 2017 Sauder, Michael. "The Pleasures of Flipping Through." *Contemporary Sociology*, 46.
- 2016 Sauder, Michael. "Sociology is Huge." *Contemporary Sociology*, 45
- 2015 Sauder, Michael. "Editor's Introduction." *Contemporary Sociology*, 44
- 2013 Sauder, Michel and Wendy Espeland. "How Sociologists of Education can make the College Scorecard more Effective" *Sociology of Education Newsletter* 16:3 (Fall)
- 2011 Sauder, Michael. "Status," in *Oxford Bibliographies Online*, edited by Jeff Manza. Oxford University Press.
- 2010 Sauder, Michael. "The Modern Research University: Outside and In." *Contemporary Sociology* (review essay), 39:540-543.
- 2009 Sauder, Michael and Wendy Espeland. "Fear of Falling: The Effects of U.S. News & World Report Rankings on Law Schools." Grant Report for Law School Admissions Council.
- 2006 Sauder, Michael and Jeff Manza. "Social Capital," *Cambridge Dictionary of Sociology*, edited by Bryan Turner. Cambridge UK: Cambridge University Press.
- 2005 Sauder, Michael. "W. Lloyd Warner," *Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers*. London: Routledge.

Book Reviews

- 2012 Sauder, Michael. Review of *Rich, Free, and Miserable* by John Brueggemann. *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2009 Sauder, Michael. Review of *The Power of Privilege: Yale and America's Elite Colleges* by Joseph A. Soares. *American Journal of Sociology* 113:1470-1472.

Work in Progress

- “Ingredients for Success: Mapping the Uses of Merit and Non-Merit Justifications for Getting Ahead” (with Yongren Shi and Freda Lynn)
- “Beyond Petroleum? The Growth of Alternative Fuels Markets in the United States, 1996-2013” (with Ion Bogdan Vasi) (under review)
- “Identifying the Impact of Sexual Scripts on Consent Negotiations” (with Kathryn Rittenhour) (revise and resubmit)
- “Becoming a Contribution: Pathways to Publication Success” (with Freda Lynn and Olga Novoselova) (revise and resubmit)
- “Luck, Ambiguity, and Meritocracy”
- “The Influence of Intermediaries on Organizational Status: A Theory of Status Judges”

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Grants Awarded

- 2022-2023 Investigator, “Examining the Consequences of University Rankings: Institutional Challenges and Status Competition in Korean Universities and Beyond” Academy of Korean Studies (\$18,240)
- 2019-2021 Investigator “Beliefs about Luck and Inequality” National Science Foundation (\$257,906)
- 2019-2020 Investigator “A Comparative Study of the Effects of University Rankings on Korean and American Higher Education” Academy of Korean Studies (\$14,000)
- 2018-2020 Co-Investigator “Antimicrobial Stewardship and Prevention of Antimicrobial Resistance” Department of Veteran’s Affairs (\$777,950)
- 2014 Investigator “Building an Optimal Hand Hygiene Bundle” Department of Veteran’s Affairs (\$13,500)

- 2013-2015 Co-Principal Investigator (Freda Lynn) “The Biographies or Scientific Ideas: The Diffusion of Knowledge in Medicine and Sociology” National Science Foundation. Recommended for Funding 01/2013 (\$159,234)
- 2010 Midwest Sociological Society Endowment Award (\$1450) “The Effects of Ambiguity on Status”
- 2006 “Ambiguity in Status Processes.” Old Gold Summer Fellowship. (\$6,000)
- 2003-2005 Co-Principal Investigator (with Wendy Espeland) “Fear of Falling: The Effects of Rankings on Legal Education,” Law School Admissions Council Research Grant (\$152,566)

Awards and Honors

- 2021 Theory Prize for Best Article, ASA Theory Section
- 2020 Elected to Sociological Research Association
- 2020 Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section
- 2019-2021 COFUND Fellowship, Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Erfurt, Germany
- 2018 Chair-Elect, Organizations, Occupations and Work Section, American Sociological Association
- 2018 Midwest Sociology Society’s Distinguished Book Award
- 2018 Max Weber Book Award (ASA Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section) – Honorable Mention
- 2017 Distinguished Book Award of the American Sociological Association’s Sociology of Law Section – Honorable Mention
- 2016 Visiting Fellow, Institute for Advanced Study, Indiana University
- 2016 Guest Researcher, Bielefeld Graduate School in History and Sociology, Bielefeld, Germany
- 2013 Fellow, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, University of Iowa
- 2010-2012 Robert Wood Johnson Scholars in Health Policy Fellowship, Harvard University
- 2009 Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section (with Wendy Espeland)
- 2009 Shelton Prize for outstanding published empirical research in legal education (with Wendy Espeland). Sponsored by the Law School Admissions Council (\$5,000)

- 2004 ASA Sociology of Law Section Award for best graduate student paper (with Ryon Lancaster) for “Do Rankings Matter? The Effect of *U.S. News & World Report* Rankings on the Admissions Process of Law Schools”
- 2004 Alfred R. Lindesmith Award for best law-related paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems written by an untenured faculty member or graduate student for “Legitimacy Crises and Educational Rankings”
- 2003-2004 University Scholar, Northwestern University Graduate School
- 2002-03 Dissertation Year Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2001-02 Institute for Policy Research Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2001 Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Published or Presented Paper in Sociology by a graduate student, Northwestern University for “Status Judges: The Effects of Formalization on Status Systems”
- 2001 Macarthur Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship
- 2001 Second Place Prize, Midwest Sociological Society’s Graduate Student Paper Competition for “Contexts and Symbols: An Interactionist Approach to the Study of Social Status”
- 2000-01 Institute for Policy Research Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University
- 2000 Macarthur Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship
- 1999 Macarthur Collaborative Summer Research Fellowship
- 1998-99 University Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED LECTURES

Invited Presentations (Selected)

“Sociology of Luck in Everyday Life.” Keynote Address at the Iowa Sociological Association Annual Meeting, April 2023

“Social Science Methods for the Study of Luck” Indiana University, April 15, 2022

“Luck and Meritocracy” University of Iowa Law School, October 1, 2021

Panelist, Author-Meets-Critic session for “Regulation Human Research,” SASE Annual Meeting, July 2021

“Luck, Ambiguity, and Meritocracy” Seminar Series on the Supply and Demand of Authenticity, MIT, June, 2021

Panelist, Author-Meets-Critic session for “More Than Medicine,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 2021

“A Sociology of Luck” London School of Economics, Department of Sociology, London, UK, February 2020

“The Logic of Quantification” Department of Accounting Organizations and Institutions, London School of Economics, London, UK, February 2020

“The Logic of Quantification” Leibniz Center, University of Hannover, Hannover, Germany, January 2020

“A Sociology of Luck” Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt, Germany, January 2020

“The Intractable Logic of Quantification” (with Hyunsik Chun). Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Toronto, Canada, June, 2018.

“The Logic of Quantification in Higher Education.” Invited Paper at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August 14, 2017.

“Engines of Anxiety.” Author-Meets-Critic at American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August 12, 2017.

“The Future of the Sociology of Organizations and Economic Sociology.” Invited Plenary Presentation for the Economic Sociology, and Organizations, Occupations, and Work Miniconference, Desautels Faculty of Management, Montreal, Canada, August 11, 2017.

“Engines of Anxiety.” Author-Meets-Critic at Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Lyon, France, Thursday, June 29, 2017

“Luck and Markets.” Invited Plenary Presentation at Economic Sociology Conference, Chicago, IL, October 14, 2016

“Engines of Anxiety.” Invited Presentation at Northwestern Law School, Chicago, IL, September 1, 2016.

“The Useful vs. The Good: Ethics and Quantitative Assessment.” Invited Presentation at American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, May 5, 2016.

“By the Numbers: How Rankings Have Changed Higher Education.” Obermann Center for Advanced Studies, February 2015

“The Effects and Effectiveness of Patient Experience Surveys.” Invited Presentations at University of Iowa Veteran's Administration CADRE workshop (10/13), University of Indiana (11/13), Stanford Business School (1/14), University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology (4/14), Dartmouth College (5/14)

“Making Sense with Identities: The Cultural Bases of Inter-Professional Identity Work” Invited Presentation at Tippie School of Business, University of Iowa (10/13)

“Football: Field Formation and Status Production in U.S. Higher Education.” Invited

Presentation at University of Chicago Booth Organizations and Markets Workshop, Chicago, IL, February 6, 2013; Harvard-MIT Economic Sociology Workshop, Cambridge, MA, November 9, 2012; and University of Connecticut Sociology Colloquium, November 30, 2012.

“Tools of the Trades: The Micro-Foundations of Institutional Logics” (with Chad McPherson). Invited Presentation at the University of California, Davis Qualitative Conference, Graduate School of Management, Davis, CA, March 24, 2012.

“Marks of Distinction: Reputation and Identity among Children’s Hospitals” (with Brayden King). Invited Presentation for the Centre for Corporate Reputation Symposium, Oxford, UK, September 16, 2011.

“Going Forward: The NRC Rankings of Sociology Departments.” Invited Panelist at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV, August, 2011.

“Accountability, Quantification, and Sustainability Metrics.” Keynote Presentation at “Unpacking Sustainability Metrics” Conference, HEC Montreal, June 13, 2011.

“Football: Field Formation and Status Production in U.S. Higher Education.” Invited Presentation at Stanford University SCANCOR Workshop, Stanford, CA, November 7, 2009.

“The Unintended Consequences of Rankings.” Invited Presentation for the Law School Admissions Council Annual Meeting, San Antonio, TX, May 28, 2009.

“The De-Reification of USN Rankings: The Value of Ambiguity.” Invited Presentation for Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA, January 9, 2009.

“The Effects of Rankings on Legal Education.” Invited presentation at University of Iowa Law School, April 14, 2008.

“Report on Interviews” (with Wendy Espeland). Plenary Speaker at Workshop on the Ratings Game, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, January 3, 2007.

“Rankings and Reactivity: How Public Measures Recreate Social Worlds.” Invited Presentation at The Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin, October 10, 2006.

“The Benefits of Multiple Evaluations: A Comparison of Law and Business School Rankings.” Invited paper presented at the Next Generation of Law School Rankings Symposium, Indiana University School of Law, Bloomington, IN, April 15, 2005.

Conference Presentations (Selected)

“The Construction of Skepticism Towards Science During the 2019 COVID-19 Mask Debate” (with Yujia Liu and Mario Paez-Arellano), Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, March, 2023

“Luck and Inequality” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 2020

“The Intractable Logic of Quantification” (with Hyunsik Chun). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, PA, August 13, 2018.

“Public Ideas and Their Careers” (with Tim Hallett and Orla Stapleton). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August 12, 2017.

“Managing Measures: The Rise of the Logic of Quantification” (with Hyunsik Kim). Paper presented at Symposium of Different Forms of Inequality in Korea and Beyond, Yonsei University, Seoul, Republic of Korea, July 7-8, 2017.

“Beyond Petroleum? The Emergences of Alternative Fuel Markets in the United States, 1993-2015 (with Ion Bogdan Vasi). Paper presented at the European Group for Organizational Studies, Copenhagen, Denmark, July 7, 2017

“Luck Nuance.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Seattle, WA, August, 2016.

“The Sociology of Luck.” Paper presented at the Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Chicago, IL, March, 2016

“Football and Status in Higher Education” (with Arik Lifschitz and Mitchell Stevens). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Denver, CO, August, 2012.

“The Effects and Effectiveness of Patient Experience Surveys.” Paper presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Annual Meeting, Leesburg, VA, June, 2012.

“Causal Thinking in Practice: An Empirical Analysis of Ethnographic Articles” (with Gabriel Abend and Caitlin Petrie). Paper presented at Causal Thinking and Ethnographic Research Conference, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL, March 8, 2012.

“The Influence of Third Party Evaluations on Healthcare Organizations” (with Brayden King and Chad McPherson). Paper presented at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Scholars in Health Policy Annual Meeting, Itasca, IL, June, 2011.

“Institutional Logics in Action: The Case of a Drug Court” (with Chad McPherson). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, August, 2010.

“Football: Field Formation and Status Production in U.S. Higher Education” (with Arik Lifschitz and Mitchell Stevens). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Atlanta, GA, August, 2010.

“Rankings and Diversity” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, San Francisco, CA, August 11, 2009.

“The Importance of Context for Status Inequality.” Paper Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Boston, MA, August 3, 2008.

“The Legitimacy of Organizational Status Judges.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August 13, 2006.

“Interpretive Flexibility and Trojan Horses: The Proliferation of Public Ideas” (with Tim Hallett and Ryo Uemera). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Montreal, Canada, August, 2006.

“Discipline and Rankings: Accountability and the Transformation of Authority” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meetings, Philadelphia, August, 2005.

“Gaming Rankings” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, June, 2005.

“The Effect of Rankings on Work in Legal Education.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Minneapolis, MN, April 1-3, 2005.

“How Third Parties Shape Status Systems: The Case of Law School Rankings.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August, 13-16, 2004.

“Quantitative Authority and the Reflexivity of Rankings” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, June, 3-7, 2004.

“The Benefits of Ambiguity in Status Systems.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO, April, 15-18, 2004.

“Reputational Markets: The Legitimacy of Business School Rankings.” Paper presented at Institutions, Conflict, and Change, Kellogg School of Management, Evanston, IL, September 2-4, 2004.

“Legitimacy Crises and Educational Rankings.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Atlanta, GA, August, 16-19, 2003.

“The Effects of U.S. News Rankings on Law School Applications and Yields” (with Ryon Lancaster). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June, 5-8, 2003.

“The Allure of Numbers: Law School Rankings and the Rationalization of Reputation” (with Wendy Espeland). Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June, 5-8, 2003.

“Third Parties and Organizational Status.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, April, 16-19, 2003.

TEACHING

Students Supervised

Name	Role	Outcome
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Ph.D Dissertations

Yujia Lyu	Committee Member	In Progress
Hyunsik Chun	Co-Chair	In Progress
Jay Sorenson	Committee Member	In Progress
Hannah Espy	Committee Member	In Progress
Lisa Covington	Committee Member	Completed 2022
KaLeigh White	Committee Member	In Progress
Inga Popovita	Committee Member	Completed 2021
Sean Kearney	Committee Member	In Progress
Kathryn Rittenhour	Co-Chair	Completed 2022
Rebecca Durkee	Chair	In Progress
Hansini Munasinghe	Committee Member	Completed 2021
George Ellerbach	Committee Member	Completed 2022
Parang Kim	Committee Member	In Progress
Ji Hye Kim	Committee Member	Completed 2021
Nicole Oehmann	Committee Member	Completed 2020
SuYeong Shin (Education)	Committee Member	Completed 2020
Olga Novoselova	Co-Chair	Completed 2019
Stefan Beljean (Harvard U.)	Committee Member	Completed 2019
Alison Gorga	Committee Member	Completed 2018
Veronica Ferreira	Committee Member	Completed 2018
Graham Miller (Education)	Committee Member	Completed 2018
Christine Kava (Public Health)	Committee Member	Completed 2018
McPherson, Chad	Chair	Completed 2017
Kwesi Ewoodzie	Chair	Completed 2017
Wooseok Jung (Northwestern U.)	Committee Member	Completed 2015
Timothy Robbins (English)	Committee Member	Completed 2015
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Chavez, Jorge	Committee Member	Completed 2014
Turchi, Jennifer	Committee Member	Completed 2014
Phillipa Chong (U. of Toronto)	Committee Member	Completed 2013
Matthew Boswell	Committee Member	Completed 2013
Levchak, Charisse	Committee Member	Completed 2013
Levchak, Phil	Committee Member	Completed 2013
Campos-Holland, Ana	Co-Chair	Completed 2012
Campos, Celeste	Committee Member	Completed 2012
Woodley, Vernon	Committee Member	Completed 2012
Saichaie, Kem (Education)	Committee Member	Completed 2011
Navarre-Jackson, Layana	Committee Member	Completed 2011
Civettini, Nikki	Committee Member	Completed 2009
Lyman, Beth	Committee Member	Completed 2008
Zieglofsky, Laura (Education)	Committee Member	Completed 2008

Masters Theses

Hannah Zadeh	Committee Member	Completed 2023
Alex Peralta Cornejo	Committee Member	Completed 2023
Andrea Smith	Committee Member	Completed 2022
Maddie Libao	Committee Member	Completed 2022
Chad Rhym	Chair	Completed 2021
Rachel Maller	Committee Member	Completed 2021
Chanhum Yoon	Committee Member	Completed 2021
Alexandra Leaskas	Committee Member	Completed 2020
Leia Belt	Committee Member	Completed 2020
Jay Sorenson	Chair	Completed 2019
Dustin Lee	Committee Member	Completed 2019
Yujia Lyu	Committee Member	Completed 2019
Sean Kearney	Committee Member	Completed 2019
Hyunsik Chun	Chair	Completed 2018
Kathryn Rittenhour	Chair	Completed 2017
Hannah Espy	Committee Member	Completed 2017
Teniel Trollien (Education)	Committee Member	Completed 2016
Leah Woods	Co-Chair	Completed 2016
Nicole Filloon	Committee Member	Completed 2016
Emma Anderson	Committee Member	Completed 2015
Durkee, Rebecca	Committee Member	Completed 2014
Gorga, Alison	Committee Member	Completed 2013
McPherson, Chad	Chair	Completed 2010
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Campos-Holland, Ana	Co-Chair	Completed 2009
Verploegh, Miriam	Committee Member	Completed 2010
Chavez, Jorge	Committee Member	Completed 2009
Dennis Heinrich	Committee Member	Completed 2009
Johnson, Brian	Committee Member	Completed 2007

SERVICE

Department

2022-present	Department Chair
2021-2022	Chair, Executive Committee Member, DEI Committee
2020-2021	Member, Executive Committee Member, Graduate Studies Member, Colloquium Committee
2018-2019	Director of Graduate Studies Chair, Graduate Studies Chair, Graduate Admissions
2017-2018	Chair, Executive Committee Chair, Awards Committee
2016-2017	Chair, Executive Committee Member, Graduate Studies

2015-2016 Member, Departmental Review Committee
 Chair, Executive Committee
 Chair, Awards Committee
 Member, Graduate Studies
 Member, Diversity Committee

2014-2015 Member, Executive Committee
 Member, Theory Workshop Committee
 Member, Graduate Recruitment Committee

2013-2014 Director of Graduate Studies, University of Iowa
 Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, University of Iowa
 Chair, Graduate Recruitment Committee, University of Iowa
 Member, Executive Committee, University of Iowa

2012-2013 Director of Graduate Studies, University of Iowa
 Chair, Graduate Studies Committee, University of Iowa
 Chair, Graduate Recruitment Committee, University of Iowa
 Executive Committee, University of Iowa

2009-2010 Faculty Recruitment, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Theory Workshop Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Endowment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

2008-2009 Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

2007-2008 Chair, Theory Workshop Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Communications Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Undergraduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

2006-2007 Chair, Theory Workshop Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Graduate Affairs Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

2005-2006 Awards Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Dismissal/Appeals Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
 Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa

2001-2002 Graduate Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
 1999-2001 Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

University

2023 Member, CLAS Executive Committee

2022-2023 Participant, DEO Leadership Program

2022 Member, Search Committee for Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel

2020-2021 Member, CLAS Self-Study Committee

2020-2021 Member, Faculty Senate University Search Committee

2020 Participant, Summer Institute on Interdisciplinary Graduate Education, Obermann Center

2017-2019 Member, CLAS Executive Committee

2014-2017 Member, Advisory Board, Obermann Center for Advanced Studies

- 2014-2020 Member, Advisory Board, Development of CLAS Enterprise Leadership Major
- 2015 Nominated, Executive Committee
- 2015 Member, Faculty Senate Working Group
- 2013 Invited Speaker at Veteran’s Administration CADRE Workshop, “The Effects and Effectiveness of Patient Experience Surveys,” November.
- 2013 Invited Speaker at Tippie School of Management, “Making Sense with Identities: The Cultural Bases of Inter-Professional Identity Work,” October.
- 2012 Invited Speaker at Social Science Interdisciplinary Group, Schaeffer Hall, “Football and Status in Higher Education,” September 26.
- 2009-2010 Faculty Senator, University of Iowa
- 2010 Invited Speaker “Rankings and Their Effects.” Invited presentation at University of Iowa Law School, April 21.
- 2009 Invited Speaker at Management and Organizations Colloquium, Henry B. Tippie College of Business. “Organizational Rankings,” October 16.
- 2009 Invited Speaker for students at University of Iowa Law School. “What Rankings Mean,” March 19.
- 2008 Invited Participant for Department of Communication Symposium, “Erving Goffman and the Question of Communication.” University of Iowa, September 12.

Profession

- 2022-2023 Review Panel, American Sociological Association’s Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) Program
- 2022 Review Panel, National Science Foundation
- 2021-2022 Chair, Theory Prize Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association
- 2020-2021 Review Panel, American Sociological Association’s Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG) Program
- 2019-2020 Chair, Organizations, Occupations and Work Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014-2019 Editor, *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2014 Member, Nominations Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association
- 2014 Member, Best Book Prize Committee, Midwest Sociological Society

- 2011-2013 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*
- 2011-2014 Member, Editorial Board for *Contemporary Sociology*
- 2013 Session Organizer, "Theorizing Context," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August.
- 2012 Organizer and Presider, Author Meets Critic Session for *Social Knowledge in the Making*, eds. Charles Camic, Michele Lamont, and Neil Gross. Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, February 10.
- 2008-2021 Member, Editorial Board for *Sociological Quarterly*
- 2011 Member, ASA Sociology of Law Undergraduate Paper Prize Committee
- 2009-2010 Chair, Publications Committee for Midwest Sociological Society
- 2008-2010 Chair, Membership Committee for the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2010 Invited Participant, Education Conservancy's Exemplary Admissions Meeting, New York University, January 15.
- 2009 Session Organizer, "Qualitative Study of Organizations," panel, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Des Moines, IA, April.
- 2008-2011 Member, Publications Committee for Midwest Sociological Society
- 2007-2008 Member, Membership Committee for the Theory Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2005 Member, Alfred Lindesmith Award Committee for the Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2004 Presider, Organizations Roundtable, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2004 Session Organizer and Discussant, "Ambiguity in the Social World: Forms, Functions, and Dilemmas" panel, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Kansas City, MO, April 15-18.
- 2003-2004 Member, Nominations Committee for the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2003 Chair, "Environment Regulation" panel, Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, PA, June 5-8.
- 2001 Session Organizer and Discussant for "Status and Culture" panel, Annual Meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, St. Louis, MO, April 5-8.

Reviewer (previous five years): Administrative Science Quarterly, American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, American Journal of Education, European Management Review, Israel Science Foundation, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Higher Education, Journal of Management Studies, Organizations and the Environment, Organization Science, Organization Studies, Pine Forge Press, Public Administration, Qualitative Sociology, Research in Sociology of Organizations, Routledge, Social Anthropology, Social Problems, Social Psychological Quarterly, Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Focus, Sociological Forum, Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Theory, Sociology of Education, Work and Occupations.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Midwest Sociological Society