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### Education

- 2018 PhD, Sociology, New York University, New York City  
*Comprehensive Examinations:* Political Sociology, Social Movements and Collective Action  
*Dissertation Title:* “Work Less So More Can Work: France’s 35 Hour Work-week and the Politics of Labor Market Reform”  
*Dissertation Committee:* Vivek Chibber (chair), Jeff Goodwin, Jeff Manza, Richard Lachmann
- 2014 Master of Arts, Sociology, NYU
- 2005 Bachelor of Arts, Columbia University, New York City  
Major: History

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### Areas of Interest

Political Sociology, Labor Markets, European Politics, Comparative Historical Sociology, Labor and Social Movements, Work and Employment, Welfare States, Comparative Political Economy,

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### Selected Research Awards and Grants

- 2016 Travel Grant to attend the *Annual Conference of RC19: Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy*, section of the *International Sociological Association*, Sane Jose, Costa Rica
- 2015 & 2016 NYU Global Research Initiative Fellowship in Paris, France

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### Selected Research Appointments

- 2012 Research Assistant, Professor Vivek Chibber, NYU  
*Conducted research for chapter on “Globalization” in The Sociology Project, Jeff Manza, Richard Arum and Lynne Haney, eds. (New York: Pearson, 2013)*
- 2010 Research Assistant, Professor Patrick Sharkey, NYU

## Academic Publications

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### Articles

- Forthcoming, 2019 “Is there a Future for Socialism in America?” In Claes Brundenius, ed. *Reflections on Democratic Socialism: The Challenge of Growth, Equity and the Environmental Imperative*. Forthcoming from Springer.
- Under Review “Capitalism without Constraints? Wolfgang Streeck and the Crisis of Democratic Capitalism.”

### Book Chapters

- Forthcoming “Institutionalism’s Declining Returns: Variation and Change in the Study of Contemporary Capitalism.” In Jeremy Cohan, Mark Cohen, and Suzy Lee, eds., *Undercurrents: Reclaiming the Sociology of Capitalism for an Age of Neoliberalism and Austerity*.

## Selected General Publications

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- 2016 “A French Spring,” *Jacobin Magazine*
- 2016 “Social Democracy’s Last Rounds,” Interview with Wolfgang Streeck, *Jacobin Magazine*
- 2015 “The Many Lives of François Mitterand,” *Jacobin Magazine*
- 2014 “The Poverty of Culture,” *Jacobin Magazine* (with Paul Heideman)
- 2013 “How Does the Subaltern Speak?” Interview with Vivek Chibber, *Jacobin Magazine*

## Current Projects

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### Working Papers

- “Statutory Change vs. Collective Bargaining in the Reduction of Working Time: The French and German Experiences.”
- “Why Business Wants to Bargain: Employers & Social Dialogue in French Labor Market Reform.”

## Selected Presentations

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- 2016 “Political Contention and Work-Time Reduction in France and Germany.” Presented at the *Social Science History Association Annual Conference*, Chicago, Illinois
- 2016 “The Power of Disorganization: The 35-hour Work-Week and the Politics of Employment in France.” Presented at the *Annual Conference of RC19: Poverty, Social Welfare and Social Policy, section of the International Sociological Association*, San Jose, Costa Rica

- 2013 “Social Democratic Decline and Deteriorating Class Capacities.” Presented at the *Historical Materialism Conference*, London, UK.
- 2013 “Why Arent the French Becoming More German? Divergent Reform Processes in Continental Welfare Regimes during an Era of Institutional Change.” Presented at the *NYU Sociology Department Spring Conference*, New York
- 2012 “Flexicurity, Competitive Corporatism and Welfare State Equity.” Presented at the *NYU Sociology Political Economy Conference*, New York
- 2010 “Communist Parties, Social-Democratic Corporatism, and Welfare State Retrenchment in Western Europe.” Presented at the *Manchester Social Movements Conference*, Manchester, UK

## Professional Societies

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American Sociological Association  
 Social Science History Association  
 International Sociological Association

## Volunteer Positions

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- 2015-Present Contributing Editor, *Jacobin Magazine*
- 2013 Conference Organizing Committee, *NYU Sociology Political Economy Conference*, New York
- 2009-2011 Editorial Collective, *In Critical Sociology*, ASA Labor and Labor Movements Section Newsletter

## Selected Teaching Appointments

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- 2017, Fall Term *The Sociological Imagination*, Lehman College, City University of New York
- 2017, Fall Term *Race and Ethnicity*, Brooklyn College, City University of New York
- 2016, Summer Term *Research Methods*, NYU
- 2014, Spring Term *Social Inequality*, Lehman College, City University of New York
- 2013, Summer Term *Race and Ethnicity*, NYU.

## Selected Teaching Assistant Appointments

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- 2018, Spring Term *Social Movements* with Jeff Goodwin, NYU

- 2015, Spring Term *Introduction to Sociology* with Dalton Conley, NYU
- 2013, Spring Term *Introduction to Sociology* with Harvey Molotch, NYU
- 2012, Spring Term *Environment and Society* with Colin Jerolmack, NYU
- 2011, Fall Term *American Capitalism in Theory and Practice* with Vivek Chibber, NYU
- 2011, Spring Term *Race and Ethnicity* with Ann Morning, NYU
- 2009, Fall Term *Introduction to Sociology*, with Richard Arum , NYU

## Professional References

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