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EMPLOYMENT

- 2015- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Stony Brook University.
Faculty Affiliate, Department of History.
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Asian and Asian-American Studies.
- 2012-2015 Postdoctoral Associate (2012-2014) and Lecturer (2014-2015), Yale University
Department of Sociology and MacMillan Center for International Studies.

EDUCATION

- 2012 Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley. (M.A. Awarded 2006.)
- 2003 B.A. in Sociology, University of Maryland, College Park.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Modernity's Corruption: Empire, Sociability, and Morality in the English East India Company (Under Contract with Columbia University Press.)

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Rev. & Resub. "What do Historical Sociologists do All Day?" (With Damon Mayrl. [\[Link\]](#); Revise and Resubmit to *The American Journal of Sociology*)
- 2018 "The Fixation of (Moral) Belief," *European Journal of Sociology* 59(1), pp. 13-38. (Lead Article.) [\[Link\]](#)
- 2016 "Moral Accounting and the Making of An Imperial Administrative Field: The East India Company in the Late 18th Century," *Sociological Research*. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2015 "A State in Disguise of a Merchant? The English East India Company as a Strategic Action Field, ca. 1763-1834," *Political Power and Social Theory*, vol. 29. [\[Link\]](#)
- 2011 "From Reflection to Refraction: Extractive Administration in British India, circa 1770-1855," *The American Journal of Sociology* 116(5), pp. 1437-1477. [\[Link\]](#)

2012 Charles Tilly Prize for Best Article in Comparative and Historical Sociology (ASA Comparative and Historical Sociology Section).

2011 Best Graduate Student Paper Prize (ASA Political Sociology Section).

2010 Leo Lowenthal Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper (Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley).

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Forthcoming “Cultures of Colonialism.” In the *Handbook of Cultural Sociology, 2nd Edition*, John Hall, Laura Grindstaff, Ming-Cheng Lo (eds.) (First Author, with Lucas Azambuja.)
- 2018 Special issue of *The European Journal of Sociology* on the “Historical Sociology of Morality.” (Co-edited with Stefan Bargheer). [Link](#)
- 2017 “Two Faces of Social-Psychological Realism: A Commentary on ‘Social Perception and Social Reality.’” *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*. (First Author, with Julie Y. Huang.)
- 2015 “Historical Sociology” in the *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2nd Edition*, James Wright (ed.). (First Author, with Julia Adams.)
- 2013 “Sociologies of Empire: Concepts, Continuities and Questions.” *Yale Journal of Sociology*, Volume 10. [Link](#)
- 2007 “Revolutions,” *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*. George Ritzer (ed.) (Second Author, with John Lie.)
- 2005 “Feeling Capitalism: A Conversation with Arlie Hochschild,” *Journal of Consumer Culture* 2005(5), pp. 275-288. (First Author, with Brian Lande.)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

- “Inside the Black Box: The Culture of Method in Historical Sociology” (With Damon Mayrl.)
- “Why Do Ethnographers Attend SSHA? Structural and Methodological Homology in Sociology” (With Damon Mayrl and Matthew Mahler.)
- “The Career of Historical Social Science: Evidence from Book Reviews 1900-2014.” (With Jensen Sass.)

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

- 2018 Faculty Fellow, Humanities Institute Stony Brook. Spring Semester.
- 2014 American Sociological Association Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award for “What Do Historical Sociologists Do All Day?” (With Damon Mayrl.)
- 2012 UC Berkeley Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award.
- 2009-2012 Allan Sharlin Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2010-2011 Chancellor’s Dissertation Year Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
Reinhard Bendix Memorial Fellowship, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley.
- 2009 Erving Goffman Summer Research Fellowship, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley.
- 2008-2009 Dean’s Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
- 2008 Anglo-California Scholarship, Pembroke College, Cambridge University. (Supervised by Professor Sir Christopher Bayly.)
- 2007 *Inequality by Design* Small Research Grant, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley.
- 2004-2008 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship.
- 2003-2005 University Graduate Pre-Doctoral Humanities Fellowship, UC Berkeley.
- 2002 Senior Summer Scholars Research Grant, University of Maryland, College Park.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS (Upcoming dates in parentheses)

- 2018 “The Rise and Fall of Robert Clive: A Relational Theory of Empire and Modern Corruption.” Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University. April.
- 2017 “The Rise and Fall of Robert Clive: A Relational Theory of Empire and Modern Corruption.” Department of Sociology, The New School for Social Research. New York. December.

Respondent for “Culture, Social Ties, and Disaster Politics in East Asia.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Montreal. November.

Respondent for Book Panel, *Soldiers of Empire: Indian and British Armies in World War II*. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. Montreal. November.

Coordinator and Presenter, Realism and Comparison Workshop, University of California, Berkeley. February.

2016 “Modern Revenue, Modern Sovereignty: Framing Struggles and the Turn of the English East India Company, 1757-1783.” SSHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 17th.

Invited Panel Commentator, *Media Cultural Production*. SSHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 19th.

“Inside the Black Box: The Culture of Method in Historical Sociology.” SSHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. November 19th. (With Damon Mayrl.)

Coordinator and Presenter, Realism and Comparison Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Sept. 30-Oct 1.

2015 “Why Do Ethnographers Attend SSHA? Structural and Methodological Homology in Sociology” SSHA annual meeting. Baltimore, November. (With Damon Mayrl and Matthew Mahler.)

“The Career of Historical Social Science: Evidence from Book Reviews 1900-2014.” SSHA annual meeting. Baltimore, November. (With Jensen Sass.)

“Embedding Corruption: Vocabularies of Motive in Organizational Politics.” Invited Lecture at the University of Warwick, Philosophy, Politics, and Economics distinguished speaker series. October 31.

2014 “Organizational Politics and ‘Corruption’ During Late Merchant Colonialism: Some Lessons from Robert Clive’s Career.” Invited Lecture for *Probity and Corruption* workshop, University of Warwick, UK. May 30.

2013 “What Do Historical Sociologists Do All Day? Historical Method in Theory and Practice.” SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago. (With Damon Mayrl.)

“Empire, Corruption and State Formation: A Relational Theory.” SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago.

Invited Response to Wenkai He's *Paths Towards the Modern Fiscal State*. SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago.

“Conceptualizing Britain's Modernity.” Mellon Consortium Conference on *Modernity and British History*, Chicago.

“Taxing Questions: The Politics of Revenue Under Late Merchant Colonialism.” ASA Annual Meeting, Session on Global and Transnational Sociology.

“Keeping Good Company: Why Study Merchant Trading Companies?” The Companies Workshop, Yale University.

Invited Undergraduate Introduction to Historical Sociology, Undergraduate Research Methods Seminar, Wesleyan University.

“What Do Historical Sociologists Do All Day?” Yale Comparative Research Workshop. (With Damon Mayrl.)

2012 “Forging an Imperial Bureaucracy: Colonialism and Moral Order in British India.” University of Texas, Austin Department of Sociology.

“In an Empire State of Mind: Between Networks and Fields in Political Orders.” Junior Theorists Symposium, ASA Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado. (With Adam Slez.)

2011 “Corruption as State Building? The Escalation of Administrative Politics in Early Colonial British India.” Comparative-Historical Panel on *Empires and Civilizations*, ASA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.

“‘The Most Complete Lesson of Self-Command’: East India Politics and Elite Sociability in 18th Century Britain.” The English East India Company and Political Thought Workshop and Symposium, Duke University.

2010 “From Reflection to Refraction: Extractive Administration in British India, ca. 1770-1855.” Harvard University Department of Sociology.

“Ledger, Bench, and Bureau: Exploring Institutional Links between State and Society.” SSHA Annual Meeting Panel, Chicago.

“The Causal Faces of Taxation: From Fisc to Fiscal in British Colonial India.” SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago.

“From Reflection to Refraction: Extractive Administration in British India, ca. 1770-1855.” Princeton University Department of Sociology.

“Does One Size Fit All? US Attempts to Transpose the Anbar Awakening from Iraq to Afghanistan.” (Second Author, with Ryan Calder.) *af-'pä-ki-'stän: The Violent Birth of an Acronym* Colloquium. University of California, Berkeley.

2009 “‘Where Interest and Passion Unite to Confound All Order’: Corruption as State Formation in Early Colonial British India.” SSHA Annual Meeting, Long Beach.

Discussant for Authors-Meet-Critics Panel on Martin, Mehrota and Prasad (Eds.), *The New Fiscal Sociology* at the SSHA Annual Meeting, Long Beach.

“‘Where Interest and Passion Unite to Confound All Order’: Corruption as State Formation in Early Colonial British India.” Comparative Research Workshop, Yale University.

“The Road Not Taken: Causality and Discourse in ‘Republicanism, Liberalism and Empire in Post-Revolutionary France.’” Discussant for the *Transitions to Modernity* Colloquium Series, Yale University.

2008 “‘This Village Revolution’: Extractive Administration in British India, 1784-1834.” SSHA Annual Conference, Miami.

“‘Where Interest and Passion Unite to Confound All Order’: Corruption as State Formation in Early Colonial British India,” Sociology and Empire Mini-Conference, Boston University.

“Habits of Empire: Economies, Moralities, and State Formations in Early Colonial British India,” Mellon Workshop on British Studies, University of California, Berkeley.

2007 “Sociologies of Empire: Concepts, Continuities and Questions,” Sociology Graduate Student Association Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley.

“‘The State in Disguise of a Merchant’: Cultures of Extraction in British India, 1783-1834,” *The Thunder of History: Taxation in Historical and Comparative Perspective*, Northwestern University.

2005 “Indian Administration and English State Building,” Mellon Consortium Conference on British Studies, University of California, Berkeley. September.

TEACHING

Course Title	Stony Brook	Previously
Introduction to Sociology	F17(U) ; S17(U); F16(U)	05(U)*
Classical Theory	F16(G); S16(U); F15(U)	12(U)*; 11(U)*
Contemporary Theory	S17(G)	
Historical Sociology	F17(G)	S13(G)
The Sociology of Science Fiction	S17(U)	
Political Sociology		S15(U)
Historical Sociology of Knowledge		F14(G)
Empire? Contemporary American Power in Historical and Comparative Perspective		S14(U)
Evaluation of Evidence		10(U)*
“G” = Graduate Course; “U” = Undergraduate Course; “*” = Teaching Assistant for Course		

FORMAL MENTORSHIP

2009-2010 Mentor, Department Honors Graduate Mentorship Program.

2007-2008 Organizer and Mentor, Departmental Honors Graduate Mentorship Program.

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2017- Communications Committee, Department of Sociology.

2017- Co-organizer, Working Paper Series, Department of Sociology.

2016- Co-organizer, Colloquium Series, Department of Sociology.

2016- Co-organizer, Initiative in Historical Social Science, Stony Brook Departments of History and Sociology.

2017 Ad-Hoc Website Revision Committee, Stony Brook Department of Sociology.

- 2016-2017 Recruitment Committee, Targeted Senior Hire for Center for India Studies, Stony Brook University.
- 2016-2017 Department of Sociology Executive Committee, Stony Brook University.
- 2016-2017 Department of Sociology Track Paper Committee, Stony Brook University.

DISCIPLINARY AND INTERDISCIPLINARY SERVICE

- 2017-2018 Book Award Committee, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- Nominations Committee, Comparative-Historical Section, American Sociological Association.
- Reinhard Bendix Best Graduate Paper Awards Committee, Comparative-Historical Section, American Sociological Association.
- Culture Network Co-coordinator, Social Science History Association.
- 2015-2017 Coordinator of workshop series on “Realism and Comparative Methods.” (With Damon Mayrl.)
- 2016 Co-organizer of Social Science History Association Panel on Sovereignty. (With Victoria Reyes.)
- 2015 Co-organizer of Early Career Mentoring Lunch at ASA Annual Meeting (74 graduate students and faculty).
- 2014 Co-organizer of Early Career Mentoring Lunch at ASA Annual Meeting (55 graduate students and postdocs; 18 faculty).
- ASA Global and Transnational Section Roundtable Organizer.
- Co-organizer of ASA Political Sociology Panel: “Re-Conceptualizing the Politics of Corruption.” (With Siri Colom).
- 2013 Co-organizer of Early Career Mentoring Lunch at ASA Annual Meeting (90 graduate students and postdocs; 18 faculty).
- ASA Global and Transnational Section Roundtable Organizer.

- 2007-2011 Head Editor and Lead Designer, Departmental Undergraduate Writing Guide. (1st Edition 2007; 2nd Edition 2011.) Designed accompanying Instructor's Manual.
- 2006-2010 Graduate Student Wiki Steering Committee.
- 2009 Social Science History Association Committee for Graduate Student Participation.
- Spring 2006 Student Coordinator, Graduate Student Recruitment.
- 2004 Business Manager, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*.
- 2003-2004 Graduate Student Editor, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*.

Reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Social Problems*, *Political Power and Social Theory*, *Poetics*, *Routledge Press*, *Social Forces*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Sociological Theory* and *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Social Science History Association

North American Conference on British Studies

Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

REFERENCES

Available on request.

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