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PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2016- ASSISTANT PROFESSOR of Sociology and Latin American and Caribbean Studies,
University of Georgia

EDUCATION

2017 PhD BROWN UNIVERSITY, Sociology
NSF-IGERT Doctoral Fellow, Program in Development & Inequality in the Global South
Visiting Doctoral Scholar, El Colegio de México

2010 MA NEW SCHOOL UNIVERSITY, International Affairs & Development

2002 BA SARAH LAWRENCE COLLEGE, Liberal Arts

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles

2018 “The Retreat to Method: The Aftermath of Elite Concession to Civil Society in India and Mexico”. *Studies in Comparative International Development*. (with T. Vithayathil and C. de Leon).

2017 “Expert for a Day: Theory and the tailored craft of ethnography”. *Ethnography* 18(3): 322-344. (with M. Rodríguez-Muñiz and G. Baiocchi).

2013 “Actor-Network Theory and the Ethnographic Imagination: An exercise in translation”. *Qualitative Sociology* 36(4): 323-341. (with G. Baiocchi and M. Rodríguez-Muñiz).

Edited Volumes

2013 “Reassembling Ethnography: Actor-Network Theory and Sociology”. *Qualitative Sociology* 36(4). (with G. Baiocchi and M. Rodríguez-Muñiz).

Under Review

“Beyond Digital Methods: Reimagining Sociological Narrative, Representational and Interactive Possibilities for a Digital Age” (w/ Jamie McPike) Revise and Resubmit to *The Sociological Review*

“Toward a Measure of 21st Century Developmental State Capacity” (w/ Marcelo Bohrt and Patrick Heller) Revise and Resubmit to *Sociology of Development*

Manuscripts in Progress (Drafts Available)

“Randomized Control Trials, Evidence and the Infrastructuring of Policy Accountability”
“Toward a Critical Policy Sociology”
“The Cultural Work of State Experts” (with Luciana de Souza Leão)

PUBLIC & POLICY SOCIOLOGY

*Projects**

- 2018 Office of Institutional Diversity, University of Georgia. [“Diversity and Inclusion at UGA: Stories of Campus Life”](#). Athens, GA.
- 2016 Office of Innovation, City of Providence. [MetroLab Project](#): Collaborative Ethnography & Applied Research & Storytelling Policy Lab. Providence, RI.
- 2015 Bloomberg Philanthropies/Living Cities: Government Innovation Teams Initiative. Ethnography for Policy & Innovation Workshop. New York, NY.
- 2013 US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Sustainable Communities Initiative: Southern Nevada Strong, Ethnography for Policy Research Workshop. Las Vegas, NV.
- Winner of the [2016 National Planning Excellence Award for Public Outreach](#).

**All projects listed were collaborative, will provide list of collaborators upon request.*

Public Writing

- 2016 [“Communicating Innovation: Why Cities and Universities Need a New Kind of Dialogue”](#). *The Huffington Post*. August 14, 2016. (w. J. McPike and N. Pollock).
- [“Little Data, Big Solutions: How Cities and Universities Can Create More Meaningful and Equitable Policy”](#). *The Huffington Post*. September 5, 2016. (w. J. McPike and N. Pollock).
- [“Engaging Students, Engaging Communities: How Students Enhance City-University Collaborations”](#). *The Huffington Post*. November 20, 2016. (w. J. McPike and N. Pollock).
- [“Inequality in Latin America: Drivers, Dimensions & New Directions”](#) [Decreasing Inequality in Latin America: Are the Good Times Over?](#) Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs & The Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University.
- 2015 “Resilient Communities and Distressed Neighborhoods” Final Report for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Southern Nevada Strong Initiative. “Executive Summary” in [Southern Nevada Strong Regional Plan](#). (w. G. Baiocchi, J. Lotesta and M. Rodríguez-Muñiz).

Digital Publications/Presentations

- 2015 [“Providence Itineraries”](#). Multi-media public art installation. For Rock the Block [The Avenue Concept](#). Providence, RI. (w. O. Sosa López).

- 2012 [“A Cartography of the 21st Century Developmental State”](#). Video Poster.
Presented to NSF-IGERT [Video & Poster Competition](#) To Promote the Understanding
and Dissemination of Scientific Ideas. (w. M. Bohrt).
NSF-IGERT Research Poster & Video Competition, Judges Choice Award Winner.
Featured in [“Sharing Science Research in the Age of Social Media”](#), *Scientific American*.
May 20, 2013.

AWARDS, GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 LACSI Ambassador Faculty Travel Award, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute,
University of Georgia
Digital Studies Initiative Start-Up Grant, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute,
University of Georgia
Faculty Research Grant, Office of Research and the Willson Center for Humanities and Arts,
University of Georgia
Building a Digital Humanities Course Award, DIGILab, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts,
University of Georgia
- 2017 Lilly Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia
Faculty Seminar Program Grant, Willson Center for Humanities and Arts, University of Georgia
LACSI Ambassador Faculty Travel Award, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute,
University of Georgia
- 2016 Teaching Academy Fellow, University of Georgia
Engaged Scholarship Course Development Grant, Brown University
- 2015 Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Interdisciplinary Opportunity, Dissertation
Completion Fellowship, Brown University
Sheridan Center for Teaching & Learning, Interdisciplinary Opportunity, Dissertation Completion
Fellowship, Brown University (declined)
- 2014 Dissertation Completion Fellowship, Brown University
Graduate School International Travel Award, Brown University
- 2013 NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
Dissertation Fieldwork Fellowship, Brown University
Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences Senior Fellow, Brown University
Feinberg Family Award for Graduate Student Education, Brown University
Spatial Structures in the Social Science Travel Award, Brown University
- 2012 NSF-IGERT Research Poster & Video Competition Judges Choice Award Winner
- 2010-
2013 NSF-IGERT Doctoral Fellow, Program in Development & Inequality in the Global South
- 2009 Graduate Student Fellowship, Brown University
- 2006 International Affairs' Chair Tuition Scholarship, New School University
Graduate Program in International Affairs Fieldwork Grant, New School University
Julian Studley International Fieldwork Fellowship, New School University

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Invited Talks

- 2017 “Ethnography of Expertise and Infrastructures as a Tool for the Analysis of Public Policy”
Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá Colombia.

Conference Participation

- 2018 “The Cultural Work of Experts” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting: Barcelona,
Spain.

- 2017 “Making Data Public” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting: Washington D.C.
- “Making Data Public” Lessons from the Field, Data & Society Institute: New York, New York
- “Making Data Democratic” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting: Montreal, Canada
- “Digital Devices, Representational Affordances, and Sociological Knowledge-Making” (with J. McPike) Media Sociology Preconference: Montreal, Canada.
- “Retreat to Method: The Aftermath of Elite Concession to Civil Society in India and Mexico” (with T. Vithayathil and C. de Leon) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Montreal, Canada.
- “How RCTs Became Best Practice” Development in the Face of Global Inequalities, Institut Barcelona D’Estudis Internacionals, Spain.
- “Doing Digital Ethnography: Sociological Accounts, Reflexivity and Public Intervention” (with J. McPike) Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA.
- 2016 “Infrastructures of Social Development”, Going Beyond Governance: New Research Directions on States and Citizens in the Global South, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- “Engaged Research/Engaged Publics: New Approaches to Teaching Applied Policy Research” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting: Boston, MA.
- 2015 “Rigor, Rights and the Real World: Poverty Indicators as Composite and Compromise” Science History Association Annual Meeting: Baltimore, MD.
- “Experiment as Statecraft” Workshop on Science, Knowledge and Technology, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- “Experiment as Statecraft: Poverty Policy Experiments and the Democratization of the Mexican State” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL.
- “Retrofitting & Repair: Everyday Practices of Technical Policymaking” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting: San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2014 “Proof & Promise of Democracy: The Making of Poverty & Policy Expertise in Mexico” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting: Toronto, Canada.
- “Expert for a Day: Toward an Ethnography of Interventions” (with G. Baiocchi and M. Rodríguez-Muñiz) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: San Francisco, CA.
- “Policy Devices & State Infrastructuring” 10th Annual Stony Brook Ethnography Conference: Stony Brook, NY.
- “Equitable Development and Urban Ethnography” American Planning Association National Planning Conference: Atlanta, GA.
- 2013 “Drafting Experts: State Reform, Social Policy and the Promise of Democratization in Mexico” The Society for the Advancement of Socio Economics, Regional Conference: Mexico City.
- “Informing Development & Imagining Democracy: Policy Evaluation Expertise in Mexico” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL.

“The Art of Attraction: Toward a Sociology of Knowledge-in-Action” (with G. Baiocchi and M. Rodríguez-Muñiz) Social Science History Association Annual Meeting: Chicago, IL.

“Inscriptions-in-Action: Materiality, Politics and Knowledge” (with G. Baiocchi and M. Rodríguez-Muñiz) American Sociological Association Annual Meeting: New York, NY.

“*Lo que se mide se puede mejorar*: The Politics of Mexico’s Official Poverty Measure” Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting: Washington DC.

“State Capacity & Transformation in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Toward a Middle Class Developmental State” (with M. Bohrt). American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting: Los Angeles, CA.

“Representatives and their Publics: Revisiting the Knowledge-Politics Link” (with G. Baiocchi & M. Rodríguez-Muñiz). Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting: Boston, MA.

2012 “A Cartography of the 21st Century Developmental State” (with M. Bohrt) NSF-IGERT 2012 Poster Competition: Washington DC.

“Enhancing Capabilities in Post-Apartheid South Africa: Toward a Spatial Measure of Stat Impact” (with M. Bohrt) Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting: New York, NY.

2011 “Urban Transformation in South Africa” (with M. Bohrt): 9th Annual WBCA Conference, Population Studies Training Center, Brown University.

“What’s best for agriculture is (not) best for all: A political ethnography of local policy-work” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting: Philadelphia, PA.

Conference Organization & Related Service

2018 Mini-Conference Co-organizer: “The How and Why of Policymaking in Latin America”; Discussant for “Global Ethnographic Perspectives”, Latin American Studies Association, Barcelona, Spain.

2017 Discussant: “Politics and Power in Latin America” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

Mini-Conference Co-organizer: “Circulating and Contesting Latin American Policy Knowledge”; Panel Organizer for “Policy Learning and Policy Narratives” and “Institutions and Urban Policy Models” Latin American Studies Association, Lima, Peru.

2015 Discussant: “The Materiality of Culture?” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

Mini-Conference Co-organizer: “Ethnography of Contemporary Latin American States”; Panel Chair “Between Rights & Regulation: Birth, Borders, Bodies and Biotech” Latin American Studies Association, Puerto Rico.

Workshop Organizer: “Dissertations in Progress” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, Brown University.

2013 Panel Chair & Organizer: “Expertise and Statecraft in the Americas: Comparative Perspectives on Policymaking and Politics” Latin American Studies Association, Washington D.C.

2012 Conference Convener: “New Approaches to Poverty Inequality Alleviation in the Global South”
Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.

Workshop Co-convener: “Mellon Graduate Workshop in Sociology of Expertise” Brown University.

TEACHING

University of Georgia

Instructor of Record

Political Sociology: Politics & Anti-Politics (undergraduate and graduate seminars)

Sociological Theory (undergraduate)

Introduction to Latin American & Caribbean Studies (undergraduate)

Storytelling for Social Policy Lab (undergraduate and graduate seminar)

Awarded the Build a Digital Course Grant, DIGI Lab, UGA 2018

Brown University

Instructor of Record

Engaging Research / Engaging Publics: The Science and Craft of Applied Policy Research

Awarded the Engaged Scholarship Course Development Grant, Brown University, 2016

Selected as a City of Providence-Brown University MetroLab Program Project

Featured by the Sunlight Foundation/What Works Cities blog, “[Engagement 101: Providence and Brown University showcase a data-driven partnership](#)” August 15, 2016.

Global Development; Thesis Writing in Development Studies; Food Fights: The Global Politics of Food;
Graduate Seminar in Political Ethnography & Qualitative Methodologies

Teaching Assistant

Globalization and Social Conflict (with Patrick Heller)

Invited Short Courses & Workshops

Ethnography of and for Public Policy. Universidad de los Andes (July 2017)

Ethnography of the State. Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú. (August 2015).

Research & Field Work in Action. Centro de Estudios Sociológicos, El Colegio de México. (March 2013).

Research Ethics and Social Responsibility. El Colegio de México, Mexico DF. (May 2013).

Urban Ethnography Research Clinic. University of Nevada, Las Vegas. (June 2013).

Qualitative Methods for Urban Research. Universidad Iberoamericana, Mexico, DF. (October 2013).

Measuring Inequality Spatially: GIS in Research and Policy. Brown University (January 2012).

Training & Certification

2016-2017 Teaching Academy Fellow, University of Georgia

Teaching and Learning with Digital Humanities, Faculty Learning Community, Center for

Teaching and Learning, University of Georgia

2014-2015 Certificate Program in Reflexive Teaching Practice, Sheridan Center for Teaching and

Learning at Brown University

Teaching & Technology Winter Institute, Brown University

ACADEMIC ADVISING

University of Georgia

Master’s Thesis Committee Member

Ashley Meadow (Sociology 2018)

Qualifying Exam Committee Member

Jeff Patterson (Political Sociology; Technology & Media Globalization 2018)

Brown University

Advisor: Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Merone Tadesse (Development Studies & Sociology, 2016)

Austin K. Cole (Development Studies & Latin American Studies, 2015)

Brienne Ellis (Development Studies, 2015)

Annie Sholar (Development Studies & Latin American Studies, 2015)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial

Co-editor of the ASA Culture Section Newsletter. (2017)

Managing Editor, *Studies in Comparative International Development*, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University (2014-2015)

Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Qualitative Sociology*; *Debates en Sociología*; *Journal of Public Policy*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *Social Problems*; *Journal of Latin American Studies*

Service to The University of Georgia

Executive Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (2016-)

Faculty Advisory Board Member, Willson Center for Arts and Humanities (2018-2021)

Coordinator, Digital Studies Initiative, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (2018-)

Young Dawgs Mentor, University of Georgia (2017-2018)

Faculty Evaluation Committee, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Institute (2017)

Colloquium Committee Chair, Department of Sociology (2016-2018)

Service to Brown University

Sociology Department Committee on Diversity Member (2014-2016)

Graduate Assistant: Brown International Advance Research Institute (BIARI) on Climate Change. (2011)

Sociology Department Committee on Professional Development Member (2010-2011)

Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies, Sociology Department Liaison (2009-2011)

PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH & CONSULTING

2008-2010 Population Council: Poverty, Gender and Youth Program, Research Assistant & Consultant. New York, NY.

2008 African Services Committee: Monitoring & Evaluation Assistant. Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

2004-2008 CASA at Columbia University: Health & Treatment Research Division, Research Coordinator. New York, NY.

MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association

Latin American Studies Association

Social Science History Association

LANGUAGE

English & Spanish: Native Speaker