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## Employment

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2013– Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia.  
2011–2013 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for the Study of Social  
Organization, Princeton University.

## Education

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2011 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison.  
Dissertation: “The Changing Context of Electoral Politics in the  
American West, 1861–1896”  
Committee: John Levi Martin (co-chair), Katherine J. Curtis  
(co-chair), Erik Olin Wright, Ivan Ermakoff

2005 M.S. Sociology, University of Wisconsin, Madison.

2003 B.A. Sociology and Political Science, Ohio Wesleyan University.  
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa

## Research and Teaching Interests

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Comparative-Historical Sociology, Political Sociology, Quantitative Methods and Statistics, Spatial Data Analysis, Network Analysis.

## Publications

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2007 Slez, Adam and John Levi Martin. “Political Action and Party  
Formation in the United States Constitutional Convention.”  
*American Sociological Review* 72: 42–67.

2014 Quark, Amy A. and Adam Slez. “Interstate Competition and  
Chinese Ascendancy: The Political Construction of the Global  
Cotton Market, 1973–2012.” *International Journal of Comparative  
Sociology* 55: 269–293.

Forthcoming Slez, Adam, Heather A. O’Connell and Katherine J. Curtis. “A Note  
on the Identification of Constant Geographies.” *Sociological Methods  
and Research*.

## Under Review

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“Market-Building and the Ecology of Political Contention in the American West, 1890–1896.”

“Some Provisional Techniques for Quantifying the Degree of Field Effect in Social Data” (with John Levi Martin and Chad Borkenhagen).

## In Progress

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“Race, Riches, and the Nationalization of Social Cleavages in the American Political Field, 1956–2008” (with John Levi Martin and Alexander L. Janus).

“Entity Processes and the Comparative Method.”

“Network Multiplexity and the Infrastructural Determinants of Population Growth on the Northern Great Plains, 1880–1930” (with Katherine J. Curtis).

“In An Empire State of Mind: Networks and Fields in Political Orders” (with Nicholas Hoover Wilson).

## Book Reviews

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2005            Review of *Young Patriots*, Charles Cerami. In *History: Reviews of New Books*, Winter 2006.

## Conference Papers

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“Decomposing the Effects of Spatial and Infrastructural Connectivity on the Development of the Northern Plains,” presented with Katherine J. Curtis at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 16–19, 2014, San Francisco.

“In An Empire State of Mind: Networks and Fields in Political Orders,” presented with Nicholas Hoover Wilson at the American Sociological Association Junior Theorists Symposium, August 16, 2012, Denver.

“Network Multiplexity and Infrastructural Determinants of Population Growth on the Northern Great Plains, 1880–1930,” presented with Katherine J. Curtis at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, November 17–20, 2011, Boston.

“Chinese Ascendancy and the Political Construction of the Global Cotton Market,” presented with Amy A. Quark at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 20–23, 2011, Las Vegas.

“State-Building and the Emergence of Political Fields,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, November 18–21, 2010, Chicago.

“The Changing Context of Electoral Politics in the American West, 1861–1896,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, November 12–15, 2009, Long Beach.

“The Changing Context of Electoral Politics in the American West, 1861–1896,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 8–11, 2009, San Francisco.

“Towards a Narrative Model of the Developmental State: The Civil War and the Political Foundations of Capitalist Agriculture in the United States,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, July 30–August 2, Madison.

“Introduction to Demographic Research Using Aggregated ACS Data for Ecological Regression: Changes in County Poverty,” presented with Katherine J. Curtis and Jennifer Huck at the Annual Meetings of the Population Association of America, April 30–May 2, 2009, Detroit.

“A Field Theoretic Interpretation of Partisan Realignment and the Consolidation of Republican Power in the American West, 1890–1910,” presented at the Annual Meetings of the Social Science History Association, October 23–26, 2008, Miami.

“Political Action and Party Formation in the United States Constitutional Convention,” presented with John Levi Martin at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association, August 30–September 2, 2007, Chicago.

“Political Action and Party Formation in the United States Constitutional Convention,” presented with John Levi Martin at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, August 13–17, 2006, Montreal.

## **Invited Presentations**

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“Creating Packages for Personal Use,” presented at the University of Virginia, UVA R Users Group, September 8, 2015.

“Spatial Analysis,” presented at the University of Virginia, StatLab, February 20 and 27, 2014.

“Entity Processes and the Comparative Method,” presented at Yale University, Center for Comparative Research, Comparative Research Workshop, December 3, 2014.

“Network Multiplexity and Infrastructural Determinants of Population Growth on the Northern Great Plains, 1880–1930,” presented with Katherine J. Curtis at the University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative Brownbag, November 6, 2014.

“An Initially Promising Approach to Measuring the Degree of Organization in Social Fields,” presented with John Levi Martin and Chad Borckenhagen at the University of California-Berkeley, Center for Culture, Organization, and Politics Conference on Quantifying Social Fields Conference, April 20–21, 2012.

“State-Building and the Emergence of Political Fields,” presented at Princeton University, Center for the Study of Social Organization Workshop, October 3, 2011.

“Market-Building and the Ecology of Political Contention in the American West, 1890–1896,” presented at Princeton University, Economic Sociology Workshop, October 3, 2011.

“A Vaguely Field-Theoretic Approach to the Question of the Nationalization of Politics Yields Some Initially Surprising Conclusions,” presented with John Levi Martin and Alexander L. Janus, University of Chicago, American Politics Workshop, April 6, 2009.

“Thinking about Spatial Processes: Heterogeneity and Dependence,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Center for Demography and Ecology Data and Methods Working Group, April 2, 2009.

“How Can We Ever Get Ahead if We Continue to Regress?,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, School of Education/WCER Tuesday Lecture Series, February 10, 2009.

“A Field Theoretic Interpretation of Partisan Realignment and the Consolidation of Republican Power in the American West, 1890–1910,” presented at the Chicago Colloquium on Local Politics, December 3, 2008.

“A Field Theoretic Interpretation of Partisan Realignment and the Consolidation of Republican Power in the American West, 1890–1910,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Politics, Culture, and Society Workshop, October 7, 2008.

“A Vaguely Field-Theoretic Approach to the Question of the Nationalization of Politics Yields Some Initially Surprising Conclusions,” presented with John Levi Martin and Alexander L. Janus at the University of California-Berkeley, Survey Research Center, April 22, 2008.

“Local Political Processes and the Consolidation of Republican Power in the United States, 1890–1896,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Politics, Culture and Society Workshop, March 11, 2008.

“Spatial Determinants of Northern Political Hegemony in the United States, 1861–1896,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Politics, Culture, and Society Workshop, April 18, 2006.

“The Material Foundations of Navajo Identity,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology of Economic Change and Development Workshop, April 29, 2005.

“What Were They Thinking?: The Influence of Principle and Interest on the Constitutional Choice Process,” presented at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Politics, Culture, and Society Workshop, February 15, 2005.

## Awards

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- 2011 Kolb Award, Department of Community and Environmental Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2010 Graduate Student Peer Mentor Award, Multicultural Graduate Network, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2006 Distinction, Preliminary Examination in Comparative-Historical Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2003 University Honors, Ohio Wesleyan University.
- 2003 Departmental Honors in Sociology, Ohio Wesleyan University.
- 2003 Dr. Charlotte Wolf Academic Achievement Award, Ohio Wesleyan University.
- 2002 Hough Award, Ohio Wesleyan University.
- 2002 Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honor Society.
- 2002 Phi Sigma Alpha, National Honor Society for Politics and Government.
- 2000 Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.
- 1999–2003 Presidential Scholarship, Ohio Wesleyan University.

## Teaching

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- Statistics for Sociologists II, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall 2010.
- The Sociology of American Political History, Princeton University, Spring 2012.
- Research Design and Methods, University of Virginia, Fall 2013.
- Introduction to Social Statistics, University of Virginia, Spring 2014.
- Social Movements, University of Virginia, Spring 2014.
- Intermediate Statistics, University of Virginia, Spring 2015.
- Political Sociology, University of Virginia, Spring 2015.
- Introduction to Statistics, University of Virginia, Fall 2015.
- Networks and Society, University of Virginia, Fall 2015.

## Advising

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### *Advisor*

Mike Ed Fowler

### *Reader*

Kara Dewhurst

Joris Gjata

Andrew Lynn

Tünde Cserpes (University of Illinois-Chicago)

## Professional and Departmental Service

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### *Departmental*

Member of the Colloquium Committee, University of Virginia, 2013–2015.

### *University*

Member of the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee, University of Virginia, Data Science Institute, 2014.

Member of the Steering Committee, University of Virginia, Quantitative Collaborative, 2014–2015.

### *National*

Member of the American Sociological Association (2003–present), Social Science History Association (2008–present).

Presider on Economic Sociology roundtable at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association (2012, 2014).

Reviewer for the *American Journal of Sociology*, the *American Sociological Review*, the *American Political Science Review*, *Historical Sociology*, *Qualitative Sociology*, and *Sociological Theory*.