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Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT

2022-present	Associate Professor Department of Sociology University at Albany, SUNY
2016-2022	Assistant Professor Department of Sociology University at Albany, SUNY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2016
M.A. Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2012
M.A. Political Science, University of Georgia, 2009
B.A. Political Science, Georgia State University, 2006

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2026 Baranik, Lisa, **Brandon Gorman**, Charles Seguin, and Howard Schubiner. "Threats to Social Safety and Pain: A Global Study." *Journal of Pain* (forthcoming).
- 2026 Atac, Ibrahim Enes, Charles Seguin, and **Brandon Gorman**. "Cultural Solidarity, Economic Threat: How Discrimination Influences Anti-Immigrant Attitudes." *Current Sociology* (forthcoming).
- 2026 Atac, Ibrahim Enes, Charles Seguin, and **Brandon Gorman**. "The Wages of Ethnic Power: Socioeconomic Status, Group Threat, and Anti-Immigrant Attitudes in Europe." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (forthcoming).

- 2026 Jo, Hyerim, Masahiro Yamamoto, and **Brandon Gorman**. "Climate Change in Local Opinion Journalism: A Computational Analysis of U.S. Newspaper Coverage, 2013–2020." *Climatic Change* 179(105):1-21.
- 2023 Baranik, Lisa E., **Brandon Gorman**, and Natalie Wright. "Wasta and Its Relationship to Employment Status and Income in the Arab Middle East." *Current Sociology* 71(5):830-847.
- 2023 Rousseau, David L., **Brandon Gorman**, and Lisa Baranik. "Crossing the Line: Disgust, Dehumanization, and Human Rights Violations." *Socius* 9:1-16.
- 2022 Dalal, Dev K., Jason G. Randal, Ho Kwan Cheung, **Brandon Gorman**, Sylvia G. Roch, and Kevin J. Williams. "Is There Bias in Alternatives to Standardized Tests? An Investigation into Content Differences in Letters of Recommendation by Race, Gender, and Degree Program." *International Journal of Testing* 22(1):21-42.
- 2020 **Gorman, Brandon** and Charles Seguin. "Who Supports Global Cooperation? Cooperative-Internationalism at the Intersection of Social Class and Economic Development." *Sociological Science* 7:570-598.
- 2019 Kurzman, Charles, Willa Dong, **Brandon Gorman**, Karam Hwang, Renee Ryberg, and Batool Zaidi. "Women's Assessments of Gender Equality." *Socius* 5:1-13.
- 2019 **Gorman, Brandon**, Ijlal Naqvi, and Charles Kurzman. "Who Doesn't Want Democracy? A Multi-level Analysis of Elite and Mass Attitudes." *Sociological Perspectives* 62(3):261-281.
- 2019 **Gorman, Brandon**. "Global Norms vs. Global Actors: International Politics, Muslim Identity, and Support for Shari'a." *Sociological Forum* 34(1):91-114.
- 2018 **Gorman, Brandon** and Charles Seguin. "World Citizens on the Periphery: Threat and Identification with Global Society." *American Journal of Sociology* 124(3):705-761.
→ *Outstanding Published Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity.*
- 2018 Baranik, Lisa E., **Brandon Gorman**, and William Wales. "What Makes Muslim Women Entrepreneurs Successful? A Field Study Examining Religiosity and Social Capital in Tunisia." *Sex Roles* 78(3-4):208-219.
- 2018 **Gorman, Brandon**. "The Myth of the Secular-Islamist Divide in Muslim Politics: Evidence from Tunisia." *Current Sociology* 66(1):145-164.
- 2016 **Gorman, Brandon**. "Appropriating Democratic Discourse in North Africa." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 57(5):288-309.
- 2015 **Gorman, Brandon** and Charles Seguin. "Reporting the International System: Attention to Foreign Leaders in the US News Media, 1950-2008." *Social Forces* 94(2):775-799.
- 2015 **Gorman, Brandon**. "The Case for Cognitive Interviewing Techniques in the Post-Arab Spring Environment." *Middle East Law and Governance* 7(1):50-60.

Other Publications

- 2025 **Gorman, Brandon**. “Review of *Charm: How Magnetic Personalities Shape Global Politics* by Julia Sonnevend,” *Social Forces* 103(3): e1-e2.
- 2021 Jackson, Sam, **Brandon Gorman**, and Mayuko Nakatsuka. “QAnon on Twitter: An Overview.” *George Washington University Institute for Data, Democracy & Politics*, March 3. [https://iddp.gwu.edu/qanon-twitter-overview]
- 2019 **Gorman, Brandon** and Charles Seguin. “What Conservatives Get Wrong About Cosmopolitans.” *Washington Post*, July 27. [http://washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/07/27/what-conservatives-gets-wrong-about-cosmopolitans/]

Research in Progress

Seguin, Charles, Yongjun Zhang, and **Brandon Gorman**. “How Culture is Coherent: The Reproduction of Gendered Naming Aesthetics in the United States, 1860-2016.” Under review at *Social Forces*.

Baranik, Lisa, Baylor Graham, How Kwan Cheung, and **Brandon Gorman**. “Life-Course Adversity and Stigmatization: A Process Model of Persistent Workplace Vulnerability.”

Lisa Baranik, Dev Dalal, and **Brandon Gorman**. “Unemployment Across 60 Countries: Affective Distress is Universal, Pain is Not.”

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

Role: Principal Investigator

Project: “Pious Politics: Political Theology in the Arab World and Beyond”

Source: American Institute for Maghrib Studies

Time Period: 8/1/2013 – 5/1/2014

Total Funding: \$15,000

University at Albany

Role: Principal Investigator

Project: “Understanding Ethnocentrism: Creating a Global Dataset Linking Ethnic Inequality to Attitudes and Identities”

Source: University at Albany (FRAP-A)

Time Period: 5/1/2019 – 4/30/2021

Total Funding: \$10,000

Proposals not Funded

Role: Principal Investigator

Project: “Tunisia’s Place in a Globalizing World”

Source: Fulbright Scholar Program

Time Period: 1/1/2023 – 5/31/2023

Total Funding: \$45,000

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Roger Finke, Principal Investigator)

Project: “Building a Foundation for Quality Research on Religion”

Source: John Templeton Foundation

Time Period: 5/15/2020 – 5/14/2023

Total Funding: \$2,350,000

Role: Co-Principal Investigator (Charles Seguin, Principal Investigator)

Project: “Global Solidarity and Spiritual Development in Response to Terrorist Violence”

Source: John Templeton Foundation

Time Period: 1/1/2017 – 1/1/2019

Total Funding: \$184,000

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2020 Dean’s Award for Outstanding Achievement in Teaching, College of Arts and Sciences, University at Albany, SUNY.
- 2019 Outstanding Published Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity.
- 2012 Distinction, Sociological Theory Comprehensive Examination, UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2012 Distinction, Political Sociology Comprehensive Examination, UNC-Chapel Hill.
- 2011 Graduate Certificate in Middle East Studies, Duke-UNC Middle East Studies Consortium.

INVITED TALKS

- 2020 Who Supports Global Cooperation? Cooperative-Internationalism at the Intersection of Social Class and Economic Development, Sociology Culture and Politics Workshop, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 18.
- 2019 World Citizens on the Periphery: Threat and Global Identification, Department of Sociology, Boston College, October 9.
- 2017 Muslim Identity and the Global Order, Department of Middle Eastern Studies, King’s College London, March 21.

- 2012 Goodbye Mubarak!, Middle East Studies Center, Duke University, March 14.
- 2011 Discourses of Democracy in Authoritarian Contexts: The Case of Ben ‘Ali, Middle East Studies Center, Duke University, February 2.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

- 2026 Threats to Social Safety and Pain: A Global Study (with Lisa E. Baranik, Charles Seguin, and Howard Schubiner), American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 7-11.
- 2026 Unemployment Across 60 Countries: Affective Distress is Universal, Pain is Not (with Lisa E. Baranik and Dev K. Dalal), Academy of Management, Philadelphia, PA, July 31-August 4.
- 2025 Correlates of Pain Worldwide (with Lisa E. Baranik and Charles Seguin), Association for the Treatment of Neuropathic Symptoms (ATNS), Boulder, CO, September 27-October 1.
- 2024 Varieties of Group Threat: Ethnic Group Position, Individual-Level Status, and Anti-Immigrant Sentiments (with Ibrahim Enes Atac and Charles Seguin), American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 10-13.
- 2023 How Culture is Coherent: The Reproduction of Gendered Naming Aesthetics in the United States 1880-2016 (with Charles Seguin and Yongjun Zhang), American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 18-21.
- 2021 The Global Diffusion of Distinctly American Conspiracy Theories (with Sam Jackson and Mayuko Nakatsuka), International Studies Association, Virtual Platform, April 6-9.
- 2020 The Global Diffusion of Distinctly American Conspiracy Theories (with Sam Jackson and Mayuko Nakatsuka), Council for European Studies, Reykjavik, Iceland, June 22-24.
[Cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2019 How Cultural Objects Embody Gender Beliefs: Evidence from the Dictionary Meanings of Given Names, 1880-2016 (with Charles Seguin), American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-13.
- 2019 Crossing the Line: The Disgust Threshold and Violations of Human Rights (with David L. Rousseau), International Studies Association, Toronto, Canada, March 26-30.
- 2018 ‘We Will Surely Return to Chaos’: Disillusionment in the Aftermath of Tunisia's Arab Spring (with Dana Moss), Middle East Studies Association, San Antonio, TX, November 15-18.
- 2018 Discussant: “Computational Social Science, Culture, and Cultural Analysis,” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.

- 2018 Women on Gender Equality (with Willa Dong, Karam Hwang, Charles Kurzman, Renee Ryberg, and R. Batool Zaidi), American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.
- 2018 Cooperative Internationalism at the Intersection of Social Class and Economic Development (with Charles Seguin), American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.
- 2017 Threat and Global Identification (with Charles Seguin), American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada, August 12-15.
- 2016 The Unintended Consequences of the Arab Spring, American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, August 20-23.
- 2015 Tunisia's Women Entrepreneurs: Religiosity, Self-Efficacy, and Success (with Lisa Baranik), Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO, November 21-24.
- 2015 Global Culture and Subcultures: Identity and Support for Islamic Law in Majority-Muslim Countries, American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 22-25.
- 2015 Reporting the International System: Foreign Leaders in the US News Media (with Charles Seguin), Computational Social Science Summit, Chicago, IL, May 15-18.
- 2014 *Shari'a*, Democracy, and the Limits of Survey Research in the Arab World: Lessons from Tunisia, Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, November 22-25.
- 2014 Modernization as Moderator: A Multilevel Analysis of Global Support for Democracy (with Ijlal Naqvi), American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 16-19.
- 2013 The Political Economy of News Gathering: Attention to Foreign Leaders in the US News Media, 1950-2008 (with Charles Seguin), American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-13.
- 2012 Who Should Rule an Islamic State?, American Sociological Association, Denver, CO, August 17-20.
- 2011 'You Can't Handle Freedom!': How North African Autocrats Talk 'Democracy', Middle East Studies Association, Washington, DC, December 1-4.
- 2011 Appropriate(d) Democracy: Analyzing Elite Discourse across North Africa, American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 20-23.
- 2010 Recoupling Democracy in the Arab World, Middle East Studies Association, San Diego, CA, November 18-21.

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2019 Text as Data & Computer-Assisted Text Analysis, College of Emergency Preparedness, Homeland Security, and Cybersecurity, University at Albany, October 21.
- 2018 World Citizens on the Periphery: Threat and Identification with Global Society, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, University at Albany, March 29.
- 2016 Making Sense of an (Extraordinary) Election, SOS Brown Bag Panel, University at Albany, September 28.
- 2016 Why Do Some Muslims Support *Shari'a* Law?, Royster Society of Fellows Research Seminar Series, UNC-Chapel Hill, March 23.
- 2015 Secularists, Islamists, and the Language of Politics in North Africa, Carolina Center for the Study of the Middle East and Muslim Civilizations, UNC-Chapel Hill, April 21.
- 2012 Who Should Rule an Islamic State?, Annual UNC at ASA Panel Series, UNC-Chapel Hill, September 26.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TALKS

- 2017 Academic Job Market Orientation, SOS Brown Bag Panel, University at Albany, October 27.
- 2017 Quantitative Text Analysis Methods for Qualitative Researchers, Qool Graduate Student Workshop, University at Albany, May 5.
- 2016 From Student to Professor, SOS Brown Bag Panel, University at Albany, November 18.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses Taught, University at Albany

ASOC 708 - Text as Data (fall 2017, fall 2018, fall 2022)

ASOC 525 - Data Management for Social Research (spring 2020, spring 2021, spring 2022)

Undergraduate Courses Taught, University at Albany

UFSP 102 - World of Social Behavior and Crime L-LC (fall 2024, fall 2025)

ASOC 115 - Introduction to Sociology (fall 2017, spring 2018, spring 2022, spring 2026, fall 2026)

ASOC 255 - Sociology of Mass Media (fall 2016, spring 2017)

ASOC 260 - Social Psychology (spring 2019, fall 2019, spring 2020, fall 2020, spring 2021, summer 2021, fall 2021, fall 2022, winter 2022-2023, summer 2023, fall 2023, fall 2024, spring 2025, fall 2026)

ASOC 335 - Sociological Theory (summer 2024, winter 2024, spring 2025, summer 2025, fall 2025, winter 2025, spring 2026, summer 2026)

Undergraduate Courses Taught, UNC-Chapel Hill

SOCI 112 - Social Interaction (spring 2013, fall 2013, summer 2013, spring 2014, fall 2014, spring 2015, summer 2015, fall 2015, summer 2016)

SOCI 250 - Sociological Theory (summer 2012)

SOCI 420 - Political Sociology (spring 2013)

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

- 2026 Wang, Jane. *Science Sojourners: The (Un)Making of Women Scientists from China to America*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2025 Cheng, Fanling. *Identity Art Re-Examined: Boundaries and Narratives in the Outsider Art World*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2025 Jo, Hyerim. *The Influence of Community Newspapers on Public Beliefs and Opinions about Climate Change: How Community Newspapers Contribute to the Widening Gaps in the US*. Department of Communications, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2025 Sever, Cass. *Conceptualizing the Sacred Self: Toward a Theory of Collective Despair*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2023 He, Dan. *Focal Concerns in the Misdemeanor World: An Empirical Investigation of Prosecutorial Dismissal of Misdemeanor Cases in China*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2022 Herrero Sáenz, Rebeca. *News Coverage of Organ Donation and Transplantation in Spain (1954-2018) and the Struggle over the Meaning of the Nation*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2022 Pourtaher, Elham. *The Communicative Capacities of Medical Discourse in Authoritarian Societies: The Case of AIDS in Iran*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2021 Luo, Zhifan. *China through US Eyes: How a Declining Hegemon Talked about its Challenger and Why*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2020 Li, Muyang. *Democracy without Democratization: The Redefinition and Appropriation of Global Discourse in China's Social Media*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- n.d. Abdelkarim, Sana (in progress) *Citizen Perception of Government in Fragile Democracy: Can the Expectancy-Disconfirmation Model Stand the Test?* Department of Public Administration, University at Albany. **Member.**
- n.d. Lin, Anne (in progress) *Transnational Cultural Relationships in East Asia: A Case Study on Taiwan and Japan*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**

- n.d. Mitchell, Lacy (in progress) *The Broken Mirror: Cultural Trauma Master Narrative Change and Continuity in Rwanda and Burundi*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- n.d. Silviera, Florencia (in progress) *Immigrant Academic Achievement*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Chair.**

Comprehensive Examination Committees

- 2026 Haochen Yang. Political Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Chair.**
- 2026 Yifan Liu. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2026 Daiyi Chen. Political Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2026 Jamie Ackerman. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2025 Huang, Jianheng. Political Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2025 Liu, Jiangnan. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2024 Donavan, Hannah. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2024 Tseng, Roni. Political Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2023 Wang, Jane. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2023 Cheng, Fanling. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2023 Wang, Fan. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2022 Liu, Qing. Sociology of Globalization. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2019 Herrero Sáenz, Rebeca. Cultural Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**
- 2017 Little, Troy. Political Sociology. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**

Master's Thesis Committees

- 2023 Atac, Ibrahim Enes. *The Missing Link on Group Threat: The Effects of Interactions between Ethnic Group and Individual-Level Status on Anti-Immigrant Sentiments*. Department of Sociology and Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University. **Member.**
- 2019 Zacuto, David. *Stand Your Ground Laws and Housing Insecurity*. Department of Sociology, University at Albany. **Member.**

SERVICE

Department of Sociology

Member, Executive Committee, 2018-2020, 2021-2023, 2026-2028

Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2023-2026

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, 2023-2026

Member, Graduate Committee, 2020-2021

Member, Faculty Search Committee, 2019-2020

Member, Applied MA Development Committee, 2018-2021

Chair, Advancement Committee, 2017-2018

Member, Advancement Committee, 2016-2017

University at Albany, State University of New York

Senator, University Senate, 2026-2027

Member, Council on Research, University Senate, 2026-2027

Liaison, University in the High School Program, 2017-2021, 2026-present

Faculty Mentor, World of Social Behavior and Crime L-LC, 2024-2026

Representative, College of Arts and Sciences Faculty Council, 2021-2023

Professional Service

Editorial Board Member, *Social Forces*, 2023-present

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Comparative Politics*, *Humanities and Social Sciences Communications*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *International Journal of Conflict and Violence*, *International Journal of Press/Politics*, *International Journal of Transitional Justice*, *International Political Science Review*, *International Sociology*, *International Studies Quarterly*, *Journal of Family Issues*, *Law & Society Review*, *Mobilization*, *Poetics*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Religion*, *State & Society*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Quarterly*, *Sociological Focus*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Socius*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

Fellowship Reviewer, Mellon International Dissertation Research Fellowship, Social Science Research Council, 2021-2022

Chair, Membership Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Peace, War, and Social Conflict, 2019-2022

Co-organizer, 7th Annual Duke-UNC Islamic Studies Conference, 2010.

ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

2020 Coronavirus and 9/11: Americans' Response to Crisis (quoted by Amy Biancolli), Albany Times Union, March 14. [<https://www.timesunion.com/7dayarchive/article/Coronavirus-and-9-11-Americans-response-to-15130086.php>]

- 2016 Irrational Islamophobia, Albany Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, October 24.
- 2012 Secession and Revolution, WUNC North Carolina Public Radio, November 27.
[http://wunc.org/tsot/archive/Secession_and_Revolution.mp3/view]

HUMAN LANGUAGES

Modern Standard Arabic: Advanced reading, writing, speaking

Tunisian Colloquial Arabic: Advanced reading, writing, speaking

Egyptian Colloquial Arabic: Intermediate reading, writing, speaking

French: Can read with dictionary, beginner writing, speaking

PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES

R: Proficient

Python: Proficient

Stata: Proficient