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Curriculum Vitae (August, 2026)

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EDUCATION: _____

Ph.D., Sociology, New York University, August 2008.

B.A., Sociology and American Studies, University of Kansas, May 2000.

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: _____

Social theory, comparative-historical sociology, economic sociology, political sociology, globalization, military sociology.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

2014 - Associate Professor, University at Albany, department of sociology.

2008 - Assistant Professor, University at Albany, department of sociology.
2014:

2007 - Visiting Assistant Professor, Colby-Sawyer College, department of
2008: social science and education.

PUBLICATIONS: ---

Books:

Theories of Emancipation: Sociology and Socialism at the turn of the Twentieth Century (2026, Stanford University Press).

Architects of Austerity: International Finance and the Politics of Growth (Stanford University Press, 2014).

*Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of World Systems Research*, *Social Forces*, *H-Net*.

Articles in refereed journals:

“Cooperation, Black Populism, and the Dilemma of Du Bois’s Racial Theory.” *Critical Sociology* (on-line first, Oct. 2024).

“Race, Labor and Postbellum Capitalism in Du Bois’s ‘The Negro Worker in America.’” *Critical Sociology* (Vol. 49, no 3, 2023), pp. 383-393.

“The Negro Worker in America” (W.E.B. DuBois, english translation by Aaron Major). *Critical Sociology* (published on-line, 2022).

“The Political-Military Foundations of China’s Global Ascendancy” (with Zhifan Luo). *Journal of World Systems Research* (Vol. 25, No. 2, 2019), pp. 420-448.

“Ideas Without Power.” *Catalyst* (Vol. 2, No. 3, 2018).

“The New Capitalist Rich: Corporate Organizational Form and the Political Economy of US Income Inequality.” *Critical Historical Studies* (Vol. 5, no. 2, 2018).

“Affording Utopia: The Economic Viability of a Capitalist Road to Communism.” *Basic Incomes Studies* (Vol. 11, No. 2, 2016), pp. 75-95.

“The Adversarial Politics of Fiscal Federalism” (with Joshua McCabe). *Social Science History* (Vol. 38, No. 3-4, 2014), pp. 333-358.

“Transnational state formation and the global politics of austerity.” *Sociological Theory* (Vol. 31, No. 1, 2013), pp. 24-48.

“Ideas and ideology.” *Review of Radical Political Economy* (Vol. 44, 2012), pp. 380-384.

“Neoliberalism and the new international financial architecture.” *Review of*

International Political Economy (Vol. 19, No. 4, 2012), pp. 536-561.

“Monetary orders, financial dependence and idea selection: the international constraints on American monetary policy, 1961-1963.” *Political Power and Social Theory* (Vol. 21, 2010), pp. 49-92.

“World culture and transnational economic governance: theory and evidence.” *Sociology Compass* (Vol. 4), 2010), pp. 230 - 240.

“Which revolution in Military Affairs?” *Armed Forces and Society* (Vol. 29, 2009), pp. 333-361.

“Markets and knowledge.” *Socio-Economic Review* (Vol. 7, 2009), pp. 369-374.

“The fall and rise of finance capital.” *Review of International Political Economy*, (Vol. 15, 2008), pp. 800 - 825.

Book Reviews:

The Masters Tools (Review of *Radical Political Economy*, 2025)

Tokens of Power (*Contemporary Sociology*, 2019)

Dismantling Solidarity (*International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 2017).

Beyond Capitalism: Building Democratic Futures for Today and the Future (Review of *Radical Political Economics*, 2015).

Plastic Money: Constructing Markets for Credit Cards in Eight Post-Communist Countries (*Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 44, No. 4, 2015).

Global Capitalism: A Sociological Perspective (*International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, Vol. 54, No. 2, 2013).

Social Insurance and Social Justice (*Contemporary Sociology*, Vol. 39, 2010), pp. 737-738.

Book Chapters:

“Context and Immigrant Identity.” Introductory chapter in E.A. Conley, *The Chosen Shore* (University of California Press: Berkeley, 2004).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: _____

- Editorial Board Member, *ASA Rose Series*, 2023 -
- Editorial Board Member, *Critical Sociology*, 2023 -
- Co-organizer, research network on States and Societies, *Social Science History Association*, 2014 - present.

- Co-organizer, research network on globalization and development, Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics, 2010 - 2013.
- Co-organizer, mini-conference on “Development in Crisis” for the annual meeting of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-economics (Madrid, June 2011).
- Secretary, Publications Committee, section on Development Sociology, American Sociological Association, 2011 - 2012.
- Occasional reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Sociological Theory*, *American Sociological Review*.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE: _____

- Teaching Committee (chair), 2015 -
- Department Rep. to UUP, 2014 -
- Graduate Committee, 2012-2014.
- Undergraduate curriculum committee, 2008 - 2009.
- Colloquium committee, 2009-2011.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: _____

- University Faculty Senate, UAC, 2024- (chair, curriculum and honors committee)
- University Faculty Senate, Senator for Geography and Planning, 2024 -
- UUP, Albany Chapter President, 2016 - 2022.
- UUP, Academic Affairs Committee, 2014 -
- Council on Academic Assessment, 2010 - 2011.
- General Education Assessment Committee, 2010 - 2011.

COURSES TAUGHT: _____

Graduate level:

- Classical Sociological Theory
- Topics in comparative and historical sociology: war and the militarization of society.
- Topics in comparative and historical sociology: world capitalism.

Undergraduate level:

- Introduction to sociology
- Political sociology
- Social inequality
- Senior seminar: the politics of inequality and crisis.