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## Message From the Chair

Rachel L. Einwohner  
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Our (virtual) annual meeting is just days away, and with it, my term as Chair of our Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements will come to an end. This has obviously been a challenging year, but serving you as Chair was definitely the silver lining of my 2020-21 year. I thank our Secretary/Treasurer Dana Fisher (whose term is also ending), all the members of Council and our standing committees, and those who maintain our website and social media for keeping things running smoothly this year. More broadly, I thank all section members for your scholarship, your activism, and your willingness to share your work with others. I have said this before and I'll say it again: our section is strong because of you.

And as you will see after reading this issue of *Critical Mass*, the future of our section is particularly bright. This issue highlights members of our section who are entering the job market. Please familiarize yourselves with these talented scholars. Better yet, if you are in a position to do so, please use your networks to get the word out to search committees about these wonderful job candidates. We know that students of social movements have a lot to offer to hiring institutions and organizations. So let's do what we can to help these folks land positions where they can have great impact with their research, teaching, and service. (Continued on Page 2)

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Thank you to the job candidates for allowing us to showcase your talents. Thanks also, as always, to our *Critical Mass* editors Julia Goldman-Hasbun, Mario Venegas, and Cecelia Walsh-Russo. Good luck to everyone on the market, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Virtual Annual Meeting.

Stay safe and be well,  
Rachel

## Job Market Candidates

### Caitlin Schroering

*University of Pittsburgh*



#### Candidate Statement

I successfully defended my PhD in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh on June 8, 2021. Starting September 1, 2021, I will be a postdoctoral associate with the Pittsburgh Collaboratory for Water Research, Outreach, and Education (University of Pittsburgh Department of Geology and Environmental Science).

My research coalesces around multiple areas of social inquiry, including environmental sociology, resource conflicts, the human right to water, and transnational social movements, using feminist and decolonial methodologies. My primary line of research is based on extensive fieldwork with two movements fighting against water privatization, one in Brazil and one in the United States.

I use ethnographic, comparative, and world-historical methods to show how global communications and organizing are occurring around water. I explore transnational movement connections and argue that just as governments, corporations, and global financial institutions interact globally, so too do social movements. My research illustrates how race, class, gender, sex, and geographic location all intersect, and shows that a transnational movement around water is organizing and growing, bringing together unlikely alliances of environmental, labor, human rights, racial and gender justice activists, and other advocates demanding clean, safe, and public water systems.

I am currently working with an academic press and will submit a book proposal by September 2021. For my research agenda in the coming years, I plan to engage in interdisciplinary collaborative research to address challenges from diverse perspectives and build upon community knowledge and leadership to achieve water justice, climate justice, and address other serious human rights and socio-environmental challenges.

#### Selected publications

**Caitlin Schroering** and Suzanne Staggenborg. Forthcoming. "Volunteer and Staff Participants in Social Movements: A Comparison of Two Local Coalitions." *Social Movement Studies*.

**Schroering, Caitlin.** 2021. "Constructing Another World: Solidarity and the Right to

Water." *Studies in Social Justice*, 15(1): 102-128.

Rivas, Marcela González, and **Caitlin Schroering**. 2021. "Pittsburgh's Translocal Social Movement: A Case of the New Public Water." *Utilities Policy*, 71: 101230.

**Schroering, Caitlin**. 2021. "Inside the Struggle for Water Sovereignty in Brazil." *ROAR Magazine/Journal of Resistance Studies*. <https://roarmag.org/essays/brazil-mab-water-sovereignty/>

Banerjee, Tarun and **Caitlin Schroering**. 2020. "Responsible for Whom? The Impact of Corporate Social Responsibility on Firm Vulnerability and Responsiveness to Social Movement Activism." *Sociological Focus*, 53(4): 337-358.

Murphy, Michael and **Caitlin Schroering**. 2020. "Refiguring the Plantationocene: Racial Capitalism, World-Systems Analysis, and Global Socioecological Transformation." *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 26(2): 400-415.

2019. **Schroering, Caitlin**. "Resistance and Knowledge Production: Social Movements as Producers of Theory and Praxis." *Revista CS*, 29: 73-102.

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## Bo Yun Park

*Harvard University*



## Candidate Statement

I am a Ph.D. candidate in Sociology at Harvard University and an affiliate of the Institute for Quantitative Social Science, the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, and Harvard's Center for European Studies. My research lies at the intersections of political, cultural, and comparative sociology. I am particularly interested in the dynamics of social inclusion and exclusion, social change, technology, and political participation.

My dissertation, "Is S(H)e Presidential? The Changing Scripts of Political Leadership, 1995-2020," investigates how political strategists in France and the United States craft narratives of political leadership for presidential candidates in the digital age. Drawing on qualitative interviews with high-profile political operatives and quantitative analyses of the election documents they produced, I examine how technology is altering the collective imaginaries around presidential leadership in democracies under stress. I also conduct research on youth activism, racialized

political consumerism, and the mechanisms of frame resonance. I use a wide array of methods, including interviews, observations, cognitive maps, and computational text analyses to study these various facets of political participation.

I received a B.A. and M.A. in Political Science via the Columbia University - Sciences Po Paris Five-Year B.A./M.A. Program. I have also earned an M.A. in Sociology at Harvard.

## Selected Publications

**Park, Bo Yun**, Adrien Abecassis, and Manon Revel. Forthcoming. "Varieties of Resonance: The Subjective Interpretations and Utilizations of Media Output in France." *Poetics*.

**Park, Bo Yun**. 2019. "Racialized Political Consumerism in the United States." in *The Oxford Handbook of Political Consumerism*, ed. Magnus Boström, Michele Micheletti, and Peter Oosterveer. *Oxford University Press*, Chapter 32, pp. 681–98.

Klemenčič, Manja, and **Bo Yun Park**. 2018. "Student Politics: Between Representation and Activism." in *The Handbook on the Politics of Higher Education*, ed. Brendan Cantwell, Hamish Coates, and Roger King. Edward Elgar Publishing, Chapter 26, pp. 468-686.

Lamont, Michèle, **Bo Yun Park**, and Elena Ayala-Hurtado. 2017. "Trump's Electoral Speeches and His Appeal to the American White Working Class." *The British Journal of Sociology* 68:S153-180.

- *Among the top 20 most downloaded British Journal of Sociology articles of 2017.*
- *Featured in The New York Times.*

Lamont, Michèle, **Bo Yun Park**, and Elena Ayala-Hurtado. 2017. "What Trump's Campaign Speeches Show About His Lasting Appeal to the White Working Class." *Harvard Business Review*.

Lamont, Michèle, Laura Adler, **Bo Yun Park**, and Xin Xiang (equal authorship). 2017. "Bridging Cultural Sociology and Cognitive Psychology in Three Contemporary Research Programmes." *Nature Human Behaviour* 1:866-872.

## Work In Progress

**Park, Bo Yun**. Submitted. "Crafting the Message: The Data Science Behind U.S. Presidential Elections."

- *Best Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention, Communication, Information, Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS) Section, American Sociological Association, 2021.*

**Park, Bo Yun**. Submitted. "Our Voices Do (Not) Matter: Political Repertoires of College Students Within and Across Institutional Settings."

**Park, Bo Yun**. Submitted. "Suited for the Job? Elite Millennials' Evaluations of Presidential Leadership in Trump's and Macron's Era."

**Park, Bo Yun**. In Preparation. "Is (S)He Presidential? The Changing Scripts of Presidential Leadership, 1995-2020."

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# Nabil Tueme

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My work has been published in *Sociology Compass*, and I am currently working on two manuscripts related to non-Black Latinx engagement in the 2020 Black Lives Matter summer protests. I am also the 2021-2022 BIPOC Research Fellow at the Springtide Research Institute, where I conduct research on the faith and political lives of young Latinx persons. In 2021, I was awarded the University of Connecticut's Sociology Department Outstanding Graduate Instructor Award.

## Selected Publications

**Tueme, Nabil.** 2021. All in the Family: The Role of Family Networks, Collective Action Frames, and Identity in Latino Movement Participation. *Sociology Compass*, 15(4), e12866.

## Candidate Statement

I am a PhD candidate in Sociology at the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. My research focuses on the roles of religion and family in Latino political mobilization and social movement activism.

My dissertation, *Reconceptualizing High-Risk Activism in Latino Youth Mobilization* is a study of how Latino activists perceive the risks of protest. While social movement scholars have long distinguished between “high” and “low” risk tactics, these distinctions rarely account for subjective perceptions of risk, for how risk varies depending on protesters’ social location, and for risks to family and community members. The case of Latino youth mobilization – in which an errant Tweet can lead to the deportation of an activist or their family members – troubles these distinctions. Using interview, content, and survey data analyses, this study deepens our understanding of Latino political mobilization, and more generally, of how activists evaluate risk.

## Manuscripts in preparation

**Tueme, Nabil.** “Latinos’ Perceived Risk of Repression During the 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests.”

**Tueme, Nabil,** and Ruth Braunstein. “Protesting while ‘DACAdmented’: Did DACA Channel Recipients Away from Participating in the 2020 Black Lives Matter Protests?”

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University of Helsinki



## Candidate Statement

My research interests lie at the intersection of social movements research, political sociology, and urban studies. In my dissertation, “Engaging Neighbors: Housing Strategies and Political Mobilization in Moscow’s Renovation” (defended at the City University of New York, co-winner of the CBSM’s best dissertation award 2021), I explore the political developments triggered by a large-scale urban renewal project in Moscow (“Renovation”). I studied the formation of two camps (opponents and supporters of the program), their visions of the desired city, and the complex alliances and tactics each camp used to promote their vision of the city’s development.

I am also interested in analyzing social movement outcomes research, focusing on incremental social change produced by small-scale grassroots initiatives. Culture, emotions, and micro-interactions are at the heart of my research agenda. For example, in my article “The Apathy Syndrome: How We Are Trained Not to Care about Politics” published in *Social Problems*, I explore the cultural and emotional mechanisms behind political avoidance and nonparticipation. I am a workshop and collaborative writing enthusiast, creating and participating in thematic and writing workshops everywhere I go: I believe in the importance of

peer support and feedback, especially for students and early career researchers.

## Selected publications

**Zhelnina, Anna.** Forthcoming. Urban Anthropology – Russia. *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*.

Jasper, James and **Anna Zhelnina.** Forthcoming. With James Jasper. *Identity and Emotions*. Oxford Handbook of Political Participation. Maria Grasso, Marco Giugni (eds.).

**Zhelnina, Anna.** 2020. “The Apathy Syndrome: How We Are Trained Not to Care about Politics.” *Social Problems*, Volume 67, Issue 2, May 2020, Pages 358–378, <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spz019>

Jabola-Carolus, Isaac, Luke Elliott-Negri, James M. Jasper, Jessica Mahlbacher, Manes Weisskircher and **Anna Zhelnina.** 2020. “Strategic interaction sequences: the institutionalization of participatory budgeting in New York City,” *Social Movement Studies*. 19, no. 5-6. P. 640-656. <http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/14742837.2018.1505488>

**Zhelnina, Anna.** 2019. National and Urban Politics Converge in Moscow: Will Local Activism Prevail? *Metropolitics*. October 1, 2019. <https://metropolitics.org/National-and-Urban-Politics-Converge-in-Moscow-Will-Local-Activism-Prevail.html>

Clément, Karine and **Anna Zhelnina.** 2019. “Beyond Loyalty and Dissent: Everyday Politics in Contemporary Russia,” *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. No. 33. P. 143-162. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10767-019-9319-0>.

Clément, Karine and **Anna Zhelnina**. 2019. Introduction to the Special Issue: “Imagining a Link Between Local Activism and Political Transformation: Inventions from Russia and Eastern Europe,” *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*. Vol. 33. P. 117-124. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10767-019-9318-1>.

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## Emre Sahin

*Binghamton University*



## Candidate Statement

I am a participant and researcher of social movements, particularly the Kurdish movement, and a sociologist at Binghamton University, USA. I did my dissertation fieldwork in cooperatives and communes across Rojava (NE Syria) in 2019. Currently, I am writing my dissertation on prefigurative mobilization and women’s autonomous organizing in Rojava. My

research interests include Contemporary Sociology, Social Movements, Politics of Resistance, Prefigurative Mobilization, Political Economy, Jineology, and Rojava Revolution.

## Selected Publications

**Sahin, Emre**. Forthcoming journal article. “From Contention to Prefiguration: PKK and Rojava Revolution”

**Sahin, Emre** and Khabat Abbas. 2020. “Communal Lifeboat: Direct Democracy in Rojava (NE Syria).” Pp 3-17 in *Pandemic Solidarity*, edited by Marina Sitrin and Colectiva Sembrar, London: Pluto Press.

Agiri, Kani and Khabat Abbas. 2021. “Komünal Cankurtaran: Rojava'da Doğrudan Demokrasi.” in *Pandemi Dayanışması*, edited by Marina Sitrin and Colectiva Sembrar, Istanbul: Kaldıraç Press.  
*(pen name used in this Turkish translation due to security concerns)*

**Sahin, Emre** and Adnan Celik. 2012. “Cultural and Class-based Encounters in the Hierarchy of the Others: Perception of Gypsies in Kurdish Society and Social Exclusion Practices.” *Toplum ve Kuram* 6:307-325.

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# Daniel Driscoll

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## Candidate Statement

I am a PhD Candidate in Sociology at the University of California, San Diego, interested in climate change, social movements, and comparative political economy. Several key questions guide my research: Why do some states, institutions, and people fight for the climate, while others do not? And what explains how, in some places but not others, movements and policies emerge in response to global climate change? What are the socio-economic foundations of fossil fuel energy use and carbon emissions? I utilize diverse research methods, from qualitative interviews and ethnography to statistical and comparative-historical methods. My sole-authored work has appeared in peer-reviewed journals including *Social Problems*, *Sociological Forum*, *Socius*, *Social Science Quarterly*, and *Social Movement Studies*. My research has received external funding from

the Andrew Mellon Foundation, the American Council of Learned Societies, the Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, and the Institute of European Studies. I have previously held visiting researcher positions at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne, Germany and the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences in Paris, France.

## Selected Publications

**Driscoll, Daniel.** 2021. "Populism and Carbon Tax Justice: The Yellow Vest Movement in France." *Social Problems*. Forthcoming.

**Driscoll, Daniel.** 2021. "Drivers of Carbon Price Adoption in Wealthy Democracies: International or Domestic Forces?" *Socius* 7:1-11.

**Driscoll, Daniel.** 2020. "When Ignoring the News and Going Hiking Can Help You Save the World: Environmental Activist Strategies for Persistence." *Sociological Forum* 35(1):189-206.

**Driscoll, Daniel.** 2020. "Do Carbon Prices Limit Economic Growth?" *Socius* 6:1-3.

**Driscoll, Daniel.** 2019. "Assessing Sociodemographic Predictors of Climate Change Concern, 1994-2016." *Social Science Quarterly* 100(5):1699-1708.

**Driscoll, Daniel.** 2018. "Beyond Organizational Ties: Foundations of Persistent Commitment in Environmental Activism." *Social Movement Studies* 17(6):697-715.

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# Andrew K. Thompson

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## Candidate Statement

Most recently a Visiting Professor of Social Movements and Social Change at Ithaca College, I am currently looking to find a permanent home in a department where critical scholarship and social engagement are encouraged. My research examines how movements become sites of racial formation and of racial and cultural contestation. I approach my scholarship in a way that foregrounds my commitment to social justice.

The four books I have written and edited since 2010 draw on critical theory to address the challenges confronted by movements struggling to produce change. When protests erupted following the murder of George Floyd, *Boston Review* invited me to comment upon the struggle's dynamics while drawing on this research. I was also pleased to accept a similar invitation from the *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

I am now working on a project in which I analyze the decline of "the modern social movement" as the dominant mode of popular contention in the United States. As a result of

this decline, both the tactical repertoire and the historical lessons of Black freedom struggles will become increasingly important, since participants in these struggles have never been able to presume that the state would recognize them as legitimate claimants.

## Selected Publications

**AK Thompson** and Colin Ruggero (2021), "Interview with AK Thompson." Revisiting the Riot: 10th Anniversary of AK Thompson's Black Bloc, White Riot, *Theory in Action*, Volume 14, No.1

**AK Thompson** (2020), "Violence, Social Movements, and Black Freedom Struggles: Ten Theses Toward a Research Agenda for Scholars of Contention Today." *Contention: The Multidisciplinary Journal of Social Protest* Volume 9, No. 1

**AK Thompson** (2020), "How to Do Things with Walter Benjamin." *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association* Volume 9, No. 2

**AK Thompson** (2019). "'We Are Winning': Ten Theses on Politics After Seattle." *Seattle+20: Movements at the Millennium*, a special issue of *Socialism and Democracy*, Volume 33, No.3

**AK Thompson** (2019). "Citing History," *Time and Movement: Approaching Temporalities in Understanding Contention*, a special issue of *Social Movement Studies*, Volume 19, No. 1-2

**AK Thompson**. (2018). *Premonitions: Selected Essays on the Culture of Revolt*. Chico: AK Press

Jason Del Gandio and **AK Thompson** (eds.), Foreword by Peter Marcuse (2017). *Spontaneous Combustion: The Eros Effect and Global Revolution*. Albany: SUNY Press

**AK Thompson** (2017). "The Work of Violence in the Age of Repressive Desublimation." Peter Funke, Andrew Lamas, and Todd Wolfson (eds.), *The Great Refusal: Herbert Marcuse*

and Contemporary Social Movements.  
Philadelphia: Temple University Press

**AK Thompson** (2017). "Occupation, Decolonization, and Reciprocal Violence." Anna Feigenbaum et al. (eds.), *Protest Camps in International Context: Spaces, Infrastructures, and Media of Resistance*. Bristol: Policy Press

**AK Thompson**, Foreword by Bernardine Dohrn (2010). *Black Bloc, White Riot: Anti-Globalization and the Genealogy of Dissent*. Oakland: AK Press

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## Joshua Basseches

*University of Michigan*



## Candidate Statement

Basseches' research focuses on state-level climate policy in the U.S. Given that the power of private interests is an oft-cited reason for federal climate policy inertia, his dissertation asks why the same interests have

been unable to prevent so much progress in the states. On close examination, he finds that even in the so-called "leading states," there is significant variation in the quality of the adopted policies. After accounting for the role of the full range of political actors with a stake in these policies, he explains this variation in terms of the policy preferences of a particular type of private political actor: investor-owned utilities. The immense political power of these utilities also explains the appearance of cost-shifting provisions in all states' policies. His previous scholarship appears in *Mobilization* and *Research in Political Sociology*, among other outlets. His commentary has also appeared in *Grist* magazine.

## Selected Publications

**Basseches, Joshua A.** (2019). "It Happened Behind Closed Doors: Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation." *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 24(3).

**Basseches, Joshua A.** (2020). "Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of State-Level Climate and Renewable Energy Policies." PhD Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.

**Basseches, Joshua A.,** Kaitlyn Rubinstein, and Sarah Kulaga (2021). "Coalitions that Clash: California's Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality." *Research in Political Sociology* 28.

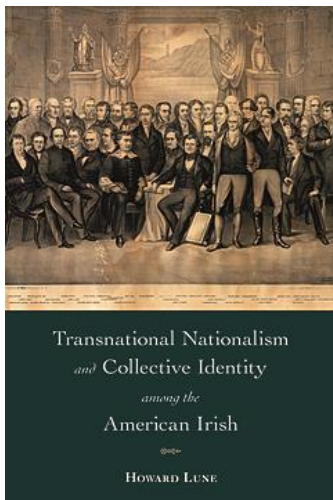
**Basseches, Joshua A.** (Forthcoming). "California Cap-and-Trade: History, Design, Effectiveness" in *Contesting Carbon*, edited by William G. Holt. Routledge.

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## Recent Publications



Lune, H. (2020). *Transnational Nationalism and Collective Identity Among the American Irish*. Temple University Press.

Smångs, M. (2021). The White Working Class and the Legacy of the 1960s Ku Klux Klan in the 2016 Presidential Election. *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 694(1), 189-204.

## Announcements

### Job at Georgetown University.

The Department of Sociology at Georgetown University invites applications for a tenured full professor. The successful candidate will also serve as chair of the Department of Sociology upon appointment for at least one renewable three-year term. The department has strengths in urban sociology, cultural sociology, and race and ethnicity, however, areas of specialization are open to any area of sociology for this appointment. Faculty in the sociology department are committed to teaching and scholarship that supports a range of research methods, theoretical approaches, and substantive areas. The department affirms its commitment to

diversity, equity, and social justice through a wide array of teaching, educational events, and its own organizational practices.

The next chair will be an established scholar who can continue to build on the record for scholarly and instructional excellence that the department has established since its inception, while also being strategic about the department's opportunities for future growth and development. The qualifications of the candidate should be consistent with a tenured appointment at the level of full professor, with a Ph.D. in sociology or a related field. We seek a scholar and administrative leader committed to supporting innovative research and scholarship, engaged learning, and community outreach and service. The chair should be supportive of partnerships and collaborative work both inside and outside the college and university, and willing to work to facilitate inter-unit collaborations with the Department of Sociology and its faculty.

For more information about the position and to apply, please visit:

<https://apply.interfolio.com/91087>

### 15<sup>th</sup> Junior Theorists Symposium (JTS)

The schedule for the 2021 Junior Theorists Symposium (JTS) schedule has now been finalized. The symposium will be held over Zoom on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> prior to the 2021 ASA Virtual Annual Meeting.

The JTS is a conference featuring the work of up-and-coming sociologists, sponsored in part by the Theory Section of the ASA. Since 2005, the conference has brought together early-career sociologists who engage in theoretical work, broadly defined. Jean Beaman (UCSB), Gil Eyal (Columbia U), and Frederick Wherry (Princeton U) will serve as discussants for this year's symposium.

Please see schedule here:

<http://www.asatheory.org/junior-theorist-symposium.html>

## **Next Issue of Critical Mass**

The Fall 2021 issue of the Critical Mass Newsletter will highlight the winners of the CBSM Section Awards. We will also be featuring essays on any topic related to social movements (max 750 words), new publications, and announcements.

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