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2025 CBSM JUNIOR SCHOLARS JOB MARKET CANDIDATES

Message from the Chair



Edwin Amenta
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Hi Fellow Section Members,

I am delighted to provide more details about our section's many activities at the ASA in Chicago next month. This is a very active year for the section. We have a two-day mini conference prior to the meeting, on Thursday and Friday, August 7 and 8, as well as a full slate of sessions.

We will start before the meeting with our mini conference: "The Many Impacts of Social Movements: Fifty Years after William Gamson's *The Strategy of Social Protest*." This conference takes place at the downtown Northwestern University campus, not far from the meeting hotels. Among the plenary speakers will be Aldon D. Morris, Donatella della Porta, Francesca Polletta, Steven Epstein, Myra Marx Ferree, Kenneth Andrews, and Brayden King. There will also be a question-and-answer session with editors of several journals, including from *Mobilization*, *Social Movement Studies*, *Social Science Computer Review*, and *Science Advances*, as well as series editors from Cambridge University Press, Oxford University Press, and Amsterdam University Press. The paper sessions will contain panels on the impacts of movements on politics and policy, on non-political institutions, on news and

social media, on entertainment media and art, on collective memory, on collective identity, on activist biographies, in authoritarian polities, and in China and Hong Kong. Other panels include ones focused on strategy, methods, revolutions and rebellions, and the impacts of gender-based movements, right-wing movements, and Black Lives Matter. A complete schedule, with information about how to register, appears on the section's [resources](#) page. Please register soon as space is limited!

The conference proper begins with our section sessions on Saturday, August 9, along with our roundtables and business meeting that afternoon. On Sunday morning, we have our final section session followed by our reception that evening. There we will be joined by the sections on Political Sociology and Marxist Sociology. There are also several regular sessions of particular interest to our section members. Below I have appended a rundown of all the activities. (See p. 10.)

Finally, I am delighted to announce the winners of this year's section awards. The winners appear in the last section of the newsletter. (See p. 13.) A brief description of their excellent work from the committees will appear in the fall newsletter. Congratulations to the winners! And thanks to the committee members for their roles in selecting them!

On to Chicago!

All the best,

Edwin

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2025 CBSM JUNIOR SCHOLARS JOB CANDIDATES

*Baylee Hudgens,
Purdue University*



Baylee Hudgens is a PhD candidate at Purdue University. Her research interests include political sociology, law and society, and social movements. Specifically, she studies the use of policy and the law to repress protest and social movements. Her dissertation examines the development of repressive legislation within the United States through a mixed-method study of state-level policies. This

dissertation explores the factors that impact the introduction and passage of repressive legislation, how legislators justify repressive policies, and the strategies legislators use to navigate the structural and cultural obstacles presented by the law when attempting to pass repressive legislation. Baylee's dissertation research has been funded by the ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant. She has also been published in *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change* and has a forthcoming sole-authored paper at *Sociological Focus*. Baylee is also an experienced instructor, and has taught Social Problems, Sociological Methods, and Sociology of Protest.

Selected Publications:

- **Hudgens, Baylee.** Forthcoming. "Unmasking Protest and Policy: Legislative Repression in the Pre-Pandemic United States." *Sociological Focus*.
- Rochford, Elle, **Baylee Hudgens**, and Rachel L. Einwohner. 2023. "Instant Archives: Social Media and Social Movements Research." *Research in Social Movements, Conflict, and Change* 47: 91-115.

Sophia Wood,

University of Chicago



My research interests lie at the intersection of sociology, environmental justice, and institutional change, with a recent focus on how social movements shape policy within higher education. As a Master's student in Sociology at the University of Chicago, my thesis—*Fueling Change: What Makes U.S. Universities Prime for Successful Student-Led Fossil Fuel Divestment?*—explores the institutional, demographic, and regional factors that influence whether universities adopt fossil fuel divestment policies in response to student activism. In this thesis I use quantitative methods to analyze how factors such as governance structure, institutional selectivity, racial composition, and geography affect the likelihood of divestment, shedding light on the broader sociopolitical dynamics influencing institutional sustainability decisions.

As an undergraduate at Michigan State University, I earned a B.A. in Psychology with an interest in social psychology and completed minors in Sociology and Law, Justice, and Public Policy. This interdisciplinary foundation shaped my interest in how individual and group behavior, institutional norms, and legal frameworks intersect in the context

of social change. My coursework and research emphasized the psychological drivers of activism, the structural dimensions of inequality, and the policy implications of social movements—insights that continue to inform my current work on environmental justice and institutional accountability. Also, I am particularly interested in the role of stakeholder engagement in research and the potential of community-based research practices to produce more equitable and grounded knowledge.

Selected Publications

- Purol, M. F., Oh, J., ... Wood, S. (2022). Age differences in implicit and explicit personality traits. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 197, 111765. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.paid.2022.111765>

Ashley Crooks-Allen, PhD

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Ashley Crooks-Allen (They/Them) is the Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow in the Sociology department at Grinnell College. They obtained their PhD from the University of Georgia, where they focused on Black ethnic identity, social movements, and social media. Their dissertation is titled, “Mestizaje Undone: A Qualitative Social Media Analysis of Afro-Latinx Identity & #BlackLivesMatter Activism” This work takes a qualitative approach to understanding how Afro-Latinx people use social media to make identity claims in relation to the Black Lives Matter movement.

My findings show that Afro-Latinx users utilize social media to resist anti-Blackness and promote ethno-racial consonance. Previous research focused on dissonance, but my study highlights how Afro-Latinxs use social media to bring their ethno-racial identity together. Through anti-racist activism like BLM, they disrupt anti-Black discourse. I collected data from Twitter posts using #Afro-Latinx* and #BlackLivesMatter, and conducted interviews with these users. Themes of discourse and activism emerged, revealing how Afro-Latinxs use social media as a counter-space to correct their erasure and create representation where it lacks in traditional media.

Selected Publications:

- Maryann Erigha & **Ashley Crooks-Allen** (2020) Digital Communities of Black Girlhood: New Media Technologies and Online Discourses of Empowerment, *The Black Scholar*, 50:4, 66-76, DOI: 10.1080/00064246.2020.1811601

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I am a sociologist of political culture and currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Dornsife College of Letters, Arts and Sciences at the University of Southern California. My work explores the way complex social problems such as political polarization, partisan intolerance, and radical extremism take shape in people's everyday lives. In my research, I use diverse qualitative methods to analyze how civic organizations establish internal interactional mechanisms that sustain varied political behaviors and attitudes, including partisan animosity, radical action, and political incivility, and render them sensible and appropriate to their members. My work has been published in leading journals such as *Sociological Theory*, *Theory and Society*, and *The British Journal of Sociology*.

My recent research relied on a comparative, ethnographic study of the American libertarian

movement. In a series of articles, I showed how different libertarian groups develop distinct interactional patterns that guide their members' interpretations of the movement's political goals, its relations to other political movements, and the appropriate political tactics for their group. These localized group processes direct how people engage in political action, make political arguments, and how they are introduced to and, eventually, adopt radical ideas and practices. This work illustrates how cultural patterns within political organizations explain people's political attitudes and behaviors in a way that cannot be explained by personal or structural factors alone. Currently, I am expanding this work to investigate the role of aesthetic judgment in civic groups' political behavior, drawing on causal models from other scientific disciplines to explore how political organizations maintain stability and produce varying, predictable outcomes.

Selected Publications:

- Marom, Oded. "Banal Radicalism: Free Spaces and the Routinization of Radical Practices in Far-Right Movements." *The British Journal of Sociology* (2025).
- Marom, Oded. "Situational orders: Interaction patterns and the standards for evaluating public discourse." *Sociological Theory* 42, no. 1 (2024): 1-22.
- Marom, Oded. "Patterns of tolerance: how interaction culture and community relations explain political tolerance (and intolerance) in the American libertarian movement." *Theory and Society* 53, no. 3 (2024): 547-570.

Jesse Yeh,

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Jesse Yeh is a political sociologist of race, immigration, gender, law, and social movements. Yeh's research focuses on how US rightwing politics construct and engage with social difference. In particular, Yeh's research seeks to open the theoretical black box of group threat and backlash through attending to meso-level and interpretive processes. Yeh's current project examines how movements against transgender rights and movements against the supposed teaching of Critical Race Theory converge and diverge at the local school district level.

Selected publications

- Levitsky, Yeh, and Armstrong (2024) "Litigation politics: social movement activity in campus sexual assault litigation." *Law and Society Review*.

- Yeh (2024) “Can he say that? Who’s going to Stop him?: Liberal and conservative racial norm enforcements against Trump’s racial derogations.” *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*.

*Natalia Duarte-Mayorga,
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My research interests lie in the study of armed conflicts and peacebuilding efforts as drivers of social change in gender orders, post-war violence contexts, and statebuilding. My current research and book project focus on the case of the former Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), in which I explore the multiple facets of ex-combatants transitioning into civilian life after decades of war. Thanks to the support of a 2020 American Sociological Association Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant and other fieldwork grants from the Sociology Department and the Center for Latin American Studies at the

University of Pittsburgh, I conducted extensive fieldwork across eight Colombian regions and carried out over 100 interviews. Additionally, in a series of collaborative projects, I employ quantitative techniques to understand the impact of war and peace on gender equality in local governments.

I am currently writing about how ex-combatants resist violence in contexts where the state has failed to control it. While existing literature on civil resistance often emphasizes uncertainty as a key driver of collective strategies, the specific mechanisms linking uncertainty to resistance remain underexplored. To address this gap, I propose a new framework that examines these mechanisms through a comparative study of regions where ex-combatants face varying forms of violent threats. In a separate manuscript, I explore how gender dynamics shift in the aftermath of war. While most theories of gender change focus on industrialized contexts, my work is rooted in rural, post-conflict settings where, paradoxically, the end of war has led to setbacks in the gender equality gains ex-combatants made during the conflict, particularly in domestic spaces. I contribute to gender studies by developing an interactional and accountability-based theory of change to explain these gender reversals.

Selected publication:

In progress. Duarte-Mayorga, Natalia. Landscapes of Uncertainty: Ex-Guerrillas’ Resistance to Postwar Violence.

Elise Wolff,
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I am a doctoral candidate in sociology interested in the areas of culture, meaning-making, religion, and the intersection of movements, organizations, and professions. My dissertation investigates this intersection with a comparative study of social movement-related academic fields. Typically thought of as areas of study like ethnic studies and women's studies, I expand this to include the invention and development of the smaller interdisciplinary field of peace/conflict studies from the late 1940s through the present. I especially employ qualitative and historical methods in my work to explore mechanisms of program creation, strong religious influences in the field, shifting subject matter, and the ambivalent relationship between activism and the institution of higher education. Elsewhere, I have researched new religious movements and health social movements and have been involved in analyzing interview and

survey data on religion-state relations. My master's thesis focused on conflicts in the intellectual disability advocacy field tied to professional/lay expertise and has been published in *The Sociological Quarterly* and *Sociology of Health & Illness*.

Selected publication:

Wolff, E. (2024). A Legacy of Revision: Maintaining Professional Expertise Over the Changing Diagnosis and Classification of Intellectual Disability in the United States. *The Sociological Quarterly*, 66(1), 191–214.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/00380253.2024.2378968>

Matthew Coetzee,
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How does moral solidarity evolve over time? And how do diverse communities rebuild connection after injustice? My dissertation project investigates how communities respond to rupture—whether they fracture or mobilize toward moral repair. I examine how meanings and interpretations shape collective action in moments of crisis, with a focus on

memory activation, symbolic narratives, and moral frameworks. Drawing on fieldwork in post-apartheid South Africa, this research analyzes civil repair, racial violence, and the role of digital media in shaping divergent community responses. I bring a global, theory-driven perspective to enduring questions of meaning, action, and social transformation. This work was recently recognized with the Harry Frank Guggenheim Emerging Scholar Award (2025-2026).

Beyond crisis response, my work engages long-term institutional efforts to reshape public memory and reconcile fractured moral orders. My article, *Recurating Robben Island: Cultural Objects, Digital Memory, and the Entropic Afterlives of National Heritage* (*American Journal of Cultural Sociology*), examines how visitor-generated Instagram posts disrupt the museum's official narrative, revealing how digital platforms mediate fragmented and contested memory in post-conflict societies. A parallel interest in cultural transformation informs my co-authored book project, *Re-Enchanted America* (under review at Oxford University Press), which traces the resurgence of supernatural and occult belief in American high culture. Across these projects, I explore how collective memory and moral meaning evolve—whether in the immediate aftermath of rupture or through subtler, long-term cultural currents.

Selected publications:

- Coetzee, M. Recurating Robben Island: cultural objects, digital memory, and the entropic afterlives of national heritage. *Am J Cult Sociol* (2025). <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41290-025-00260-0>

Andrew K. Thompson, PhD,

*Department of Sociology and Anthropology,
Holy Cross*



I am currently a Visiting Professor in the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Holy Cross and am looking to find a permanent home in a department where critical scholarship and social engagement are valued. As an award-winning educator and a movement-based scholar with a growing international impact, my research and teaching foreground my commitment to social change. I am the author of two books on social struggle and the co-editor of three others. Along with being translated into Turkish and German, my work has appeared in journals like *Social Movement Studies*, *Contention*, and *Interface*. Owing to my interdisciplinary and public-facing commitments, I have also been featured in journals like *Lateral: Journal of the Cultural Studies Association* and in popular venues like *Boston Review* and the *Los Angeles Review of Books*.

Entitled *Becoming Unpopular*, my current book project explores the history and hidden promise of

unpopular political modes (modes that have been maligned, but also those that don't presuppose "the people"). This project arises from my ongoing research on the decline of the social movement as the dominant mode of popular contention in the United States. Between the dissolution of democratic norms and the corresponding resurgence of violence, we now find ourselves in an important period of transition. Along with demanding that we revisit the presumptions underlying the modern protest repertoire, the current period also makes the historical lessons of Black freedom struggles increasingly salient—and not least because participants in these struggles could never presuppose that the state would recognize them as legitimate claimants.

Selected Publications:

- AK Thompson (2024). *Walter Benjamin und die Kultur der Revolte* (Frank Engster, Trans.) Philosophische Gespräche Heft 70. Berlin: Helle Panke e.V., Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung
- AK Thompson (2023), "The Life and Death of Autonomy: How Might Politics be Subverted Today?" Marcos Ancelovici and Francis Dupuis-Déri (eds.) *Subverting Politics: Autonomous Social Movements Today*. Montreal: Black Rose
- AK Thompson and Florian Cord (2022), "On Bringing the New World Into Being: Theory, Ontology, Politics, and Action – An Interview with AK Thompson." *Coils of the Serpent: Journal for the Study of Contemporary Power* No.10
- AK Thompson (2021), "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 (2019). "'We Are Winning': Ten Theses on Politics After Seattle." *Seattle+20:*

Movements at the Millenium, a special issue of *Socialism and Democracy*, Volume 33, No.3

- AK Thompson (2019). "Citing History," *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

Carolina Hernandez

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My research examines how migrant people of color in Arizona advance racial justice and resist white supremacy. In my work, I analyze the ways in which anti-immigrant legislation relies on racial ignorance and arguments of ‘fairness’ and ‘legality’ in a “post-racial” society to symbolically devalue migrant people of color, justify the material violence of systems of mass incarceration, and maintain a racial-capitalist economy that relies on the exploitation of migrant labor. I use the Arizona bills HCR 2060 and SB1070 as case studies for my work. Additionally, I examine the cultural and ideological strategies of intersectional resistance migrant people of color, particularly women and LGBT migrants, utilize to advance liberational societies in the wake of symbolic and material state of violence.

Research specialty: racial structure, Latinx racial identity, ideology, resistance to white supremacy,

decolonial and abolitional social movements, intersectional social justice movements.

Selected Publications

- Hernandez, Carolina and Tormos-Aponte, Fernando (*Forthcoming* 2025). Intersectional Climate Justice: Rethinking Migration Beyond Westphalian Borders. Oxford University Press Handbook of Intersectional Approaches to Migration, Gender, and Sexuality edited by Yurdakul, Beaman, Mügge, Scuzzarella, and Sunanta.
- Tormos-Aponte, Fernando, Ferrer-Núñez, Shariana, & Hernandez, Carolina (2023). Intersectional Politics of the International Women’s Strike, *Journal of Women, Politics & Policy*, 44:4, 470-485, DOI: 10.1080/1554477X.2023.2249614

ASA CBSM Session Info

20263 - Recent Advances in Social Movement Research

Sat, August 9, 8:00 to 9:30am, West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency D

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

This session highlights cutting edge advances and developments in social movements research, ranging across a series of central issues, including theories of protest, cultural resonance, labor movement collective action, framing theory, and the biographical consequences of movements. It

features work from an international group of scholars, including Michael Biggs, James M. Jasper and Kristen Lynn Miller, Katia Pilati, Diana Reddy, and Marco Giugni and Maria Grasso.

20466 - What Is the Use of Protest Today?

Sat, August 9, 10:00 to 11:30am, West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Toronto

Session Submission Type: Invited Session (90 minute)

Description

Zeynep Tufekci recently wrote that "the year 2024 started out looking as if it would be a momentous one for political protests. All winter and spring, college campuses were aflame in anger and conflict and as summer approached, the Democratic National Convention threatened to be engulfed by street demonstrations...The year was momentous, all right, but not for the reasons it seemed. Mass protests had already been showing diminishing returns, sometimes drawing big crowds but rarely getting proportionally big results. Now, 2024 looks like the end of the road, at least for the kind of power that such mass protests once had, a power that has defined political action in America and in democracies around the world for decades." In this session, a panel of social movement scholars will take up this claim and discuss the value of protest under current political conditions. What has protest been able to accomplish in the past that it is no longer able to do? Are there new ways that protest can be useful to activists?

20861 - Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Roundtables

Sat, August 9, 2:00 to 3:00pm, West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency B

Session Submission Type: Refereed Roundtable (60 minute)

Description

This is a roundtable session includes 15 tables addressing the gamut of important issues in social movement research.

20961 - Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements Business Meeting

Sat, August 9, 3:00 to 3:30pm, West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Regency B

Session Submission Type: Business Meeting

21066 - Advances in Data and Methods for Collective Behavior/Social Movements Research

Sat, August 9, 4:00 to 5:30pm, West Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Ballroom Level/Gold, Toronto

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

Collective behavior and social movements (CBSM) was among the first sociological subfields to embrace the revolution in digital (and/or "big") data and computational methods. Since then, the sources and types of data and methods have grown enormously, including non-computational methods, such as digital ethnography. Building on last year's ASA session featuring high-quality research drawing on recent advances in data and methods, this session seeks to highlight innovative and productive uses of data and cutting-edge methods, as well as the analytical frameworks that tie them together. Examples of data include, but are not limited to, newly digitized archives, content from social media and so-called alt-tech platforms, simulations, experiments, fine-grained spatial observations, multimodal digital data, and AI-generated media. In addition to showcasing these and other kinds of data, the session will

emphasize computational and quantitative methods, but aims to include a range of methods, including advances in qualitative and mixed-methods approaches.

30480 - Mobilization and Contemporary Democratic Elections: Coping with Violence & Extremism

Sun, August 10, 10:00 to 11:30am, Swissotel, Floor: Concourse Level, Zurich A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

Recent election cycles in nations around the globe have led to rising concerns over the vulnerability of democratic norms and safeguards. In the U.S., for instance, the emboldening of hate groups, the sanitization of the January 6th insurrection, increasing appeals to violence, extremist rhetoric, and even assassination attempts have compounded an already troubling situation in 2024. Here and elsewhere, the rising toxicity of politics, which appears unlikely to ameliorate in coming years, is a major threat to the sustainment of democracy. Given such context, this session explores instances of collective action in response to these challenges: how have grassroots organizations adapted to an increasingly dangerous political sphere? In which ways do activists with different agendas address an environment in which dissent, debate, and organization carry higher risks of retaliation? Given that strong social movements are essential to any hope of rebuilding a tolerant and inclusive consensus in American society, learning about their challenges and strategies holds much importance for the future of democratic governance.

Here are some regular sessions of particular interest!

30603 - Global and Comparative Approaches to Activism

Sun, August 10, 12:00 to 1:30pm, East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 1A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

This panel examines how activists navigate repression, construct collective identities, and mobilize across diverse social and political landscapes. The papers highlight how activism emerges in response to structural constraints through case studies of grassroots mutual aid networks in the US, UK, and Italy; right-wing youth groups in the US and Canada; LGBTQ+ NGO advocacy in Ghana and Singapore; diasporic protest movements in Japan; and Asian American activism in the US. By bringing together diverse cases from around the world, this panel offers a global and comparative perspective on how activism is conceptualized, practiced, and sustained in a rapidly evolving global context.

30807 - The Consequences of Collective Action

Sun, August 10, 2:00 to 3:30pm, East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Michigan 3

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

This session addresses the consequences of collective action. This includes collective action's influence over public opinion, court decisions, news

media, and political engagement. The papers address the cases of the United States, China and Sweden.

40209 - The Drivers and Deterrents of Collective Action

Mon, August 11, 8:00 to 9:30am, East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Concourse Level/Bronze, Randolph 1A

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

The papers in this session identify what drives and what impedes collective action. They address these issues in cases from the United States, China, and Rwanda.

1014 - Cop Cities and Abolition: Law and Order Backlash Politics and Urban Resistance

Mon, August 11, 4:00 to 5:30pm, East Tower, Hyatt Regency Chicago, Floor: Bronze Level/C Floor, Roosevelt 1

Session Submission Type: Paper Session (90 minute)

Description

These papers explore themes such as resistance to "Cop Cities," law-and-order policing backlash post-2020, the Movement for Black Lives, and police abolition struggles.

CBSM Award Announcement

Editors' Note: CBSM award winners are announced here. As a tradition, Critical Mass will include the committee's praise in the upcoming Fall edition. We will also invite award winners to share their journey in social movement studies - stay tuned!

CBSM Awards 2025

Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award:

Winner: Sharon M. Quinsaat (Grinnell College), *Insurgent Communities: How Protests Create a Filipino Diaspora* (University of Chicago Press, 2024).

Winner: Benjamin H. Bradlow (Princeton University), *Urban Power: Democracy and Inequality in São Paulo and Johannesburg* (Princeton University Press, 2024).

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Article Award:

Winner: Tomás Gold (Brown University) and Ann Mische (University of Notre Dame), "Channeling Antipartisan Content: Field Structures and Partisan Strategies in a Global Protest Wave, 2008-2016." *American Journal of Sociology*, 129: 1660-1719.

Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award:

Winner: Keenan Wilder (Brown University), "Colony and Class Struggle: Unionization and Empire in Egypt and Tunisia."

Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Dissertation Award.

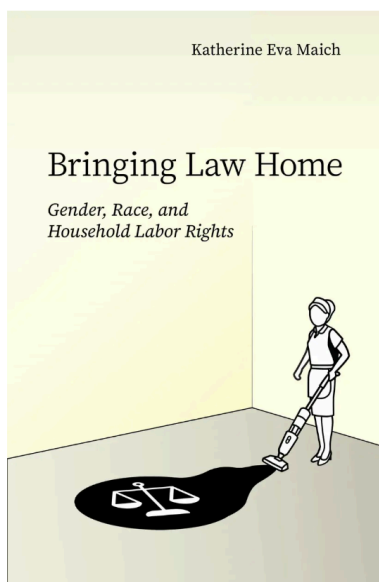
Winner: Yueran Zhang (PhD, University of California, Berkeley) “Whither Socialism? Workers’ Democracy and the Class Politics of China’s Post-Mao Transition to Capitalism.”

Distinguished Early Career Award for Contributions to Social Movements Scholarship: Winner: Fernando Tormos-Aponte (University of Pittsburgh).

Recent Publications

Books

Maich, Katherine Eva. 2025. *Bringing Law Home: Gender, Race, and Household Labor Rights*. Stanford University Press.



- *The personal nature of domestic labor, and its location in the privacy of the employer's home, means that domestic workers have long struggled for equitable and consistent labor rights. The dominant discourse regards the home as separate from work, so envisioning what its legal regulation would look like is remarkably challenging. In Bringing Law Home, Katherine Eva Maich offers a uniquely comparative and historical study of labor struggles for domestic workers in New York City and Lima, Peru. She argues that if the home is to be a place of work then it must also be captured in the legal infrastructures that regulate work. Yet, even progressive labor laws for domestic workers in each city are stifled by historically entrenched patterns of gendered racialization and labor informality. Peruvian law extends to household workers only half of the labor protections afforded to other occupations. In New York City, the law grants negligible protections and deliberately eschews language around immigration. Maich finds that coloniality is deeply embedded in contemporary relations of service, revealing important distinctions in how we understand power, domination, and inequality in the home and the workplace.*

Papers

Maryann Erigha & Ashley Crooks-Allen (2020) Digital Communities of Black Girlhood: New Media Technologies and Online Discourses of Empowerment, *The Black Scholar*, 50:4, 66-76, DOI: 10.1080/00064246.2020.1811601

Kim Scipes, 2025. "Looking Ahead: US Unions Must Look Beyond Themselves to Save Themselves." *Class, Race and Corporate Power*, Vol. 13, No. 1, Article 8. On-line at <https://digitalcommons.fiu.edu/classracecorporateworker/vol13/iss1/8/>.

- Argues that there has not been a labor movement in the US since 1949, only a trade union movement; the latter only focuses on the betterment of its members instead of workers in general. Yet unions are important for workers. The author suggests that workers might find social justice unionism—uniting workers and communities—as a way to advance unions, overcome weaknesses of business unionism, strengthen and advance communities, and build a labor movement to address issues facing workers in the US and around the world.

Basseches, Joshua A. 2025. “Subnational Climate Policy Action in the United States and Canada: Past Progress and Future Insufficiency,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Climate Action*, edited by Paul Almeida.

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