

*Curriculum Vitae*  
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**EDUCATION**

Ph.D. The Graduate Center, The City University of New York (CUNY), Department of Sociology. New York, NY. Chair: Ruth Milkman. 2021 (anticipated).

The Open University of Catalonia, Reinventing Democracy in Europe (EURYKA). Graduate Summer Institute: Youth Political Participation in Times of Inequalities. Florence, Italy. 2018.

The University of Chicago, Graham School of Liberal and Professional Studies. Chicago, IL. 2014-2015.

B.A. Oberlin College, Comparative American Studies. Oberlin, OH. 2010.

Augsburg College, The Center for Global Education. Semester Program: Crossing Borders: Gender and Social Change in Mesoamerica. Cuernavaca, México. 2009.

**PUBLICATIONS**

2018 Review of Sian Lazar's *The Social Life of Politics: Ethics, Kinship, and Union Activism in Argentina*, in *Social Movement Studies*. August 28.

2017 Review of Melissa N. Stein's, *Measuring Manhood: Race and the Science of Masculinity, 1830-1934*, in *New Genetics and Society*. January 12.

**AWARDS/ FELLOWSHIPS/ GRANTS**

2018 Advanced Research Collaborative (ARC) Research Praxis Fellowship, the Graduate Center, CUNY.

2018 American Sociological Association (ASA) Student Forum Travel Award.

2018 Early Research Initiative Knickerbocker Award for Archival Research in American Studies, the Graduate Center, CUNY.

- 2018 Labor Research & Action Network (LRAN) New Scholars Committee Research Grant.
- 2017 The Graduate Center Conference Stipend Award, The Graduate Center, CUNY.
- 2017 American Studies Association (ASA) Annette K. Baxter Travel Grant.
- 2015- 2021 The Graduate Center Fellowship, The Graduate Center, CUNY.

### CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 “The Struggle Within: Labor Leaders’ Strategies for Incorporating Racial Justice in American Unions,” American Sociological Association (ASA). Philadelphia, PA. August 11- 14.
- 2018 “Shaking Up Labor in Dire Times: Millennial Activists, American Unions, and the Struggle to Revive the Movement,” Graduate Student Summer Institute, Reinventing Democracy in Europe: Youth Doing Politics in Times of Increasing Inequalities (EURYKA). Florence, Italy. July 17- 22.
- 2018 “Entering the Fray: Unions’ Efforts to Take on Racial Justice and Grapple with White Members’ Resistance,” Working-Class Studies Association Conference. Stony Brook, NY. June 6- 9.
- 2018 “Black Strikebreaking & Intraclass Labor Politics in the Progressive Era,” Labor Research & Action Network (LRAN) Conference. Nashville, TN. May 31- June 1.
- 2018 “Incorporating Racial Justice: Strategies for Overcoming Structural Constraints in American Labor Unions,” International Labor Process Conference (ILPC). Buenos Aires, Argentina. March 21-23
- 2017 “The Specter of the ‘Black Scab’: Strikebreaking and Racialized Class Politics in the Progressive Era,” American Studies Association (ASA). Chicago, IL. November 9- 12.
- 2017 “Red and Black Organizing on the Shop Floor: American Unions' Responses to the Communist Party's Negro Commission,” Eastern Sociological Association (ESS). Philadelphia, PA. February 23- 26.
- 2016 “Black Lives Matter to Unions? Social Movement Unionism and the Struggle for Racial Justice,” American Sociological Association (ASA). Seattle, WA. August 19- 23.

2016 “Unions, Black Lives, and the Struggle for Racial Justice: Labor’s Role in the Emerging Black Lives Matter Movement,” Society for the Study for Social Problems (SSSP). Seattle, WA. August 19- 21.

2016 “Black Lives Matter to Labor: New Future for Social Movement Unionism,” Sociology Doctoral Student Conference, CUNY. New York, NY. March 4.

## **ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

2018 Research Assistant for R. L'Heureux Lewis-McCoy, The Graduate Center, CUNY. Project: “Westchester Unheard,” an interview and ethnographic study in Westchester County, NY that examines residents’ experiences with housing and schools.

2016 Research Analyst for Ruth Milkman, The School of Labor and Urban Studies (SLU), CUNY (formerly the Joseph S. Murphy Institute).

2015- 2016 Research Assistant for Ruth Milkman, The Graduate Center, CUNY. Project: 2016 American Sociological Association (ASA) presidential address, “A New Political Generation: Millennials and the Post-2008 Wave of Protest.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Instructor, Introduction to Sociology. Sociology Department, John Jay College. (Spring 2017, Fall 2017, and Fall 2018).

Instructor, Race and Ethnic Relations. Sociology Department, John Jay College. (Fall 2016).

Instructor, Research Methods in Criminology and Sociology. Sociology Department, John Jay College. (Spring 2019).

Teaching Assistant, Research Methods in Criminology and Sociology. Sociology Department, John Jay College. (Spring 2018).

Certificate of Completion: Professional Development Seminar, Teaching Strategies. The Graduate Center, CUNY. (Spring 2016).

## **SERVICE TO PROFESSION/DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY**

2018- present Associate Editor, Student Advisory Board, *Social Problems*.

2018- 2020 Student Representative, American Sociological Association (ASA) section on Labor and Labor Movements.

2017 Contributor, *Contemporary Sociology*, Volume 46, Issue 2.  
2016- 2017 Board Member, Sociology Student Association, The Graduate Center, CUNY.  
2016- 2017 Member, Curriculum and Exams Committee, The Graduate Center, CUNY.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociological Association (ASA).  
Section on Labor and Labor Movements, American Sociological Association.  
Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements, American Sociological Association.  
Society for Study of Social Problems (SSSP).  
Eastern Sociological Society (ESS).  
American Studies Association (ASA).  
Professor Staff Congress (PSC).

## **NON-ACADEMIC WORK**

2010- 2013 Union Organizer, Unite Here, Local 1. Chicago, IL.  
2006- 2008 Assistant Teacher, Head Start Preschool. Oberlin, OH.

## **EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

2017- present Member, CUNY Struggle, caucus in the Professional Staff Congress.  
2016- 2017 Volunteer Organizer, Standing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), NYC Chapter.  
2014-2015 Volunteer Organizer, We Charge Genocide. Chicago, IL.  
2011-2012 Member, Pride at Work (AFL-CIO), Chicago Chapter. Chicago, IL.  
2009-2010 Volunteer Organizer, Unite Here, Local 1. Chicago, IL.

## **RELATED PROFESSIONAL SKILLS**

Proficient in Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS).  
Proficient in R Studio.

## **LANGUAGES**

Spanish: Passed the CUNY Graduate Center language examination in Spanish (June 2017).

## **TEACHING AREAS/COURSES PREPARED TO TEACH**

Social Problems  
Race and Ethnicity  
Gender and Sexuality  
Stratification  
Capitalism, Inequality and Social Class  
Workers, Jobs, and the New Economy  
Social Movements  
Classical and Contemporary Social Theory  
Research Methods

## **REFERENCES**

Ruth Milkman, Distinguished Professor.  
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