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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018 – present Associate Professor, Sociology Department, University of Michigan.
2012 – 2018 Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, University of Michigan.
2009 – 2012 Postdoctoral Fellow, Society of Fellows, University of Michigan.

VISITING APPOINTMENTS

- 2018 (spring) Visiting Professor, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris, France).
2005 – 2006 Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos (Lima, Peru).

EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.
Dissertation: "Populist Mobilization: Peru in Historical and Comparative Perspective"
(Rogers Brubaker, chair).
• Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2003 M.A. Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.
- 1999 B.A. Sociology, Linfield College.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political sociology, sociology of culture, memory and commemoration; infrastructure and the built environment; sociological theory; comparative-historical and ethnographic methods; Latin America.

BOOK

- 2017 Jansen, Robert S. *Revolutionizing Repertoires: The Rise of Populist Mobilization in Peru*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

REVIEWS

American Journal of Sociology 124(4):1258-1259.
Argumentos: Revista de Análisis Crítico 12(1):83-88.
Canadian Journal of Sociology 43(3):329-332.
Contemporary Sociology 48(2):178-180.
Hispanic American Historical Review 99(3):585-586.
Journal of Latin American Studies 51(4):948-950.
Latin American Politics and Society 61(3):179-182.
Mobilization 23(2):257-258.

Theorin: Revista de Ciencias Sociales 4(1):255-262.

AUTHOR-MEETS-CRITICS

Social Science History Association, 2018

ARTICLES

- 2016 Jansen, Robert S. "Situated Political Innovation: Explaining The Historical Emergence of New Modes of Political Practice." *Theory and Society* 45(4):319-360.
- Theory Prize, American Sociological Association section on Theory.
- 2013 Bortoluci, José and Robert S. Jansen. "Toward a Postcolonial Sociology: The View from Latin America." *Political Power and Social Theory* 24:199-229.
- 2011 Jansen, Robert S. "Populist Mobilization: A New Theoretical Approach to Populism." *Sociological Theory* 29(2):75-96.
- Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, American Sociological Association section on Political Sociology.
 - Revised version reprinted in: *The Promise and Perils of Populism: Global Perspectives*, edited by Carlos de la Torre. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2015.
- 2008 Jansen, Robert S. "Jurassic *Technology*? Sustaining Presumptions of Intersubjectivity in a Disruptive Environment." *Theory and Society* 37(2):127-159.
- 2007 Jansen, Robert S. "Resurrection and Appropriation: Reputational Trajectories, Memory Work, and the Political Use of Historical Figures." *American Journal of Sociology* 112(4):953-1007.
- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Jansen, Robert S. Comment on Jeffrey C. Alexander, Peter Kivisto, and Giuseppe Sciortino (eds.), *Populism in the Civil Sphere*. *ASA Sociology of Culture Section Newsletter* 38(1):8-11.
- 2012 Jansen, Robert S. "Making 'Theorists' at the JTS: Reflections On The Institutional Cultivation of Identity." *Perspectives: Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section* 34(2):6, 8.
- 2012 Jansen, Robert S. "Interview with Article Award Recipient, Robert Jansen." *States, Power, and Societies* (newsletter of the ASA Political Sociology Section) 18(1):25-26.
- 2011 Jansen, Robert S. Review of David Brady, *Rich Democracies, Poor People: How Politics Explain Poverty*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press. 2009.) *Contemporary Sociology* 40(6):690-692.
- 2009 Jansen, Robert S. Review of Laura Gotkowitz, *A Revolution for Our Rights: Indigenous Struggles for Land and Justice in Bolivia, 1880-1952*. (Durham: Duke University Press. 2007.) *Law and History Review* 27(3):721-722.
- 1999 Jansen, Robert S. "Experiencing-As: John Hick's Failure to Improve Upon a Fideistic Position." *Dialogue* 41(2-3):27-33.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Honored Instructor Award, University of Michigan Housing (for undergraduate instruction).

- 2021 Faculty Recognition Award, University of Michigan Sociology Department (awarded by the Sociology Graduate Students Association for “outstanding contributions to the department community”).
- 2019 Honored Instructor Award, University of Michigan Housing (for undergraduate instruction).
- 2017 Theory Prize, American Sociological Association section on Theory.
- 2012 Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, American Sociological Association section on Political Sociology.
- 2011 Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2004 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2023 University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts, Michigan Humanities Award (one semester fellowship).
- 2015 University of Michigan, College of Literature, Science, and the Arts (\$2,498).
- 2015 University of Michigan, Office of Research (\$2,498).
- 2009 – 2012 University of Michigan, Society of Fellows, Postdoctoral Fellowship.
- 2007 – 2008 UCLA Graduate Division, Dissertation Year Fellowship.
- 2003 – 2007 Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, Fellowship in Latin American Sociology (2003-2004, 2006-2007).
- 2006 UCLA Latin American Institute Small Grant (Peru).
- 2005 – 2006 Fulbright IIE Fellowship (Peru).
- 2004 – 2005 U.S. Department of Education, Title VI FLAS Fellowship (Spanish).
- 2002 UCLA Graduate Division, Summer Research Mentorship Fellowship.
- 2001 – 2002 UCLA Graduate Division, Academic Year Fellowship.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS AND COLLOQUIA PAPERS (SELECTED)

Invited presentation, “Revolutionary Temporalities: A Programmatic Reflection on Xu and Reed (2023).” Presented at the Xiaohong Xu Memorial Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2024.

Invited paper, Author-Meets-Critics panel on Jeffrey C. Alexander, Peter Kivisto, and Giuseppe Sciortino (eds.), *Populism in the Civil Sphere*. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2021. (*virtual due to COVID-19*)

Invited paper, “Explaining Repertoire Change: A Pragmatist Approach.” Presented at the “Theorizing Social Change: Policy, Institutions, Culture” conference, NYU Abu Dhabi, 2019.

Invited presentation, “Qualitative Textual Data Analysis.” Presented at the University of Michigan’s Textual Analysis for Sociologists Workshop, Ann Arbor, 2019.

Invited paper, “Project Prospectus: The History of Historic Preservationism in the United States.” Presented at the University of Notre Dame’s Culture Workshop, South Bend, 2018.

Author-Meets-Critics panel on my book, *Revolutionizing Repertoires*. Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, 2018.

Invited presentation, "Doing Exhibits Together: Lessons from the Museum of Jurassic Technology." Presented at the "Installed Knowledge: The Material Culture Network meets Museum Practitioners" miniconference, Science History Institute, Philadelphia, 2018.

Invited presentation, "Revolutionizing Repertoires: The Rise of Populist Mobilization in Peru." Presented at:

- Carlos III-Juan March Institute for the Social Sciences, 2018.
- NYU Abu Dhabi, Social Research and Public Policy Department, 2018.
- Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, 2018.
- Harvard University, Sociology Department, 2018.

Invited presentation, "The State of Comparative-Historical Methods." Presented at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2018.

Invited presentation, "Practicing Populist Mobilization in Peru's 1931 Election." Presented at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2018.

Invited presentation, "Conceptualizing Populism: Lessons from Latin America." Presented at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, 2018.

Invited public lecture, "Populist Politics in Latin America." Presented at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Ann Arbor, 2017.

Invited presentation, "A Conversation About Populism and Historical Sociology." Presented at Yale University's Center for Comparative Research, New Haven, 2017.

Invited paper, panel on "Theorizing the Trump Regime." Presented at the University of Michigan's Social Theory and Culture/History/Politics Workshops, Ann Arbor, 2017.

Invited paper, "Situated Political Innovation: Explaining the Historical Emergence of New Political Repertoires." Presented at the UCLA Comparative Social Analysis Mini-Conference, Los Angeles, 2015.

Invited presentation, "Populist Mobilization: Explaining the Historical Emergence of a New Political Repertoire." Presented at:

- Grand Valley State University, Sociology Department, 2014.
- University of Toronto, Sociology Department, 2011.
- University of British Columbia, Sociology Department, 2010.
- University of Chicago, Sociology Department, 2010.
- University of Michigan, Sociology Department, 2010.

Invited presentation, "Teaching Professional Writing to Graduate Students." Presented at the ASA Directors of Graduate Studies Conference, New York, 2013.

Invited presentation, panel on "A Conversation About Theory." Presented at the ASA Junior Theorists Symposium, Denver, 2012.

Invited paper, "Populist Mobilization: A New Theoretical Approach to Populism." Presented at the "Power to the People?" conference, University of Kentucky, Lexington, 2012.

Invited presentation, "Dealing with Dubious Concepts in the Practice of Social Science" (with Sara I. McClelland). Presented at the University of Michigan's Society of Fellows, Ann Arbor, 2011.

Invited presentation, "Populist Mobilization: Explaining the Historical Emergence of a New Mode of Political Practice." Presented at:

- University of California (Davis), Sociology Department, 2008.
- University of Michigan, Sociology Department, 2008.
- University of Oregon, Sociology Department, 2008.
- University of Washington, Sociology Department, 2008.
- University of Wisconsin, Sociology Department, 2008.
- Yale University, Sociology Department, 2008.

CONFERENCE PAPERS

"Fascism, Populism, and Democratic Practice: Lessons from Latin America." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2021. (*virtual due to COVID-19*)

"Interpreting Trump's Populism: Lessons from Latin America." Presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2017.

"Populist Mobilization and Leftist Politics in Latin America." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2011.

"Concept Formation and the Problem of Populism: Lessons from an Anomalous Case." Presented at the ASA Junior Theorists Symposium, Berkeley, 2009.

"Grassroots Incorporative Organizing in Peru's 1931 Presidential Election." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2009.

"Two Paths to Populism: Explaining Peru's First Episode of Populist Mobilization." Presented at the "Democracy and its Development" graduate student conference, Center for the Study of Democracy, University of California (Irvine), 2008.

"Reconceptualizing 'Populism' (as a Mode of Political Practice)." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, 2007.

"Making Sense of Wonder: Meaning, Emotion, and Intersubjectivity at the Museum of Jurassic Technology." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, 2005.

"Resurrection and Reappropriation: Political Uses of Historical Figures in Nicaragua and Mexico." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, 2003.

"Animal Auction: Identity and Community in a Rural Institution." Presented at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Portland, 1999.

COURSES TAUGHT

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

SOC 100: Introduction to Sociology (undergraduate lecture)

SOC 422: Sociology of Latin America (undergraduate seminar)

SOC 495: Monuments, Memorials, and More: How History is Encoded in the Built Environment (undergraduate seminar)

SOC 500: Introduction to Graduate Studies (graduate proseminar)

SOC 532: Practicum in Comparative and Historical Sociology (graduate seminar)

SOC 620: Professional Writing for Sociologists (graduate seminar)

SOC 855: Research Workshop in Culture, History, Politics (graduate workshop)

UCLA

SOC 186: Latin American Societies (undergraduate lecture)

GRADUATE MENTORING: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

PH.D. COMMITTEES

* Denotes committee chair or co-chair.

Present

*Christian Castro-Martinez

*Raul Galan

*Kimberly Hess

Joyce Ho

Henrique Pedrazza Kopittke

Corinne Rushing

*I-Lun Shih

Completed

Daniel Blinderman (2025 [Political Science])
*Jen Triplett (2024)
*Kristin Foringer (2024)
Luis Flores (2023)
Tiffany Chuang (2023)
*Simeon Newman (2023)
Ian Bratcher (2021)
*Meagan Elliott (2018)
Drew Foster (2017)
Mathieu Desan (2016)
Alison Joersz (2016 [Anthropology])
José Bortoluci (2015)
Claire Whitlinger (2015)
Fiona Rose-Greenland (2014)
Nathalie Koc-Menard (2011 [Anthropology])

PUBLISHABLE PAPER COMMITTEES

* Denotes committee chair or co-chair.

Present

*John Mirsky

Completed

Henrique Pedrazza Kopittke (2025)
*Christian Castro-Martinez (2025)
*I-Lun Shih (2024)
Corinne Rushing (2024)
Ethan Johnston (2023)
*Raul Galan (2022)
*Kristin Foringer (2020)
*Jennifer Triplett (2020)
*Kimberly Hess (2019)
Tiffany Chuang (2018)
Luis Flores (2018)
Jeff Lockhart (2017)
Linroy Marshall (2017)
Simeon Newman (2015)
Drew Foster (2013)
José Bortoluci (2012)
Claire Whitlinger (2011)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

EDITORIAL BOARDS

American Journal of Sociology (consulting editor): 2016-18.
Cambridge Studies in Historical Sociology, Cambridge University Press (editorial board member): 2020 – present.
Qualitative Sociology (editorial board member): 2014 – present.
Sociological Theory (editorial board member): 2010-15.

AD HOC REVIEWER

Acta Sociologica, *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *British Journal of Political Science*; Cambridge University Press; Columbia University Press; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Law & Society Review*; *Mobilization*; National Science Foundation; *Partecipazione e Conflitto*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social Forces*; *Social Science History*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Sociological Forum*; *The Sociological Quarterly*; *Sociological Theory*; *Theory & Society*; University of Chicago Press.

AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

Comparative and Historical Sociology Section

Chair (elected): 2026-27

Council Member (elected): 2015-18.

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Committee (chair): 2017.

Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award Committee: 2012.

Website Editor: 2009-12.

Theory Section

Secretary-Treasurer (elected): 2014-17.

Ad Hoc Committee on Instituting a Junior Theorist Award: 2010.

Co-Organizer, Junior Theorists Symposium: 2010.

Culture Section

Nominations Committee: 2014.

Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award Committee: 2005.

PANEL ORGANIZER/DISCUSSANT

Organizer, panel on "Political Culture." ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2020.

Organizer and Presider, panel on "The Global Rise of Populism." ASA Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2020. (*anceled due to COVID-19*)

Discussant, panel on "Method and Epistemology in Historical Social Sciences." SSHA Annual Meeting, Phoenix, 2018.

Discussant, panel on "Democracy on the Defense: Rising Authoritarianism and Populism." ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, 2018.

Discussant, panel on "Populist Politics in the World Systems." ASA Annual Meeting, Montreal, 2017.

Organizer and Presider, panel on "How Parties Matter." SSHA Annual Meeting, Boston, 2011.

Organizer and Presider, panel on "Historical Sociology/Processes: Theory & Method in the Study of Historical Events & Processes." ASA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2011.

Organizer, panel on "Historical Sociology/Processes II: States, Societies, & Symbolic Power." ASA Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2011.

Discussant, panel on "Nationalist Narratives and Modernity." SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2010.

UNIVERSITY SERVICE: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Advisory Board, Center for Latin American & Caribbean Studies: 2011-12.

JURY MEMBER

Graduate Student Research Fellowship Applications, International Institute: 2017.

ProQuest Distinguished Dissertation Award, Rackham Graduate School: 2010, 2011.

Postdoctoral Fellowship Applications, Michigan Society of Fellows: 2009, 2010, 2011.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE: SOCIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS

Director of Graduate Studies: 2019-21.

Associate Director of Graduate Studies: 2018-19.

COMMITTEE MEMBER

Climate and Inclusion Committee: 2019-21.

Committee on the Administration of Graduate Affairs: W2016, 2016-17, 2019-21 (chair).

Executive Committee (elected): 2013-14, 2023-24, F24.

Graduate Admissions Committee: 2012-13, 2014-15, 2018-19 (chair).

Personnel Committee: 2017-18.

Prelim Committee: Culture & Knowledge: 2013-16.

Prelim Committee: Power, History, and Social Change: 2012-13, 2017-19, 2019-21 (chair),
2021-22, 2022-23 (chair).

Tenure Review Committee: 2018, 2020.