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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2022- Associate Professor of Sociology and Social Data Analytics, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2018-2022 Assistant Professor of Sociology and Social Data Analytics, The Pennsylvania State University
- 2016-2018 Assistant Professor of Sociology, The University of Arizona

EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- *Theda Skocpol Award for Best Comparative Historical Dissertation*
- 2011 MA Sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- 2008 BS Economics, Mathematics, and Sociology; University of Minnesota Twin Cities

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- 2024 Maher, Thomas, **Charles Seguin**, and Yongjun Zhang. "The Racial Limits of Disruption: How Race and Tactics Influence Social Movement Organization Testimony Before Congress, 1960-1995" *Social Forces* (in press).
- 2023 **Seguin, Charles**. "The origins of hits: Cumulative advantage vs. multiplicative returns in cultural markets." *Poetics*
- *Richard Peterson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Culture Section*
 - *Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Mathematical Sociology Section*
 - *Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Rationality and Society Section*
- 2023 **Seguin, Charles**, Thomas Maher, and Yongjun Zhang. "A Seat at the Table: A New Dataset of Social Movement Organization Representation before Congress during the Twentieth Century." *Socius*

- 2022 **Seguin, Charles** and Sabrina Nardin. "Our National Crime: The Lynching of Italians and the Rise of Anti-lynching Politics in the United States." *Social Science History*
[Featured in *The New York Times*](#)
- 2021 Rigby, David and **Charles Seguin**. "Capital Punishment and the Legacies of Slavery and Lynching in the United States." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*
- 2021 **Seguin, Charles**, Chris Julien, and Yongjun Zhang. "The stability of androgynous names: Dynamics of gendered naming practices in the United States 1880–2016." *Poetics*
[Featured in *The Atlantic*](#)
- 2020 Gorman, Brandon and **Charles Seguin**. "Who Supports Global Cooperation? Cooperative-Internationalism at the Intersection of Social Class and Economic Development." *Sociological Science*
- 2020 Maher, Thomas, **Charles Seguin**, Yongjun Zhang and Andrew Davis. "Social scientists' testimony before Congress in the United States between 1946-2016, trends from a new dataset." *PLOS ONE*
- 2019 **Seguin, Charles** and David Rigby. "National Crimes: A New National Dataset of Lynchings in the United States 1883-1941." *Socius*
- 2018 Gorman, Brandon and **Charles Seguin**. "World Citizens on the Periphery: Threat and Identification with Global Society" *American Journal of Sociology*
- *Outstanding Published Article Award, ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity*
- 2018 Rigby, David and **Charles Seguin**. "The Racial Position of European Immigrants 1883-1941: Evidence from Lynching in the Midwest" *Social Currents*
- 2017 **Seguin, Charles**, Annette Nierobisz, and Karen Kozlowski. "Teaching Racial Segregation with the Racial Dot Map" *Teaching Sociology*.
- 2016 **Seguin, Charles**. "Cascades of Coverage: Positive Feedback in Media Attention to Social Movement Organizations." *Social Forces*.
- *Clifford C. Clogg Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Methodology Section*
 - *Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Political Sociology Section*
- 2015 Andrews, Kenneth and **Charles Seguin**. "Group Threat and Policy Change: The Spatial Dynamics of Prohibition Politics, 1890-1919." *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2015 Gorman, Brandon and **Charles Seguin**. "Reporting the International System: Attention to Foreign Leaders in the US News Media, 1950-2008." *Social Forces*.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 “Social Movement Impact on Policy Outcomes,” National Science Foundation,
Charles Seguin PI, Thomas Maher Co-PI, \$175,433
- 2017 Leveraging Grant, University of Arizona Social and Behavioral Research
Institute, \$1,404
- 2014 Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation, \$11,782
- 2011 Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation
- 2010 Graduate Student Skill Development Fund Grant, UNC-CH \$500
- 2008 William E. Faragher Scholarship in Mathematics, UMN \$5,000
- 2007 SMART Grant in Mathematics, UMN \$5,000
- 2007 Doug and Jane Gorence Scholarship in Economics, UMN \$1,500
- 2007 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Grant, UMN \$1,700
- 2006 Lucky Waller Scholarship, UMN \$3,000
- 2006 Undergraduate Research Opportunity Grant, UMN \$1,500

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2019 Outstanding Published Article Award, ASA Section on Altruism, Morality and
Social Solidarity
- 2018 Theda Skocpol Award for Best Dissertation, ASA Comparative Historical Section
- 2015 Odum Award for Excellence in Research, UNC-CH
- 2013 Richard Peterson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, ASA Culture Section
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Mathematical Sociology Section
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Political Sociology Section
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Rationality and Society Section

- 2012 Clifford C. Clogg Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Methodology Section
- 2011 Distinction in Comprehensive Exam in Social Movements, UNC-CH

OTHER WRITING

- “What Conservatives Get Wrong About Cosmopolitans” *The Washington Post Monkey Cage* July 27, 2019
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2019/07/27/what-conservatives-gets-wrong-about-cosmopolitans/>
- “When Northern Newspapers Justified Lynching” *The New York Times* June 11, 2018
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/06/11/opinion/northern-newspapers-lynchings.html>
- “Review of *Lynched: The Victims of Southern Mob Violence*” *Contemporary Sociology* 2017
- “A Nail Gun or a Machine Gun? Will Big Data Tools Radically Reshape Historical Sociology?” *Trajectories* Winter 2017 28(2) p.(27-28)
- “Media Bias, Media Endogeneity” *Mobilizing Ideas* June 2015.
<https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2015/06/10/media-bias-media-endogeneity/>
- “Scraping Historical Newspaper Archives: The Transformation of Public Lynching Discourse in the US” *Bad Hessian* January 2014.
<http://badhessian.org/2014/01/scraping-historical-newspaper-archives-the-transformation-of-public-lynching-discourse-in-the-us/>
- “The distribution of US media attention to foreign leaders: 1950-2008” *Bad Hessian* September 2012.
<http://badhessian.org/2012/09/the-distribution-of-us-media-attention-to-foreign-leaders-1950-2008/>

PRESENTATIONS

- "The Racial Limits of Disruption: How Race and Tactics Influence Social Movement Organization Testimony Before Congress, 1960-1995." UCSD Department of Sociology Colloquium Series, January 2024
- "How Culture is Coherent: The Reproduction of Gendered Naming Aesthetics in the United States 1880-2016." American Sociological Association Meeting in Philadelphia, August 2023
- “Natural Experiments and Regression Discontinuities.” Penn State Population Research Institute Demography Graduate Students Methods Workshop, May 2023
- "Who Supports Global Cooperation?: Cooperative-Internationalism at the Intersection of Social Class and Economic Development." Culture and Politics Workshop at the University of

North Carolina at Chapel Hill, September 2020

- “Boundary Spillover: Group Boundaries and the Rise of Anti-Lynching Politics in the US”
Comparative Social Analysis Irene Flecknoe Ross Lecture Series at UCLA Sociology,
February 2019
- “The Lynching of Italian Citizens in the US and the Development of Anti-lynching Politics
1891-1930” Social Science History Association Meeting 2018, Phoenix, AZ
- “Boundary Spillover and the Politics of Racial Violence: The Transatlantic Response to
American Lynching 1891-1903” SRPP Talk Series at NYU Abu-Dhabi, November 2019
- “Boundary Spillover and the Politics of Racial Violence: The Transatlantic Response to
American Lynching 1891-1903” Oxford University, October 2019
- “Institutional Allies, Public Attention, & Protest Tactics; Civil Rights Organization's
Representation at Congressional Hearings 1900-2000.” Presented at the Young
Movements Scholars Conference at Notre Dame, April 2018.
- “Effects of Movements? The Limitations of Anti-Lynching Historiography” Presented at the
Social Movements and Protest Conference in San Diego, May 2017.
- “The Making of a National Crime: How American Lynching became a Social Problem”
Presented at the SUNY Albany Department of Sociology, April 2017
- “Boundary Spillover and the Critique of American Lynching” Presented at the Comparative
Historical Mini-Conference in Seattle, August 2016 and the Social Science History
Association Meeting in Chicago, November 2016.
- “Naming the Gender Binary: A Machine Learning Approach to Analyzing Gendered Aesthetics”
Presented at the Duke University Network Analysis Center, February 2016
- “Naming the Gender Binary: How Conventions and Aesthetics Reproduce Symbolic
Boundaries” Presented at the American Sociological (ASA) conference in Chicago,
August 2015
- “The Mathematics of Superstars: Two Theories of Cultural Consumption” Presented at the
American Sociological (ASA) conference in San Francisco, August 2014
- “Cultural Superstardom from Multiple Mechanisms: Two Mathematical Models of Cultural
Object Popularity” Presented at the Duke University Network Analysis Center,
February 2014
- “A Niagra of Ballots: Sequencing, Organizational Strategy, and Political Outcomes” Presented at
the American Sociological (ASA) conference in New York, August 2013

"The Political Economy of News Gathering: Attention to Foreign Leaders in the US News Media, 1950-2008." Presented at the Culture and Politics Workshop at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, October 2012

"Avalanches of Attention: Positive Feedback in Media Coverage of Social Movement Organizations" Presented at the "Empirical Applications of Mathematical Models" panel at the American Sociological (ASA) conference in Denver, August 2012

"Waves of Coverage: Positive Feedback in Media Coverage of Social Movement Organizations." Presented at the Culture and Politics Workshop at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2011

"Making America Dry: Ethnicity, Religion, and Urbanization in the Adoption of Prohibition, 1890-1919." Presented at the annual American Sociological Association (ASA) conference, August 2011 and at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Department of Sociology Colloquia Series, September 2011.

"Time and Space in Television Advertising, 1948-1989." Presented at the Culture and Politics Workshop at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, May 2010

"A Mathematical Model of Protest Dynamics" Presented at the Social Research Institute at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, April 2008

COURSES TAUGHT

Approaches and Issues in Social Data Analytics: Fall 2019, Fall 2020, Fall 2021

The History and Sociology of Lynching in the United States: Spring 2019, Spring 2021

Advanced Topics in Big Data Techniques for Social Scientists: Text as Data; Fall 2016

Introduction to Sociology; Fall 2013, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

Political Sociology (Undergraduate); Spring 2014

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

Editorial Board Member:

Social Forces (2023-)

Historical Methods (2017-2019)

Teaching Sociology (2018-2021)

Ad Hoc Reviewer for: *American Political Science Review*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Theory and Society*, *Social Problems*, *Sociological Science*, *Sociological Methodology*, *Sociological Methods and Research*,

Poetics, Mathematical Sociology, Mobilization, Comparative Political Studies, International Review of Social History, Justice Quarterly, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Focus, Sociological Forum, Social Justice Research, Law and Social Inquiry, International Criminal Justice Review, Science Advances, New Media and Society, Social Science Quarterly, Big Data and Society, Social Currents, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Research in Social Movements Conflict and Change, Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Japanese Studies, Journal of Peace Research.

Discussant and Chair, “Reimagining Research Traditions: New Approaches to Method and Measurement” Social Science History Association Meeting, 2021

Council Member, ASA section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity 2020-2022

Committee Chair, Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award, Social Science History Association, 2019

Committee Member, Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award, Social Science History Association, 2018

Program Committee Member, Third Annual International Conference on Computational Social Science, 2017

Committee Member, best graduate student paper award, ASA section on Mathematical Sociology, 2017

Discussant and Presider, “Digitized (Big) Data and Comparative Historical Sociology” American Sociological Association meeting, 2016

Committee Member, Richard Peterson award for best graduate student paper, ASA section on Sociology of Culture, 2014

Committee Member, best graduate student paper award, ASA section on Political Sociology, 2014

Committee Member, best graduate student paper award, ASA section on Mathematical Sociology, 2014

Presider at Session on “Computational Social Science and Studying Social Behavior” American Sociological Association meeting, 2014

Presider at Session on “Social Movements at the Extremes” American Sociological Association meeting, 2013

National Science Foundation: Contact for Graduate Research Fellowship Program 2012-Present

UNC-CH Department of Sociology: Panelist for NSF Graduate Research Fellowship
Seminar, Fall 2012, 2013, 2014

Advocate for Carolina Firsts: <http://firstgeneration.unc.edu/>

American Sociological Association: Member

Section memberships: CBSM, Comparative Historical, Culture, Human Rights,
Mathematical, Methodology, Political