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POSITIONS HELD

- 2017-Present Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of British Columbia, Vancouver, CA
- 2011-2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Memphis
- 2012 Visiting Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Bielefeld, Germany
- 2009-2011 Postdoctoral Fellow, Institute for Research on World-Systems, University of California, Riverside

EDUCATION

- 2009 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Riverside
- 2004 M.A., Sociology, San Diego State University
- 2000 B.A., Sociology, Western Michigan University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociological Theory / Medical Sociology and Mental Health / Suicide / Social Psychology / Emotions / Qualitative and Historical Methods / Institutions / Political Economy

HONORS, DISTINCTIONS, AWARDS

- American Sociological Association Section on Mental Health *Best Publication Award* (w/ Anna Mueller), 2017
- American Sociological Association Section on Children and Youth *Outstanding Scholarly Contribution Award* (w/ Anna Mueller), 2017
- College of Arts and Science's *Early Career Research Award*, The University of Memphis, 2015
- American Sociological Association Section on Medical Sociology *Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award* (w/ Anna Mueller), 2015
- American Sociological Association Section on Mental Health *Best Publication Award* (w/ Anna Mueller), 2015

- American Sociological Association Section on Emotions *Recent Contribution Award* (w/ Anna Mueller), 2015
- American Sociological Association Section on Children and Youth *Outstanding Scholarly Contribution Award* (w/ Anna Mueller), 2015
- *The Sociology Scholarship Incentive Award*, The University of Memphis, 2013
- American Sociological Association Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society *Best Faculty Paper Award* (w/ Kirk Lawrence), 2013
- *Travel Enrichment Grant*, The University of Memphis, 2012
- American Sociological Association Section on Emotions *Recent Contribution Award* (w/ Jan Stets, Michael Carter, Michael Harrod, and Christine Cerven), 2010
- *Teaching Assistant of the Year*, University of California, Riverside, 2007

BOOKS

Mueller, Anna S. and **Seth Abrutyn**. (Under Contract). *Life Under Pressure: The Social Roots of Adolescent Suicide in a Cohesive Community*. Oxford University Press.

Abrutyn, Seth (ed). 2016. *Handbook of Contemporary Sociological Theory*. New York: Springer.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2013. *Revisiting Institutionalism in Sociology: Putting the “Institution” Back in Institutional Analysis*. New York: Routledge.

Abrutyn, Seth (Manuscript in Progress). *The Spheres of Social Life: An Evolutionary-Institutional Inventory*.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

* = Equal Authorship; Underline = Student Authors

In Print

Abrutyn, Seth and Anna S. Mueller. 2018. “Towards a Cultural-Structural Theory of Suicide: Examining Excessive Regulation and its Discontents.” *Sociological Theory*. 36(1):48-66.

Bottomely, Jamison S., **Seth Abrutyn**, Melissa A. Smigelsky, and Robert A. Neimeyer. 2017 “Mental Health Symptomology and Exposure to Non-Fatal Behavior: Factors that Predict Vulnerability and Resilience Among College Students.” *Archives of Suicide Research*. DOI: 10.1080/13811118.2017.1387632

*Turner, Jonathan H. and **Seth Abrutyn**. 2017. “Returning the “Social” to Evolutionary Sociology: Reconsidering Spencer, Durkheim, and Marx’s Models of “Natural” Selection.” *Sociological Perspectives*. 60(3):529-556. DOI: 10.1177/0731121416641936.

Binnix, Taylor, Carol Rambo, **Seth Abrutyn**, and Anna S. Mueller. 2017, “The Dialectics of Stigma, Silence, and Misunderstandings in Suicidality Survival Narratives.” *Deviant Behavior*. DOI: 10.1080/01639625.2017.1399753

Abrutyn, Seth. 2017. "What Hindu Sati Can Teach Us About the Social Psychological Dynamics of Suicide." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. 47(4):522-539

Mueller, Anna S., **Seth Abrutyn**, and Melissa Osborne. 2017. "Durkheim's *Suicide* in the Zombie Apocalypse." *Contexts*. 16(2):44-49.

Mueller, Anna S. and **Seth Abrutyn**. 2016. "Adolescents under Pressure: A New Durkheimian Framework for Understanding Adolescent Suicide in a Cohesive Community." *American Sociological Review*. 81(5): 877-899.

Winner of the Best Publication, ASA Section on *Mental Health*, 2017

Winner of the Outstanding Scholarly Contribution Award, ASA Section on *Children and Youth*, 2017

Abrutyn, Seth, Justin Van Ness, and Marshall Taylor. 2016. "Collective Action and Cultural Change: Revisiting Eisenstadt's Evolutionary Theory." *Journal of Classical Sociology*. 17(1):369-95.

Seth Abrutyn. 2016. "Why Groups Matter to Sociocultural Evolution: How Religio-Cultural Entrepreneurship Drove Political and Religious Evolution in Ancient Israel." *Comparative Sociology*. 15(3):324-353.

Abrutyn, Seth and Anna S. Mueller. 2016. "When Too Much Integration and Regulation Hurts: Re-Envisioning Durkheim's Altruistic Suicide." *Society and Mental Health*. 6(1):56-71

Mueller, Anna S. and **Seth Abrutyn**. 2015. "Suicidal Disclosures among Friends: Using Social Network Data to Understand Suicide Suggestion." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*. 56(1):131-148.

Winner of the Best Publication, ASA Section on *Mental Health*, 2015

Mueller, Anna S., Wesley James, **Seth Abrutyn**, and Martin Levin. 2015. "Suicide Ideation and Bullying Among U.S. Adolescents: Examining the Intersection of Sexual Orientation, Gender, and Race/Ethnicity." *American Journal of Public Health*. 105(5):980-985.

*Mueller, Anna S.,***Seth Abrutyn**, and Cynthia Stockton. 2015. "Can Social Ties Be Harmful? Examining the Social Dynamics of Suicide Suggestion in Early Adulthood." *Sociological Perspectives*. 58(2):204-222.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2015. "Money, Sacredness, and Love: Generalized Symbolic Media and the Production of Instrumental, Affectual, and Moral Reality." *Czech Sociological Review*. 51(3):445-471

Abrutyn, Seth and Justin Van Ness. 2015. "The Role of Agency in Sociocultural Evolution: Institutional Entrepreneurship as a Force of Structural and Cultural Transformation." *Thesis Eleven*. 127(1):52-77.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2015. "The Institutional Evolution of Religion: Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Ancient Israel." *Religion*. 45(4):505-531.

*Lawrence, Kirk and **Seth Abrutyn**. 2015. "The Degradation of Nature and the Growth of Environmental Concern: Toward a Theory of the Capture and Limits of Ecological Value." *Human Ecology Review*. 21(1):87-108.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2015. "Pollution-Purification Rituals, Cultural Memory, and the Evolution of Religion: How Collective Trauma Shaped Ancient Israel." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. 3(1):123-155.

Abrutyn, Seth and Anna S. Mueller. 2014. "The Socioemotional Foundations of Suicide: A Microsociological View of Durkheim's Suicide." *Sociological Theory*. 32(4):327-351.

Winner of the Recent Contribution to the Literature, ASA Section on Emotions, 2015

***Abrutyn, Seth** and Anna S. Mueller. 2014. "Are Suicidal Behaviors Contagious in Adolescence?: Using Longitudinal Data to Examine Suicide Suggestion." *American Sociological Review*. 79(2): 211-227.

Winner of the Eliot Freidson Outstanding Publication Award, ASA Section on Medical Sociology, 2015

Winner of the Outstanding Scholarly Contribution Award, ASA Section on Children and Youth, 2015

Reprinted in Russell K. Schutt. 2015. *Investigating the Social World: The Practice and Process of Social Research*, eighth edition. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage. Pp. 596-612

Abrutyn, Seth and Anna S. Mueller. 2014. "Reconsidering Durkheim's Assessment of Tarde: Formalizing a Tardian Theory of Imitation, Contagion, and Suicide Suggestion." *Sociological Forum*. 29(3):698-719.

***Abrutyn, Seth** and Michael J. Carter. 2014. "The Decline in Shared Collective Conscience as Found in the Shifting Norms and Values of Etiquette Manuals." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. DOI: 10.1111/jtsb.12071

Abrutyn, Seth. 2014. "Religious Autonomy and Religious Entrepreneurship: An Evolutionary-Institutionalist's Take on the Axial Age." *Comparative Sociology*. 13(2):105-134. (lead article).

Abrutyn, Seth. 2013. "Reconceptualizing the Dynamics of Religion as a Macro Institutional Domain." *Structure and Dynamics*. 6(3):1-21. (lead article)

Abrutyn, Seth. 2013. "Revisiting and Reinvigorating Evolutionary Sociology: Bringing Institutions Back to Life." *Current Perspectives in Social Theory*. 31:247-76.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2013. "Reconceptualizing Religious Evolution: Toward a General Theory of Macro-Institutional Change." *Social Evolution and History* 12(2):5-36. (lead article)

Abrutyn, Seth. 2013. "Political Evolution, Entrepreneurship, and Autonomy: Causes and Consequences of an "Axial" Moment." *Research in Political Sociology* 21:3-29. (lead article)

Abrutyn, Seth. 2013. "Teaching Sociological Theory for a New Century: Contending with the Time Crunch." *The American Sociologist* 44(2):132-54.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2012. "Towards a General Theory of Institutional Ecology: The Dynamics of Macro Structural Space." *Review of European Studies* 4(5):167-80.

***Abrutyn, Seth** and Jonathan H. Turner. 2011. "The Old Institutionalism Meets the New Institutionalism." *Sociological Perspectives* 54(3):283-306.

*Stephen K. Sanderson, **Seth Abrutyn**, and Kristopher Proctor. 2011. "Testing the Protestant Ethic Thesis with Quantitative Historical Data: A Research Note." *Social Forces* 89(3):1-7.

***Abrutyn, Seth** and Kirk Lawrence. 2010. "From Chiefdom to State: Toward an Integrative Theory of the Evolution of Polity." *Sociological Perspectives* 53(3):419-42.

Winner of Best Paper Award for a Faculty Member, ASA Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society, 2013

*Brint, Steven G. and **Seth Abrutyn**. 2010. "Who's Right About the Right?: Comparing Competing Explanations of the Link Between Conservative Protestants and Conservative Politics in the United States." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 49(2):328-50.

Abrutyn, Seth. 2009. "Toward a General Theory of Institutional Autonomy." *Sociological Theory* 27(4):449-65.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Abrutyn, Seth. *Forthcoming*. "Anomie and Strain Theory." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*, edited by L. Spillman. New York: Oxford University Press.

Abrutyn, Seth and Kevin McCaffree. *Forthcoming*. "Evolutionary Sociology." In *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by G. Ritzer and C. Rojek. New York: Wiley-Blackwell.

- Abrutyn, Seth.** *Forthcoming*. "Toward a Sociological Analysis of Transcendence." In book edited by R. Yelle. Berlin: Walter de Gruyter.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2018. "Teenage Suicide Notes." *Sociological Inquiry*. 88(1):184-186. (Book Review)
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2017. "JTS After-Panel: Theory, the Good Society, and Positionality." *Perspectives*. 39(2).
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2017. Resurrecting Durkheim." *Perspectives*. 39(1):9-13.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2016. "Institutional Spheres: The Fundamental Divisions of Social Reality." Pp. 207-228 in *The Contemporary Handbook of Sociological Theory*, edited by S. Abrutyn. New York: Springer.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2016. "Introduction: The State of Sociological Theory." In *The Contemporary Handbook of Sociological Theory*, edited by S. Abrutyn. New York: Springer.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2016. "Herbert Spencer, (1820-1903)." In the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Nationalism*. New York: John Wiley and Sons.
- Blume, Amelia** and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2016. "Polygyny." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Blume, Amelia** and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2016. "Polyandry." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Blume, Amelia, Zeinab Shuker,** and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2016. "Place of Residence Rules." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Shuker, Zeinab** and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2016. "Primogeniture." In *The Encyclopedia of Family Studies*, edited by C.L. Shehan. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Stack, Steven and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2015. "Suicide by Fire: Ethnicity as a Predictor of Self Immolation in the U.S." Pp. 193-210 in *Suicide as Performance*, edited by D. Lester and S. Stack. New York: Transaction Press.
- *Anderson, Eugene and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2014. "Religion in Human Evolution." *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture*. 8(1):111-127. (Book Review)
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2013. "Positivism." In *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*, edited by J. Manza. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2012. "Hinduism." In the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, edited by G. Ritzer and N. Jurgenson. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.

- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2012. "Religions, Global." In the *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Globalization*, edited by G. Ritzer and N. Jurgenson. Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2010. "Functionalism." In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by G. Kurian. Washington D.C.: CUPress and the Encyclopedic Society.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2010. "Post-Modernism." In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by G. Kurian. Washington D.C.: CUPress and the Encyclopedic Society.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2010. "Structuralism." In *The Encyclopedia of Political Science*, edited by G. Kurian. Washington D.C.: CUPress and the Encyclopedic Society
- *Brint, Steven G. and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2009. "From Status Group Conflict to Institutionalized Party-Movement Electoral System." Pp. 105-40 in *Evangelicals, the "Traditionalist Alliance," and Democracy in America*, vol. II, edited by S.G. Brint and J. Schroedel. New York: Russell Sage.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** 2009. "Institutions as Evolutionary Adaptations." *Perspectives* 30:2-4, 11.
- Stets, Jan E., Michael J. Carter, Michael M. Harrod, Christine Cerven, and **Seth Abrutyn.** 2008. "The Moral Identity, Moral Emotions, and the Normative Order." Pp. 227-52 in *Social Structure and Emotion*, edited by D.T. Robinson and J. Clay-Warner. San Diego: Elsevier.

Winner, Recent Contribution to the Literature, ASA Section on Emotion, 2010

PAPERS UNDER REVIEW

- Abrutyn, Seth.** (*Revise and Resubmit*). "Is Sport an Autonomous Institutional Sphere?" *The Sociological Quarterly*.
- Abrutyn, Seth,** Anna S. Mueller, and Melissa Osborne. "How Suicide Becomes an Option for Youth: Examining the Social Dynamics around Suicide Diffusion in a Cohesive Community" *Society and Mental Health*.
- *Summers-Effler, Erika, ***Seth Abrutyn** and Justin Van Ness. (*Revise and Resubmit*) "Collapsing the Stability-Change Dichotomy: Illustrating a Cyclical Evolutionary Approach to Investigating Patterns of Social Development and Organization with the Case of Ancient Israel." *Philosophy of Social Science*.
- Abrutyn, Seth.** (*Revise and Resubmit*) "Toward a Theory of Anomie: A Social Psychological Account of the Disintegrative Process." *European Journal of Sociology*
- Abrutyn, Seth.** "The Gregorian Ethic and 'Spirit' of Legal-Rationalism." *American Journal of Sociology*

PAPERS IN PROGRESS

Abrutyn, Seth and Anna S. Mueller. “Theorizing Why Suicides Spread: Considering the Logic of Social Scripts.”

Mueller, Anna S. and **Seth Abrutyn**. “Setting the Sociological Study of Suicide’s Agenda for the 21st Century.”

Seth Abrutyn. “Liminality and Axiality: How Collective Anomie Started Four Religious Revolutions”

Seth Abrutyn. “The Problem with Classical Theory: Or, How We Learned to Love the Cult of Personality.”

Justin Van Ness and **Seth Abrutyn**. “Toward a Theory of “Total Commitment”: Goffman, Coser, and Self-Contraction

PRESENTATIONS

2018 “After a Suicide in High School: The Consequences of Not Talking to Youth Openly about Suicide.” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the International Sociological Association World Congress, Toronto, ON, Canada

2018 “Abductive Methods, Constructing Theory, and Building Research Programs.” (with Amelia Blume). Paper presented at the Future Theory Symposium at the Canadian Sociological Association meetings, Toronto, ON, Canada

2018 “After a Suicide in High School: The Consequences of Not Talking to Youth Openly about Suicide.” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology, Washington, D.C.

2018 “Exposure to Suicide in Adolescence: Leveraging Longitudinal Data and Causal Modeling Techniques to Understand Risk of Suicidality Post-Exposure.” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the American Association of Suicidology, Washington, D.C.

2017 “Durkheim and His Discontents: A Social Psychological, Cultural, and Emotional Reappraisal of Suicide.” (with Anna Mueller). Invited paper in a special session “Generations of Suicide Risk” at the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.

2017 “Theory, Theorists, and Public Sociology.” Invited paper at the Junior Theorist Symposium’s after-panel, “Theory, the Good Society, and Positionality.” Montreal, Canada.

2017 “How Suicide Becomes an Option for Youth in a Cohesive Community.” Invited talk at the Department of Sociology’s Urban Workshop, University of Chicago.

- 2016 “Fusing the Old with the New: How Integrative Approaches to Morality and Emotions Resist Reinventing the Wheel.” Paper Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Modernizing Durkheim’s Fatalistic Suicide: The Social Psychological, Cultural, and Emotional Dynamics of Suicide” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Abduction and the Reimagining of Durkheim’s Suicide: A Case Study of a Suicide-Prone Cohesive Community” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Reconceptualizing Durkheim’s Suicide: The Case of Adolescent Suicide in a Cohesive Community.” Invited Paper presented at the University of California-Riverside’s Department of Sociology and The School of Public Policy’s Colloquium Series (February)
- 2016 “Adolescents under Pressure: A New Durkheimian Framework for Understanding Adolescent Suicide in a Cohesive Community” (with Anna Mueller). Invited talk at the Demography Workshop, Population Research Center, University of Chicago (March 3, 2016), Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Reconsidering Durkheim's Altruistic Suicide: Toward a Broader Theory of Integration, Regulation, and Suicide” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Parents Under Pressure: The Social Dynamics Surrounding Blame for Suicide Deaths in a Privileged Community” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Community Matters: Understanding the Social Dynamics in an Echo-Suicide-Cluster Case Study.” (with Anna. S Mueller. and Taylor Binnix). Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Association of Suicidology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2014 “The Socioemotional Structure of Suicide (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “The Socioemotional Structure of Suicide” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Association for Suicidology, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 “Suicidal Disclosure between Friends: Using Social Network Data to Understand Suicide Suggestion” (with Anna Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Association for Suicidology, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2014 “Examining Gender Differences in the Social Contagion of Suicide through Friendships” (with Anna S. Mueller and Darla Still). Paper presented at the meetings of the Sociologists for Women in Society, Nashville, TN.

- 2013 “Suicidal Disclosures between Friends: Using Social Network Data to Understand Suicide Suggestion.” (with Anna Mueller). Invited talk at the Social Networks Graduate Seminar, Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology and Special Education, College of Education, Michigan State University, (December 2013) E. Lansing, Michigan.
- 2013 “Can Social Ties Be Harmful?” (with Anna S. Mueller). Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY.
- 2013 “Authoritative Nuances in NRMs: An Ethnographic Examination of Informal Authority Structures in the Twelve Tribes.” (With Amelia Blume). Paper presented at the meetings of the Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY.
- 2013 “Examining the Limits of Social Contagion: Suicide Suggestion in Early Adulthood.” (with Anna Mueller and Cynthia Stockton). Paper presented at the annual meetings of the Population Association of America, Princeton, NJ.
- 2012 “The 21st Century and Teaching Sociological Theory: Contending with the Time Crunch.” Paper presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Are Suicidal Behaviors Contagious in Adolescence? Understanding the Role of Selection in Suicide Imitation.” (with Anna Mueller). Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver, CO.
- 2012 “Max Weber and the Rise of Capitalism: The City, Law, and Yes, the Protestant Ethic.” Presented at the meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2012 “Institutional Entrepreneurship.” (with Justin Van Ness). Presented at the meetings of the Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 “On the State of Theory.” Invited to present at the meetings of the California Sociological Association, Berkeley, CA.
- 2011 “From the Margins to the Center: Revisiting Macro Structural Analysis.” Paper presented at the meetings of the California Sociological Association, Berkeley, CA.
- 2011 “Towards a Theory of Institutional Ecology.” Paper presented at the meetings of American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 “The Axial Age: Religious Entrepreneurship.” Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 “From Chiefdoms to States.” (with Kirk Lawrence). Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco.

- 2008 “Putting the “Institution” Back in Institutional Analysis: An Evolutionary Approach.” Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.
- 2008 “Institutional Autonomy: Revisiting Old Institutional Analysis From the “Inside Out.” Presented at the Junior Theorist Symposium at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2007 “The Mechanisms and Processes of Institutional Autonomy.” Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY.
- 2007 “Towards a General Theory of Institutional Autonomy.” Presented at the meetings of the Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA.
- 2007 “From Status Group Conflict to Institutionalized Party-Movement Electoral System.” (with Steven G. Brint). Presented at the Christian Conservatives and American Democracy Conference in New York.
- 2006 “The Israeli Legal System: A Barrier to Theocracy?” Presented at the meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

The University of British Columbia (* = Graduate Seminar)

- Foundations in Sociological Theory (Winter 2 2017, Winter 1 2018)
- Selected Topics in Sociological Theory—Human Social Institutions (Winter 2 2017)
- *Foundations in Sociological Thought (Winter 1 2017)
- *Contemporary Sociological Theory (Winter 1 2018)

The University of Memphis (* = Graduate Seminar)

- Rise of Sociological Theory (Fall 2012)
- Contemporary Sociological Theory (Spring 2012; Fall 2013, Spring 2015, Fall 2015)
- Contemporary Sociological Theory – Online Course (Fall 2014; Spring 2016; Spring 2017)
- Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2016)
- The Individual and Society (Spring 2013)
- Social Change (Spring 2014)
- Sociology of Religion (Fall 2014)
- *Globalization and Social Change (Fall 2011; Spring 2015)
- *Seminar in Sociological Theory (Fall 2012; Fall 2013; Fall 2015)
- *Seminar in Social Psychology (Spring 2013; Spring 2016)
- *Seminar in the Sociology of Religion (Spring 2014; Fall 2016)
- *Seminar in Mental Illness (Spring 2017)

The University of California-Riverside (Lectureship)

- Introduction to Sociology (Winter 2008)

Human Societies (Spring 2010)
Population (Winter 2010)
Human Social Institutions (Spring 2011)
Sociology of the Family (Fall 2009)
Formal Organizations (Winter 2011)
Sociology of Religion (Fall 2009; Fall 2010)
Sociology of Education (Winter 2010)
Development of Sociological Theory (Fall 2006; Spring 2007; Summer 2008; Summer 2010)
Modern Sociological Theory (Summer 2009; Spring 2010)
Core Social Psychology Course (Spring 2009)
Socialization and Personality (Winter 2009)
Social Roles and Interaction (Fall 2008)

FORMAL ADVISEMENT

Committee Chair

Harris, ReKeycha. 2017 (MA, University of Memphis)
Binnix, Taylor. 2016 (MA, University of Memphis)
Shuker, Zeinab. 2015 (MA, University of Memphis – Current Ph.D. Student at University of California-Riverside)
Blume, Amelia. 2014 (MA, University of Memphis – Current Ph.D. Student at University of Arizona)

Committee Member

Ivanova, Lily (PhD Sociology, UBC – Anticipated 2020)
Blume, Amelia (PhD Sociology, University of Arizona – Anticipated 2020)
Bottomley, Jamison S. (PhD Psychology, University of Memphis – Anticipated 2019)
Hughes, Adam (PhD Communications, University of Memphis – Anticipated 2019)
Boudreaux, JoAnna, 2017 (MA, University of Memphis – Current PhD Student in Communications, University of Memphis)
Taylor, Marshall. 2014 (MA, University of Memphis – Current PhD Student at Notre Dame)
Scott, Michele. 2013 (MA, University of Memphis – Current PhD Student at North Carolina State Univ)
Smiley, Kevin. 2013 (MA, University of Memphis – Asst. Professor, University of Buffalo)

Undergraduate Honor's Thesis Chair

Still, Darla. 2013. (Current Ph.D. Student at University of Arizona)

SERVICE

Departmental/University Service (University of British Columbia)

2017/18 **Member**, Theory Comprehensive Exam Committee (Lily Ivanova)
2017-Present **Member**, Speaker Series Committee

Departmental/University Service (University of Memphis)

2016 **Chair**, Comprehensive Exam Committee
2015-2017 **Honors Contract Coordinator**
2015-2017 **Webmaster**, Department Online Coordinator
2015-2017 **Member**, Department Graduate Committee
2015-16 **Member**, Chair Search Committee
2014-15 **Member**, Chair Search Committee
2014 **Member**, Comprehensive Exams Committee
2014 **Department Representative**, Relay Education Committee
2014-2015 **Member**, Department Undergraduate Committee
2013 **Chair**, Instructor Search Committee
2012-2016 **Faculty Advisor**, Undergraduate Club, *Social Pupils*
2012 **Member**, University Scholarship Selection Committee
2011-2015 **Department Representative**, Library
2011 **Member**, Assistant Professor Search Committee
2011 **Member**, Associate Professor Search Committee
2011 **Chair**, Comprehensive Exams Committee
2011-2014 **Member**, Department Graduate Committee
2011 **Department Representative**, University Graduate Council

National Service

Editorial Board Memberships

2018-2020 *American Sociological Review*
2018-2020 *Sociological Perspectives*

Elected and Appointed Positions in Professional Organizations

2017-2019 **Council Member**, American Sociological Association Section on Emotions
2016 **Member**, Best Contribution (Book) Award Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Emotions
2016 **Member**, Program Committee (Theory Sessions), Southern Sociological Society
2014 **Chair**, Best Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society
2011 **Member**, Best Faculty Book Award, American Sociological Association Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society

Service for Annual Meetings of Professional Organizations

- 2017 **Organizer/Presider**, Regular Session on Sociology of Emotions, American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada
- 2015 **Organizer/Presider**, Regular Paper Session on “Contemporary Sociological Theory,” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA
- 2014 **Organizer/Presider**, Regular Paper Session, American Sociological Association Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 **Organizer/Presider**, Regular Session on “Developments in Sociological Theory,” Southern Sociological Society, Atlanta, GA
- 2012 **Organizer/Presider**, Regular Session on “Social Theory: From Marx to Himes (Beauregard),” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA
- 2012 **Organizer/Presider**, Regular Session on “Entrepreneurship and Networks,” Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA
- 2009 **Organizer**, Roundtables, American Sociological Society Section on Sociological Theory, Boston, MA
- 2008 **Discussant**, Regular Session on “Positive Movements in Sociological Theory, Pacific Sociological Association, Oakland, CA

Occasional Reviewer

American Journal of Cultural Sociology
American Journal of Public Health
American Journal of Sociology
American Sociological Review
Canadian Journal of Sociology
European Sociological Review
Health Sociology Review
Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion
Journal of Classical Sociology
Journal of Clinical Psychology
Journal of Health and Social Behavior
Oxford University Press
Routledge Press

Social Currents
Social Forces
Social Problems
Social Psychology Quarterly
Sociological Forum
Sociological Inquiry
Sociological Perspectives
Sociology Compass
Sociology of Religion
Socius
Thesis Eleven

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

American Sociological Association
(Member of Theory; Mental Health; Medical Sociology; Sociology of Emotions;
Children and Youth)

Pacific Sociological Association

Canadian Sociological Association

American Association of Suicidology

MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

- 2015 Guest Blog (w/ Anna Mueller) on The Conversation: “*To Talk or Not to Talk: The Dilemma of Suicide Contagion.*” <https://theconversation.com/to-talk-or-not-to-talk-the-dilemma-of-suicide-contagion-46434>
- 2015 Quoted in *Le Monde* article “Knowing that a Friend Made a Suicide Attempt Disrupts the World of a Teenager.” 6/21/15. (<http://tinyurl.com/paprsp5>)
- 2015 **Podcast** by Anna Mueller (w/ **Seth Abrutyn**) on SAGE sociology: “*Suicidal Disclosure among Friends.*”
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