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**Academic Positions**

2024–           Assistant Professor, University of Virginia  
2022–24       Postdoctoral Fellow, Harvard University  
                  • Program on Law and Political Economy (Academic Fellow 2022–24)  
                  • Institute for Global Law and Policy (Visiting Researcher 2023–24)  
                  • Warren Center for Studies in American History (Visiting Scholar 2022–23)  
2020–22       Postdoctoral Fellow, Hebrew University Jerusalem, Society of Fellows

**Education**

PhD           Columbia University, 2020 (Sociology)  
MA           University of Chicago, 2011 (Social Sciences)  
BA           University of Tübingen (Germany), 2010 (Economics)

Additional coursework in economics completed as an exchange student at Yale (Fall 2008)

**Articles**

2024           “Narration to End an Emergency: The Federal Reserve’s Report on the Failure of Silicon Valley Bank.” *Capitalism: A Journal of History and Economics* 5(1):200–226.  
2023           “Caught Between Frontstage and Backstage: The Failure of the Federal Reserve to Halt Rule Evasion in the Financial Crisis of 1974.” *American Sociological Review* 88(1):24–52.

**Other Academic Writing (not peer-reviewed)**

2024           “Moralizing Money.” *Phenomenal World*.  
2023           “Conference Report: New Directions in the Sociology and Political Economy of Finance” (with Daniel Beunza). *Accounts: Economic Sociology Newsletter* 28(3):5–11.

## **Awards**

- 2018 Charles Tilly Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2016 Early Career Workshop Award, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
- 2010 KPMG Award for best graduation from the economics department at the University of Tübingen, third place
- 2007 MLP Award for best undergraduate student performance in the economics department at the University of Tübingen, third place

## **Grants and Fellowships**

- 2025 Visiting Scholar, AxPo Observatory of Market Society Polarization, Sciences Po, Paris (scheduled for June)
- 2024 Henry Kaufman Financial History Research Fellowship
- 2023 Travel Grant, Early-Career Summer Institute, Economy and Society Initiative, University of California–Berkeley
- 2022 Travel Grant, Hebrew University Jerusalem
- 2020 Travel Grant, Prussian State Archive, Berlin
- 2019–20 Research Fellow, Center for the History of Political Economy, Duke University
- 2019 Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne
- 2018 Travel Grant, Lyndon B. Johnson Foundation
- 2017 Travel Grant, Gerald R. Ford Presidential Foundation
- 2017 Research Grant, Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University
- 2017–18 Semester Research Funding, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2016 Travel Grant, Public Finance Network, Social Science History Association
- 2016 Summer Research Funding, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2012–20 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Columbia University
- 2012 Daniel Bell Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
- 2010–11 Scholarship, German Academic Exchange Service
- 2010–11 Tuition Grant, University of Chicago
- 2008 Scholarship, Connecticut and Baden Württemberg, to study as an international student at Yale University
- 2006–10 Scholarship, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

## **Presentations**

### CONFERENCES

- 2024 “The Democratic Slipperiness of Rule Evasion: 15 Days of Failed Hearings to Regulate a New Money-Market Product, 1966.” Social Science History Association, Montreal (scheduled for Nov. 2)

- 2023 “Unacknowledged and Partial Uptake: Hyman Minsky, the Federal Reserve, and Strategic Action at the Economics-Policy Interface, 1965 to 1980.” Social Science History Association, Washington, DC
- 2023 “Unacknowledged and Partial Uptake: Hyman Minsky, the Federal Reserve, and Strategic Action at the Economics-Policy Interface, 1965 to 1980.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2020 “Popular Politics and Money: Why Attempts to Democratize the Postwar U.S. Monetary System Failed.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, online
- 2020 “Backstage at the Crisis: The Federal Reserve, the Money Market, and the Shadow of the Public.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, online
- 2019 “The Social Structure of Financial Crisis Governance, 1974 and 2008.” Social Science History Association, Chicago
- 2019 “Hammers for Nails, Screwdrivers for Screws: Identifying the Right Tool for the Job in Historical Institutionalism.” Social Science History Association, Chicago
- 2019 “The Social Structure of Financial Crisis Governance, 1974 and 2008.” American Sociological Association, New York City
- 2019 “The Continental Welfare State Sparked Partisan Struggle but Was It Made by Parties?” American Sociological Association, New York City
- 2018 “The Leading Edge of a New Regime: Crisis at Franklin National Bank.” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2018 “The Leading Edge of a New Regime: Crisis at Franklin National Bank.” Pre-Conference “The Crisis of History and the History of Crisis” organized by the Comparative-Historical Section, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia
- 2017 “What and When Is a Financial Crisis? The Bankruptcy of Franklin National Bank and the New York Fiscal Crisis, 1974–5.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Lyon, France
- 2016 “Ideologies and Governmentalities: How Shifting Alliances Laid the Cornerstone of the Continental Welfare State.” Social Science History Association, Chicago
- 2016 “Common Currencies, Disparate Solidarities: The Crisis of the Eurozone in Comparative Perspective” (with Josh Whitford). Social Science History Association, Chicago
- 2016 “Thinking Rules and Enforcement Together: The Prussian Child Labor Law of 1839.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Berkeley
- 2015 “Common Currencies, Disparate Solidarities: The Crisis of the Eurozone in Comparative Perspective” (with Josh Whitford). Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, London

## WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “Hyman Minsky’s Failed Attempts to Propose Regulation of the Postwar Money Market.” Joint Workshop, Warren Center for Studies in American History and Program on Law and Political Economy, Harvard University
- 2023 “Backstage and Frontstage, 1974 and 2023.” Virtual Panel, Sociological Perspectives on the Bank Failures of 2023, sponsored by the Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard, and the Center for Responsible Enterprise, Bayes Business School, University of London
- 2022 “Caught Between Frontstage and Backstage: The Failure of the Federal Reserve to Halt Rule Evasion in the Financial Crisis of 1974.” Colloquium of the Sociology Department, Haifa University
- 2022 “Caught Between Frontstage and Backstage: The Failure of the Federal Reserve to Halt Rule Evasion in the Financial Crisis of 1974.” Joint Colloquium of the Political Science Department and the Program in Politics, Philosophy, and Economics, Hebrew University Jerusalem
- 2021 “The Emergence of Privately Issued Near Money in the U.S., 1945–74.” Colloquium, Society of Fellows, Hebrew University Jerusalem
- 2020 “Backstage at the Crisis: The Federal Reserve, the Money Market, and the Shadow of the Public.” Joint Workshop in Organizations and Markets (Booth School of Business) and Money, Markets, and Governance (Sociology Department), University of Chicago
- 2019 “The Social Structure of Financial Crisis Governance, 1974 and 2008.” Workshop of the Institute for Economic History, University of Gottingen, Germany
- 2018 “The Politics of Emergent Issues: Prussian Child Labor Legislation in the Early Nineteenth Century.” Workshop of the Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University
- 2018 “The Leading Edge of a New Regime: Crisis at Franklin National Bank.” Workshop of the Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University
- 2017 “What and When Is a Financial Crisis? The Bankruptcy of Franklin National Bank and the New York Fiscal Crisis, 1974–5.” Summer Conference on Economy and Society, Ringberg Castle
- 2017 “The Role of Lawyers and Legal Expertise in the Shaping of U.S. Financial Regulation, 1945–1980.” Law and Its History: A Graduate Student Workshop on Methods, Columbia Law School
- 2016 “Ideologies and Governmentalities: How Shifting Alliances Laid the Cornerstone of the Continental Welfare State.” Graduate Student Conference on Expertise from Margin to Center: Science, Politics and Democracy, Columbia University
- 2015 “Ministers of the Mind: Ideational Theories and Governmental Practice.” Money, Markets and Governance Workshop, University of Chicago
- 2015 “Ministers of the Mind: Ideational Theories and Governmental Practice.” Workshop of the Center on Organizational Innovation, Columbia University
- 2013 “The Sociology of Financial Regulation.” Science, Knowledge and Technology Workshop, Columbia University

## Teaching

### INSTRUCTOR

Studying Global Business (undergraduate lecture), University of Virginia (2024)

Money, Power, and Trust (undergraduate seminar), Hebrew University Jerusalem (2021)

The Social World (undergraduate lecture), Columbia University (2019)

### TEACHING ASSISTANT

Thesis Seminar (M.A. students), Denise Milstein, Columbia University (2018–2019)

Economy and Society (undergraduate lecture), Prof. Josh Whitford, Columbia University (2013, 2016, 2017, 2018)

Research Designs (graduate seminar), Prof. Josh Whitford, Columbia University (2015, 2016)

The Social World (undergraduate lecture), Prof. Gil Eyal, Columbia University (2013)

Principles of Economics (undergraduate lecture), Prof. Werner Neus, University of Tübingen (2007–2010)

Economic Policy and Public Economics (undergraduate lecture), Prof. Laszlo Goerke, University of Tübingen (2008–2009)

## Events Organized

2023 “New Directions in the Sociology and Political Economy of Finance” (with Daniel Beunza). Virtual Book Salon, sponsored by the Program on Law and Political Economy, Harvard.

Event website: <https://lpe.law.harvard.edu/events/finance-book-salon/>

2023 “Sociological Perspectives on the Bank Failures of 2023” (with Daniel Beunza). Virtual Panel, sponsored by the Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard, and the Center for Responsible Enterprise, Bayes Business School, University of London

Event website: <https://warrencenter.fas.harvard.edu/event/sociological-perspectives-bank-failures-2023>

## Department Service

2024–25 Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia

2021–22 Fellows Representative, Society of Fellows, Hebrew University Jerusalem

2013–14 Student Organizer, Science, Knowledge and Technology Workshop, Columbia University

**Occasional Reviewer**

*Capitalism: A Journal of History and Economics; Socio-Economic Review*

**Other Work Experience**

2011–12 Full-time journalist, weekly newspaper *Die Zeit* (including reporting from East Africa)

2006–11 Part-time journalist for German public radio and other media

**Professional Organizations**

American Sociological Association

Social Science History Association