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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2018 – Present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington  
Faculty Affiliate, URBAN@UW (since 2019)  
Faculty Affiliate, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies (since 2019)
- 2019 – 2020 Member, Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Science, Princeton, NJ
- 2012 – 2017 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- 2010 – 2012 Postdoctoral Fellow, Michigan Society of Fellows, University of Michigan

## EDUCATION

- 2010 Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology
- 2006 M.A. University of California, Berkeley, Sociology
- 1998 B.A. Smith College

## BOOK

Sarah Quinn. 2019. *American Bonds: How Credit Markets Shaped a Nation*. Princeton Studies in American Politics: Historical, International, and Comparative Perspectives. Princeton: Princeton University Press.

**Awards:** Winner, Alice Amsden Book Prize, Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, 2020; Winner, Viviana Zelizer Book Award, Economic Sociology, American Sociology Association, 2020; Winner, Best Book in Economic Sociology and Political Economy, economicsociology.org, 2020; Honorable Mention, Book Prize, Theory Section, American Sociology Association, 2020

**Reviews:** *American Historical Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Business History Review*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *European Journal of Sociology*, *Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Economic History*, *New York Review of Books (with others)*, *Public Administration*, *Quarterly Journal of Austrian Economics*

**Author-Meets-Critics:** Social Science History Association (2019); Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Presidential Book Panel (2020); American Sociology Association (2021).

**Book Symposium:** *Socio-Economic Review* (Volume 19, Issue 4)

**Interviews, Podcasts, and Media:** The FinReg Pod (Feb 2020), Civic Sociologist Podcast (September 2019); New Books in Political Science Podcast (August 2019); *Accounts* interview with Barbara Kiviat (Spring/Summer Issue 2019)

## ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

- Forth Sarah Quinn, Sara McClelland, and Lynne Gerber. "On the Loss of Embodied Capital: Gender Domination and Body Loss Among Terminally Ill Women." *Women's Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*
2022. Sarah Quinn. "Gifts, Grifts, and Gambles: The Social Logics of the Small Business Administration Relief Loan Programs." Chapter for *Pandemic Exposures: Economy and Society in the Time of Coronavirus*, Didier Fassin and Marion Fourcade (eds). HAU Books, University of Chicago Press.
- 2022 Sarah Quinn, Mark Igra, and Selen Guler. "A Modern Financial Tool-kit": Lessons from Berle for a More Democratic Financial System." In *Democratizing Finance: Restructuring Credit to Transform Society*, Fred Block and Robert Hockett (eds). Verso
- 2017 Sarah Quinn. "The Miracles of Bookkeeping": How Budget Politics Link Fiscal Policies and Financial Markets." *American Journal of Sociology*. 123(1): 48-85.
- 2016 Damon Mayrl and Sarah Quinn. "Defining the State from Within: Boundaries, Schemas, and Associational Policymaking." *Sociological Theory*. 34(1): 1-26.
- \* Winner, Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Award, Political Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2017.
- 2016 Damon Mayrl and Sarah Quinn. "Beyond the Hidden American State: Rethinking Government Visibility." In *The Many Hands of the State: Theorizing Political Authority and Social Control* (edited by Ann Orloff and Kimberly Morgan), Cambridge University Press.
- 2008 Sarah Quinn. "The Transformation of Morals in Markets: Death, Benefits, and the Exchange of Life Insurance Policies." *American Journal of Sociology*. 114(3): 738-80.
- \* Reprinted in Granovetter and Swedberg, eds. *The Sociology of Economic Life* (Third Edition). Boulder: Westview Press. 2011.
- \* Honorable Mention, Graduate Student Paper Award. Culture Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2008 Lynne Gerber and Sarah Quinn. "Blue Chip Bodies, Fat Phobia, and the Cultural Economy of Body Size." In *Bodily Inscriptions: Interdisciplinary Excursions into Embodiment*, edited by Lori Duin Kelly, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing.

## BOOK REVIEWS, ESSAYS, AND OTHER WRITING

- Forth. Review of *Automating Finance: Infrastructures, Engineers, and the Making of Electronic Markets* by Juan Pablo Pardo-Guerra
- 2020 Review of *Credit Where It's Due: Rethinking Financial Citizenship* by Frederick F. Wherry, Kristin S. Seefeldt, and Anthony S. Alvarez for *Contemporary Sociology*.

- 2020 "On the Sociological Approach to Public Finance" *Economic Sociology: The European Electronic Newsletter*. 21(2): 12-14.
- 2019 "Left Turns." Review of *Leftism Reinvented: Western Parties from Socialism to Neoliberalism* by Stephanie L. Mudge. *European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie* 60(3): 493-496.
- 2019 "When All Social Problems Become Financial Problems." *Law and Political Economy* (blog post). Published online November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2019 Interview (with Barbara Kiviat). *Accounts: Newsletter for the Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association*. Spring/Summer: 8-11.
- 2016 "Did the Farm Credit System Change Americans' Thinking About Credit?" Institute for New Economic Thinking Website. November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- 2015 "Identities." *Trajectories: Newsletter for the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association*. 27(1): 41-42.
- 2015 "Teaching Economic Sociology." *Accounts: Newsletter for the Economic Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association*. 1: 17-18.
- 2013 "Watching the Watchers: A Comment on Esposito's 'Economic Circularities and Second-Order Observation: The Reality of Ratings.'" *Sociologica: Italian Journal of Sociology Online*. Issue 2.
- 2013 Review of *The Land of Too Much: American Abundance and the Paradox of Poverty* by Monica Prasad. *Social Forces*. Published online November 25.
- 2011 Review of *Market Threads: How Cotton Farmers and Traders Create a Global Economy*, by Koray Caliskan. *American Journal of Sociology*. 117(2): 686-687.
- 2010 "The Credit Mines." Review of *Our Lot: How Real Estate Came to Own Us*, by Alyssa Katz and *Collateral Damaged: The Marketing of Consumer Debt to America*, by Charles R. Geisst. *Contexts Magazine*. Winter Issue.
- 2009 "Lemon Socialism and Securitization." *Trajectories: Newsletter for the Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association*. 20(2): 3-5.
- 2008 Hana Brown, Jennifer Jones and Sarah Quinn (editors). *Writing for Sociology*. Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley. (Second Edition, 2011).

## WORK IN PROGRESS

Michele Cadigan and Sarah Quinn. "Morals & Markets." Invited Chapter for the *Routledge Encyclopedia of Economic Sociology*.

Sarah Quinn, Devin Collins and Francisca Gómez Baeza. "After Financialization: Sociological Political Economy for the New Gilded Age." Invited submission for the *Annual Review of Sociology*.

Damon Mayrl and Sarah Quinn. "On the Problem of Political Perception." Draft in progress

Sarah Quinn and Marion Fourcade. "Fiscal Intersectionality: Financial Exchanges and the Construction of Political Subjectivities"

Sarah Quinn. "Credit as a Racist Time Machine." Draft available upon request.

Lynne Gerber and Sarah Quinn. "Shame and Subjectivity: Theorizing Emotional Homologies in Social Space." Draft available upon request.

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Institute for Advanced Study, School of Social Sciences, Visiting Scholar, 2019-2020

Institute for New Economic Thinking. "Rise of the Federal Credit Programs in the United States." Principal Investigator: \$142,000, 2013-2016.

Course Development Grant, "Reusable Materials for Teaching Theory." University of Washington, Department of Sociology, 2015.

University of Michigan's Society of Fellows Postdoctoral Fellowship, 2010-2012.

Leo Lowenthal Fellowship. Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2009.

Department of Sociology Summer Research Award. UC Berkeley, 2009.

Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2008-2009

## INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

"Credit Program Politics" Jain Family Institute's Social Wealth Seminar (online), December 2021

"Gifts, Grifts and Gambles": Harvard Economic Sociology Workshop (online), April 2021

"American Bonds: How Credit Markets Shaped a Nation" (Book Talk): Sociology of Public Finance And Debt Group, Max Planck Institute (Online), January 2021; Brown University, Sociology Colloquium, March 2020; Duke University School of Law, Global Financial Markets Center, February 2020; Colby College, Department of Sociology Colloquium, November 2020; Boston University, Sociology Colloquium, October 2020; Johns Hopkins, Department of Sociology and the Arrighi Center for Global Studies, October 2019

"Credit from the State, Credit to the State": Institute for Advanced Studies, December 2019

"State Schemas": New York University, Department of Sociology, Culture Workshop, November 2019; University of Virginia Department of Sociology, TEMPO Workshop, November 2019

"Social Logics and Market Institutions: What it Means to Study Loan Pools as Little Moral Worlds.": Boston University, Center for Philosophy & History of Science at Boston University, *Social Institutions: From Ontology to Practice* Colloquium

"American Securitization."/"Political Fractures, Market Bonds"/"American Bonds" : University of Pennsylvania, Department of Sociology, March 2017; University of Washington, Bothell, School of Business, January 2016; University of Michigan, Interdisciplinary Committee on Organization Studies, February 2015; Center

for Comparative Research, Yale University, April 2014; Harvard Business School, Organizational Behavior Group, October 2010

"Beyond the Hidden American State: Classification Struggles and the Politics of Misrecognition.": University of Oregon, Sociology Department, February 2015; University of Michigan, Economic Sociology and Organization Cluster Workshop, February 2015

"America's Hidden Credit State": Stanford, SCANCOR and Economic Sociology Workshop, February 2013

## CONFERENCES

### INVITED & REFFEREED

- 2020 "On the Erosion of Bodily Capital: Gender Domination and Bodily Losses Among Terminally Ill Women" (with Sara McClelland and Lynne Gerber). American Sociological Association (Online), August.
- 2019 "On the Political Usefulness of Credit: Theorizing the Credit State." American Sociological Association (New York), August.
- 2018 "The Other "Big Bang" in U.S. Policy: Understanding the expansion of Federal Credit During the New Deal," Social Science History Association (Phoenix), November.
- "The Problem of Political Perception: Understanding the Misrecognition of the American State" (with Damon Mayrl). American Sociological Association (Philadelphia), August.
- "A Modern Financial Tool-kit": Lessons from Berle for a More Democratic Financial System." Democratizing Finance Conference, Madison, June.
- 2017 "Financial Policies and Political Institutions: Lessons for Progressive Finance." Toward a Progressive Politics of Financial Regulation, Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia (Vancouver, Canada), February.
- 2016 "The Miracles of Bookkeeping": Budget Politics as Mechanism in the Johnson Administration." Financial Innovation, Diffusion and Institutionalization: The Case of Securitization (Cologne, Germany), June.
- "The Complex Style of American Statecraft: Lessons from the Johnson Administration." (with Damon Mayrl). Social Science History Association (Chicago), November.
- 2015 "The "Hidden" American State Reconsidered: Rethinking State Visibility" (With Damon Mayrl). Social Science History Association (Baltimore), November.
- "Credit and the Promise of Frictionless Federalism." American Sociological Association (Chicago), August.
- "Sex, Shame, and Subjectivity: Theorizing Homologies in Social Space." (with Lynne Gerber). Invited panelist. American Sociological Association (Chicago), August.
- 2014 "Beyond the Hidden American State." (with Damon Mayrl). Invited panelist for Symposium on *The Many Hands of the State* (University of Chicago), May.
- 2013 "Practical Boundaries of the State." (with Damon Mayrl). Jr. Theorists Symposium (New York), August.

- 2012 "Sociology at the Crossroads." Invited panelist. Business History Conference (Philadelphia), March.
- 2011 "The Property Frontier." Social Science History Association (Boston), November.  
 "Mortgage Meltdown in Context: Lessons from the Tangled History of Mortgage Finance in the U.S." American Sociological (Las Vegas), August.
- 2010 "Guns, Butter and Credit: Securitization's Roots in the Johnson Administration." Social Science History Association (Chicago), November.  
 "Reproducing Complexity: The Federal Budget and Strategies of Governance in the U.S." Social Science History Association (Chicago), November.  
 "Securitizing Social Relations?" Relational Work Conference (University of California, Davis), May.
- 2009 "The Business of Budgetary Concepts." American Sociological Association (San Francisco), August.  
 "Towards a Market for Mortgage-Backed Securities: Credit Lending, the Federal Budget, and the Politics of Debt Management." University of California Group in Economic History (Riverside), May.
- 2008 "Securitization and the State." American Sociological Association (Boston), August.  
 "Institutions as Lens: Implications for Theories of Morals and Markets." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (San Jose, Costa Rica), July.
- 2006 "The Inversion of Morals in Markets." American Sociological Association (Montreal, Canada), August.

#### PANELS ORGANIZED

- 2021 "Global Black Girlhoods," CHAT (online), October (via Events Committee)  
 "Layered Racial Memories" CHAT (online) April (via Events Committee)  
 "Revolutions and Historical Social Science Research" CHAT (online) March (via Events Committee)
- 2020 "Heretical Theories," American Sociological Association (Online), August.
- 2019 American Dream, Corrupted. Organized with Alya Guseva. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (New York).
- 2017 Author-Meets-Critics session for *Secular Conversions: Political Institutions and Religious Education in the United States and Australia, 1800–2000*, by Damon Mayrl, SSHA Social Science History Association (Montreal).
- 2016 "The Economization of Everything." Organized with Marion Fourcade and Greta Krippner. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (Berkeley).  
 "New Histories of the Corporate Form." Organized with Marion Fourcade and Greta Krippner. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (Berkeley), 2016.
- 2015 "Classed and Classified: Labor and the Changing Dynamics of Difference." Organized with Marion Fourcade and Greta Krippner. Social Science History Association (Baltimore).

- "Economies of Difference." Organized with Marion Fourcade and Greta Krippner. Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (Chicago).
- 2014 "Credit and Inequality: Interdisciplinary Approaches." American Sociological Association (San Francisco).
- 2013 "Credit and Inequality from a Historical Perspective." Thematic Panel, Comparative Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association (New York).
- Author-Meets-Critics for *What's Wrong with Fat?* by Abigail Saguy. Pacific Sociological Association (Reno).
- 2012 "The Politics and Practice of Credit." Social Science History Association (Vancouver).
- 2011 "Housing and the Politics of Geography." Social Science History Association (Boston).
- 2010 "The Sociology of Risk." Pacific Sociology Association Annual Meeting (Oakland).
- DISCUSSIONS
- 2021 Discussant. Panel for *Bonds of Inequality* by Destin Jenkins. JFI. April (Online)
- Discussant. Panel for *The Making of the Populist Movement* by Adam Slez. SSHA (online), November
- Author and respondent. Author-Meets-Critics for *American Bonds: How Credit Markets Shaped a Nation*. ASA (Online), August.
- Discussant. "How College Degrees Divide America" by Mitchell Stevens. CHS@SSHA (Online), January.
- 2020 Author and respondent. Author-Meets-Critics for *American Bonds: How Credit Markets Shaped a Nation*. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Featured Panel (Online), July.
- Respondent. Author-Meets-Critics for *Automating Finance: Infrastructures, Engineers, and the Making of Electronic Markets*, by Juan Pablo Pardo-Guerra. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics, Featured Panel (Online), July.
- American Bonds (Discussion). Comparative Historical Social Sciences (CHSS), Northwestern, May.
- 2019 Panelist, "Co-Opting AI: Finance," Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University (Online Event), April.
- Author and respondent. Author-Meets-Critics for *American Bonds: How Credit Markets Shaped a Nation*. Social Science History Association (Chicago), November.
- Discussant, Author-Meets-Critics for *Conservative Innovators: How States Are Challenging Federal Power* by Ben Merriman. Social Science History Association (Chicago), November.
- Discussant, Author-Meets-Critics for *Leftism Reinvented: Western Parties from Socialism to Neoliberalism*, by Stephanie Mudge. Annual Meeting of American Sociological Association (New York), August.
- Discussant, Author-Meets-Critics for *The Myth of Millionaire Tax Flight*, by Cristobal Young. Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (New York), June.
- Panelist, State Tax & Budget Policy Session, Annual Meeting of the Scholars Strategy Network (Washington, D.C.), January.
- 2017 Discussant, Panel on Economic Insecurity, American Sociological Association, (Montréal), August.

- Discussant, Categories and Classification, Economic Sociology Roundtable, American Sociological Association, (Montréal), August.
- 2016 Discussant, North Atlantic Household Credit Markets, Economic Sociology Roundtable, American Sociological Association, (Montréal), August.
- Discussant, "The Economization of Everything." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (Berkeley).
- 2013 Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics session for *Land of Too Much?* by Monica Prasad. American Political Science Association (Chicago), August.
- Panelist, Author-Meets-Critics session for *What's Wrong with Fat?* by Abigail Saguy. Pacific Sociological Association (Reno), May.
- 2012 Respondent, "Diverging Derivatives: Law, Governance, and Modern Financial Markets," by Bruce Carruthers. The Global Finance and Law Initiative (New York), September.

#### CAMPUS EVENTS, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

- Organizer and Discussant, with Margaret O'Mara. Tax Policy for a Thriving Washington Conference. Scholars Strategy Network Washington (Seattle), March 2019.
- Respondent, "What Are Journalists For?" by Matthew Powers and Sandra Zambrano Vera, *Shifting Landscape of Public Communication Conference*, University of Washington (Seattle), October 2018.
- Moderator, "Retaking Ownership of the City," Re-Imagining Solidarity Conference, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies at the University of Washington, Seattle, February 2018.
- "Political Fractures, Market Bonds"/"American Securitization." Invited Talk, University of Washington, Department of Geography, May 2014

## TEACHING AND MENTORING

#### TEACHING AWARDS

- Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2017.
- Faculty Excellence in Graduate Advising Award, Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2015.
- Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award, Sociology Department, University of Washington, 2014.

#### COURSES TAUGHT: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, UNDERGRADUATE

- Honors Senior Seminar*. Undergraduate Seminar.
- Power and Inequality in Markets: An Introduction to Economic Sociology*.
- Introduction to Sociological Theory*. Undergraduate Lecture.
- Extreme Markets*. Undergraduate Seminar.

#### COURSES TAUGHT: UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, GRADUATE

- Introduction to Sociological Theory*. Graduate Seminar.
- Introduction to Economic Sociology*. Graduate Seminar.
- Racial Capitalism*. Graduate Seminar.
- Sociology of Exchange*. Graduate Seminar.

*Cultural Sociology*. Graduate Seminar.  
*Doing Qualitative Research*. Graduate Seminar.

COURSES TAUGHT: UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, UNDERGRADUATE

*Extreme Markets*. Undergraduate Seminar.  
*Economic Crisis in Social Context*. Undergraduate Seminar.

COURSES TAUGHT: UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, UNDERGRADUATE

*Economic Crisis in Social Context*. Undergraduate Seminar (as Graduate Student Instructor).

## DEPARTMENTAL AND CAMPUS SERVICE

### UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

2022-           Member, Standing Committee, Henry Bridges Center for Labor Studies  
2021-2022       Project lead, Teaching Fellows Program  
                  Member, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology  
2020-2021       Member, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology  
                  Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Sociology  
2017-2019       Undergraduate Program Chair  
2017-2019       Director, Sociology Undergraduate Honors Program  
2012-2019       Member, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology  
2014-2017       Chair, Diversity Committee, Department of Sociology  
2013-2014       Member, Diversity Committee, Department of Sociology

### UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

2011-2012       Reviewer, Fellowship Applications, Michigan Society of Fellows  
2010-2011       Reviewer, Distinguished Dissertation Award, Rackham Graduate School

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Standing Committee Member, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies, 2021-2022  
Co-Chair, Scholars Strategy Network, Washington Chapter, 2017-2019, 2020-2021  
Organizing Committee, Comparative Historical Analysis & Theory (CHAT) group, 2020-2021

### PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association, Scholar's Strategy Network, Social Science History Association, American Political Science Association, Urban@UW, Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies

### MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER, JOURNALS

*American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Contexts*, *Enterprise & Society*, *EPA: Economy and Space*, *European Journal of Sociology*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Theory*, *Theory & Society*

### REVIEWER, BOOK PUBLISHERS

*Columbia University Press*, *MIT University Press*, *Princeton University Press*, *Stanford University Press*

### EDITORIAL BOARDS

Cambridge Studies in Historical Sociology (editors Stephanie Mudge and Tony Chen)

SERVICE TO THE AMERICAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

- 2021 \* Chair, Comparative Historical Sociology Section  
Jury member, Zelizer Prize Committee, Economic Sociology Section
- 2019 Chair, Article Prize Committee, Theory Section
- 2016 Jury member, Book Prize Committee, Theory Section
- 2016-2018 \* Council Member, Theory Section
- 2017 Chair, Nominations Committee, Theory Section
- 2016 Jury member, Charles Tilly Article Award, Comparative Historical Sociology Section
- 2015 Chair, Zelizer Prize Committee, Economic Sociology Section
- 2013-2015 \* Council Member, Comparative Historical Sociology Section
- 2012-2014 \* Council Member, Economic Sociology Section
- 2014 Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Rules and Procedures, Economic Sociology Section
- 2013 Chair, Granovetter Prize Committee, Economic Sociology Section
- 2012 Jury Member, Book Prize Committee, Theory Section

\* Elected position