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**Position**

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- 2022 Senior Research Fellow, *Center for Terrorism Extremism and Counterterrorism at Middlebury College*
- 2013-2022 Lecturer in Sociology, *Vanderbilt University*
- Senior Lecturer in Sociology starting 2016
- 2022 Advisory Board Member for The Accelerationism Research Consortium (<https://www.accresearch.org/>)

**Education**

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- 2013 Ph.D. Sociology, *University of Michigan*
- Dissertation: "Americanness, Masculinity, and Whiteness: How Michigan Militia Men Navigate Evolving Social Norms"
  - Committee: Genevieve Zubrzycki (chair), Alford Young, Kiyoteru Tsutsui, Matthew Countryman
  - Research supported by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program 2007-2010
- 2005 B.A. Sociology and Psychology (summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa), *Vanderbilt University*

**Selected Publications**

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- forthcoming “Cultural Change and Conspiracism: How Conspiracy Theory Trends Reflect Threat and Anxiety.” with Matt Taylor and Theodore J. Hansen. Forthcoming 2023 in Argentino, Marc-André and Amarasingam, Amarnath (eds) *Far-Right Culture: the Art, Music, and Everyday Practices of Violent Extremists*. Routledge: Series on “Fascism and the Far-Right (all titles tentative)
- “America’s Militant Nostalgia: The Role of Accelerationism in the Contemporary Militia-Patriot Movement.” with Matt Kriner. Forthcoming 2023 in Argentino, Marc-André and Amarasingam, Amarnath (eds) *Far-Right Culture: the Art, Music, and Everyday Practices of Violent Extremists*. Routledge: Series on “Fascism and the Far-Right (all titles tentative)
- 2022 "U.S. Domestic Militias' Intersections with Government and Authority: How a sociology of individualism informs their praxis." Forthcoming 2022 in Neubert, Dieter, Lauth, Hans-Joachim, and Mohamad-Klotzbach, Christoph (eds) *Local*

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2020

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“Militias’ warning of excessive federal power comes true – but where are they?”

*The Conversation*.

(<https://theconversation.com/militias-warning-of-excessive-federal-power-comes-true-but-where-are-they-143333>).

- “Militias evaluate beliefs, action as president threatens soldiers in the streets.” *The Conversation*.  
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- 2011 “Neo-Nazi Nationalism.” *Studies in Ethnicity and Nationalism* 11(3): 363-385.
- 2006 “Neo-Nazi Normalization: The Skinhead Movement and Integration into Normative Structures.” *Sociological Inquiry* 76:145-165.
  - Winner, Alpha Kappa Delta (international sociology honor society) Undergraduate Paper Award Competition

## **Selected Presentations**

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### *Invited Presentations*

- 2022 “Modern US Militias: Where do we go from here?” *Cas Mudde’s Far Right Politics in Western Democracies course at the University of Georgia*. (via Zoom).  
 “US Domestic Militias and REMVE: A Focus on Extremes.” *U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Counterterrorism working group on racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism*. (via Zoom).
- 2021 “U.S. Domestic Militias: Their History and Ongoing Presence in Michigan.” *Indivisible Huron Valley: Extremism in Michigan Workshop Series*. Milford, MI (via Zoom).  
 “Guns in Crisis. The Edge of Democracy” (panel). *The University of Arizona*. Tucson, AZ (via Zoom).  
 “US Domestic Militias’ Intersections with Government and Authority: How a “sociology of individualism” informs their praxis.” Conference on "Local self-regulation between democracy and hierarchy. Varieties of structure and

- values." *Local Self-Governance in the context of Weak Statehood in Antiquity and the Modern Era (LoSAM)*. Wurzburg, Germany (via Zoom).
- 2020 "Memorable Interpretations: Nostalgic Groups' Collective Understanding of Socio-Political Moments." *Vanderbilt Boston Alumni Chapter*. Boston, MA.
- 2015 MOSAIC invited faculty lecturer. "Becoming 'raced:' cases of racialization." *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.
- 2014 Panelist for "Cultural Appropriation vs. Cultural Appreciation." Presented by the NAACP Vanderbilt Chapter. *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.
- Panelist for "Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority's Affirmative Action discussion." *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.
- "Militia Men and the Specter of the South." *Southern Sociological Society*, Charlotte, NC.
- 2013 Panelist for "On the Outside Looking in: Black and Latino Males on the Margins of Society." Presented by the NAACP Vanderbilt Chapter. *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.
- 2012 "A Muslim in the Militia? How Militia Members Construct National Identity with Michigan's Arab Population," *Earlham College*, Richmond, IN.
- 2011 "Methodological and Ethical Dilemmas in Researching Sensitive Populations." *Strategies for Conducting Qualitative and Ethnographic Research with Sensitive Populations*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2010 "Symbolic Racism, Racial Codewords and Group Contact in 2009: A Case Example." *Association of Black Sociologists*, Atlanta, GA.
- "Coded Response to the USA's First Black President: The Michigan Militia as a Case Study of Lower-Middle Class White Males." *British Association of American Studies*, Norwich, UK.
- 2008 Morenoff, Jeff, Harding, David & Cooter, Amy. "Research on Prisoner Re-entry." *Michigan Department of Corrections*, Lansing, MI.

#### *Professional Conferences*

- 2022 "Nostalgic Nationalism in the US Militia Movement" (Invited Session: National Identities, Perceptions of Threat, and Ideas of Security). *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 "Guns in Crisis. The Edge of Democracy" (panel). *The University of Arizona*. Tucson, AZ (via Zoom).

- “US Domestic Militias’ Intersections with Government and Authority: How a ‘sociology of individualism’ informs their praxis.” Conference on "Local self-regulation between democracy and hierarchy. Varieties of structure and values." *Local Self-Governance in the context of Weak Statehood in Antiquity and the Modern Era (LoSAM)*. Wurburg, Germany (via Zoom).2014 "Racialized Threat: Muslim Americans and Nationalistic Exclusion." *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- 2013 “Don’t Tread on Me’: Defiance and Compliance as Supporting American Values.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, New York, NY.
- "Militia Masculinity: Protectors of Country, Family, and LGBT Populations?" *American Men's Studies Association*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- 2012 “Militia Masculinities: Traditional Expression and Experimentation.” *American Sociological Association*, Denver, CO.
- “Muslims in the Militia? How white, male Michigan Militia members construct community and national identity with Michigan’s Arab population.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Denver, CO.
- 2011 “Social Scientists’ Online Presence and Impact on Research: Lessons from Fieldwork with the Michigan Militia.” *American Sociological Association*, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 “Media (Mis)Characterizations of Lower-Middle Class White Males and Perpetuation of Racial Animosity.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Atlanta, GA.
- 2009 “White Supremacist Response to 911: A Discourse Analysis.” *American Sociological Association*, San Francisco, CA.
- “Lower-Middle Class White Males’ Response to the USA’s First Black President: A Study of the Michigan Militia.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems Conference*, San Francisco, CA.
- “Lower-Middle Class White Males’ Response to the USA’s First Black President: A Study of the Michigan Militia.” *University of Michigan, Election 2008 Conference*, Ann Arbor, MI.
- “White Supremacist response to 911: A Discourse Analysis.” *University of Michigan*, Ann Arbor, MI.
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(<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/world/article-roe-wade-abortion-restrictions/>).

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## **Teaching Experience**

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### *Instructor of Record at Vanderbilt University*

2018-2022 Sociology 3002 Introduction to Research Methods  
(including remote session)

2018-2022 Sociology 3604 American Social Movements  
(including remote session)

2017-2022 Sociology 3001 Sociological Perspectives

2017 Sociology 1020 Contemporary Social Issues

2016 Sociology 3703 Social Psychology of Prejudice

2015 Sociology 3201 Cultural Consumption and Audiences

2013-2022 Sociology 255/3702 Race and Ethnic Minorities in the U.S.

2013-2022 Sociology 101/1010 Introduction to Sociology  
(including Maymester and remote sessions)

2013-present Sociology 256/3704 Race, Gender, and Sport  
(including Maymester and remote sessions)

### *Other Vanderbilt Teaching Service*

#### Advising and supervision of Sociology Honors Students

- 2021-2022 Fares Ali  
Chanteria Milner
- 2019-2020 Anarius Cathey
- 2017-2018 Alex Wolfe (highest honors)  
Mary Claire Dacheille

#### Advising and supervision of Immersion Students (by expected graduation year)

- 2023 Anna Gomez  
Katelyn Gonzales
- 2022 Cole Connor  
Chanteria Milner

#### Advising and supervision of Independent Study Students

- Spring 2022 Fares Ali

- Spring 2018      Scott Burns
- Spring 2018      Sydney Silberman
- Fall 2018        Rhett Wiseman
- Fall 2017        Andrew Haygood
- Rhett Wiseman
- Fall 2016        Caleb Hausman
- Fall 2013        Kent Hallman

College Honors Enrichment

- Spring 2018      Kathryn Hanson
- Spring 2016      Asad Pabani
- Fall 2015        Jason Gabriel
- Amanda Jurewicz

2021                  Panelist for “Being First-Generation, Low-Income In Research.” Presented by Scientific Immersion and Mentorship. *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.

2020                  Vanderbilt College Scholars Coffee Hour Invited Speaker

McGill Project Hour Invited Speaker

2019-present      FirstVU Mentor

2018                  Faculty sponsor for Mirah Alix’s 2<sup>nd</sup> place winning project at the South Eastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium, a project started in my Sport class

Panelist for "Let’s Chat: Cultural Appropriation." Presented by Hidden Does. *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.

2016                  Next Steps Faculty Sponsor

2015-2016        Mayfield Project "Behind the Lens" faculty advisor

2015                  Faculty VUceptor for incoming freshmen

MOSAIC Weekend invited faculty lecturer

2014                  Posse Plus Retreat invited faculty guest

Panelist for "Cultural Appropriation vs. Cultural Appreciation." Presented by the NAACP Vanderbilt Chapter. *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.

Panelist for "Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority's Affirmative Action discussion." *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.

2013 Panelist for "On the Outside Looking in: Black and Latino Males on the Margins of Society." Presented by the NAACP Vanderbilt Chapter. *Vanderbilt University*. Nashville, TN.

*Graduate Student Instructor at the University of Michigan*

2011 Sociology 102 Power Politics and Religion  
Sociology 368 Criminology

2010 Sociology 102 Social Inequality

2007 Sociology 101 Principles of Sociology

*Other Michigan Teaching Experience*

2013 Training and supervision of graduate student teaching assistants

Guest Lecturer, Sociology 101 Introduction, Clemson University

2012 Department of Sociology, Exceptional Graduate Student Instructor Award

2012 University of Michigan Graduate Teacher Certificate

Guest Lecturer, Sociology 190 American Dreams, American Nightmares: A Sociology of U.S. Conservatism, University of California Berkeley

2011 Guest Lecturer, Sociology 368 Criminology, University of Michigan

2007-2011 Training and supervision of undergraduate RAs

- 10 students through the Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program working on the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative
- 6 students working through the Sociology Undergraduate Research Program working on my research

2010-2012 Mentorship of 2 sociology Honors Students as a graduate student

2008-2013 Yearly mentorship of graduate students applying for NSF GRFP and other grants

**Honors & Awards**

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2021 Nominated for the Harriet S. Gilliam Award for Excellence in Teaching

Vanderbilt Innovative Teaching Award: Giving Special Attention to Student Inclusivity, Engagement, and Wellbeing

- Nominated for the Madison Sarratt Price / Ellen Gregg Ingalls awards for teaching
- 2019 Nominated for the Harriet S. Gilliam Award for Excellence in Teaching
- 2018 Recognized as influential mentor on campus during Buchanan Fellows exhibit, “From Listeners to Leaders: A History of Women at Vanderbilt”
- 2013 Rackham One-term Dissertation Fellowship
- 2012-2013 Sociology Department Small Grants
- 2012 Department of Sociology, Exceptional Graduate Student Instructor Award
- 2010-2012 Rackham Travel Grants
- 2007-2010 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2006 LSA Regents/Departmental Fellowship
- 2005 Winner of Alpha Kappa Delta (International Sociology Honor Society)
- Undergraduate Student Paper Competition
- Vanderbilt Sociology Outstanding Undergraduate Award
- Graduated Summa Cum Laude, Vanderbilt University
- Phi Beta Kappa (Academic Honor Society)

### **Other Research Experience**

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- 2013-2018 *Laboratory Manager*, Dr. David Zald’s Affective Neuroscience Laboratory at Vanderbilt University
- Managed data and IRB materials for numerous studies, implemented data security and redundancy measures lab-wide, managed lab materials and ordering, assisted with data collection and analysis on the Tennessee Twin Study
- 2007-2009 *Research Assistant*, “Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative” with Jeff Morenoff and David Harding at the University of Michigan’s Institute for Social Research
- 2006-2007 *Research Assistant*, “State of Social-Psychology” with Jim House
- 2006-2007 *Research Assistant*, “Prison Project” with David Harding

- 2004-2006     *Research Assistant, Dr. David Zald's Affective Neuroscience Laboratory at Vanderbilt University*
- Conducted and managed data for numerous psychology experiments (attentional blink, scale development, and MRI amygdala studies), managed lab materials and ordering, supervised undergraduate RAs, and helped write NIH grant applications

## **Other Service**

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- 2022            Consulting with the Department of Veterans Affairs (Veterans Experience Program) about avoiding extremist recruitment upon reentry
- Reviewer for the Research and Evaluation on Domestic Terrorism Prevention program at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice
- Consulting with and contributing written testimony to the January 6th Select Committee
- Book review of *Bracing for the Apocalypse: An Ethnographic Study of New York's 'Prepper' Subculture* by Anna Maria Bounds. *Contemporary Sociology*. 2022. Volume 51, Issue 2.
- Consulting with the U.S. House United States House Select Committee on the January 6 Attack
- 2021            Book manuscript reviewer for Taylor & Francis
- Witness for the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Hearing on the Recruitment of Veterans by Domestic Violent Extremist Groups (10/13/21)
- Expert Consultant for *United States of America v. Adam Fox, Barry Croft, Ty Garbin, Kaleb Franks, Daniel Harris, and Brandon Caserta* (Case Number 1:20-mj-416)
- Reviewer for the Research and Evaluation on Domestic Terrorism Prevention program at the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice
- Expert content reviewer for a digital video project advertising and supplementing the documentary *Ruby Ridge* from PBS's *American Experience*
- Consulting with the U.S. House Veterans' Affairs Committee regarding domestic extremism



- 2020           Invited Member of the Trusted Elections Expert Network via Election SOS and  
The American Press Institute
- Review and Tie-Breaking Committees for VUSR
- 2019           Book manuscript reviewer for Columbia University Press
- 2019-2021     Review Committee Nichols Humanitarian Fund
- Review Committee GEO Summer Scholarship Program
- 2018-2022     College of Arts & Science Immersion Coordinator
- 2018           “Vietnam and the Rise of White Power.” Book Review of *Bring the War Home* by  
Kathleen Belew. *Reason*.  
(<http://reason.com/archives/2018/09/06/vietnam-and-the-rise-of-white>).
- Book proposal reviewer for Columbia University Press for *Oath Keepers* by Sam  
Jackson
- Expert Consultant for *United States of America v. Curtis Wayne Allen, Patrick  
Eugene Stein & Gavin Wayne Wright* (Case Number 16-M-6151-GEB)
- 2016-2018     Vanderbilt Faculty Forward Organizing Committee
- 2007-present   Occasional Reviewer
- *American Journal of Sociology, Gender & Society, Mobilization, Sociological Forum,  
Social Problems, Social Currents, Irish Journal of Sociology, Antisemitism Studies*