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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Duke University, expected May 2017

B.A. in Sociology, University of California Berkeley, May 2012  
with highest distinction at the University and Highest Honors in Sociology

Certificate of Completion, Arabic Language Course, Defense Language Institute, March 2003

## FELLOWSHIPS AND HONORS

2013 - 2014	Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowship (Arabic)
Aug 2008 - May 2009	Dean's Honors List at Berkeley City College
Apr 2005	Commandants List at the Primary Leadership Development Course
Feb 2005	Army Achievement Medal for heroic actions in simulated combat
May 2003	Multi-Branch Service Award at the Defense Language Institute for more than 500 hours of volunteer service

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests include social psychology; identity theory; organizations (especially the military); religion; language/linguistics; gender and sexuality; class, poverty & stratification; social movements; sociology of culture; and demography.

## PAPERS PRESENTED

*Error Revisited: The Meaning and Ramifications of Variance for Affect Control Theory* (Upcoming)  
June 2017 Modeling Social Interactions: New Directions in Affect Control Theory (Conference), Dartmouth, NH

*Error Revisited: The Meaning and Ramifications of Variance for Affect Control Theory*  
April 2016 Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA

*Designing Online Surveys with Qualtrics and Amazon Mechanical Turk* (Workshop)  
February 2016 Computer-Supported Cooperative Work (CSCW) Conference, San Francisco, CA

*The Risk of Unrealistic Optimism: When Educational Expectations and Aspirations Don't Match* (Roundtable)

August 2015      American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Chicago, IL

*The Risk of Unrealistic Optimism: When Educational Expectations and Aspirations Don't Match*  
March 2015      Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA

*Quantitative Measures of Gentrification*  
August 2014      American Sociological Association Datathon, UC Berkeley

*A Bleak Picture: When expectations and aspirations don't match*  
April 2014      Jensen Colloquium Series, Duke University

*Moral Beliefs and Cultural Inclusion*  
April 2014      Southern Sociology Society annual conference

*Social Acceptance of Atheists in the US*  
April 2013      Duke University

*Depressive Symptoms, Aspirations, and Expectations* with coauthor, Bryce Bartlett  
April 2013      Jensen Colloquium Series, Duke University

*Being an Ally: Toward a Broader Definition of Straight Ally*  
May 2011      Berkeley Undergraduate Psychology Association  
April 2011      Berkeley Undergraduate Sociology Association  
March 2011      Pacific Sociological Association

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Professor Lynn Smith-Lovin, Duke University, 2012-2014

Lab Manager, Professor Robb Willer, University of California Berkeley, 2011-2012

Coordinate 10 undergraduate students; schedule and supervise laboratory experiments; gather stimuli for experiments; supervise the recruitment of subjects via Craigslist and mechanical Turk; transcribe and convert data; and file IRB paperwork.

Research Assistant, Professor Rob Willer, University of California Berkeley, 2010-2011

Operated laboratory experiments; gathered stimuli for experiments; recruited subjects on Craigslist; coded data; and single-handedly recruited and supervised a contracted software engineer to develop computer program for an experiment.

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship, Benjamin Moody and Professor Anne Swindler, University of California Berkeley, January-May 2010

Single-handedly transcribed, compiled, and ran preliminary analysis on several years of French magazine reader demographics.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Jan 2016 - May 2016 Instructor for *SOC 111: Contemporary Social Problems* at Duke University

Jan 2015 - Dec 2015 Teaching Assistant to Prof. Bai Gao for *Technology and Organizational Environments* at Duke University

Sept 2011 - Dec 2011 Reader for *Sociology of the Family* at the University of California Berkeley

July 2010 - June 2011 Private English language partner with Turkish Student

Feb 2010 - May 2010 Tutor at the Berkeley Adult School GED preparation class

Jan 2009 - May 2009 Tutor in basic Arabic at Berkeley City College

June 2008 - Aug 2008 Reader and teaching assistant at Berkeley City College

Feb 2008 - Mar 2008 English tutor at the English Center in Oakland

Sept 2005 - Oct 2005 Basic Conversational Arabic Instructor in Iraq

Apr 2004 - Nov 2006 Instructor in marksmanship and operations in the Army

Nov 2002 - Apr 2003 Head of the Arabic Tutoring Program at the Defense Language Institute

## PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Jan 2017 - present Private tutor for undergraduate level statistics

Aug 2012 - present Member of American Sociological Association and its Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section

Aug 2012 - present Member of Graduate and Professional Student Committee

Oct 2010 - June 2012 Member of the Pacific Sociological Association

Sept 2010 - May 2011      Mentor through the Youth Support Program at Willard Elementary School  
Sept 2010 - May 2011      Member the Queer Student Alliance at the University of California Berkeley  
Sept 2009 - May 2011      Member of Berkeley Undergraduate Sociology Association  
Sept 2009 - May 2011      Member of CalVets  
Sept 2009 - Dec 2009      Member of Student for Liberty  
Sept 2008 - Feb 2009      Vice President of the Associated Students of Berkeley City College

## MILITARY EXPERIENCE

June 2001 - Dec 2006      98G-AD, Arabic Cryptologic Linguist Signals Interceptor  
Top Secret Security Clearance  
Oct 2003 - Feb 2004      Operation Iraqi Freedom - Service in Iraq and Kuwait  
Sept 2005 - Sept 2006      Operation Enduring Freedom - Service in Iraq and Kuwait

### *Additional Military Training and Duties*

Completed readiness training at the Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, LA  
Primary Leadership Development Course, Fort Campbell, KY  
Harris HF Radio Course, Fort Campbell, KY  
Signals Intelligence Course, Goodfellow Airforce Base, TX  
Armorer Training Course, Fort Campbell, KY  
Eagle First Responder Course, Fort Campbell, KY

## LANGUAGES AND SKILLS

Arabic (proficient in reading, writing, and conversation)  
SAS statistical software (basic proficiency)  
Amazon Mechanical Turk Requester (average proficiency)  
Qualtrics Online Survey Software (proficient)

Papers published: none

Papers under review: none

Papers presented: 1: Error Revisited (to be presented at the Dartmouth ACT conference.

Papers in progress: 2: Error Revisited (first dissertation paper); Nelson replication (with Maria Chritina).

Grants and Fellowships:

Received: none

Applied for: none

Goals for next 12 months:

Finish 3 dissertation papers.

Finish Nelson Replication paper.

Goals accomplished from last year:

Taught Social Problems class.

Completed research protocols for dissertation studies.

Added content to academic website