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### Position

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- 2013-present Lecturer in Sociology, *Vanderbilt University*
- Senior Lecturer in Sociology starting 2016

### 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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- 2022 “Inside America’s Militias.” By Amy Cooter. *Scientific American*. January 2022 issue: pp. 34-41.
- 2021 “Biden Wants to Unite the Country. How Can He Do It?” By Amy Cooter. *Politico*.  
(<https://www.politico.com/news/magazine/2021/01/20/president-biden-administration-unity-healing-policies-experts-ideas-inauguration-roundup-460470>).
- “Armed groups from Capitol riot pose longer-term threat to Biden presidency.” By Amy Cooter. *The Conversation*.  
(<https://theconversation.com/armed-groups-from-capitol-riot-pose-longer-term-threat-to-biden-presidency-153580>).
- “As an expert on US militias, I know about the psychology of pro-Trump rioters. Biden should too.” By Amy Cooter. *The Independent*.  
([https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/biden-inauguration-protests-capitol-riot-trump-b1789569.html?fbclid=IwAR2w8Q1cjhINp-y8sov\\_4evg8luRryaJBj3\\_pI1DQEYW2pZtRe\\_-bfXb9xE](https://www.independent.co.uk/voices/biden-inauguration-protests-capitol-riot-trump-b1789569.html?fbclid=IwAR2w8Q1cjhINp-y8sov_4evg8luRryaJBj3_pI1DQEYW2pZtRe_-bfXb9xE)).

- “Militia Expert Warns Trump’s Capitol Insurrectionists Could Try Again.” By Amy Cooter. *Scientific American*.  
(<https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/militia-expert-warns-trumps-capitol-insurrectionists-could-try-again/>).
- 2020 “Lessons from embedding with the Michigan militia – 5 questions answered about the group allegedly plotting to kidnap a governor.” By Amy Cooter. *The Conversation*.  
(<https://theconversation.com/lessons-from-embedding-with-the-michigan-militia-5-questions-answered-about-the-group-allegedly-plotting-to-kidnap-a-governor-147876>).
- “Militias’ warning of excessive federal power comes true – but where are they?” By Amy Cooter. *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.” By Amy Cooter. *The Conversation*.  
(<https://theconversation.com/militias-evaluate-beliefs-action-as-president-threatens-soldiers-in-the-streets-140123>)
- 2012 "Problems Predicting Extremist Violence." *SEN Journal: Online Exclusives*.  
(<http://senjournal.wordpress.com/2012/09/16/problems-predicting-extremist-violence/#more-1805>).
- 2011 “Fieldwork in the Era of Facebook.” *A (Budding) Sociologist’s Commonplace*  
(<http://asociologist.wordpress.com/2011/07/28/guest-post-fieldwork-in-the-era-of-facebook/>).
- 2010 “Sociologist: How to understand militias.” *The Rachel Maddow Blog*.  
([http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/\\_news/2010/03/30/4090383-sociologist-how-to-understand-militias](http://maddowblog.msnbc.msn.com/_news/2010/03/30/4090383-sociologist-how-to-understand-militias)).
- 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

## **Teaching Experience**

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### *Instructor of Record at Vanderbilt University*

- 2018-present Sociology 3002 Introduction to Research Methods  
(including remote session)
- 2018-present Sociology 3604 American Social Movements  
(including remote session)
- 2017-present 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-present Sociology 255/3702 Race and Ethnic Minorities in the U.S.
- 2013-present 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*

#### Ongoing 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 Dachille

#### 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  
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

**Selected Presentations**

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*Invited Presentations*

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)*. Wurburg, 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*

- 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.

2008 Morenoff, Jeff, Harding, David & Cooter, Amy. The Neighborhood Context of Prisoner Reentry. *Population Association of America*, Detroit, MI.

2005 “Neo-Nazi Normalization.” *American Sociological Association*, Philadelphia, PA.

### *Public Sociology*

2021 “Anti-government group Three Percenters hold 'recruitment' meeting at Miller's Ale House.” By Carter Walker. *Lancaster Online*.  
([https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/anti-government-group-three-percenters-hold-recruitment-meeting-at-millers-ale-house/article\\_3969f8c0-61e0-11ec-a145-73fc6bfc3012.html](https://lancasteronline.com/news/politics/anti-government-group-three-percenters-hold-recruitment-meeting-at-millers-ale-house/article_3969f8c0-61e0-11ec-a145-73fc6bfc3012.html)).

“Revealed: Ex-Teacher Hawks White-Nationalist.” By Mark Hay. *The Daily Beast*.  
(<https://www.thedailybeast.com/page-arizona-ex-teacher-brant-williams-hawks-white-nationalist-homeschooling-online>).

“Why they fight: It's not just about Trump -- the insurrectionists believe 'their version of America is under threat.'” By Jordan Green. *Raw Story*.  
(<https://www.rawstory.com/trump-insurrectionists-motive/>).

“Far Right Leaders See Rittenhouse Case As Bellwether.” By Heath Druzin. *PostIndustrial*.  
(<https://postindustrial.com/stories/far-right-leaders-see-rittenhouse-case-as-bellwether/>).

“The Sneaky, Disturbing World of White-Nationalist Wellness.” By Mark Hay. *The Daily Beast*.  
(<https://www.thedailybeast.com/the-sneaky-disturbing-world-of-white-nationalist-wellness>).

“Mychalejko: Why is your neighbor flying that all-black American flag?” By Cyril Mychalejko. *Courier Times*.  
(<https://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/story/opinion/2021/10/27/mychalejko-why-your-neighbor-flying-all-black-american-flag/8565341002/>).

“Indiana Sen. Scott Baldwin responds to record showing he is an Oath Keepers member.” By Kaitlin Lange and Tony Cook. *Indianapolis Star*.  
(<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/politics/2021/10/21/oath-keepers-indiana-sen-scott-baldwin-listed-member-document/6116620001/>).



“Oath Keepers founder draws scrutiny from federal officials and followers.” By Hannah Allam and Spencer S. Hsu. *The Washington Post*. ([https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/rhodes-oath-keepers-capitolriot/2021/09/16/a6a872c0-10b6-11ec-a511-cb913c7e5ba0\\_story.html](https://www.washingtonpost.com/national-security/rhodes-oath-keepers-capitolriot/2021/09/16/a6a872c0-10b6-11ec-a511-cb913c7e5ba0_story.html)).

“Militias Pose A Serious Threat. So Why Is It So Hard to Stop Them?” By Kaleigh Rogers. *FiveThirtyEight*. (<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/militias-pose-a-serious-threat-so-why-is-it-so-hard-to-stop-them/>)

“Idaho Resistance Groups Work To Combat Extremism Seeping Into Mainstream.” By Michel Martin. *NPR*. (<https://www.npr.org/transcripts/988414717>).

“Talking to the boogaloo, part 2: Exclusive conversations with a would-be revolutionary.” By Roger Sollenberger. *Salon*. (<https://www.salon.com/2021/02/28/talking-to-the-boogaloo-part-2-exclusive-conversations-with-a-would-be-revolutionary/>).

“Talking to the boogaloo: An exclusive series of conversations with a would-be revolutionary.” By Roger Sollenberger. *Salon*. (<https://www.salon.com/2021/02/27/talking-to-the-boogaloo-an-exclusive-series-of-conversations-with-a-would-be-revolutionary/>).

“Hate groups are receding, but experts believe hate will linger.” By Kaitlin Durbin. *Toledo Blade*. (<https://www.toledoblade.com/local/politics/2021/02/19/Hate-groups-are-receding-but-experts-believe-hate-will-linger/stories/20210219124>).

“What does the future look like for Ohio militias?” By Brian Albrecht. *Cleveland.com*. (<https://www.cleveland.com/news/2021/02/what-does-the-future-look-like-for-ohio-militias.html>).

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“Prognosis on Extremism.” By Will Glover. *One Detroit*.  
(<https://www.bridgedetroit.com/one-detroit-post-inauguration-dr-amy-cooter-brenda-lawrence-student-reporting-labs/>)

“Sense of Entitlement”: Rioters Faced Few Consequences Invading State Capitols. No Wonder They Turned to the U.S. Capitol Next.” By Jeremy Kohler. *ProPublica*.  
(<https://www.propublica.org/article/sense-of-entitlement-rioters-faced-no-consequences-invading-state-capitols-no-wonder-they-turned-to-the-u-s-capitol-next>).

“US Capitol Riot Prompts Fresh Focus on Extremism in US Police Ranks.” By Masood Farivar. *Voice of America*.  
(<https://www.voanews.com/usa/us-capitol-riot-prompts-fresh-focus-extremism-us-police-ranks>).

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(<https://www.rnz.co.nz/national/programmes/summer-days/audio/2018780134/amy-cooter-the-rise-of-militias-in-the-united-states>).

“Militia expert weighs in on possible armed protests in Lansing.” By Andrew Feather & Grant Zamora. *Up North Live*.  
(<https://upnorthlive.com/news/local/militia-expert-weighs-in-on-possible-armed-protests-in-lansing>).

“Indiana’s Militia Wave is ‘Disturbingly Similar’ to Pat Fringe Group Activity.” By Ryan Martin and Tim Evans. *Indianapolis Star*.  
(<https://www.indystar.com/story/news/2021/01/28/capitol-riots-indiana-militia-proud-boys-oath-keepers-three-percenters/6669188002/>).

“The Weekly Dispatch: Modern Militias.” By Logan Jaffe. *ProPublica Weekly Newsletter*.

“Shirkey changes story about militia leaders meeting, state police deny involvement.” By Todd Heywood. *Michigan Advance*.  
(<https://www.michiganadvance.com/2021/01/19/shirkey-changes-story-about-militia-leaders-meeting-state-police-deny-involvement/>).

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(<https://www.wilx.com/2021/01/12/security-increased-around-michigans-capitol-ahead-of-armed-protests/>).

“New: Michigan GOP Senate leader advised militias on messaging, says they’ve gotten ‘a bad rap.’” By Todd Heywood. *Michigan Advance*. (<https://www.michiganadvance.com/2021/01/17/new-michigan-gop-senate-leader-advised-militias-on-messaging-says-theyve-gotten-a-bad-rap/>).

“Militia group bows out, right-wing extremist groups gear up for Sunday in Lansing.” By Todd Heywood. *Michigan Advance*. (<https://www.michiganadvance.com/2021/01/15/militia-group-bows-out-right-wing-extremist-groups-gear-up-for-sunday-in-lansing/?fbclid=IwAR350RaEHzt4XYqufz5wBHdc82wBELCL4o4CmYWz8pp-ht8rbAIn4BONCEQ>).

“Coded for violence: How militias, white nationalist groups operate in mid-Michigan.” By Benjamin Jodway. *Central Michigan Life*. (<https://www.cm-life.com/article/2021/01/coded-for-violence-hate-groups>).

“Capitol riots: Are US militia groups becoming more active?” By Jake Horton and Christopher Giles. *BBC*. (<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-us-canada-55638579>).

“A Real Nightmare.' State Capitols Are Racing to Catch Up to the Far-Right Threat.” By Vera Bergengruen. *Time*. (<https://time.com/5929296/far-right-extremism-state-capitols/>).

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“Security to take center stage at Biden inauguration after Capitol riot.” By Trevor Hunnicutt. *Reuters*. (<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-biden-inauguration/security-to-take-center-stage-at-biden-inauguration-after-capitol-riot-idUSKBN29H29Z>).

“U.S. Capitol siege emboldens motley crew of extremists.” By Ted Hesson, Ned Parker, Kristina Cooke, and Julia Harte. *Reuters*. (<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-election-extremists/u-s-capitol-siege-emboldens-motley-crew-of-extremists-idUSKBN29D2ZY>).

“Attaque du Capitole: un mouvement en gestation depuis des années.” By Roman Bornstein. *Jean-Jaures Foundation*. ([https://twitter.com/j\\_jaures/status/1347557021588058112?s=20](https://twitter.com/j_jaures/status/1347557021588058112?s=20)).

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“Militia Leader Known As The 'Bundy Ranch Sniper' Seeks A New Title: State Senator.” By Hannah Allam. *NPR*.  
(<https://www.npr.org/2020/10/22/926279072/militia-leader-known-as-the-bundy-ranch-sniper-seeks-a-new-title-senator>).

“Alleged Whitmer conspirator was present at two Lansing protests.” *Lansing City Pulse*.  
(<https://www.lansingcitypulse.com/stories/alleged-whitmer-conspirator-was-present-at-two-lansing-protests,15067>).

“All states prohibit 'militia extremists' and paramilitary activities. So why aren't they stopped?” By Kristine Phillips. *USA Today*.  
(<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/11/03/all-states-prohibit-paramilitary-militia-extremists-but/6123774002/>).

“I-Team: Extreme members of militias in Michigan drive violence.” By Michael Krafcik. *WWMT*. (<https://wwmt.com/news/i-team/i-team-militias-in-michigan>).

“‘Father’ of Michigan Militia denounces ‘rogue’ plot.” By Ken Kolker. *WoodTV*.  
(<https://www.woodtv.com/news/target-8/father-of-michigan-militia-denounces-rogue-plot/>).

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(<https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2020/oct/21/viral-image/looking-ideologies-whitmer-kidnapping-plot-suspect/>).

“Michigan Terror Plot.” By Toshiyuki Sumi. *Mainichi Newspapers (Japan)*.

“Right-Wing Extremism.” By Betsy Kaplan. *WNPR*.  
(<https://www.wnpr.org/post/right-wing-extremism>).

“In Michigan Plot to Kidnap Governor, Informants Were Key.” By Zusha Elinson, Erin Ailworth and Rachael Levy. *Wall Street Journal*.  
(<https://www.wsj.com/articles/in-michigan-plot-to-kidnap-governor-informants-were-key-11603013401>).

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(<https://www.lansingcitypulse.com/stories/alleged-whitmer-plotters-had-interactions-ties-to-other-militias,15057>).

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(<https://fivethirtyeight.com/features/fear-of-voter-intimidation-is-its-own-voter-intimidation/>).

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“Michigan Militias.” By Will Glover. *One Detroit*.  
(<https://www.onedetroitpbs.org/michigan-militias/>).

“Right-Wing Extremism.” *Colin McEnroe Show Connecticut Public Radio*.  
(<https://www.wnpr.org/post/right-wing-extremism>)

“Militia experts worry more violence could happen following foiled kidnap plot.” By Nicole Buchmann. *WILX 10*.  
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## **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      Advisory Board Member for The Accelerationism Research Consortium
- 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)
- Book review of *Bracing for the Apocalypse: An Ethnographic Study of New York's 'Prepper' Subculture* by Anna Maria Bounds. *Contemporary Sociology*. (forthcoming).
- 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-present      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*