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## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D.** **University of California**, Berkeley, CA (expected 2019)  
Sociology *Dissertation*: “Ordering the Disordered: State Classifications of Mental Illness in France and the United States”
- M.Phil** **University of Oxford**, Oxford, UK (2011)  
International *Graduate with distinction*  
Development *Graduate Thesis*: “We Are the Lungs of the World?: Popular Environmentalism and the Local Politics of Climate Mitigation in the Ecuadorian Amazon”
- A.B.** **Princeton University**, Princeton, NJ (2009)  
Sociology *Summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa  
*Senior Thesis*: “Pulling Sustainability from the Dumpster: Radical Community, Activist Identity, and Human Possibilities in the Freegan Movement”

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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*Dissertation Synopsis*: My dissertation examines how public mental health care systems in France and the United States treat similar diseases while producing very different kinds of mentally ill subjects. Through ethnographic observations of clinics, welfare offices, and courts, three hundred interviews with professionals and policymakers, and government archives, I document the seemingly chaotic and disordered trajectory of severely mentally-ill persons in the post-asylum era. I argue that there is nonetheless an underlying order to these trajectories, based on how medical professionals and bureaucrats in each country—such as judges, psychiatrists, and social workers—divide between normality and pathology, disability and functionality, and dangerousness and deviance. These interventions reveal cross-national differences in the role of the state, the categories that underpin medical diagnosis, and the boundaries of “normal,” rational selves.

*Primary research interests*: Sociological Theory, Political Sociology, Medical Sociology, Mental Health, Social Policy, Comparative Cultural Sociology

*Secondary research interests*: Social Movements, Sociology of International Development, Environmental Sociology, Political Economy, Urban Sociology.

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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(with Tonya Tartour) “Etat de santé et état des droits: la construction collective des figures inconciliables de malade et justiciable dans le contrôle judiciaire des soins psychiatriques forcés à New York.” Accepted at *Participations*.

“Making the City ‘Second Nature’: Freegan ‘Dumpster Divers’ and Materiality of Morality in Urban Life.” *The American Journal of Sociology* 121 (4), January 2016: 1017-1050.

*Freegans: Diving into the Wealth of Food Wasted in the United States*. Minneapolis, MN: University of Minnesota Press, 2016.

Reviewed in: *Environmental Politics*; *Food, Culture and Society*; *Environmental Values, Agriculture and Human Values*, *The British Journal of Sociology*, *Mobilization*, *The European Journal of Sociology*.

“Waving the Banana at Capitalism: Political Theatre and Social Movement Strategy Among New York’s ‘Freegan’ Dumpster Divers.” *Ethnography* 12 (4), December 2011: 419-444.  
Reprinted in *Contemporary Approaches to Ethnographic Research*. SAGE Press.

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION OR UNDER REVIEW**

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“Courting Compliance and Consent: The Judicial Management of Madness in Paris and New York City.” *Under Review*

“Ration and Rationalize: Allocating Psychiatric Care in France and the United States” *Working Paper*

“Bureaucratically Split Personalities: (Re)ordering the Mentally Disordered in the French State.” *Under Review*

“Eco-Populism in the Ecuadorian Amazon: Ecological Conflicts in the Era of Climate Change.” *Working Paper*

## **OTHER PUBLICATIONS**

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(with Marie Mourad) “From Dumpster Dives to Disco Vibes: The Shifting Shape of Food Waste Activism.” Invited chapter for *The Food Waste Handbook*, edited by C. Reynolds, T. Soma, C. Spring, and J. Lazell. London, UK: Routledge.

(with Marie Mourad) “Don’t Waste the Waste: Dumpster Dinners among Garbage Gourmands.” Pp. 220-232 in *The Practice of the Meal*, edited by B. Cappellini, D. Marshall, and E. Parsons. London, UK: Routledge Press.  
Reprinted in *Discover Society Magazine*.

“Rewriting the History of Insanity? Review of Andrew Scull’s *Madness in Civilization*.” *European Journal of Sociology* 56 (3). December 2015: 555-560.

“Keep it Contentious.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. August 18, 2015.  
<<http://berkeleyjournal.org/2015/08/keep-it-contentious/>>

“What’s Contentious About Free Food?” *Mobilizing Ideas*. August 5, 2015. <<https://mobilizingideas.wordpress.com/2015/08/05/whats-contentious-about-free-food/>>

“Demanding the Land at a Public University? Space, Place, and Occupation at the University of California, Berkeley.” Pp. 307-308 in *Grabbing Back*. AK Press, 2014.

“In Support of the Occupiers.” *Princeton Alumni Weekly*. March 7, 2012.  
<<https://paw.princeton.edu/issues/2012/03/07/perspective/>>

“From Haymarket to Sacco and Vanzetti: Anarchism and Policing in the United States in Comparative Perspective, 1880s-1920s.” *Columbia Undergraduate Journal of History*, Spring 2009.

## HONORS, SCHOLARSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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- John L. Simpson Memorial Fellowship (2018-2019)
- Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellow (2018-2019)
- Medical Sociology Section Louise Johnson Scholar (2017)
- Lowenthal Fellowship (2016-2017)
- George Lurcy Fellowship (2015-2016)
- Chateaubriand Fellowship (2015-2016)
- Best Graduate Student Instructor (2015), Department of Sociology
- Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (2015)
- Institute for European Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (2015)
- Institute for International Studies Pre-Dissertation Grant (2015)
- Berkeley University Fellowship (2011)
- Isidore Brown Prize (2009)  
*Highest Academic Achievement in Sociology Department*
- Moses Taylor Pyne Honor Award (2009)  
*Princeton's Highest Undergraduate General Distinction*
- Daniel M. Sachs '60 Fellowship (2008)  
*Full funding for two years of study at the University of Oxford for one Princeton senior.*
- Rhodes and Marshall Fellowship Finalist (2008)
- Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence (2007, 2006)  
*Top 5% of Undergraduate Sophomore/Freshmen Class*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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(Course approved) Instructor of Record, "From Madness to Mental Health: Mental Illness Across Society" (Senior Seminar). Spring 2019.

Instructor of Record, "Sociology of Health, Illness, and Medicine." Summer 2018.

Graduate Student Mentor for Undergraduate Thesis. 2017-2018, 2018-2019.

Head Graduate Student Instructor, "Classical and Contemporary Social Theory" (2 semesters).  
Fall 2017 - Spring 2018. Instructor: Michael Burawoy (Berkeley).

Graduate Student Instructor, "Summer Practicum in Social Policy" Summer 2017/2018. Instructor:  
Dan Lewis (Northwestern).

Graduate Student Instructor, "Classical and Contemporary Social Theory" (2 semesters). Fall 2014-  
Spring 2015. Instructor: Marion Fourcade (Berkeley).

## TEACHING INTERESTS

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Undergraduate Courses: Sociological Theory, Introduction to Sociology, Medical Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Movements, Urban Sociology, Mental Health, Sociology of Development, Environmental Sociology, Economic Sociology, Social Policy

Graduate Courses: [As Above] Advanced Sociological Theory, Law and Society, Qualitative Methods, Political Economy and Capitalism, Political Ecology in the Developing World

## **PAPER/CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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- “Legal Valorization and Mental Disqualification: Judicial Management of Madness in Paris and New York City.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Session on ‘Field Intersections: Examining the Interplay between Law and Medicine.’ August 14, 2018. Philadelphia, PA.
- “Ration or Rationalize? Allocating Psychiatric Care in France and the United States.” Council for European Studies Annual Meeting. March 29, 2018. Chicago, IL.
- “Bureaucratic Split Personalities: ‘Handicap Psychique’ in the French State.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Session on ‘Health Policy.’ August 13, 2017. Montreal, Canada.
- “Disabled or Diseased? Handicap Psychique and the Bureaucratic Failure of a Social Category in France.” Berkeley-SciencesPo Conference on Social Solidarity. October 22, 2016. Berkeley, CA.
- (with Marie Mourad) “What’s So Contentious About Free Food? Repertoires and Activism in the United States and France.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on ‘Social Movements Across Institutions.’ August 18, 2014. San Francisco, CA.
- “Refiguring with Waste and Critiquing with Excess: The Changing Shape of Contemporary Anti-Capitalism.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on ‘New Directions in Political Sociology.’ August 17, 2014. San Francisco, CA.
- “Theorizing Waste as Movement Frame and Resource in Anti-Capitalist Mobilizations” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Paper Session. April 11, 2013. Los Angeles, CA.
- “Mobilizing Support for Climate Mitigation: ‘Eco-Populism’ in the Ecuadorian Amazon” UC Santa Cruz Conference on Climate Change and Development. October 27, 2012.
- “Back to Nature in New York City? Freegans and the Morality of Urban Life.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Section Session on the Sociology of Culture. August 19, 2012. Denver, CO.
- “We are the Lungs of the World.” Latin American Studies Association Conference, Regular Session Panel. May 2012. San Francisco, CA.
- “The Local Politics of Climate Change.” Berkeley Journal of Sociology Conference. March 2012. Berkeley, CA.
- “We are the Lungs of the World.” University of Sheffield International Development Conference. March 2011. Sheffield, UK.

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

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- Member, **Berkeley Journal of Sociology Editorial Board**, August 2011—June 2013.
- Member, **UAW 2865 – Graduate Student Union**, August 2011—Present.

## Media Appearances

*KPFA Public Radio, The New York Times, The Trenton Times, The New Jersey Star Ledger, California Magazine, France 24, Wisconsin Public Radio, Timeline, GOOD Magazine, The New Food Economy, Tiny Spark, Minnesota Public Radio, Alternet, Jacobin.*

## Reviewer

*American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Journal of Contemporary Ethnography; Ethnography; International Journal of Sociology and Anthropology; Berkeley Journal of Sociology; Journal of Consumer Affairs; The Sociological Review; The British Journal of Sociology; Valuation Studies; Social Problems.*

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## OTHER RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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Research Assistant, **NSF Grant #0924778**, Kampala, Uganda, July 2009 – Aug 2009

Principal Investigator: Delia Baldassarri

Project Title: “Social and Spatial Networks, Social Capital, and Leadership Accountability in Rural Development: A Study of Uganda’s Agricultural Productivity Enhancement Project.”

Data Steward, **Deciding Force Project**, Berkeley Institute for Data Science, Principal Investigator: Nick Adams, Fall 2017 – Present.

Graduate Student Research Assistant, **Measure for Measure**, Department of Sociology, Principal Investigator: Professor Marion Fourcade, Spring 2018 – Present

Graduate Student Coordinator, **Coercive to Conserve**, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program. Spring 2018 – Present.

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## REFERENCES

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Professor Neil Fligstein  
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