

# Alexander F. Roehrkasse

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Racial, class, and gender inequality; crime and punishment; families and children; demographic and statistical methods

## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2019

- Dissertation: *States of Disunion: American Marriage and Divorce, 1867–1906*
- Committee: Neil Fligstein (chair), Marion Fourcade, Christopher Muller, Dylan Penningroth

M.A., Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2014

A.B., Economics, Brown University, 2009

- *Magna cum laude*, departmental honors, Phi Beta Kappa

## EMPLOYMENT

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Duke University

- Postdoctoral associate, Department of Sociology, 2020–
- Advisor: Christopher Wildeman

Cornell University

- Postdoctoral associate, National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect, 2019–
- Postdoctoral associate, Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, 2019–2020
- Advisor: Christopher Wildeman

Harvard University

- Research associate, Harvard Business School, 2009–2011

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Alexander F. Roehrkasse. Forthcoming. “[Market Development, State Formation, and the Historical Abolition of the Debtors’ Prison.](#)” *Punishment & Society*.

- Ronald S. Burt Outstanding Student Paper Award, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2016
- Honorable Mention, Distinguished Student Paper Award, Crime, Law and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association, 2016
- Honorable Mention, Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2017

Alexander F. Roehrkassee. 2021. “[Long-Term Trends and Ethnoracial Inequality in U.S. Foster Care: A Research Note.](#)” *Demography*, advance publication.

Neil Fligstein and Alexander F. Roehrkassee (equal authorship). 2016. “[The Causes of Fraud in the Financial Crisis of 2007 to 2009: Evidence from the Mortgage-Backed Securities Industry.](#)” *American Sociological Review* 81(4):617–643.

## WORKING PAPERS

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Christopher Muller and Alexander F. Roehrkassee. 2021. “[Racial and Class Inequality in U.S. Incarceration in the Early Twenty-First Century.](#)” IRLE Working Paper No. 109-20. Revise and resubmit (minor), *Social Forces*.

Alexander F. Roehrkassee and Christopher Muller. “[Hyperincarceration and Missing Men.](#)” Under review.

Alexander F. Roehrkassee. “[Race, Poverty, and Children’s Exposure to Neighborhood Incarceration.](#)” Under review.

Alexander F. Roehrkassee. “[Inequality in Life Lost to Violence in the United States.](#)” Under review.

Alexander F. Roehrkassee. “Women’s Property Rights and Divorce: Independence or Deinstitutionalization?” Under review.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Alexander F. Roehrkassee, Christopher Muller, and Christopher Wildeman. “U.S. Racial Inequality in Cumulative Prevalence of Imprisonment.”

Alexander F. Roehrkassee, Monica Alexander, and Christopher Wildeman. “The Causes of Change in U.S. Foster Care Caseloads, 2000–2018.”

Alexander F. Roehrkassee. “The Effect of the U.S. Crime Decline on Inequality in Homicide Mortality.”

James Feigenbaum and Alexander F. Roehrkassee. “Age Heaping, Household Relationships, and Record Linkage.”

Alexander F. Roehrkassee. “The Legal Performance of Marital Breakdown.”

Bright, Melissa A., Alexander F. Roehrkassee, Sarah Masten, Ashton Naumann, and David Finkelhor. “Does School-based Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Education Work? An Analysis of State Legislation and Agency-Reported Abuse.”

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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Kelsey Kauffman and Alexander F. Roehrkassee. 2020. “[Indiana prison coronavirus cases have been exploding. They won’t stay there.](#)” *Indianapolis Star*. December 27.

Alexander F. Roehrkassee and Christopher Wildeman. 2019. “[Administrative data and long-term trends in child maltreatment: the prospects and pitfalls.](#)” *The Lancet: Public Health* 4(3):e121–e122.

Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2017. “The Many Hands of State Theory.” *European Journal of Sociology* 58(3):609–615.

Charlie Eaton, Jacob Habinek, Mukul Kumar, Tamera Lee Stover and Alexander F. Roehrkasse (equal authorship). 2013. “Swapping our Future: How Students and Taxpayers are Funding Risky UC Borrowing and Wall Street Profits.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 57:177–199.

– Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2013

Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2013. “The New Campus Bankers.” *The Nation* (online). January 25.

## DATASETS

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Alexander F. Roehrkasse, Chiara Fontaine, LeAnn McDowall, Sarah Sernaker, and Clayton C. Covington. 2021. *Voluntary Cooperative Information System (VCIS) Foster Care Multi-Year File (1982-1995)* [Dataset]. National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

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Summer Research Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2017, “States of Disunion: American Marriage and Divorce, 1867–1906,” \$3,500

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley, 2016, “Early American Marriage and Divorce, In Law and Practice,” \$600, PI Neil Fligstein

Sociology Program Grant, National Science Foundation, 2016, “Credit Markets, Evaluative Technologies, and Social Stratification,” \$100,000, PIs Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy

Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2012, “The Rise of Credit Reporting in the United States,” \$1,000

Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University, 2009, “Language Difference, Collective Action, and Violence,” \$1,000, PI Paja Faudree

## FELLOWSHIPS

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Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship, Center for the Study of Law & Society, Berkeley Law School, 2018

Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute for Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, 2017

Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2016

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2012–2014, 2015–2016

David and Aileen Wang Family Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2011–2012

## DISTINCTIONS

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Teaching Effectiveness Award, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2017

Honorable Mention, Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2017

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2016

Ronald S. Burt Outstanding Student Paper Award, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2016

Honorable Mention, Distinguished Student Paper Award, Crime, Law and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association, 2016

Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (with Charlie Eaton, Jacob Habinek, Mukul Kumar, Tamera Lee Stover), 2013

Samuel C. Lamport Prize, Department of Economics, Brown University, 2009

#### SELECTED PRESENTATIONS

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“The Effect of the U.S. Crime Decline on Ethnoracial and Educational Inequality in Homicide Mortality.” American Sociological Association 2021.

“Hyperincarceration and Missing Men.” (With Christopher Muller.) American Sociological Association 2021.

“Race, Poverty, and Children’s Exposure to Neighborhood Incarceration.” Population Association of America 2021.

“Long-Term Trends and Ethnoracial Inequality in U.S. Children’s Substitute Care.” Population Association of America 2021.

“Inequality in Incarceration in the Twenty-First Century.” (With Christopher Muller.) American Sociological Association 2020.

“Don’t Count on Love: Discrepant Historical Measures of U.S. Marriages.” Social Science History Association 2019.

“Strategizing in the Shadow of the Law: Gender and the Performance of Marital Breakdown.” Social Science History Association 2018.

“The Dynamics of Local Bureaucratization: Evidence from American Marriage Records, 1867–1906.” American Sociological Association 2018.

“Marriage, Divorce, and the Gendered Organization of Private Property.” American Sociological Association 2018; Population Association of America 2018; Social Science History Association 2017.

“Nuptial Regulation as State Building.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2016; Social Science History Association 2016.

“The Rise and Fall of the Debtors’ Prison.” American Sociological Association 2016; Social Science History Association 2015; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2015; Paris Institute of Political Studies 2013; Stanford University 2013.

“Bankers in the Ivory Tower.” (With Charlie Eaton, Adam Goldstein, Jacob Habinek, Mukul Kumar, and Tamera Lee Stover.) American Sociological Association 2013.

“The Causes of Fraud in Financial Crises.” (With Neil Fligstein.) American Sociological Association 2013.

## TRAINING

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Graduate Student Inclusivity Training and Certificate Program, UC Berkeley, 2018

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley, 2018

## TEACHING

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Incarceration and Inequality, Indiana Women's Prison, Spring 2021 (lead instructor)

Evaluation of Evidence, UC Berkeley, Summer 2018 (lead instructor)

Contemporary Sociological Theory, UC Berkeley, Spring 2015 (assistant)

Classical Sociological Theory, UC Berkeley, Fall 2014 (assistant)

## ADVISING

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Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor, UC Berkeley

- Sinporian Phuong, 2018–2019
- Parijat Chakrabarti, 2012–2013 (Ph.D. program, sociology, Princeton University)

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, UC Berkeley

- Anisha Dangoria, 2016–2017
- Dasom Nah, 2016–2017 (M.A. Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago)

Summer Research Opportunity Program, UC Berkeley

- Clara Perez, 2016 (Ph.D. program, sociology, UC Berkeley)

## SERVICE

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To the department

- Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley, 2017–2018

To the discipline

- Occasional reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Demography*, *Law & Society Review*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science History*, *Theory & Society*
- Editorial Board, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2011–2013

To the profession

- Statewide Elections Committee Representative, UC Berkeley, UAW Local 2865, 2015–2016
- Steward, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley, UAW Local 2865, 2013–2015