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## **Education**

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- PhD University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2019 (Expected)
- *Dissertation*: Diffusion of a Debate: Cultural Resonance and Resource Control in American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change.
  - *Committee*: Heather Haveman (chair), Ann Swidler, Robb Willer, and Ann Keller.
- BA Yale University, Psychology, *magna cum laude* with departmental honors, 2006
- *Thesis advisor*: Richard Eibach.

## **Scholarly Interests**

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Political psychology, environmental sociology, race, sociology of culture, social psychology, organizational sociology, social theory, computational methods.

## **Publications**

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**Wetts, Rachel** and Robb Willer. 2018. "Privilege on the Precipice: Perceived Racial Status Threats Lead White Americans to Oppose Welfare Programs." Forthcoming at *Social Forces*. Published online: doi: 10.1093/sf/soy046

## **Manuscripts Under Review**

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**Wetts, Rachel**. "Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." Under review at *Social Forces*.

Haveman, Heather A. and **Rachel Wetts**. "Organizational Theory: From Classical Sociology to the 1970s." Conditionally accepted at *Sociology Compass*.

**Wetts, Rachel** and Robb Willer. "Who is Called by the Dog Whistle? Experimental Evidence that Racial Resentment and Political Ideology Condition Responses to Racially-Encoded Messages." Revise and resubmit at *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

## **Working Papers**

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Willer, Robb, Matthew Feinberg, and **Rachel Wetts**. "Threats to Racial Status Promote Tea Party Support among White Americans." SSRN Working Paper.

## **Manuscripts in Preparation**

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Haveman, Heather A., and **Rachel Wetts**. "What is Organizational Sociology?" In preparation for *Sociology Compass*.

## **Presentations**

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"Who is Called by the Dog Whistle? Political Ideology Conditions Responses to Racially-Encoded Messages." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, August 2018 (Scheduled).

"Models and Morals: American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

"Anxiety and Austerity: A Group Position Account of White Americans' Opposition to Welfare." Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, California, January 2016.

"Anxiety and Austerity: A Group Position Account of White Americans' Attitudes toward Welfare." Group Processes Mini-Conference, Stanford, CA, August 2014.

"Do Exemplars of Minority Success Legitimate Inequality?" Berkeley-Stanford Social Psychology Conference, Stanford University, November 30, 2011.

## **Awards and Fellowships**

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2018	American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award
2016-2017	Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016	Lowenthal Fellowship
2015	Graduate Summer Research Grant
2013	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology Small Research Grant
2012	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
2012	Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship
2006	Psi Chi Honor Society for Psychology

## **Teaching & Mentoring**

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*Instructor*

Social Psychology of Inequality

*Graduate Student Instructor*

Introduction to Sociology, Evaluation of Evidence, Classical Social Theory, Contemporary Social Theory

*Reader*

Sociology of Culture, Virtual Communities and Social Media, Cultural Perspectives of Food, Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Inequality

*Mentor*

Rui Ju (Computational methods and environmental politics)  
Yik Hei Ho (Senior Honors Thesis: "Hegemonic Capitalism and Hong Kong's Minimum Wage Law.")

*Other*

Created Berkeley Sociology's Teaching Resource Exchange, an online platform for graduate student instructors to upload and access teaching materials.

**Professional Service**

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Ad-hoc Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*

Graduate Student Evaluator for the UC Berkeley Sociological Research Symposium

Member: American Sociological Association, Society for Personality and Social Psychology

**Other Research Experience**

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2017 Graduate Student Researcher with Heather Haveman, UC Berkeley

2013 Social Science Research Council – Consultant

2007 – 2010 Vera Institute of Justice – Research Analyst (2008 – 2010), Research Assistant (2007 – 2008)

**References**

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