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Employment

University of California, Berkeley, CA.
Associate Professor, Political Science, 2023-Now.
Associate Professor, Sociology, 2023-Now.
Assistant Professor, Sociology, 2018-2023.
Assistant Professor, Political Science, 2018-2023 (by courtesy).

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
Assistant Professor, Sociology, 2017-2018.
Assistant Professor, Political Science (by courtesy), 2017-2018.
Director, War and Society Workshop, 2016-2018.
Board Member, Holocaust Education Foundation, 2016-2018.
Pre-doctoral Fellow, Sociology, 2015-2016.

Education

Cornell University, Ithaca, NY.
Ph.D., Government, 2017.

Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, the Netherlands.
M. Phil., Sociology, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2008.
B. A., Sociology, *Magna Cum Laude*, 2006.

Awards

James Coleman Best Scholarship Award 2024, Social Networks Section of the American Sociological Association (Together with Kiran Stallone).

Carolina de Miguel Moyer Early Career Award 2023, Council for European Studies.

Charles Tilly Best Article Award 2023, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association (Co-Winner).

Best Article Award 2023, Peace War and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association (Together with Laura Acosta Gonzalez).

Gregory Luebbert Best Book Award 2020, Best Book in Comparative Politics Published the Previous 2 years, American Political Science Association (Honorable Mention).

Barrington Moore Best Book Award 2020. Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association (Co-Winner).

Charles Tilly Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Book Award 2020. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the American Sociological Association (Co-Winner).

Best Book Award 2020. European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association (Co-Winner).

Peace, War and Social Conflict Section's Outstanding Book Award 2020. Section of Peace, War and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association.

Gordon Hirabayashi Book Award 2020. Sociology of Human Rights Section of the American Sociological Association.

Outstanding Published Book Award 2020. Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity of the American Sociological Association.

Editor's Pick 2020. Cambridge University Press.

Best Publication Award 2019. European Academy of Sociology.

Gregory Luebbert Best Article Award 2017, Best article in Comparative Politics published the previous 2 years, American Political Science Association.

Best Article Award 2017, European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association.

Distinguished Article Award 2017, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association.

Outstanding Published Article Award 2017, Section on Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity of the American Sociological Association.

Theda Skocpol Best Dissertation Award 2017, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Ernst B. Haas Best Dissertation Award 2017, European Politics and Society Section of the American Political Science Association.

Walter Dean Burnham Best Dissertation Award 2017, Politics and History Section of the American Political Science Association.

Best Dissertation Award 2017, Human Rights Section of the American Political Science Association.

Aaron Wildavsky Best Dissertation Award 2017, Religion and Politics Section of the American Political Science Association.

Jacek Kugler Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Political Demography and Geography Section of the International Studies Association.

Kenneth Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Peace Studies Section of the International Studies Association.

Martin O. Heisler Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration section of the International Studies Association.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Political Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Reinhard Bendix Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section of the American Sociological Association.

Mayer Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section of the American Sociological Association.

Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association.

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association.

Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award 2015, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association.

Sidney Tarrow Graduate Student Paper Award 2014, Cornell Institute for European Studies, Cornell University.

George Kahin Prize 2013, Beginning Dissertation Work of Great Promise in the Area of International Relations and Foreign Policy Studies, Cornell University.

Dirk Berg-Schlosser Award 2011, European Consortium for Political Research (3rd place).

Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award 2011, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section of the American Sociological Association (Honorable mention).

Unilever Research Prize for Best Dutch Thesis in Social and Natural Sciences, 2009.

Book

Braun, Robert. 2019. *Protectors of Pluralism: Religious Minorities and the Protection of Jews in the Low Countries during the Holocaust.* Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press.

Book Panels: American Sociological Association,* , Boston University, Social Science History Association,* , Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley,* Department of Sociology University of Notre Dame/Center for the Study of Religion and Society, Association for the Scientific Study of Religion, Department of Sociology, TU Dresden.

Reviewed in: American Journal of Sociology, Baptist News, Contemporary Sociology, Contemporary Church History Quarterly, Comparative Politics, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, Israeli Sociology, Journal of Church and State, Journal of Sociology and Christianity, Perspectives on Politics, Social Forces.

Refereed Articles

Elena Amaya & **Braun, Robert.** 2025. "Pedagogy of Fear: Folklore, Feeling Rules and the Far-Right in Weimar Germany". *American Sociological Review.*

Kiran Stallone & **Robert Braun** 2023. "Defiant Conformists: Gender and Resistance against Genocide", *Theory & Society.*

Daniel Solomon & **Robert Braun** 2023. "Popular Hatreds and the Spread of Kristallnacht Violence", *Annales de Démographie Historique.*

Braun, Robert. 2022. "Bloodlines: Border Crossings and Antisemitism in Weimar Germany", *American Sociological Review* 87(2).

Braun, Robert & Otto Kienitz. 2022. “Comparative Politics in Borderlands: Actors, Identities and Strategies”, *Annual Review of Political Science* 26.

Laura Acosta Gonzalez & **Braun, Robert**. 2022. “War Commemoration and Nationalism in Belgium 1914-1945: the Role of Military Networks”, *Social Forces* 100(4).

Braun, Robert. 2020. “Religious Dominance and Empathy: Catholic Antisemitism in the Low Countries”, *Theory and Society* 49(3).

Braun, Robert. 2018. “Minorities and the Clandestine Collective Action Dilemma: the Secret protection of Jews in Nazi-Occupied Europe”, *American Journal of Sociology*, 124(2).

Braun, Robert. 2016. “Religious Minorities & Resistance to Genocide: The Collective Rescue of Jews in the Netherlands during the Holocaust”, *American Political Science Review*, 110(1).

Braun, Robert & Michael Genkin. 2014. “Cultural resonance & the Diffusion of Suicide Bombings: the Role of Collectivism”, *Journal of Conflict Resolution* 58(7).

Braun, Robert & Ruud Koopmans. 2014. “Watch the Crowd! Bystander Responses, Trickle Down Politics & Xenophobic Mobilization”, *Comparative Political Studies*, 47(7).

Braun, Robert. 2011. “The Diffusion of Extreme-Right Violence in the Netherlands: Distance & Discourse”, *Journal of Peace Research*, 48(6).

Braun, Robert & Ruud Koopmans. 2010. “The Diffusion of Extreme-Right Violence in Germany: the Role of Social Similarity”, *European Sociological Review*, 26(1).

Janmaat, Germ & **Robert Braun**. 2009. “Diversity and Postmaterialism as Rival Perspectives in Accounting for Social Solidarity: Evidence from International Surveys”, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, 50(1).

Braun, Robert & Rens Vliegthart. 2009. “Violent Fan Fluctuations: A Pooled Time-Series Analysis of Hooliganism”, *Mobilization*, 14(1).

Braun, Robert & Rens Vliegthart. 2008. “The Contentious Fans: The Impact of Media Coverage and Aggressive Play on Hooliganism”, *International Sociology*, 23(6).

Book Chapters

Braun, Robert. 2023. “Territorial Loss and Xenophobia in Weimar Germany: Evidence from Jewish Bogeymen in Children Stories”, in: Jeffrey Kopstein, Jelena Subotic & Susan Welch, *Politics, Violence, Memory. The New Social Science of the Holocaust*. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press.

Braun, Robert & Kiran Stallone. 2023. “Interregional Networks and Conventionalized Gender Roles in Civilian Resistance Against Genocide: Evidence from the Holocaust in the Low Countries”, in: Jana Krause, Juan Masullo, Emily Paddon Rhoads & Jennifer Welsh, *Civilian Protective Agency in Violent Settings: A Comparative Perspective*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Other Writings

Braun, Robert & Scott Straus. 2024. "The Radicalization of Race: Towards a Multilevel Theory of Racial Violence". *Contention*.

Braun, Robert. 2024. "Review of Sociology and the Holocaust by Ronald Berger". *Contemporary Sociology*.

Braun, Robert. 2024. "Review of Hope and Honor by Rachel Einwohner". *American Journal of Sociology*.

Braun, Robert. 2024. "Review of A Jewish Orphanage in the city of Leiden, 1890-1943 by Jaap Focke". *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*.

Laura Acosta Gonzalez & **Braun, Robert**. 2021. "Did war make the nation? The role of military networks in WWI and WWII Belgium", *Conflicted*.

Braun, Robert. 2021. "Bogeymen: Borders and Antisemitism in Weimar Germany". *Broadstreet*.

Braun, Robert. 2021. "Review of Why We Act: Turning Bystanders into Moral Rebels by Catherine Sanderson". *Contemporary Sociology*.

Braun, Robert. 2021. "Review of The Secret Diary of Arnold Douwes: Rescue in the Occupied Netherlands by Bob Moore & Johannes Houwink-Ten Cate". *Holocaust and Genocide Studies*.

Braun, Robert. 2020. "Review of Judge thy Neighbor by Patrick Bergemann". *Social Forces*.

Braun, Robert. 2020. "Review of Keeping the peace by Raheel Dhattiwala". *American Journal of Sociology*.

Braun, Robert. 2020. "Creative Marginality". *Trajectories*.

Braun, Robert. 2018. "Book forum: Max Bergholz, Violence as a generative force". *Nationalities Papers*.

Braun, Robert. 2017. "Historical Legacies of Contention and Resistance to Violence". *Mobilizing Ideas*.

Braun, Robert. 2017. "Minorities and Resistance to Genocide". *Altruism and Social Solidarity Blog*.

Braun, Robert. 2012. "Review of The Resurgence of the Radical Right: From Boulangisme to the Front National by Gabriel Goodliffe", *Comparative Political Studies*, 45(12).

Braun, Robert. 2011. "The Differential Deportation Rates of Jews in Occupied Belgium: Towards a Micro-Level Dataset of Genocide Victimization", *Perspectives on Europe*, 41(2).

Braun, Robert & Vliegthart, Rens. 2010. "Two Cheers for Spaaij and Anderson: A Rejoinder", *International Sociology*, 25(4).

Talks

Department of Peace and Conflict Studies, Uppsala University (2026), Comparative

Social Analysis Seminar, University of California, Los Angeles (2026), Wisconsin Historical Analysis Table, UW, Madison (2026), Folklore Society North-Rhine Westphalia (2024), BMW Center of German and European Studies, Georgetown University (2024), Department of Sociology, University of California, Davis (2024), Department of Sociology, UW, Milwaukee (2024), Symposium on myths and misinformation, Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley (2023), Symposium on rescue of Jews during World War Two, Social Science Matrix, UC Berkeley (2023), The Center for Historical Enquiry and the Social Sciences, Yale University (2023), Comparative Politics Colloquium, UW Madison (2022), Institutions and Political Economy Research Group, University of Barcelona (2022), Department of Sociology, Stanford University (2022), Berger Family Holocaust Lecture, Colby College (2022), Holocaust Commemoration Lecture, Nevada Governor's Advisory Council on Education (2022), School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences, Paris (2021), Comparative Historical Social Sciences Workshop, Northwestern University (2021), Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame (2021), Award Ceremony European Academy of Sociology, Sciences Po (2021), Department of Political Science and Sociology, European University Institute (2020), Department of Sociology, TU Dresden (2021, 2020), Institute for European Studies, The University of British Columbia (2020), Comparative Politics Colloquium, UC Berkeley (2020), Center for Innovative Theory and Empirics, Columbia University (2019), Jewish Community Library, San Francisco (2019), Center for Jewish Studies, UC Berkeley (2019), Center for the Study of Europe, Boston University (2019), Antisemitism Education Initiative, UC Berkeley (2019), Department of Sociology, Tulane University (2018), Department of Political Science, UCLA (2018), Department of Sociology, Harvard University (2017), Department of Political Science, Yale University (2017), Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (2017), Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University (2016), Department of Political Science, Leiden University (2015), Sia Chaou-Kang Center for International Security and Diplomacy, University of Denver (2015), Department of Political Science, University of Amsterdam (2015), Department of Politics, Princeton University (2014, 2017), Department of Political Science, the Ohio State University (2014), Department of Sociology, University of Chicago (2014), Department of Justice, Law and Criminology, American University (2014), Department of Sociology, University of Pittsburgh (2014), Department of Political Science, University of New Mexico (2014), Institute for Political Economy and Governance, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (2014), Department of Government, University of Essex (2014), Department of Politics, University of Exeter (2014), Joint Speaker Series Department of Political Science & the Graduate School of Public & International Affairs, University of Pittsburgh (2014), Center For Order Conflict & Violence, Yale University (2013), Department of Migration Integration and Trans-nationalization, Social Science Center Berlin (2010, 2011).

Conferences

American Political Science Association (2021, 2020, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2011), American Sociological Association (2023, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2017, 2015, 2014, 2011, 2009, 2008), Association for the study of Nationalities (2017), Council for European Studies (2023, 2018, 2016, 2014, 2012), Graduate Workshop on Comparative Historical Research on Europe (2014), International Studies Association (2016, 2015), Midwest Political Science Association (2016, 2014, 2011), Peace Science (2016), Social Science History Association (2021, 2019, 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013), Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (2017), United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (2013), Yad Vashem (2019, 2014).

Grants & Fellowships

Alexander von Humboldt Foundation.
Humboldt Research Award for Experienced Researchers, 2024-2025.

Center for advanced study in behavioral sciences, Stanford University.
Faculty Fellowship, 2023-2024 (Declined)).

Berkeley-France Fund.
Collaboration Grant (Together with Claire Zalc), 2022.

Berkeley Social Science Matrix.
Team Grant (Together with Scott Straus), 2022.

German Academic Exchange Service.
IES Grant (Together with Ove Sutter), 2022.

Office of the Vice Provost.
Regents' Junior Faculty Fellowship, 2022.

Henry Luce Foundation.
Luce Foundation Grant (together with BCRS), 2020.

Northwestern Faculty Innovation Grant.
Data Science Seed Funding (Together with Jorg Spenkuch), 2016.

Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems.
Data Science Seed Funding (Together with Ben Frommer), 2016.

National Science Foundation, Political Science.
Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2011.

Fellowship in Advanced Shoah Studies, Claims Conference.
Saul Kagan Graduate Fellow, 2013 & 2014.

American Association for Netherlandic Studies.
Research Scholarship, 2011.

Council for European Studies.
Andrew W. Mellon Pre-Dissertation Fellowship, 2011.

Service
European Journal of Sociology.
Editor, 2023-.

Public Choice.
Editorial Board, 2023-.

American Journal of Sociology.
Consulting Editor, 2019-2021.

American Sociological Association.
Chair Committee James Coleman Best Scholarship Award, 2025.
Co-Chair Committee Charles Tilly Best Paper Award, 2024.
Committee Peace War and Social Conflict Best Book Award, 2024.
Committee Peace War and Social Conflict Best Published Paper Award, 2024.
Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section Mentor, 2024.
Organizer Peace, War and Social Conflict Panels, 2023.
Organizer Ethnic Conflict and Violence Regular Session, 2023.
Committee Sociology of Religion Distinguished Book Award, 2022.

Committee Charles Tilly Best Article Award, 2022.
Council Member Comparative Historical Sociology Section, 2021-2024.
Comparative Historical/Global Sociology Section Mentor, 2021/2022.
Chair Nominations Committee, Peace, War and Social Conflict Section, 2021/2022.
Committee Charles Tilly Best Book Award, 2021.
Committee Barrington Moore Best Book Award, 2021.
Committee Peace War and Social Conflict Best Book Award, 2021.
Committee Outstanding Paper Award in Political Sociology, 2021.
Committee Best Article Award in the Sociology of Human Rights, 2021.
Collective Behavior and Social Movement Section Mentor, 2021/2022.
Peace, War, and Social Conflict Section Mentor, 2020/2021.
Committee Theda Skocpol Best Dissertation Award, 2018.
Committee Outstanding Article Award, Sociology of Religion, 2018.
Committee Outstanding Published Article Award, Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, 2018.
Nominations Committee, Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, 2016.
Session Organizer, Section on Peace, War and Social Conflict, 2016.
Committee, Elise Boulding Graduate Student Paper Award, 2016.
Committee, Mayer Zald Graduate Student Paper Award, 2016.
Committee, Reinhard Bendix Graduate Student Paper Award, 2016.
Committee, Political Sociology Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2016.

American Political Science Association.

Committee, Sage Best Paper Award, 2018.

Council for European Studies.

Committee, Carolina de Miguel Moyer Young Scholar Award, 2024.
Committee, R & V Early career best paper award, 2024.
Committee, R & V Early career best paper award, 2023.

UC Berkeley.

Chair of Admissions, Department of Sociology 2024.
ISS Simpson Fellowship Committee 2024.
Advisory Committee Antisemitism Initiative 2022-Now.
Chair, Jewish Studies Undergraduate Committee 2023-2024.
Executive Committee Berkeley Center for Religious Studies 2020-Now.
Executive Committee Dutch Studies 2021-Now.
Organizer European Politics & Society Working Group, 2022-Now.
Selection Committee Team Grants, the Social Science Matrix, 2023
Personnel Committee 2022-2023.
Center for Jewish Studies Fellowship Committee, 2022-2023.
Selection committee P.P. Rubens Visiting Professorship, 2022.
Reviewer Summer Dissertation Writing Grants 2022.
ISS Simpson Fellowship Committee 2022.
Goor Paper Prize Committee 2022.
Placement Coordinator 2021-2022.
GIAS Grant Jury 2021.
Goor Paper Prize Committee 2021.
Personnel Committee 2020-2021.
Goor Paper Prize Committee 2020.
Website Administrator 2019-2020.
Graduate Admission Committee 2018-2019.

Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.

Graduate Affairs Committee 2017/2018.
Graduate Admission Committee 2016/2017.
Quantitative Methods For Graduate Students Review Committee 2016/2018.

Department of Government, Cornell University.
Student-Faculty Liaison Comparative Politics, 2010-2011.

Occasional Reviewer.

American Journal of Political Science, American Journal of Sociology, American Political Science Review, American Sociological Review, British Journal of Political Science, Cambridge University Press, Conflict Management and Peace Science, Comparative Political Studies, Cornell University Press, Corporation for Public Broadcasting, Dutch Research Council (NWO), Ethnic and Racial Studies, European Sociological Review, European Science Foundation, Holocaust and Genocide Studies, International Organization, International Studies Quarterly, International Sociology, Journal of Classical Sociology, Journal of Conflict Resolution, Journal of Genocide Research, Journal of Peace Research, Journal of Politics, Nationalities Papers, National Science Foundation, Mobilization, Perspectives on Politics, Political Geography, Research in Social Movements, Conflict and Change, Research Foundation Flanders, Revue histoire de la Shoah, Social Forces, Social Problems, Social Science History, Social Science Research, Sociological Theory, Theory and Society, Vrije Universiteit Graduate School, World Politics.

*Cancelled or Delayed because of COVID.