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EDUCATION

- 2015- Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, University of California, Davis
- 2015 M.A., Sociology, California State University, Northridge
- 2008 B.A., Creative Writing with a Minor in Marketing, San Francisco State University

RESEARCH AREAS

City and Community; New Media Studies; Social Stratification

TEACHING AREAS

City and Community; Computational Text Analysis; Economic Sociology; Elementary Social Statistics; Intermediate Social Statistics; Introduction to Methods; Introduction to Sociology; New Media Studies; Social Stratification

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 Carter, Michael J., and Christopher J. Lawrence. "Theory Structure." In *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Theory in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, edited by J. Mattingly. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Publications.
- 2021 Mudge, Stephanie L., and Christopher J. Lawrence. "Theoretical Lineages and Contemporary Concerns in the Sociology of Economic Life." Pp. 345-66 in *Handbook of Classical Sociological Theory*, edited by S. Abrutyn and O. Lizardo. Cham, Switzerland: Springer.
- 2019 Lawrence, Christopher J., and Stephanie L. Mudge. "Movement to Market, Currency to Property: The Rise and Fall of Bitcoin as an Anti-State Movement, 2009 – 2014." *Socio-Economic Review* 17(1):109-134. doi: [10.1093/ser/mwz023](https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwz023).

- 2015 Kim, Ah-Jeong, Sarah Stemberge, Christopher J. Lawrence, Vincent Torres, Nancy Miodrag, Joon-Won Lee, and David Boyns. "Neurodiversity on Stage: The Effects of Inclusive Theatre on Youth with Autism." *International Journal of Education and Social Science* 2(9):27-39.

POPULAR PRESS

- 2019 "Bitcoin: from currency to investment." *LSE Business Review*, September 19. Accessed at <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/businessreview/2019/09/19/bitcoin-from-currency-to-investment/>.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2018 Leon Mayhew Prize for the Best Qualifying Paper, Sociology, University of California, Davis
- 2015 Top Graduating Master's Degree Student, Sociology, California State University, Northridge
- 2015 Second Place Winner, Annual Student Research & Creative Works Symposium, California State University, Northridge
- 2014 First Place, Graduate Poster Contest, Sociology, California State University, Northridge
- 2013 Award for Excellence in Methods and Statistics, Sociology, California State University, Northridge

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 Research Grant, Mellon Research Initiative on Racial Capitalism, University of California, Davis
- 2017 Small Research Grant, Institute for Social Science, University of California, Davis
- 2016, '17, '18 Travel Grant, Sociology, University of California, Davis
- 2016, '18 Small Research Grant, Sociology, University of California, Davis
- 2015 Provost's Fellowship, University of California, Davis

- 2014 Officer of Research and Graduate Studies Thesis Support, California State University, Northridge
- 2014 Continuing Graduate Award, Sociology, California State University, Northridge

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- 2019 "Informal Debt Relationships among Millennials" with Teresa Iafolla. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 10-13.
- 2018 "Settling Bitcoin: How the State Institutionalized an Anti-State Movement," with Stephanie Lee Mudge. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.
- 2017 "Cryptocurrencies and Financialization." Annual Meeting of the California Sociological Association, Sacramento, CA, November 17-18.
- 2015 "Driven from Within and Without: An Analysis of Undergraduate Motivation and Progress." Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, Long Beach, CA, April 1-4.
- 2015 "Neurodiversity on Stage: A Study of Inclusive Theatre for Young People," with David Boyns, Ah-jeong Kim, Sarah Stemberge, and Vincent Torres. Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Long Beach, CA, April 1-4.
- 2015 "The Social Origins of Motivation on Undergraduate Progress and Performance." Annual Student Research & Creative Works Symposium, California State University, Northridge, February 13.
- 2014 "Examining Psychosocial and Internet Use Variables in College Persistence and Performance among Underserved Populations." Annual Meeting of the California Sociological Association, Riverside, CA, November 7-8.
- 2014 "Predictive Models of Academic Disposition and Internet Use." Our Millennial Era: Life in the Digital Age, California State University, Los Angeles, May 28.
- 2014 "Assessing the Effects of Race and Sex on Home Environment and Education." Annual Student Research & Creative Works Symposium, California State University, Northridge, February 14.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2022-23 Graduate Student Researcher, Inclusive Innovation Equitable Entrepreneurship (University of California, Davis)
- University of California Office of the President (Sponsor); Damon Tull (Principal Investigator)
 - Built multiple surveys to collect data on programs dedicated to innovation and entrepreneurship within UC and those who use them. Performed quantitative analyses on both original and secondary data. Created visualizations and wrote narrative for final report.
- 2021-23 Graduate Student Researcher, Visiting Innovative Scholar Research Program for Institute Orienting to National Needs (University of California, Davis)
- \$999,947; National Science Foundation (Sponsor); 2025110 (Award Number); Damon Tull (Principal Investigator)
 - Built research instruments to collect data on faculty fellows' advancement through grant program. Collated and summarized data on the experiences of the faculty fellows and their mentors.
- 2021-22 Graduate Student Researcher, HSI Strategic Innovation Summit for Advanced Research and Instruction in Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Information Sciences (University of California, Davis)
- \$999,923; National Science Foundation (Sponsor); 20242655 (Award Number); Damon Tull (Principal Investigator)
 - Designed and analyzed pre- and post- evaluation surveys for audience attendees. Built website for event. Assisted in designing the program for the two-day event. Coordinated with panelists and production crew members to organize conference materials and promote the event.
- 2013-15 Graduate Student Researcher, AIMS²—Attract, Inspire, Mentor and Support Students (California State University, Northridge)
- \$5.5 million; Department of Education (Sponsor); P031C160053 (Award Number); Preeta Saxena, S. K. Ramesh, Nathan Durdella, and Angela Carpenter (Principal Investigators)
 - Grant aimed to increase the number of Hispanic and low-income transfer students completing a degree in engineering or computer science programs.
 - Created interview protocol, conducted interviews, and coded transcripts. Wrote and presented annual reports for project stakeholders.
- 2014-15 Graduate Student Researcher, CSUN Veterans Survey (California State University, Northridge)

- Collaborative study between CSUN Veterans Resource Center, Student Affairs, and Institute for Community Health and Wellbeing to gauge how CSUN student veterans were coping since returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- Created survey questionnaire.

- 2013-14 Research Assistant, *Joining the Spectrum: Theatre as Intervention for Youth with Autism* (California State University, Northridge)
- \$25,000; National Endowment of the Arts (Sponsor); 14-3800-7018 (Award Number); Ah-Jeong Kim and David Boyns (Principal Investigators)
 - Grant to investigate the positive psychological and social outcomes of teenagers with autism in developing, rehearsing, and performing a theatrical production with neurotypical teenagers.
 - Designed and distributed survey instruments for teenagers with autism, their parents, neurotypical teenagers, and audience members. Conducted ethnographic research on teenagers with autism during the rehearsals and performances. Performed quantitative and qualitative analyses. Contributed to reports for funding organization.
- 2013 Graduate Student Researcher, *Breastfeeding Education* (California State University, Northridge)
- Grant aimed to increase the representation and competencies of undergraduate Hispanic students in the field of breastfeeding education.
 - Designed survey instrument as part of program evaluation.
- 2013 Intern, Language, Speech, and Hearing Center and Valley Trauma Center (program evaluation course at California State University, Northridge)
- With evaluation team, assessed needs of each organization. Designed survey instruments and analyzed collected data. Wrote and presented report of findings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Associate Instructors, University of California, Davis

Introduction to Social Research Methods Spring 2024

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Davis

Economic Sociology Winter 2020 (Stephanie Mudge)

Introduction to Social Statistics	Fall 2019 (Xiaoling Shu), Winter 2019 (Po-Chun Huang), Fall 2018 (Xiaoling Shu), Winter 2017 (Xiaoling Shu), Fall 2016 (Xiaoling Shu), Fall 2020 (Tina Fitzgerald)
Introduction to Sociology	Spring 2018 (Patrick Carroll), Spring 2017 (Patrick Carroll)
Global Social Change	Winter 2018 (David McCourt)
Social Movements	Winter 2024 (Elizabeth Siggins)
Sociological Theory	Fall 2017 (Stephanie Mudge)
Social Stratification	Spring 2020 (Parul Baxi)

SERVICE

Editorial Board

2018-2021 Theory and Society

Occasional Reviewer for

Journal of Emerging Adulthood; Sociological Focus

Departmental Service (Sociology, University of California, Davis)

2020-22 Lead Organizer, Computational Text Analysis Working Group

2020-22 Graduate Student Union Liaison

2015-18 Professional Development Committee

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
 Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics
 Society for the Study of Social Problems