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**EDUCATION**

**University of Chicago**, PhD in Sociology, expected 2017

Concentrations: Culture, Economy, Theory, Gender, Qualitative Methods  
Dissertation Title: "Learning to Listen: Knowledge of Value in Auditory Culture"  
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, *National Science Foundation*  
Committee: Karin Knorr Cetina (chair), Andrew Abbott, Gary Alan Fine  
Student Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

**University of Chicago**, MA in Sociology, 2012

Concentrations: Theory, Culture, Economic, Globalization, Gender  
Qualifying Paper: "Weird Music and Suggested Donations: Taste Tensions in the Field of Cultural Production"  
Advisors: Karin Knorr Cetina and John Levi Martin

**University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy**, Master of Public Policy, 2009

Concentrations: International Policy, Cultural Policy, Quantitative Methods  
Honors Paper: "Cultural Policy in Immigrant Communities: A Developmental Dialectic"  
Readers: Terry Nichols Clark and Alicia Menendez

**Cedarville University**, BA in Theology, 2003

Minors: Psychology, Music, Literature

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**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**University of Chicago**

**Lecturer**

Self, Culture, and Society, Spring 2018 and Fall 2015  
Sociology of the Arts, Spring 2017 (Robert E. Park Lectureship)  
Academic and Professional Writing, Winter 2016

**Teaching Intern**

Self, Culture, and Society: III, Spring 2013, Instructor: Joe Masco  
Guest Lecture: "Feminisms: From de Beauvoir to Butler"  
Self, Culture, and Society: II, Winter 2013, Instructor: William Mazzarella  
Guest Lecture: "Walter Benjamin and the Early 20<sup>th</sup> Century Avant-Garde"  
Self, Culture, and Society: I, Fall 2012, Instructor: Moishe Postone

**Teaching Assistant**

Strategy and Structure, Spring 2016, Instructor: Johan Chu  
Strategy and Structure, Spring 2015, Instructors: Elizabeth Pontikes  
Sociology of Human Sexuality, Spring 2012, Instructor: Ed Laumann  
Internet and Society, Spring 2012, Instructor: James Evans  
Global Society and Global Culture, Fall 2011, Instructor: Karin Knorr Cetina

***School of the Art Institute of Chicago***

**Instructor**

Sociology of the Arts, Fall 2017  
Gender: Theory and Action, Fall 2017 and Spring 2016  
First Year Seminar I: Meaning, Fall 2017 and Fall 2013  
Object and Society, Fall 2015, Fall 2014, and Fall 2013  
First Year Seminar II: Manifestos, Spring 2014

***Other Teaching Experience***

**Employment Readiness Course, 2005-2007**  
Matching Grant Systems Coordinator  
Heartland Alliance, International Refugee Center

**Citizenship Literacy Course, 2004-2005**  
AmeriCorps Member

International Institute of Boston

**Literacy Tutoring Program, 2003-2004**  
Service Leader, City Year Chicago

**Adult Literacy Course and Early Childhood English, 2001**  
Summer Intern, Lusaka, Zambia

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**PUBLICATIONS**

***Peer-Reviewed***

**“Weird Music: Tension and Reconciliation in Cultural-Economic Knowledge”**  
*Cultural Sociology*, March 2017, Volume 11(1): 44-59

***Other Publications***

**“Cultural Intermediation: Connecting Communities in the Creative Urban Economy”**  
*International Scoping Study*, Arts & Humanities Research Council,  
University of Birmingham, 2013  
Principal Investigator: Phil Jones

**“Cassette Tape Materiality”**  
*Shift: Graduate Journal of Visual and Material Culture*, October 2011, Issue 4

**“Cultural Policy in Immigrant Communities”**  
*Chicago Policy Review*, Summer 2010, Volume 14

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**GRANTS AND AWARDS**

**University of Chicago**, Social Science Division, 2017  
Agnes and Nathan Janco Travel Grant (\$2,000)

**American Journal of Sociology**, Graduate Student Fund, 2016-2017  
Dissertation Support (\$20,000)

**Robert E. Park Lectureship**, Department of Sociology, 2017  
“Sociology of the Arts”

**National Science Foundation**, Division of Social and Economic Sciences, 2015

Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$11,980)

**University of Chicago**, Social Science Division, 2014  
Short-term Research Grant (\$5,500)

**University of Chicago**, Harris School Honors Program Graduation, 2009  
For submission and approval of the honors thesis paper  
(Readers: Terry Nichols Clark and Alicia Menendez)

**University of Chicago**, Harris School International Policy Practicum, 2009  
Selection by committee for two-week policy practicum in Turkey

**University of Chicago**, Human Rights Internship Grant, 2008  
\$5,000 grant for 10-week internship at PICUM in Brussels, Belgium

**University of Chicago**, Harris School Dean's Scholarship, 2008-2009  
Full-tuition scholarship for two-year MPP program

**Cedarville University**, Cedarville Scholar Leadership Award, 1999-2003  
Half-tuition scholarship for four-year BA program

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## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

### *Conferences*

**Social Science Division Student Research Conference**, May 2015  
"Learning to Listen: Knowledge of Value in the Sound Culture Industry"

**Chicago Ethnography Conference**, March 2014  
"Weird Music: Tension and Reconciliation in an Avant-Garde Economy"  
Subculture and Outside Culture Panel

**American Sociological Association Annual Meeting**, August 2013  
"Weird Music and Suggested Donations: Taste Tensions in the Field of Cultural Production"  
Economic Sociology Roundtable

**Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting**, March 2013  
"Weird Music and Suggested Donations: Carnival in the Field of Cultural Production"  
Carnival and Spectacle (Formal Paper Session)

### *Workshops*

**Money, Markets, and Governance Workshop**, March 2017  
"Learning to Listen: Textual Value Devices in Auditory Culture"

**Money, Markets, Consumption Workshop (University of Chicago)**, May 2013  
"Weird Music and Suggested Donations: Taste Tensions in the Field of Cultural Production"

**Knowledge/Value Workshop (University of Chicago)**, February 2013  
"Weird Music and Suggested Donations: Taste Tensions in the Field of Cultural Production"

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## **SERVICE**

### **American Journal of Sociology, 2014-2015**

Student Editor

Adjudicate manuscripts as part of the editorial board and lead manuscript board

### **American Journal of Sociology, 2013-2014**

Manuscript Board

Pair manuscripts with reviewing scholars

### **American Journal of Sociology, 2012-2013**

Book Review Board

Pair books with reviewing scholars and edit book reviews

### **Conference Organizer, 2012-2013**

Chicago Ethnography Conference

Plan and organize citywide graduate student conference

### **Panel Organizer, 2012**

Spring Institute Professionalization Panel: Balancing Work and Life

University of Chicago, Department of Sociology

Find and prepare panelists for participation

### **Research Assistant, 2011**

University of Chicago, Department of Sociology (Prof. Karin Knorr Cetina)

Chicago, IL

Library research of scopic knowledge technologies, editing

### **Manager of Data Integration and Analysis, 2009-2010**

Noble Network of Charter Schools

Chicago, IL

Data analysis, dashboard development, performance reporting to key stakeholders

### **Research Assistant, 2008-2009**

University of Chicago, Urban Innovation Analysis (Prof. Terry Nichols Clark)

Chicago, IL

Econometrics and quantitative analysis, literature review, training undergraduates in quantitative methods

### **Human Rights Research Intern, 2008**

Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants

Brussels, Belgium

Media analysis, legal document synthesis, website development, editing

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## **ASSOCIATIONS**

### **American Sociological Association, 2010-present**

Student Member

**Robert Rauschenberg Foundation, 2016-present**  
Artist as Activist Fellowship Reviewer

**Lampo, 2014-present**  
Program Assistant

**Association for the Memory of the Innocents of Massembo-Loubaki, 2006-2008**  
Brazzaville, Congo  
Board of Directors

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## **ACADEMIC REFERENCES**

**Karin Knorr Cetina**

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Sociology Department Chair  
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