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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Inter-American Policy & Research, Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University 2017–
Postdoctoral Fellow, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University 2015–2017

EDUCATION

Ph.D Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2015
Dissertation: *The Politics of Water: Privatizing Water and Sanitation Utilities in Argentina and Chile*
Committee: Elisabeth Clemens (Chair), Andrew Abbott, Cheol-Sung Lee, Tianna Paschel
Special Fields: Political Sociology (with honors), Qualitative Methods
Visiting Scholar, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago, Chile (2012)
Visiting Scholar, Instituto de Altos Estudios Sociales, Universidad Nacional de San Martín, Buenos Aires Province, Argentina (2013)

M.A. Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL 2009

B.A. International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 2004
Specialization in Latin American Studies (with honors)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Political sociology, environment and development, global and comparative sociology

PUBLICATIONS AND WORKING PAPERS

Peer Reviewed Articles:

Akchurin, Maria. 2015. "Constructing the Rights of Nature: Constitutional Reform, Mobilization, and Environmental Protection in Ecuador." *Law and Social Inquiry* 40(4): 937-968.

Akchurin, Maria and Cheol-Sung Lee. 2013. "Pathways to Empowerment: Repertoires of Women's Activism and Gender Earnings Equality." *American Sociological Review* 78(4): 679-701.

Manuscripts in progress:

- “The Politics of Water and Sewage in Urban Argentina and Chile: How Policy Outsiders Impact Policy Implementation”
- “Making Global Water Policy: Jurisdictional Expansion and the Involvement of International Financial Institutions in Water and Sanitation” (Revise & Resubmit)
- “Mining and Defensive Mobilization: Explaining Local Opposition to Mining Projects in Post-Authoritarian Chile” (Under review)
- “The Consequences of Social Resistance to Extractive Development in Latin America” (With Eduardo Silva and Anthony Bebbington) (Under review)

Book reviews:

Akchurin, Maria. 2017. Book review of Gonzalo Delamaza’s (2015) *Enhancing Democracy: Public Policies and Citizen Participation in Chile*. *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 58(1): 91-96.

Akchurin, Maria. 2018. Book review of Erica Simmons’s (2016) *Meaningful Resistance: Market Reforms and the Roots of Social Protest in Latin America*. *American Journal of Sociology*.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Lecturer, “Environment, Politics, and Society,” Northwestern University	2016,
Course for the Department of Sociology and Environmental Policy and Culture Program, covering themes including environmentalism, environment and development, and environment and inequality in comparative perspective	2017
Lecturer, “Law, Mobilization, and Social Change,” University of Chicago	2014
Course for the Human Rights Program analyzing how movements mobilize through institutional means and disruptive politics, including mobilization around civil rights, women’s rights, workers’ rights, environmental justice, immigrant rights, and LGBTQ rights in the Americas	
Lecturer and TA, “Power, Identity, and Resistance,” University of Chicago	2009,
Undergraduate social sciences core course, based on classic works on economy and society (Smith, Marx, Durkheim, Mauss)	2010
Lecturer, “Academic and Professional Writing,” University of Chicago	2009
Discussion seminar and writing workshop for the Writing Program, working with advanced social sciences undergraduates completing B.A. theses	
Teaching Assistant, “Food Security and Urban Agriculture,” University of Chicago	2012
Course for the Program on the Global Environment, part of an interdisciplinary environment/society sequence centered on the Calumet region of Illinois and Indiana	
Teaching Assistant, “Problems of Policy Implementation,” University of Chicago	2011
Policy implementation course focusing on literature in organizational sociology	

SELECTED CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

- “Mining and Defensive Mobilization: Analyzing Sources of Local Opposition to Mining Projects in Post-Authoritarian Chile.” Latin American Studies Association Congress, Barcelona, Spain. 2018
- “Contested Narratives and Institutional Change from Privatization to Re-Nationalization in Greater Buenos Aires.” Argentina in Sociological Perspective Conference, University of Texas-Austin, Austin, TX. 2017
- “Water Resources, Political Learning, and Social Mobilization in Post-Authoritarian Chile.” Colloquium, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD.
- “Environmental Conflicts and Public Participation in Environmental Decision-Making in Post-Authoritarian Chile.” Development in the Face of Global Inequalities Conference, Institut Barcelona d’Estudis Internacionals, Barcelona, Spain.
- “Agua Pública, Agua Privada: Experiencias con la Privatización de Agua Potable y Saneamiento en Argentina y Chile.” Colloquium, CONICET-CEIL and Universidad Nacional de Lanús, Greater Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- “How Water Became Political: Water Resources, Environmental Conflict, and Mobilization in Chile.” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL. 2016
- “Water and Development: Water Supply and Sanitation Projects in International Development Organizations, 1980s to the Present.” Social Science History Association Conference, Chicago, IL. 2015
- “Revisiting New Social Movement Theory: Toward a Comparative Framework,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. 2014
- “An Elusive Commodity: Expert Knowledge and the Commodification of Water in Chile, 1981-2010,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. 2013
- “Water as Social Policy: Market Models, State-Society Relations, and Water Privatization in Post-Authoritarian Chile,” Capitalism, the Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change Mini-Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- “Water Privatization and Social Protest in Latin America,” Water, Environment, and Health: Addressing Knowledge, Capacity, and Governance Challenges, Workshop on International Organization Studies, Academic Council on the United Nations System, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Canada. 2012
- “Granting Legal Rights to Nature: Environmentalism, Development, and Legal Mobilization in Ecuador.” American Sociological Association and Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meetings, Las Vegas, NV. 2011
- “Pathways to Empowerment: Repertoires of Women’s Activism and Gender Earnings Equality in Comparative Perspective” (with Cheol-Sung Lee), American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

OTHER RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL	2014–2015
Research Assistant, Center on Law and Globalization, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL	2009
Research Assistant, Center on International Development and Governance, Urban Institute, Washington, DC	2006–2007
Program Associate, International Health and Development, CAMRIS International, Rockville, MD	2004–2006
Researcher, Pan American Health Organization, Washington, DC	2004
Research Assistant, Mexico Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, DC	2004
Research Assistant, Arms Division, Human Rights Watch, Washington, DC	2002

SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

Marvin E. Olsen Best Student Paper Award, Environmental Sociology Section, ASA	2011
University of Chicago’s Department of Sociology Photography Prize	2014
Francis X. Kinahan Award for Excellence in Teaching Undergraduate Writing	2009
Markovitz Dissertation Fellowship for Economy and Society, University of Chicago	2013
Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation	2013
Research Grant, Human Rights Program, University of Chicago	2012
Center for Latin American Studies Tinker Field Research Grant, University of Chicago	2010

DEPARTMENT AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Section Newsletter Co-Editor, Sociology of Development Section, ASA, Summer 2018–present
 Section Newsletter Co-Editor, Political Sociology Section, ASA, Summer 2018–present
 Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, Sept. 2011–Aug. 2012
 Coordinator, Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, Sept. 2010–June 2011
 Member, *American Journal of Sociology* Student Manuscript Board, Sept. 2009–Aug. 2010
 Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Mobilization*, *Persona y Sociedad*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Environmental Sociology*, *Salud Colectiva*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
 Latin American Studies Association
 Social Science History Association

LANGUAGES

English, Russian, Spanish