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EDUCATION

- PhD, Sociology** 2017-2024 (expected)
Department of Sociology, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
Certificate: Advanced Quantitative Methods
- MA, Sociology** 2017-2018
Department of Sociology, Division of the Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- BS, Computer Science** 2010-2014
Computer Science Department, School of Engineering, Stanford University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

I study the relationship between civil society and the state and how these interactions change or reify institutional inequalities. I study contemporary philanthropy and historical, community-based civil society. Subfields include organizations, nonprofits, political sociology, urban sociology, immigration, race, computational sociology, and mixed methods.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Articles

Shachter, Simon Y., and Carrie R. Oelberger (equal authorship). 2021. "National Sovereignty and Transnational Philanthropy: The Impact of Countries' Foreign Aid Restrictions on U.S. Foundation Funding." *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, 32: 204-219.

Oelberger, Carrie R., Jesse Lecy, and Simon Y. Shachter. 2020. "Going the Extra Mile: The 'Liabilities of Foreignness' in U.S. Foundation International Grantmaking to Local NGOs." *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*, 49(4): 776-802.

Under Review

Shachter, Simon Y., Donghyun Kang, and James Evans. "Symbolically Saving Lives: How Nonprofit Funding of Biomedical Research Sacrifices Public Money and Health."

Ternullo, Stephanie, and Simon Y. Shachter. "Old Patronage in the New Deal: How did Urban Machines Exploit the Local Administration of New Deal Programs?"

Working Papers (manuscript available)

Shachter, Simon Y. "The Double-Consciousness of an Organizational Field: Chinese Organizations in the U.S., 1850-1911."

Shachter, Simon Y. "'A Grand Mingling of Barbaric Splendour': The Local Formation of Identity and Capital in West Coast Cities, 1894-1909"

Shachter, Simon Y. "Foundations and Federalism: How Foundations' Political Activity Varies across Levels of Government."

Shachter, Simon Y., Eric Chandler, Kiran Misra, and Robert Vargas. "Police Havens: The Private Pathways of Police Power."

Shachter, Simon Y., and Carrie R. Oelberger. "Elite Ecosystem Effects: How the Structure of Elite Philanthropy Shapes the Field of International NGOs"

Oelberger, Carrie R., and Simon Y. Shachter. "The Structure of Field Learning: Exploration and Exploitation in International Grantmaking."

Non-Peer Reviewed Press and Publications

"The Creation of an Elite Civil Society: Civil Society Formation in Los Angeles, 1890-1900." 2022. Community and Urban Sociology Section, American Sociological Association 35(2).

"Simon Shachter Receives the Student Collections Award." 2022. Seaver Center for Western History.

"University of Chicago PhD Student Discovers Swedish Roots in Oregon." 2022. Swedish Roots in Oregon

Datasets

Shachter, Simon Y. 2021. "AWS 990 Full File Index," V5. Harvard Dataverse.
<https://doi.org/10.7910/DVN/BYJAPN>. UNF:6:a/2x0ebrKW0KbOZhO+T6UQ== [fileUNF]

DISSERTATION

The Cities that Immigrants Built: The Creation of Civil Society in West Coast Cities, 1855-1910
What was the role of immigrant organizations in building the political institutions of cities and civil societies on the West Coast? I have digitized novel quantitative datasets and spent an additional year collecting archival documents from Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, and Seattle. I find that racialization on the West Coast was local and contingent. The racialization of communities had critical effects on how different ethnic and immigrant communities built organizations. This collective organization has lasting ramifications on these four cities' politics and civil societies to this day.

GRANTS

Selected Participant, Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society Graduate Workshop, Chapman University
UChicago Urban Doctoral Fellowship, Mansueto Institute for Urban Innovation, University of Chicago
Selected Participant, International Society for Third Sector Research International Conference PhD Seminar.

Natural History Museum Student Collections Award, Natural History Museum, Los Angeles County
Allison Davis Research Grant Award, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago
Division of Social Sciences Fellowship, Division of Social Sciences, University of Chicago

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

“Founding the Multi-Ethnic City: Ethnic Civil Society Networks in Portland and Seattle, 1888-1909”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2023
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference, July 2023
- Chapman University, Institute for the Study of Religion, Economics, and Society, June 2023
- West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference, April 2023

“Police Havens: The Private Pathways of Police Power”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2023

“‘A Grand Mingling of Barbaric Splendour:’ The Local Formation of Identity and Capital in West Coast Cities, 1894-1909”

- Comparative-Historical Mini-Conference, August 2023
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference, July 2023

“The Double-Consciousness of an Organizational Field: Chinese Organizations in the U.S., 1850-1911”

- Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations Annual Conference, November 2022
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Annual Conference, July 2021

“The Cities that Immigrants Built: The Creation of Civil Society in West Coast Cities, 1855-1910”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2022
- International Society for Third Sector Research International Conference, July 2022
- New Directions Workshop (sponsored by University of Minnesota), May 2022
- Problem-Solving Sociology Dissertation Proposal Workshop, May 2020

“Symbolically Saving Lives: How Nonprofit Funding of Biomedical Research Sacrifices Public Money and Health”

- University of Michigan, Institute for Research on Innovation & Science, April 2021

“Elite Ecosystem Effects: How Elite Philanthropy Wields Power to Shape the Ecosystem of International NGOs”

- The Nonprofit Sector Handbook Emerging Scholars Workshop, October 2020
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2020
- Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations Annual Conference, November 2019

“Foundations and Federalism: How Foundations’ Political Activity Varies across Levels of Government”

- Association for Research on Nonprofit and Voluntary Associations Annual Conference, November 2019

“The Structure of Field Learning: Exploration and Exploitation in International Grantmaking”

- University of Southern California, Center of Philanthropy and Public Policy Philanthropy and Social Change Symposium, March 2019

TEACHING

Teaching Assistant

Statistical Methods of Research I Prof. Stephen Raudenbush, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago	Winter 2020
Introduction to Causal Inference Profs. Guanglei Hong and Kazuo Yamaguchi, Departments of Sociology and Comparative Human Development, University of Chicago	Winter 2020
Sociological Theory Prof. Kimberly Hoang, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago	Fall 2019
Applications of Hierarchical Linear Models Dr. Marshall Jean, Department of Sociology, University of Chicago	Spring 2019
Strategic Philanthropy Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University	2014-2016

Course Designer

Women & Leadership Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University	2016-2017
Giving 2.0: The MOOC Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen, Coursera	2014-2015

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant UChicago Justice Project, University of Chicago (Prof. Robert Vargas) <i>Gathered, processed, and coded data on police-related nonprofits. Managed research assistants in collecting of qualitative data.</i>	2022-2023
Graduate Research Assistant Knowledge Lab, University of Chicago (Prof. James Evans) <i>Analyzed data on the Institute for Research & Innovation in Science and built linkages across multiple datasets. Supported colleagues' projects with coding support and other feedback.</i>	2020-2021
Faculty Research Association Nonprofit Open Data Collective, Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions, Arizona State University (Prof. Jesse Lecy) <i>Built concordance files to analyze nonprofit 990 forms and build comprehensive datasets for public use.</i>	2019
Case Writer Stanford Graduate School of Business, Stanford University (Laura Arrillaga-Andreessen)	2014-2017

Supported the writing of business school cases for courses on philanthropy. Interviewed subjects, supported writing, and created teaching guides.

Research Assistant

Stanford Center for Philanthropy and Civil Society, Stanford, CA (Prof. Woody Powell) 2011-2014

Supported research efforts by faculty, graduate students, and practitioners at the center. Primary work was collecting data on the business orientation in measurement by and for nonprofit organizations.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Workshop Organizer

New Directions Workshop, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

2021-2023

Associate Editor/Manuscript Associate Board Member

American Journal of Sociology, University of Chicago

2019-2021

Chair

Society for Social Research (PhD Government), Sociology, University of Chicago

2019-2020

Committee Member

Faculty Mentorship Committee, Sociology, University of Chicago

2019-2020

Workshop Coordinator

Politics, History, and Society Workshop, Sociology, University of Chicago

2018-2020

Chair

Spring Institute (Department Student Conference), Sociology, University of Chicago

2019

Workshop Coordinator

Money Markets, and Governance Workshop, Sociology, University of Chicago

2018-2019

Occasional Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*, *VOLUNTAS: International Journal of Voluntary and Nonprofit Organizations*, *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*

ADDITIONAL SKILLS

Data retrieval and processing programming languages: R, Python, SQL, Matlab.

Social entrepreneurship and nonprofit management. Founded and later served as the Board Chair and occasional interim executive director of a nonprofit, YCore, 2014-2023