

Sociology at Bates: Career Resources

Doctoral Work in Sociology

Most Bates sociology alums go on to pursue careers in the wide range of fields documented in other career resources available on the department's website. And as those resources note, many of our alums complete graduate degrees in fields like law, public policy, public health, education and educational administration, social work, non-profit administration, business, etc. But some stick even closer to their undergraduate field by pursuing a PhD in sociology. As examples of this career path, here is a list of some of our majors who have pursued, or are currently pursuing, a doctorate in sociology.

Rebecca Gasior Altman, Bates Class of 1999, rebecca.altman@gmail.com

PhD, Brown University, 2008; writer, speaker and board member for Science and Environmental Health Network; Research & teaching interests: social history of chemistry, plastics, pollution and environmental legacy, environmental health and justice, community health

Emily Barko, Bates Class of 2004, barkoe@bc.edu

PhD candidate, Boston College; Research & teaching interests: Gender, health and inequality; intersectionality; symbolic interaction; social psychology, qualitative methodology

Jared Bok, Bates Class of 2010, jbok@unr.edu

PhD, Emory University, 2016; Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Nevada- Reno; Research & teaching interests: religion, culture, organizations, transnationalism

Nate Breznau, Bates Class of 2002, breznau.nate@gmail.com

PhD, Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences, 2013; Postdoctoral Fellow and Project Leader, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research; Research & teaching interests: public opinion/attitudes, social welfare policy, redistribution, institutions, path modeling, opinion-policy reciprocal feedback

Jordan Conwell, Bates Class of 2012, jconwell@utexas.edu

PhD, Northwestern University, 2017; Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Texas- Austin; Research & teaching interests: Sociology of Education, Stratification and Mobility, Racial Inequality, Quantitative Methods

Sarah Davis Brown, Bates Class of 2010, sarah.mcgill.davis@gmail.com

Graduate student in sociology, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Research interests: immigration; racial justice; inclusive communities; educational inequalities

Bridget Harr, Bates Class of 2007, bridget.harr@gmail.com

PhD candidate, University of California at Santa Barbara and Assistant Lecturer in Sociology, University of New England; Research & teaching interests: culture and knowledge, race, gender, class, science and technology studies, social inequalities

Maura Kelly, Bates Class of 2002, maura.kelly@pdx.edu

PhD, University of Connecticut, 2010; Associate Professor of Sociology, Portland State University; Research & teaching interests: Gender; sexualities; social inequality; work and occupations; media and popular culture

Lucas Kirkpatrick, Bates Class of 2002, Kirkpatrick@smu.edu

PhD, University of California at Davis, 2011, Assistant Professor of Sociology, Southern Methodist University; Research & teaching interests: Urban Sociology; Urban Political Economy; Local Democracy/Urban Citizenship; Economic/Fiscal Sociology; Community Development and Nonprofits

Ken Kolb, Bates Class of 1998, ken.kolb@furman.edu

PhD, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 2008; Associate Professor of Sociology, Furman University; Research & teaching interests: how people manage emotions and identity in the midst of difficult work, social inequalities, qualitative methods, public sociology

Aliza Rebecca Luft, Bates Class of 2006, aluft@soc.ucla.edu

PhD, University of Wisconsin- Madison, 2016; Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California at Los Angeles; Research & teaching interests: political sociology; war and violence; collective action and social movements; race, ethnicity, religion, and gender; comparative-historical sociology

Quan Mai, Bates Class of 2011, quan.mai@sociology.rutgers.edu

PhD, Vanderbilt University, 2018; Assistant Professor of Sociology, Rutgers University; Research & teaching interests: political economy, media, labor and labor movements, environment and sustainability

Maura McGee, Bates Class of 2010, mcgee.maura@gmail.com

PhD candidate, CUNY Graduate Center; Research and teaching interests: urban

sociology, sociology of immigration, race and ethnicity, comparative and qualitative methods. (*note: Maura McGee was a politics major at Bates, but we have included her on the list as she pursued a masters in sociology and is now a sociology PhD candidate*)

Jacob Alden Sargent, Bates Class of 2000, sargent@oxy.edu

PhD, University of Virginia, 2010; Director of Teaching, Learning and Research Support, Occidental College; Research & teaching interests: labor and technology in knowledge and culture industries, public sociology, social movements, higher education, and new media.

Abigail Westberry, Bates Class of 2019, atw9136@nyu.edu

PhD candidate, New York University; Research & teaching interests: housing, community, environment

Rosalie Winslow, Bates Class of 2011, rosiewinslow@gmail.com

PhD, University of California at San Francisco, 2020; Research & teaching interests: health disparities, patient-provider interactions, race/class/gender, technology, qualitative methods