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### Education:

Present: Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Sociology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

- Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies
- Graduate Assistant, Institute for Policy Research

#### Dissertation Title:

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of State-Level Climate Policy”

#### Dissertation Committee:

Anthony S. Chen and Monica Prasad (Co-Chairs), Brayden G. King, Barry G. Rabe, and Heather Schoenfeld

2017: M.A., Sociology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2012: B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Sociology and Political Science  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

**Research Interests:** Political Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Economic Sociology; Public Policy; Social Movements and Interest Groups; Legislative Process and Procedures; U.S. State Politics; Sociology of Law; Comparative-Historical Sociology

### Refereed Journal Articles:

**Joshua A. Basseches** (2019). “‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors:’ Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.” *Mobilization* 24(3).

**Joshua A. Basseches**, Kaitlyn Rubinstein, and Sarah Kulaga (Forthcoming, Fall 2021). “Coalitions that Clash: California’s Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality.” *Research in Political Sociology* 28.

### Book Chapters:

**Joshua A. Basseches** (Forthcoming, Spring 2020). “California Cap-and-Trade: History, Design, Effectiveness,” in *Contesting Carbon*, William G. Holt (editor). Routledge.

### Manuscripts in Progress:

**Joshua A. Basseches**. “Business Power in the U.S. States: Private Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.”

**Joshua A. Basseches** and Brayden G. King. “Power to the People? How Private Interest Groups Reinforce Political Inequality.”

## **Research Fellowships & Grants:**

- Summer 2019: **Small Research Grant for Problem-Solving Sociology (\$1,000)**
- Summer 2018: **William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies (\$2,500)**  
Centennial Center Grant, American Political Science Association
- Spring 2017: **Graduate Research Grant (\$3,000)**  
The Graduate School, Northwestern University
- Spring 2017: **Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Grant (\$1,000)**  
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University
- Fall 2015: **Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant (\$1,500)**  
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University
- Fall 2015: **Alumni Funds for Second Year Paper Research (\$400)**  
Sociology Department, Northwestern University
- Spring 2011: **“Jane’s Travel Grant” for Research in Latin America (\$1,600)**  
Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Brandeis University
- Spring 2011: **“Undergraduate Research Project” Grant (\$1,000)**  
Office of Academic Fellowships, Brandeis University

## **Invited Talks and Workshops:**

“Climate Change: Why Should You Care?” - Panelist

- January 2020: Residential College Board, Northwestern University

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.”

- May 2019: Young Scholars Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Early Draft of Dissertation Prospectus

- June 2017: The Tobin Project’s Prospectus Development Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors:’ Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.”

- May 2017: “Law in Motion” Conference, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Informal Mechanisms for Legislative Control”

- April 2017: Law and Democracy Graduate Student Conference, Brown Legal Studies Program, Brown University, Providence, RI

## **Conference and Workshop Presentations:**

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.” [Various Drafts]

- January 2020: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

- November 2019: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2019: Political Sociology Mini-Conference, New York, NY
- April 2019: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Power to the People? Theorizing the Challenges to Social Movement Influence in the Legislative Process,” with Brayden G. King [Various Drafts]

- April 2019: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2018: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- May 2017: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- May 2017: First Annual *Mobilization* Conference, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

“The Devil Is in the Details: Accounting for Variation in the Quality of State-Level Climate Policy”

- June 2018: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

“‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors’: Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.” [Various Drafts]

- February 2017: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2016: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2016: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- March 2016: Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- February 2016: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Environmental Policymaking in Massachusetts”

- April 2015: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“‘Fault Lines’ of Student Activist Communities: A Comparative Study of Buenos Aires and Brandeis”

- April 2012: New England Undergraduate Sociology Research Conference, Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

### **Academic Awards:**

Fall 2019:

**Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer, Sociology Department, Northwestern University (\$500)**

- Departmental award given annually to one graduate student lecturer

- Winter 2019: **Sociology Department Finalist, Presidential Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University**
- Spring 2012: **Doris Brewer Cohen Endowment Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis (\$2,500)**
- University-wide award given annually for best undergraduate honors thesis in the social sciences and humanities
- Title: *“Fault Lines” of Student Activist Communities: A Comparative Study of Buenos Aires and Brandeis* (Advisor: David Cunningham)
- Spring 2012: **Irving K. Zola Prize for Excellence in Sociology (\$100)**
- Departmental award given annually to one graduating senior who has demonstrated “Outstanding intellectual and academic achievements in sociology”

### **Other Research Experience:**

- Winter 2018: **Visiting Scholar Researching Oregon Climate Policy, Willamette University**
- 2016-2018: **Research Assistant for Prof. Heather Schoenfeld (Legal Studies and Human Development/Social Policy)’s Project on Incarceration Policy in the U.S. States**
- 2016-present: **Carbon Tax Working Group Member, Comparative-Historical Section of the American Sociological Association**
- 2015-2016: **Research Assistant for Prof. Anthony S. Chen (Sociology and Political Science)’s Project on Business-Government Relations**

### **Other Writings:**

- Jan. 4, 2020: “David Pettinicchio’s Book Illustrates the Interplay between Activists and Institutional Actors.” *Mobilizing Ideas* Blog.
- Dec. 7, 2018: “How Investor-Owned Utilities Can Be Induced to Support Reforms to Mitigate Climate Change.” *Scholars Strategy Network*.

### **Relevant Professional Experience:**

- 2013 – 2014: **Legislative Aide for Sen. Mike Barrett, MA State Senate**
- May – Nov., 2012: **Campaign Manager, Mike Barrett for State Senate**

### **Teaching Experience:**

- Spring 2019: **Instructor, “Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S.” (SOC 392/LEGAL ST 376)**  
 New/Original Course Offering  
Student Evaluation Data Highlights:  
 Avg. Overall Course Rating: **5.3/6** (71% participation rate)  
 Avg. Rating for Quality of Instruction: **5.9/6** (71% participation rate)

- Spring 2016:           **Teaching Assistant, “Social Problems” (SOC 202)**  
Prof. Karrie Snyder  
Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Fall 2014:             **Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC 110)**  
Prof. Anthony S. Chen  
Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

### **University & Departmental Service:**

- Fall 2015- :           **Sociology Department Undergraduate Affairs Committee**
- Fall 2016- :           **Graduate Affiliate, Public Affairs Residential College,  
Northwestern University**
- Fall 2016- :           **Student Co-Coordinator, Social Movements/Enterprise  
Workshop (Faculty Organizer: Brayden G. King)**
- Fall 2016-  
Spring 2019:           **Student Coordinator, Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop**  
(Faculty Organizer: Monica Prasad)
- Fall 2016-  
Spring 2018:           **Sociology Graduate Student Association First-year Mentorship  
Committee**
- Fall 2016:             **Student Co-Coordinator, Sociology Departmental Salon**

### **Professional Affiliations & Activities:**

- 2019-present:       **Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas Blog*, Center for the Study of  
Social Movements, University of Notre Dame**
- 2018-present:       **Member (Chicagoland Chapter), Scholars Strategy Network**

#### **American Sociological Association**

Section Memberships:

Political Sociology, Collective Behavior & Social Movements, Environment & Technology,  
Comparative-Historical Sociology, Sociology of Law

#### **American Political Science Association**

Section Memberships:

State Politics & Policy

#### **Social Science History Association**

**Midwest Sociological Society**

**Midwest Political Science Association**

**Periodic Reviewer For:** *American Sociological Review, Social Problems*

**Foreign Languages:** Spanish (conversationally fluent)

**References available upon request.**

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