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Employment:

August 2020 to present: Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

Education:

2020: Ph.D., Sociology
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Dissertation Title:
“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of State-Level Climate and Renewable Energy Policies”
Dissertation Committee:
Monica Prasad and Anthony S. Chen (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

Refereed Journal Articles:

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

Joshua A. Basseches, Kaitlyn Rubinstein, and Sarah Kulaga (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). “California Cap-and-Trade: History, Design, Effectiveness,” in *Contesting Carbon*, William G. Holt (editor). Routledge.

Book Reviews:

Joshua A. Basseches (2021). Review of Emine Fidan Elcioglu, *Divided by The Wall: Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border* (University of California Press, 2020) in *Contemporary Sociology*.

Manuscripts in Progress:

Joshua A. Basseches, Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo, Maxwell T. Boycoff, Trevor Culhane, Galen Hall, Noel Healy, David J. Hess, David Hsu, Rachel M. Krause, Harland Prechel, J. Timmons Roberts, and Jennie C. Stephens. “Climate Conflict in the U.S. States: A Critical Review and Way Forward.” *Revise and Resubmit, Climatic Change*.

Manuscripts in Preparation:

Joshua A. Basseches. “Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies.” *Under Review.*

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

Joshua A. Basseches. “Buying Off Business: The Politics of Climate and Renewable Energy Policy Design in the U.S. States.” *Book Manuscript in Preparation.*

Joshua A. Basseches and Nwamaka Ikenze. “The U.S.-Canada (Clean) Electricity Relationship: Challenges and Opportunities in Policy Design and Coordination.” *In Preparation for Submission.*

Research Grants:

- Summer 2021: **CSSN Research Grant (\$38,000)**
Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
- Summer 2021: **REPI Research Grant (\$15,000)**
Renewable Energy Research Support Fund, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- Summer 2021: **CSSN Research Grant (\$26,000)***
Climate Social Science Network, Brown University
*Co-Investigator, with Rebecca Bromley-Trujillo (Christopher Newport University) and Galen Hall (Brown University)
- Summer 2019: **Small Research Grant for Problem-Solving Sociology (\$1,000)**
Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop, Northwestern University
- 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

Other Writings:

April 29, 2021: “Washington Will become Second State to Adopt Cap-and-Trade Law. But What Happens Next Really Matters.” *The Washington Wire.*

- March 2, 2021: “The Key to Passing Climate Policy? Rein in (or win over) Utility Monopolies.” *Grist Magazine*.
- Dec. 17, 2020: “Conducting Research ‘Behind Closed Doors.’” *States, Power and Societies* (ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter).
- 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*.

Awards:

- Fall 2019: **Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer, Sociology Department, Northwestern University (\$500)**
- Winter 2019: **Sociology Department Nominee, 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”

Invited Talks, Workshops and Conference Presentations:

“Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies.”

- August 2021: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19), Environmental Policy Regular Session
- June 2021: 2nd Annual American Political Economy Summer School, Yale University (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19)
- April 2021: Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI
- January 2021: Social Movements/Political Sociology Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI

“Canadian Hydro Imports and the Role of Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS) Policy Design in the Northeast U.S. States.”

- June 2021: North American Colloquium on Climate Policy Authors’ Workshop, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

“Whither American Climate Policy? Lessons from the Trump Presidency and State Policy Engagement.”

- December 2020: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

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

- August 2020: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19), Political Sociology Section Session on “The Politics of Climate Change”
- 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

“Coalitions that Clash: California’s Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality.” First Author, with Kaitlyn Rubinstein and Sarah M. Kulaga.

- May 2020: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Legislative Institutions and Political Inequality” - Guest Lecture

- March 2020: “Institutions and Society,” Prof. Jean Clipperton, Northwestern University

“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

“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, Social Movements Regular Session
- 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

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

“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, Environmental Policy Regular Session
- 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

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

Media Mentions:

June 10, 2021:	<i>State and Hill Magazine</i> interviewed me about the Texas electricity crisis for a story about trust in government.
April 29, 2021:	<i>The Washington Wire</i> published my commentary on that state’s recently passed climate law.

- March 2, 2021: *Grist Magazine* published my opinion on the political power of investor-owned utilities.
- July 18, 2020: *Environment Massachusetts* cited my research in a blog post entitled, “100% Renewable Is What’s Needed for Massachusetts.”

Teaching Experience:

- Spring 2019: **Instructor, “Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S.” (SOC 392/LEGAL ST 376), Northwestern University**
 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)
- Winter 2020: **Teaching Assistant, “Law and Society” (SOC/LEGAL ST 206), Northwestern University**
 Prof. Meghan Dawe
 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Spring 2016: **Teaching Assistant, “Social Problems” (SOC 202), Northwestern University**
 Prof. Karrie Snyder
 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Fall 2014: **Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC 110), Northwestern University**
 Prof. Anthony S. Chen
 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

University & Departmental Service [Northwestern University]:

- 2016-2020: **Graduate Affiliate, Public Affairs Residential College**
- 2015-2019: **Sociology Department Undergraduate Affairs Committee**
- 2016-2019: **Student Co-Coordinator, Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop** (Faculty Organizer: Brayden G. King)
- 2016-2019: **Student Coordinator, Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop** (Faculty Organizer: Monica Prasad)
- 2016-2018: **Sociology Graduate Student Association First-year Mentorship Committee**
- Fall 2016: **Student Co-Coordinator, Sociology Departmental Salon**

Student Supervision [University of Michigan]:

Michael Barnes, Program in the Environment (PITE), Undergraduate Thesis, 2nd Reader (Sara Soderstrom, Chair)

Professional Affiliations & Activities:

- 2020-present: **Co-Chair, U.S. State Politics Working Group, Climate Social Science Network**
- 2019-present: **Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas Blog*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame**
- 2018-present: **Member, Scholars Strategy Network**

American Sociological Association

Section Memberships:

Political Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Comparative-Historical Sociology; Sociology of Law

American Political Science Association

Section Memberships:

Public Policy; State Politics & Policy; Science, Technology & Environmental Politics

Social Science History Association

Midwest Sociological Society

Midwest Political Science Association

Periodic Reviewer For: *American Sociological Review, Energy Research and Social Science, Regulation and Governance, Social Forces, Social Problems, Contemporary Sociology, Sociological Perspectives, The Sociological Quarterly, Joule*

Languages: English, Spanish

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