

# Aleksei Opacic

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## EDUCATION

### Harvard University

PhD Sociology

Expected May 2027

AM Statistics

2024

### University of Oxford

MSc. Sociology *Distinction (Ranked First)*

2019

### University of Cambridge

BA Social and Political Science *Starred First Class (Ranked First)*

2018

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Inequality, Education, Economic Sociology, Organizations, Quantitative and Computational Methods

## PUBLICATIONS

- 2025     **Opacic, Aleksei**, Lai Wei, and Xiang Zhou. “[Disparity Analysis: A Tale of Two Approaches](#)”. *Forthcoming, Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A (JRSSA)*
- 2024     Bloome, Deirdre and **Aleksei Opacic**. “[Absolute Income Mobility Obscures Marginalized Children’s Disadvantages](#)”. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121 (25)
- 2022     Evans, Geoffrey, and **Aleksei Opacic**. “[How Social Class Influences Political Choices](#).” *The Cambridge Handbook of Political Psychology* eds. Danny Osborne and Chris G. Sibley. Cambridge University Press. pp. 382-398.

## WORKING PAPERS

- 2023     Zhou, Xiang, and **Aleksei Opacic**. “[Marginal Interventional Effects](#)”. *Reject & Resubmit at Statistical Science*
- 2024     **Opacic, Aleksei**. “[Monotonic Path-Specific Effects: Application to Estimating Educational Returns](#)”.
- 2024     Blackwell, Matthew, Ruofan Ma and **Opacic, Aleksei**. “[Assumption Smuggling in Tests of Causal Mechanisms](#)”.
- 2024     **Opacic, Aleksei**. “Pipeline Disparities and the BA Attainment Gap”
- 2024     **Opacic, Aleksei**. “Mothers and Mobility: Re-Examining Intergenerational Mobility in the UK”

## OTHER WRITING

- 2024     Atticus Bolyard, Sue Dynarski, Jon Fullerton, Miriam Greenberg, Julia Lubner, **Aleksei Opacic**, Eric Taylor, and Rachel Worsham. “[Education to Workforce Pathways Diagnostic Toolkit: Analysis Narrative](#)”
- 2024     Atticus Bolyard, Sue Dynarski, Jon Fullerton, Miriam Greenberg, Julia Lubner, **Aleksei Opacic**, Eric Taylor, and Rachel Worsham. “[Education to Workforce Pathways Diagnostic Toolkit: Technical Guide](#)”

## RESEARCH AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024	IQSS Research Grant (\$3,000)
2024	Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000)
2024	Center for American Political Studies Seed Grant, Harvard University (\$1,000)
2024	Population Center Dissertation Research Award, Harvard University (\$2,000)
2023	Linda G. Hammett Ory Fellowship, Harvard University (\$15,000)
2020	Kennedy Scholarship, Harvard University (\$20,000)
2019	The A.H. Halsey Prize, University of Oxford
2018	The Pollard Memorial Prize, University of Cambridge
2018	The Polity Prize, University of Cambridge
2018	King's College Scholarship, University of Cambridge

## INVITED TALKS

2024	Applied Statistics Workshop, Harvard University.
2023	Inequality Workshop, Stanford University.
2022	Social Demography Seminar, Harvard University.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2024	Deirdre Bloome and Aleksei Opacic. "Absolute Income Mobility Obscures Marginalized Children's Disadvantages." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA (August).
2024	Aleksei Opacic. "Cumulative Disadvantage and the BA Attainment Gap." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA (August).
2024	Deirdre Bloome and Aleksei Opacic. "Absolute Income Mobility Obscures Marginalized Children's Disadvantages." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Columbus, OH (April).
2024	Aleksei Opacic. "Path-Specific Effects under Monotonic Mediation." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, Columbus (April).
2023	Aleksei Opacic. "Path-Specific Effects under Monotonic Mediation." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA (August).
2023	Aleksei Opacic, Lai Wei and Xiang Zhou. "Disparity Analysis: A Tale of Two Approaches." Annual Meeting of the International Sociological Association, Melbourne, Australia (June, Declined).
2023	Aleksei Opacic. "Does Higher Education Tend Towards Egalitarianism? Evidence from a Population Transitions Model." Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America, New Orleans, LA (April).
2022	Aleksei Opacic. "An Interventional Approach to Primary and Secondary Effects in Intergenerational Mobility." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA (August).
2022	Zhou, Xiang and Aleksei Opacic. "Marginal Interventional Effects." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Los Angeles, CA (August).

## SERVICE

- Sociology Tenure-Track Faculty Search Committee, Harvard University. 2024-2025
- Sociology Committee on Higher Degrees, Harvard University. 2022-2023
- Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, Harvard University. 2021-2022
- *Occasional Reviewer*: American Sociological Review, Social Forces, Sociology of Education, Political Behavior, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility, Sociological Methods and Research