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EDUCATION

Harvard University

PhD Sociology

Expected May 2026

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

Economic Sociology, Organizations, Inequality, Quantitative and Computational Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

- 2024 Bloome, Deirdre and Aleksei Opacic. "[Absolute Income Mobility Obscures Marginalized Children's Disadvantages](#)". *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 121 (25)

Book Chapters

- 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.

JOURNAL ARTICLES UNDER REVIEW

Revise/Reject & Resubmit

- 2024 Opacic, Aleksei, Lai Wei, and Xiang Zhou. "[Disparity Analysis: A Tale of Two Approaches](#)". *Revise & Resubmit at Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Series A (JRSSA)*
- 2023 Zhou, Xiang, and Aleksei Opacic. "[Marginal Interventional Effects](#)". *Reject & Resubmit at Statistical Science*

WORKING PAPERS

- 2024 Opacic, Aleksei. "Monotonic Path-Specific Effects, with Application to Estimating Educational Returns"
- 2024 Opacic, Aleksei. "Does Educational Attainment Tend Towards Egalitarianism? Evidence from a Population Transitions Model"
- 2024 Opacic, Aleksei. "Mothers and Mobility: Re-Examining Intergenerational Mobility in the UK"

COURSES TAUGHT

Harvard University

2022, 2023 Teaching Fellow, Intermediate Quantitative Methods. *Certificate of Distinction in Teaching*

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

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, Expected).
2024 Aleksei Opacic. "Does Higher Education Tend Towards Egalitarianism? Evidence from a Population Transitions Model." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, CA (August, Expected).
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 Committee on Higher Degrees, Harvard University. 2022-2023
- Sociology Graduate Admissions Committee, Harvard University. 2021-2022
- *Occasional Reviewer*: Social Forces, Political Behavior, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association; Population Association of America; American Statistical Association; Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard; Center for Population and Development Studies, Harvard School of Public Health; EdRedesign, Harvard Graduate School of Education