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## EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology, Emory University [Expected 2019]

*Dissertation: "Talk of Death: American Discourse in Three Spheres"*

*Chairs: Timothy J. Dowd & Frank J. Lechner*

M.A. in Sociology, Emory University [2017]

B.A. in Sociology and Philosophy, The University of Iowa [2013]

*Honors Thesis: "People Got to Be Free: Value Trends in American Popular Music"*

*Advisor: Steven Hitlin*

## SCHOLARSHIP

**Bernau, John A.** 2018. "Text Analysis with JSTOR Archives". *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*. [In Press]

Xu, Bin and **John A. Bernau**. [Under Review]. "The Sympathetic Leviathan: How Do Modern States Culturally Respond to Disasters?"

**Bernau, John A.** [Under Review]. "Meta-Sounds in Modern Country Music: Lyrical Intertextuality as Boundary Work 1989 – 2014"

### *Conference Presentations:*

2018 "The (De)Institutionalization of Kübler-Ross' Five-Stage Model of Death and Dying." Paper presented at the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Annual Meeting, October 2018. Las Vegas, NV.

2018 "Communion to Compassion: The Changing Language of Death in America." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2018. New Orleans, LA.

2017 "The Sympathetic Leviathan: How Do Modern States Culturally Respond to Disasters?" Paper presented at the Social Science History Association, November 2017. Montreal, QC, Canada.

2017 "From Leibniz to Lefty: Country Music as Theodicy." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association, August 2017. Montreal, QC, Canada.

2016 "'I Wanna Hear Some Jones': Benchmarks and Boundary Work in Country Music Lyrics." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, April 2016. Atlanta, GA.

## GRANTS AND AWARDS

2018 Martin Levin ICPSR Training Award. Department of Sociology. Emory University. (\$2,500)

2018-2019 Digital Humanities Fellowship. Emory Center for Digital Scholarship. Emory University.

2016 DHSI Course Scholarship. Emory Center for Digital Scholarship. Emory University. (\$1,200)

2013-2018 Laney Graduate School Fellowship. Emory University.

2009 Old Gold Scholarship. The University of Iowa. (\$12,000)

## TEACHING

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### *Full Instructor*

- 2018 SOC 333: Sociology of Religion. Emory University [Spring]  
 2017 SOC 333: Sociology of Religion. Emory University [Spring]

### *Workshop Instructor*

- 2018 R Basics: An Introduction  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship [Fall]
- 2018 Data Cleaning and Manipulation in R  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship [Spring]
- 2018 Data Visualization in R  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship // Emory Health Sciences Center [Spring]
- 2018 Data Visualization in R  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship // Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods [Spring]
- 2017 Data Visualization in R  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship // Institute for Quantitative Theory and Methods [Spring & Fall]
- 2016 Zotero for Academic Research and Publishing  
 Department of Sociology, Emory University [Spring]

### *Teaching Assistant – Emory University*

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| 2017 | SOC 506: Applied Regression* [Spring]  | 2015 | SOC 355: Social Research [Spring]            |
| 2016 | SOC 389: Cont. Chinese Culture [Fall]  | 2014 | SOC 457: Dvlp. of Sociological Theory [Fall] |
| 2016 | SOC 343: Mass Media & Society [Spring] | 2014 | SOC 221: Culture & Society [Spring]          |
| 2015 | SOC 101: Intro to Sociology [Fall]     | 2013 | SOC 101: Intro to Sociology [Fall]           |

\*Graduate-level

## DEPARTMENTAL & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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- 2018 Research in Sociology at Emory (RISE) Graduate Mentor [Fall]  
 Research in Sociology at Emory (RISE) Graduate Mentor [Spring]
- 2016 Chair of Culture and Social Psychology Study Group. Emory University. [Spring]  
 Southeastern Undergraduate Sociology Symposium. Session Presider. Emory University [Spring]
- 2015 Research in Sociology at Emory (RISE) Graduate Mentor [Spring]  
 New Faculty Hire Candidate Host and Guide [Spring]
- 2013-15 Department of Sociology Graduate Recruitment Committee [Spring]

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING

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- 2018 “Multilevel and Mixed Models Using R” (July 31 – Aug 1)  
 Statistical Horizons (SH)  
 Temple University // Philadelphia, PA
- 2018 “Machine Learning for the Analysis of Text as Data” (July 16-20)  
 Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)  
 University of North Carolina Chapel Hill // Chapel Hill, NC

## SPECIALIZED TRAINING (continued)

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2017 “Understanding Topic Modeling” (June 12-16)  
 Digital Humanities Summer Institute (DHSI)  
 University of Victoria // Victoria, BC

## SPECIALIZED SKILLS

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### Quantitative Data Analysis:

- **Software** – Python (introductory), SPSS (intermediate), Stata (intermediate), R (advanced)
- **Manipulation** – select, filter, arrange, count, summarize, recode, reshape, join (dplyr, tidyr)
- **Regression** – OLS, logistic, poisson, negative-binomial, zero-inflated models, multi-level / hierarchical (introductory), longitudinal / panel (introductory), post-estimation (broom)
- **Text Analysis** – preprocessing (case, punctuation, stopwords), tf-idf weighting, topic modeling (LDA, structural, and dynamic), part-of-speech tagging (spaCy, spacyR), embedded word vectors (word2vec, GloVe)
- **Visualization** – ggplot, gganimate, gridExtra, plotly, LDAvis, RMarkdown, blogdown, shiny

### Professional Organization:

- Blackboard / Canvas (LMS)
- Google Drive / Box / Dropbox
- Trello / Slack
- Timeneye
- WordPress
- GitHub
- Zotero

### Qualitative Data Analysis:

- discourse analysis
- in-depth interview
- MaxQDA (introductory)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2016 – 2018 Digital Scholarship Specialist II  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship (ECDS)  
 Emory University, Atlanta, GA

*Authored original training materials, led bi-annual half-day workshops on R and data visualization, worked with ECDS staff / faculty on digital projects. Specialization: data visualization, text analysis, WordPress and web development.*

2015 – 2016 Digital Scholarship Specialist I  
 Emory Center for Digital Scholarship (ECDS)  
 Emory University, Atlanta, GA

*Worked with faculty, staff, and students on digital research and pedagogy-related questions. Consultation expertise: R, python, data analysis / manipulation / visualization, Canvas, WordPress, Dropbox, EmoryBox, Zotero, Trello, Slack, Timeneye, iMovie, Audacity, high-resolution scanning.*