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## KEVIN KILEY

### appointments

Assistant Professor, North Carolina State University, 2025-  
Postdoctoral Scholar, North Carolina State University, 2022-2025  
Postdoctoral Scholar, University of Iowa, 2021-2022

### education

Ph.D, Sociology, Duke University, 2021.  
Dissertation title: *Three Papers on Culture, Time, and Attitudes*.  
Dissertation committee: Stephen Vaisey (chair), Craig Michael Rawlings, Kieran Healy, and  
Christopher Johnston (political science).  
M.A., Sociology, Duke University, 2018.  
M.A., Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2015.  
B.A., Journalism & Political Science, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, 2010.

### publications

#### *Journal articles*

Turgut Keskindurk, Kevin Kiley, and Stephen Vaisey. 2025. "What Are You Talking about? Discussion Frequency of Issues Captured in Common Survey Questions." *Sociological Science*.  
Yongren Shi, Kevin Kiley, and Freda Lynn. 2025. "Beyond Statistical Variables: Examining the Duality of Persons and Groups in Structuring Cultural Space." *Poetics*, 108.  
Freda Lynn, Yongren Shi, and Kevin Kiley. 2025. "Intersectional Group Agreement on the Occupational Order." *Social Psychology Quarterly*, 88(1), 135-148.  
Yongren Shi, Kevin Kiley, and Stephanie DiPietro. 2024. "To the Extreme: Exploring the Rise of a Deviant Culture in a Misogynist Digital Community." *Socius*, 10.  
Ted Underwood, Kevin Kiley, Wenyi Sheng, and Stephen Vaisey. 2022. "Cohort Succession Explains Most Change in Literary Culture." *Sociological Science*.  
Stephen Vaisey and Kevin Kiley. 2021. "A model-based method for detecting persistent cultural change using panel data." *Sociological Science*.  
Kevin Kiley and Stephen Vaisey. 2020. "Measuring Stability and Change in Personal Culture Using Panel Data." *American Sociological Review* 85(3): 477-506.  
Winner, Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section.

#### *Revise and resubmit*

Kevin Kiley. "Social Scaffolds and Opinion Stability." *American Journal of Sociology*. (Previously: "Ambivalence is Everywhere: Quantifying Opinion Behavior Across Topic Domains".)

Kevin Kiley. "There Are No Alternatives in American Politics: Inconsistency in the Measurement of Political Belief Systems over Time." *American Journal of Sociology*.

*Working papers/Under review*

Kevin Kiley and Nicolas Restrepo Ochoa. "Extended Early Adulthood and the Personal Culture Change."

Yongren Shi and Kevin Kiley. "Culture from Conversation: How Conversation Transition Structures Shape Online Communities."

Achim Edelmann, Kevin Kiley, Turgut Keskinturk, Isabella Bouklas, and Stephen Vaisey. "Quantifying Change and Stability in Personal Culture Using Panel Data."

Kevin Kiley and Carrie Carter. "The Effects of Postsecondary Pathways on Values."

Kevin Kiley. "Predictably Unpredictable: The Dynamic Constraint of Cultural Belief Systems."

Kevin Kiley. "The Effect of Third-Party Presence on Attitude Reports in the General Social Survey."

**presentations**

"The Effects of Postsecondary Pathways on Values." ASA Annual Meeting 2024.

"The Effects of Postsecondary Pathway on Values." Eastern Sociological Society 2024.

"Predictably Unpredictable: The Dynamic Constraint of Cultural Belief Systems." ASA Annual Meeting, August 2022.

"Ambivalence is Everywhere: Quantifying Opinion Behavior Across Topic Domains." University of Iowa Sociology Colloquium, October 2021.

"Ambivalence is Everywhere: Quantifying Opinion Behavior Across Topic Domains." Northwestern University Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop, October 2021.

"Ambivalence is Everywhere: Quantifying Opinion Behavior Across Topic Domains." ASA, Online Annual Meeting, August 2021.

"One Belief at a Time: (Lack of) Evidence for Dynamic Constraint in U.S. Adults and Adolescents." ASA, San Francisco, August 2020.

"Institutional Change and Peer Change in American Higher Education, 2004- 2015." ASA, New York, August 2019.

"Better Living Through Beliefs: The Effect of Cultural Values on Health." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, August 2017.

**service to  
discipline**

Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Canadian Studies in Population*, *European Union Politics*, National Science Foundation,

*Social Forces, Social Psychology Quarterly, Sociological Science, and Theory and Society.*

Co-Organizer, Culture Section Roundtables, 2025 ASA Annual Meeting.

Co-Organizer, Culture Section Roundtables, 2024 ASA Annual Meeting.

Graduate Student Representative to Faculty Committee, Department of Sociology (Duke University).

Graduate Student Forum Co-Chair, Department of Sociology (Duke University).

Prospective Student Visit Coordinator, Department of Sociology (Duke University).

#### teaching

Instructor, Religion and Society (Undergraduate), 2023, 2024, 2025

Instructor, Classical Sociological Theory (Graduate), 2023

Instructor, Methods of Social Research (Undergraduate), 2023, 2024, 2025

Instructor, Sociological Perspectives (Undergraduate), 2022

Instructor, Quantitative Analysis of Sociological Data (Undergraduate), 2020

Teaching Assistant, Statistics I (Graduate), 2017, 2019, 2020

Teaching Assistant, Statistics II (Graduate), 2018, 2020, 2021

Teaching Assistant, Entrepreneurship (Undergraduate), 2017

Teaching Assistant, Sociological Perspectives (Undergraduate), 2016

#### grants, honors, & awards

Clifford Geertz Prize for Best Article, ASA Section on the Sociology of Culture, 2021.

Kenan Institute for Ethics Graduate Fellowship, Duke University, 2020–21.

Awarded by the Kenan Institute for Ethics to advanced graduate students pursuing work related to ethics and morality.

Vorsanger-Smith Scholar Award, Duke University, 2020.

Awarded by the Duke Department of Sociology for overall excellence in the graduate program.

James B. Duke Fellowship, Duke University, 2016–2021.

University Scholars Fellowship, Duke University, 2016.

Earl S. and Esther Johnson Prize, University of Chicago, 2015.

Recognizes the MAPSS student whose MA paper best combines high scholarly achievement with concern for humanistic aspirations and the practical applications of the Social Sciences.

Unendowed Scholarship for Full Tuition, University of Chicago, 2014–2015.

Morehead-Cain Scholar, University of North Carolina, 2006–2010.