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## EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, 2017–

## EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

- Dissertation: *Inequality and Society: Mechanisms and Methods for Understanding the Consequences of Rising Income Inequality*
- Committee: Neil Fligstein, David Harding, Michael Hout, Hilary Hoynes, Daniel Schneider

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2013

B.S. Physics, Rice University, 2007

B.A. Mathematics, Rice University, 2007

## PUBLICATIONS

### Refereed Articles

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Daniel Schneider. 2021. "Family Structure and Inequalities in Parents' Financial Investments in Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 83(3):717-736.

- Coverage: *Brookings Institution Class Notes*

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Kassandra K. Roeser. 2020. "Happiness in Hard Times: Does Religion Buffer the Negative Effect of Unemployment on Happiness?" *Social Forces* 99(2):447-473.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2019. "Who Feels It? Income Inequality, Relative Deprivation, and Financial Satisfaction in U.S. States, 1973–2012." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 60:1-15.

- Coverage: *The Atlantic*, *The Tobin Project*

Goldstein, Adam and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2019. "Buying In: Positional Competition, Schools, Income Inequality, and Housing Consumption." *Sociological Science* 6:416-445.

- Coverage: *Urban Institute*

Schneider, Daniel, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Joe LaBriola. 2018. "Income Inequality and Class Divides in Parental Investment." *American Sociological Review* 83(3):475-507.

- Prize for Exemplary Work on Inequality and Decision Making, *The Tobin Project*
- Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section
- Coverage: *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report*, *Hechinger Report*, Russell Sage Foundation, *Dissent*, *Coloradoan*, CSU SOURCE

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2018. "Less Equal, Less Trusting? Reexamining Longitudinal and Cross-sectional Effects of Income Inequality on Trust in U.S. States, 1973–2012." *Social Science Research* 74:77-95.

Fligstein, Neil, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Adam Goldstein. 2017. "Keeping up with the Joneses: How Households Fared in the Era of High Income Inequality and the Housing Price Bubble, 1999–2007." *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 3:1-15.

- Coverage: *New York Times*, *Washington Post Wonkblog*, *The Tobin Project*

Schneider, Daniel and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2017. "Income Inequality and Household Labor." *Social Forces* 96(2):481-506.

- Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2016. "Not a Lonely Crowd? Social Connectedness, Religious Service Attendance, and the Spiritual But Not Religious." *Social Science Research* 57:63-79.

- Best Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Religion Section
- Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2016. "Reliability of the Core Items in the General Social Survey: Estimates from the Three-wave Panels, 2006-2014." *Sociological Science* 3:971-1002.

Schneider, Daniel and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2015. "Socioeconomic Variation in the Demographic Response to Economic Shocks in the United States: Evidence from the Great Recession." *Demography* 52(6):1893-1915.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and D. Michael Lindsay. 2013. "Rethinking Religious Gender Differences: The Case of Elite Women." *Sociology of Religion* 74(4):471-495.

Lorini, Luca, et al. (19 authors, including **Orestes P. Hastings**). 2008. "Recent Atomic Clock Comparisons at NIST." *The European Physical Journal Special Topics* 163:19-35.

#### Chapters, Reports, and Essays

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Daniel Schneider. 2019. "A Quarter of US parents are Unmarried – and that Changes How Much They Invest in Their Kids." *The Conversation*, September 17.

- Coverage: *Dissent*

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2014. "Recession, Religion, and Happiness, 2006–2010." in *Religion and Inequality in America: Research and Theory on Religion's Role in Stratification*, Lisa A. Keister and Darren E. Sherkat (eds.). Cambridge University Press.

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2012. "Reliability and Stability Estimates for the GSS Core Items from the Three-wave Panels, 2006–2010." GSS Methodological Report #119. NORC.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Edison Liang. 2008. "2.5 Dimensional Particle-in-Cell Simulations of Relativistic Plasma Collisions." arXiv:0803.1201.

#### RESEARCH UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS (selected)

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Luca Maria Pesando. "What's a Parent to do? Measuring Parenting Approaches in the U.S. with Topic Modeling for Short Texts."

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Joe LaBriola. "Seasonality in Parental Investments in Children: Understanding the 'Other Faucet' and Sources of the Summer Learning Gap."

Bendeck, Shawna, and **Orestes P. Hastings**. "Whose Social Capital? Heterogeneity by Race, Education, Gender, and Marital Status."

**Hastings, Orestes P.** "Explaining Investments in Children in Cohabiting Families: Social Parents, Relationship Duration, and Economic Resources."

**Hastings, Orestes P.** "Which Joneses? Geographic and Sociodemographic Reference Group Effects on Perceived Relative Income."

**Hastings, Orestes P.** "How do Public and Parental investments Shape (Class Gaps in) Children's Academic Performance?"

**Hastings, Orestes P.** "Economic Inequality, Optimism, and Despair."

#### AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2019 Article of the Year Award, Family Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2019 Ann Gill Faculty Development Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University
- 2018 Article of the Year Award, Family Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2018 Prize for Exemplary Work on Inequality and Decision Making, The Tobin Project
- 2017 NICHD Postdoctoral Fellowship, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development (*Declined*)
- 2017 Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley Graduate Division
- 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2016 Best Student Paper Award, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2016 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
- 2015 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion
- 2015 Herbert Blumer Paper Prize, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
- 2011–2014 Harvey Fellowship
- 2011, 2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (*Honorable Mention*)
- 2010–2011 Phoebe Hearst Bannister Endowment Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2009–2010 Postbaccalaureate Fellowship, Rice University

#### GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

##### *External*

- 2020–2021 PSID Small Grant, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development R25-HD083146. "Explaining Investments in Children in Cohabiting Families: Social Parents, Relationship Duration, and Economic Resources." *PI* (\$9,500)
- 2018–2019 Peter G. Peterson Foundation and Ford Foundation (jointly funded), US 2050 Project. "Class Gaps in Parental Investments in Children: How will Changes to Family Structure Affect Socioeconomic Divides in Parental Investments?" *PI* (~\$51,000)

- 2016 The Tobin Project, Inequality and Decision Making pilot study grant. "Determining Income Inequality's Effect on Optimism about Personal Economic Opportunity." *Student PI* (\$2,000)

#### *Internal*

- 2019 Colorado State University College of Liberal Arts. "Rethinking Consumption Inequality: Investigating Differences by Types of Consumption and Consumers." *PI* (\$5,000)
- 2018–2019 Colorado State University Office of the Provost, Program Review Quality Enhancement Grant. "Strengthening and Institutionalizing Sociology's Internal Capacity for Self-Study and Program Improvement." *Co-PI* (~\$25,000)
- 2016 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Summer Research Grant (\$3,500)
- 2014 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Small Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2012 UC Berkeley Graduate Division, Summer Research Grant (\$5,000)

#### *Competitive Training, Travel, and Conference Funding*

- 2021 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Princeton University (virtual due to COVID-19)
- 2015 Summer School on Socioeconomic Inequality, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group (HCEO), University of Chicago
- 2015 American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award
- 2011, 2012 Political Networks Conference Fellowship Stipend
- 2011 Society for the Scientific Study of Religion Travel Award

#### PRESENTATIONS (selected) († = invited, \* = scheduled)

- 2021 Panel Study of Income Dynamics User Conference, University of Michigan (virtual due to COVID-19)\*
- 2020 American Sociological Association (ASA), San Francisco (2 papers, virtual due to COVID-19)
- Population Association of America (PAA), Washington, D.C. (session cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 ASA, New York City (2 papers)
- The Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Boston†
- PAA, Austin
- 2018 ASA, Philadelphia
- US 2050 Author's Conference, Peter G. Peterson Foundation/Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C.†
- PAA, Denver (poster)

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2017	ASA, Montreal PAA, Chicago
2016	ASA, Seattle Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Berkeley (2 papers) PAA, Washington, D.C. The Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Boston
2015	Berkeley Symposium on the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, UC Berkeley† American Sociological Association, Chicago (2 papers) Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago† Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association (RC28), Philadelphia
2014	Berkeley Population Center Great Recession Mini-Conference, UC Berkeley† ASA, San Francisco (2 papers) PAA, Boston
2013	Demography Workshop, National Opinion Research Center, Chicago Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Boston ASA, New York City (2 papers)
2012	Religion and Stratification Conference, Duke University ASA, Denver
2011	SSSR, Milwaukee ASA, Las Vegas Religion, Politics, and Globalization Graduate Student Colloquium, UC Berkeley† Bringing Stratification Processes “Back In” to the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Penn State University
2010	SSSR, Baltimore
2007	Annual Meeting of the Division of Plasma Physics, American Physical Society, Orlando.

#### TEACHING AND ADVISING

*Courses Taught at Colorado State University* (F = Fall, S = Spring, Su = Summer)

Advanced Graduate Statistics (Soc 613): F19, F21

Graduate Statistics (Soc 511): S19, S20, S21

Graduate Research Methods (Soc 510): F17, F18

Undergraduate Research Methods (Soc 311): F17, S18, S19

Undergraduate Statistics (Soc 210): Su18, Su19, S20, Su20, F20, S21, Su21, F21

*Advising at Colorado State University*

*Dissertation Committees*

Keith Smith (2020)  
Shawna Bendeck (in progress)  
Azmal Hossan (in progress)  
Adrienne Miller (in progress)  
Sera Choi (Journalism & Media Communication, in progress)  
Tom Biedscheid (Education, in progress)  
James O'Mara (Communication Studies, in progress)  
Woke Wang (Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, in progress)

*Masters Thesis Committees*

Carolyn Conant (2020)  
Shelby Sims (in progress)  
Elijah Thunell (in progress)  
Bailey Underill (Psychology, in progress)

*Undergraduate Honors Theses and Independent Studies*

Adiam Tesfaselassie (Spring 2018)  
Jamie Stoner (Spring 2018)  
Kassandra Roeser (Fall 2018)  
Megan Nolta (Spring 2021)

*University of California, Berkeley*

Mentor, [Cal-ADAR: Advancing Diversity in Aging Research Program](#), Berkeley Population Center (Spring 2016)

Instructor and Consultant , [Social Sciences D-Lab](#) (2014–2016)

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Sociology

Social Inequalities (2015)  
Methods of Sociological Research B/C (2-semester graduate statistics) (2012–2013)  
Evaluation of Evidence (undergraduate research methods) (2011)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

*Reviewer*

*American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Applied Economics Letters, British Journal of Sociology, Demographic Research, Demography, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Population and Development Review, Public Opinion Quarterly, Review of Religious Research, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Science Research, Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Science, Sociology of Religion, Socius, The Sociological Quarterly, Columbia University Press*

*Discipline*

Discussant, ASA session on "Stratification, Families, and Gender," 2019

ASA Family section

Article of the Year Award Committee, 2019–2021

ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section

Social Media Committee, 2019–2020

Outstanding Article Award Committee, 2017–2018

Graduate Student Representative to the Council, 2015–2017

Outreach Committee, 2016–2017

Student Affairs Committee, 2015–2016

Membership Committee, 2015–2016

ASA Sociology of Education section

James Coleman Award for Best Article Committee, 2019–2020

ASA Sociology of Religion section

Annual Meeting Roundtable Organizer, 2021

Student Paper Award Committee, 2017–2018

*Colorado State University*

Member, Committee on the Liberal Arts: 2020–2022

Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology: 2017–current

Member, Methods Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Sociology: 2017–current

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology: 2017

*Public*

Human Services and Housing Funding Board, City of Fort Collins: 2019–current