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Education	<p>Ph.D., Sociology, University of Arizona, 2023 Minor in American History. Certificate in Computational Social Science. Dissertation: <i>The Origins of Control: Air Pollution and the American State, 1910 – 1938.</i> Advisor and Chair: Ronald L. Breiger. Committee: Brian Mayer, Daniel Menchik, and Jeremy Vetter (History).</p> <p>M.A., Sociology, University of Montana, 2016. Thesis: <i>Temporary Work on the Bakken Shale.</i> Advisor and Chair: Daisy Rooks. Committee: Jill Belsky, Dusten Hollist, and Scott McNall.</p> <p>B.A., Sociology (Inequality and Social Justice emphasis), University of Montana, May 2011.</p>
Current position	Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Queens College, CUNY. 2023 – present.
Interests	Sociology and history of environmental health, knowledge, and political economy; Organizations, measurement, and culture; Qualitative and quantitative reasoning.
Selected works in progress	<p>The structure of American sociology: the network evolution of discipline and profession, 1954 – 2000. <i>With Daniel Menchik, Marek Rychlik, and Yan Han.</i></p> <p>Culture out of groceries: What Relational Class Analysis on grocery store purchasing data can tell us about immigration and changing American tastes. <i>With Christina Diaz.</i></p> <p>Special issue in the <i>American Sociologist</i> on the Chicago School in global perspective. <i>Co-editor with Daniel Menchik, Geng Tian, and Liping Wang.</i></p>

Book	Under advance contract in the “Middle Range” series at Columbia University Press: Ore, Peter. <i>The Tragedy of Control: Air Pollution and the American State, 1910 – 1970.</i>
Journal articles	<p>Diaz, Christina J. and Peter D. Ore. 2022. “Landscapes of Appropriation and Assimilation: the Impact of Immigrant-Origin Populations on U.S. Cuisine.” <i>Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies</i> 48(5): 1152-1176.</p> <p>Ore, Peter and Andrew Davis. 2020. “The Frailty of the Strong Executive.” <i>Fast Capitalism</i> 17(1): 73-86.</p> <p>Jorgenson, Andrew K., Jared B. Fitzgerald, Ryan P. Thombs, Terrence D. Hill, Jennifer E. Givens, Brett Clark, Juliet B. Schor, Xiaorui Huang, Orla M. Kelly, and Peter Ore. 2020. “The Multiplicative Impacts of Working Hours and Fine Particulate Matter Concentration on Life Expectancy: A Longitudinal Analysis of US States.” <i>Environmental Research</i> 191: 1-7.</p> <p>Jorgenson, Andrew, Terrence Hill, Brett Clark, Ryan P. Thombs, Peter Ore, Kelly S. Balistreri, and Jennifer Givens. 2020. “Power, Proximity, and Physiology: Does Income Inequality and Racial Composition Amplify the Impacts of Air Pollution on Life Expectancy in the United States?” <i>Environmental Research Letters</i> 15: 1-10.</p> <p>Hill, Terrence, Andrew Jorgenson, Peter Ore, Kelly Balistreri, and Brett Clark. 2019. “Air Quality and Life Expectancy in the United States: An Analysis of the Moderating Effect of Income Inequality.” <i>Social Science & Medicine – Population Health</i>. 7: 1-7.</p>
Review essays	Ore, Peter. 2025. “The Political Economy of Water Pollution.” in <i>An Introduction to Contemporary Social Epidemiology: Definition and Theory</i> , edited by Terrence Hill, Tarani Chandola, and Ginny Garcia-Alexander.
Report	<p>Ore, Peter. 2024. “Symbolic Structures: New Entries in the Sociology of Housing.” <i>Contemporary Sociology</i>.</p> <p>Bunch, Jackson, Patrick McKay, Peter Ore, Dusten Hollist, and Elliot Moore. 2017. “The 2015 Montana Crime Victimization Survey.” Technical paper for the Montana Board of Crime Control, Statistical Analysis Center.</p>
Awards	Professional Staff Congress – CUNY Research Award (Traditional B). AY 2025-2026.

Professional Staff Congress – CUNY Research Award (Traditional B). AY 2024-2025.

University of Arizona College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Summer Dissertation Fellowship. *Summer 2022.*

Mellon Graduate Fellow, Sawyer Seminar in Neoliberalism at the Neopopulist Crossroads at the University of Arizona, 2020 - 2022.

Conrad Graduate Scholarship, University of Arizona School of Sociology. *Fall 2021, Spring 2022.*

Mellon Graduate Fellowship, University of Arizona Sawyer Seminar in Neoliberalism at the Neopopulist Crossroads. *Fall 2020, Spring 2021.* *Fellowship responsibilities extended through 2022 due to COVID-19 pandemic.*

Invited participant, 2019 Medici Summer School in Management Studies, on the “Commercialization of Science and Culture.” Hosted by HEC Paris, MIT, and Bologna Business School. Paris, France, Summer 2019.

University of Arizona School of Sociology Conrad Graduate Scholarship. *Fall 2019, Spring 2020.*

University of Arizona School of College of Social and Behavioral Sciences Graduate Fellowship. *Fall 2017, Spring 2018.*

Presentations “English Technology and the Rise of the U.S. Air Pollution Monitoring Network, 1914 – 1953.” Session on States, Politics and Society at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, November 2025.

Panelist, Author meets critics session for Besnik Pula’s *Alfred Schutz, Phenomenology, and the Renewal of Interpretive Social Science*, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. November 2025.

“Transformer-Assisted Conceptual Coding: Training and Validating AI Using Hundreds of Interviews of Scientists Worldwide.” Regular Session on Qualitative Methodology at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2025. (co-author with Charles Gomez, Jeffrey Shen, Lilith Green, and Charlie Pollard).

“Toward a Social Metrology: Reconciling Quantitative and Interpretive Approaches in the Study of Data.” invited talk for North Carolina State University’s “WolfWebs” series, April 2025.

“An Unfinished Infrastructure: The Politics of Air Pollution Monitoring.” Yale Climate Justice Workshop, April 2025.

“Quantitative Cultures in the Associational State: A Forensic and Historical Analysis.” Session on Culture at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, October 2024.

“Resilience Through Fragmentation: The Structure of the American Sociological Association in 1981, 1992, and 2000.” Regular Session on the Sociology of Knowledge at the ASA Annual Meeting, Montréal, August 2024. (co-author with Daniel Menchik, Marek Rychlik, and Yan Han).

“The Tragedy of Social Control, 1910 – 1980.” Session on Education, Knowledge, and Science at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., November 2023.

“The Paradox of the American Environmental State.” Regular Session on Comparative and Historical Sociology at the ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2023.

“How to Become a Dominant Sociology Perspective: The Case of the ‘Levels’ Worldview.” Regular Session on Sociological Theory at the ASA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, August 2022. (co-author with Daniel Menchik)

“The Social Determinants of Air Quality Monitoring.” Paper Session at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., April 2020. *Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.*

“Exploring Linkages Between U.S. Fertility, Immigration, and Xenophobia” Regular Session on the Sociology of Populations at the ASA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, August 2020. (co-author with Christina Diaz)

“Of Inorganic Bodies: Housing, Life Expectancy, and Exposure to PM_{2.5}.” Roundtable at the ASA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, California, August 2020. *Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.*

“Scientific Authority and the Police Power in Environmental Law.” Paper Session at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado, June 2020. *Canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.*

“The Political Economy of Air Quality Monitoring: A Preliminary Analysis.” Roundtable at the ASA Annual Meeting, New York, New York, August 2019.

“Relational Assimilation and Declining Ethnic Distinction: The Case of Ethnic Restaurants.” Poster session at the Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 2019. (co-author with Christina Diaz)

“Does Immigration Boost Native Fertility?” Paper session at the Population Association of American Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 2019.

(co-author with Christina Diaz)

“Air Quality and Life Expectancy in the United States: An Analysis of the Moderating Effect of Income Inequality” Paper session at the Population Association of American Annual Meeting, Austin, TX, April 2019. (co-author with Terrence D. Hill, Andrew Jorgenson, Kelly Balistreri, and Brett Clark)

“Social Disorganization and Perceptions of Crime in Boomtowns During the Boom and After the Bust.” Regular Session at the American Society of Criminology Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 2018. (co-author with Jackson Bunch, Dusten Hollist, and Patrick McKay)

“Discursive Crises and Ideological Production: Rush Limbaugh and the 2016 Presidential Campaign.” Regular Session on Political Sociology at the ASA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

“Temporary Work in the Bakken Oil Zone.” Precarious Work Conference, Seattle, WA, August 2016.

Service Director of the minor in Data Analytics, Sociology Department, Queens College, CUNY.

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Social Currents; International Journal of Comparative Sociology; BMC Public Health; PLOS ONE; Journal of Health, Population and Nutrition; Environmental Research Letters; Environmental Research – Health*.

Organizer and discussant, regular session on “Comparative-Historical Approaches to Climate Change,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2026.

Committee Member, ASA Culture Section, Program Committee. 2025.

Discussant, regular session on “Data, Risk, and Knowledge in Health Policy,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 2025.

Chair and discussant, States and Society session, Social Science History Association Annual Meeting. October 2024.

Committee Member, ASA Culture Section, Mary Douglas Award for Best Book. 2024.

Co-organizer, Theory Section Roundtables, ASA Conference 2024.

Co-editor, *Trajectories*, the Comparative-Historical Sociology Section Newsletter. 2022 – 2024.

Session co-organizer, “Taking the Chicago School Out of Chicago,” History of Sociology and Social Thought Section, ASA Conference 2023.

Session co-organizer and presider, “Practices and Personnel in Sociology, 1865 – 2020,” History of Sociology and Social Thought Section, ASA Conference 2023.

Organizer, Melinda Cooper’s lecture on “Dynastic Capitalism and the Far Right Resurgence,” University of Arizona Sawyer Seminar Lecture Series, Spring 2022.

Organizer, Public Lecture, Michael Burawoy’s “Whose University? Reflections on the Future of the Public University,” University of Montana, February 2017.