

# Steven M. Karceski

## Curriculum Vitae

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### Education

- Ongoing      PhD in Sociology, University of Washington  
Committee: Edgar Kiser (chair), Sarah Quinn, Steven Pfaff, and Jacob Grumbach (GSR)  
Dissertation project: Exploration into the different meanings of political centrism in mainstream media, social science research, and think tank/policy circles.
- 2017            MA in Sociology, University of Washington  
Committee: Edgar Kiser (chair) and Steven Pfaff
- 2009            BA in Business and Economics, North Park University

### Employment

- 2022 - present      *Virtual mentor* for the CAMI Health/Public Health Institute CaSE Fellows program (I teach the fellows R)
- 2021 - present      *Consultant* at the Center for Social Science and Computational Research, University of Washington, Seattle
- 2017 - present      *Instructor* at the University of Washington, Seattle

### Research interests

Political Economy, Political Sociology, Environmental Politics, Fiscal Sociology, Public Opinion

### Publications

- Forthcoming      “Efforts to Tax Carbon in Washington State.” *PLOS Climate*
- 2021                “Taxation and the Quality of Government.” (with Edgar Kiser) in *The Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government*, edited by B. Rothstein. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020                “Did TV Ads Funded by Fossil Fuel Industry Defeat the Washington Carbon Tax?” (with Nives Dolšak, Aseem Prakash, and Travis N. Ridout) *Climatic Change* 158(3):301–7.
- “Is There a Limit to the Size of the State? The Scope Conditions of Wagner’s Law.” (with Edgar Kiser) *Journal of Institutional Economics* 16(2):217–32.
- 2018                “Emerging Trends in the Political Economy of Taxation.” (with Edgar Kiser) *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* 1–13.
- 2017                “Political Economy of Taxation.” (with Edgar Kiser) *Annual Review of Political Science* 20(1):75–92.
- “The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress.” (with Sass, Victoria, Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, Anjum Hajat, Kyle Crowder, and David Takeuchi) *Health & Place* 48:72–79.

## Work in progress

### *Political sociology*

"Searching for the Center: exploring centrism and moderation in American politics." *Dissertation*

"Text analysis on discussions of political centrism in the media." *With Kivan Polimis.*

"What does centrism mean to the public?"

### *Environmental Sociology and Climate Politics*

"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation."

"Public opinion on climate mitigation policies in the U.S.."

### *Fiscal sociology*

"Public opinion on progressive taxation in the U.S."

"Tax Evasion and Austerity in Southern Europe." *With Edgar Kiser.*

"Taxation, spending, and the size of the state." *With Edgar Kiser.*

"The historical trends of wealth and inheritance taxation." *With Edgar Kiser.*

"The impact of fiscal deficits and public debt on trust in Japan." *With Edgar Kiser.*

"State expenditures in sub-Saharan African states." *With Edgar Kiser.*

## Grants and Fellowships

2018-2019	Scholars Strategy Network Graduate Fellow
2015	Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Research Grant

## Honors

2020-2021	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Sociology
2019	Passed comprehensive exams with distinction
2019	Nominated for the university-wide Excellence in Teaching Award

## Selected presentations

Nov. 2022	"Centrism and moderation in American Politics"	SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago
Aug. 2022	"Centrism and moderation in American Politics" <i>Political Sociology Section Panel</i>	ASA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
May. 2022	"What's the centrist position on taxation?"	Invited talk, NYU Abu Dhabi
Nov. 2021	"Text analysis of the discourse of centrism"	UW Sociology Seminar
Nov. 2021	"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation" <i>Panel on carbon pricing</i>	SSHA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
Aug. 2020	"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation" <i>Political Sociology roundtable</i>	ASA Annual Meeting, New York
May. 2017	"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation"	Duck Family Graduate Workshop, UW Center for Environmental Politics

## Media coverage

2018-12-13	<a href="#">“How Do We Talk Effectively About Climate Change in Washington?”</a>	<i>Washington State Indivisible Podcast</i>
2018-11-27	<a href="#">“Lessons for Washington from a carbon-tax autopsy.”</a>	<i>Crosscut</i>
2018-11-13	<a href="#">“Read my lips: No new (carbon) tax.”</a>	<i>The Hill</i>

## Teaching

### *As an Instructor*

SOC 456 Political Sociology	Spr '22, Aut '21, Sum '21, Spr '21, Sum '20, Win '20, Win '19
SOC 403 Sociology in Practice	Aut '20, Spr '20, Aut '19, Spr '19, Aut '18, Spr '18
SOC 316 Sociology Theory	Sum '22, Sum '19
SOC 497 Sociology Honors Program	Win '22, Win '21
SOC 404 Civic Internship Practicum	Spr '17, Win '17
SOC 374 Law and Society	Sum '18
SOC 110 Survey of Sociology	Sum '17

### *As a Teaching Assistant*

SOC 110 Survey of Sociology	Dr. Susan Pitchford	Aut '15, Aut '14
SOC 110 Survey of Sociology	Dr. Sara Tomeczuk	Aut '17
SOC 221 Statistical Concepts and Methods for The Social Sciences	Dr. Kyle Crowder	Spr '16
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory	Dr. Edgar Kiser	Aut '16,
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory	Dr. Steven Pfaff	Win '16, Win '15
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory	Dr. Sarah Quinn	Spr '15

### *As a Mentor*

Fall 2021	Served as the Sociology Department Lead Teaching Assistant
Winter 2021	Advised Diego Moss' Independent Undergraduate Research
Spring 2020	Advised Hanna Song's Independent Undergraduate Research
2018-2019	Advised Kyndal Arkley's Undergraduate Honors Thesis

## Service

### *Department*

Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2019 – Winter 2020  
Social committee Social Committee, UW Sociology GSA, Fall 2014 to Spring 2017  
Liaison to the graduate program coordinator  
Graduate student coordinator for the department seminar

### *Article reviews*

*The Journal of Economic History*  
*Environmental Research Letters*

## Technical Skills

R language	Proficient in 'tidyverse' packages (dplyr, tidyr, ggplot2, lubridate, stringr, forcats, broom, purrr), various modeling packages (lme4, survey, survival, rstan, ggeffects), spatial data (tigris, areal, tidygeocoder, sf), data packages (gssr, tidycensus), data presentation (plotly, sjPlot, flextable, gt, patchwork), webpage/article creation (Rmarkdown, markdown, Shiny, distill, Quarto), text analysis (tidytext, stm, topicmodels), imputation (mice, amelia), and version control, project management, and reproducible research with GitHub
Other software	Stata, SPSS, Excel, SQL
Statistics	Linear, logistic, multivariate, multilevel/mixed effects, Bayesian, time series, panel data, event history analysis, survey data analysis, sentiment analysis, structural topic models
Data sets	General Social Survey, American National Election Study, Cooperative Congressional Election Study, Comparative Politics Dataset, Polity IV Dataset, Comparative Welfare Dataset, U.S. Census decennial data and American Community Survey, Voter Study Group Nationscape Survey, World Values Survey, European Social Survey, Quality of Government Dataset, Penn World Tables, OECD Data, Database on Policy Instruments for the Environment, election data (from state-level down to precincts)
Other experience	Survey design, ethnographic interviews, undergraduate research management

## References

Edgar Kiser	Professor Emeritus of Sociology, UW (committee member)	kiser@uw.edu
Sarah Quinn	Professor of Sociology, UW (committee member)	slquinn@uw.edu
Steven Pfaff	Professor of Sociology, UW (committee member)	pfaff@uw.edu
Jerald Herting	Professor of Sociology and director of the Center for Social Science and Computational Research, UW	herting@uw.edu
Sara Curran	Professor of Sociology and director of the Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology, UW	scurran@uw.edu

## Affiliations and Memberships

Fall 2020 - Present	Climate Social Science Network
Winter 2019 - Present	Scholars Strategy Network
Fall 2016 - Present	American Sociological Association
Fall 2016 – Present	Carbon Tax Problem Solving Working Group, Comparative Historical Section of the American Sociological Association
Spring 2016 – Present	UW Center for Environmental Politics, Graduate Fellow
Fall 2015 to Spring 2016	Center for the Studies in Demography and Ecology Seminar
Fall 2014 to Spring 2016	Contexts Working Group, UW Sociology