

Steven M. Karceski

Curriculum Vitae

Department of Sociology
University of Washington
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Education

PhD in Sociology, University of Washington, Ongoing
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.

MA in Sociology, University of Washington, 2017
Committee: Edgar Kiser (chair) and Steven Pfaff

BA in Business and Economics, North Park University, 2009
Concentration in Economics
Magna Cum Laude

Research Interests

Political Economy, Political Sociology, Environmental Politics, Fiscal Sociology

Publications

Karceski, Steven M., and Edgar Kiser. 2021. "Taxation and the Quality of Government." in *The Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government*, edited by B. Rothstein. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Karceski, Steven M. Forthcoming. "Efforts to Tax Carbon in Washington State." in *Contesting Carbon*, edited by W. G. Holt. Routledge.

Karceski, Steven M., Nives Dolšak, Aseem Prakash, and Travis N. Ridout. 2020. "Did TV Ads Funded by Fossil Fuel Industry Defeat the Washington Carbon Tax?" *Climatic Change* 158(3):301–7.

Karceski, Steven M., and Edgar Kiser. 2020. "Is There a Limit to the Size of the State? The Scope Conditions of Wagner's Law." *Journal of Institutional Economics* 16(2):217–32.

Kiser, Edgar, and **Steven M. Karceski**. 2018. "Emerging Trends in the Political Economy of Taxation." *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* 1–13.

Kiser, Edgar, and **Steven M. Karceski**. 2017. "Political Economy of Taxation." *Annual Review of Political Science* 20(1):75–92.

Sass, Victoria, Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, **Steven M. Karceski**, Anjum Hajat, Kyle Crowder, and David Takeuchi. 2017. "The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress." *Health & Place* 48:72–79.

Work in Progress

Karceski, Steven M. "Searching for the Center: an exploration into centrism and moderation in American politics." Chapter from dissertation. Under review.

Karceski, Steven M. and Kivan Polimis. "Text analysis on discussions of political centrism in the media."

Karceski, Steven M. "Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation." Manuscript in progress. Presenting this research at the Social Science History Association conference in the fall.

Kiser, Edgar and Steven M. Karceski. Tax Evasion and Austerity in Southern Europe, an investigation into the connection between corruption/tax evasion and raising tax rates in the context of austerity measures among Southern European countries.

Kiser, Edgar and Steven M. Karceski. A continuation of our investigation into the limits to the size of the state.

Kiser, Edgar and Steven M. Karceski. A comparative exploration into the historical trends, determinants, and consequences of wealth and inheritance taxation.

Kiser, Edgar and Steven M. Karceski. The impact of fiscal deficits and public debt on trust in Japan.

Kiser, Edgar and Steven M. Karceski. A comparative study of state expenditures in sub-Saharan African states.

Presentations

Duck Family Graduate Workshop, "Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation," University of Washington Center for Environmental Politics, May 2017

Duck Family Graduate Workshop, Discussant for Panel on Environmental Regulation, University of Washington Center for Environmental Politics, May 2018

SocSem Presentation, "Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation," April 2019

SocSem Presentation, "Searching for the Center; an inductive approach to understanding political centrism," October 2019

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, "Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation," presented in the Political Sociology roundtable during the August 2020 meeting

Invited to serve on a panel on carbon pricing at the Social Science History Association in Washington, D.C. in November 2021.

Media Coverage

"Read my lips: No new (carbon) tax." November 13, 2018. With Aseem Prakash and Nives Dolsak. *The Hill*. <https://thehill.com/opinion/energy-environment/416540-read-my-lips-no-new-carbon-tax>

"Lessons for Washington from a carbon-tax autopsy." November 27, 2018. With Aseem Prakash and Nives Dolsak. *Crosscut*. <https://crosscut.com/2018/11/lessons-washington-carbon-tax-autopsy>

"How Do We Talk Effectively About Climate Change in Washington?" December 13, 2018. Episode 92 of the *Washington State Indivisible Podcast*. <https://soundcloud.com/wsip/92-how-to-talk-effectively-about-climate-change-in-washington>

Teaching

As an Instructor:

SOC 456 Political Sociology (4)
SOC 497 Sociology Honors Program Winter Course (1)
SOC 403 Sociology in Practice: Applied Community Research Program (6)
SOC 404 Sociology in Practice: Community/Civic Internship Program (2)
SOC 316 Sociological Theory (1)
SOC 374 Law and Society (1)
SOC 399 Undergraduate Internship (as supervisor) (4)
SOC 110 A Survey into Sociology (1)

As a Mentor:

Advised Kyndal Arkley's Undergraduate Honors Thesis (2018-2019)
Advised Hanna Song's Undergraduate Research (Spring 2020)
Advised Diego Moss' Undergraduate Research (Winter 2021)

As a Teaching Assistant:

SOC 110 Survey of Sociology with Dr. Susan Pitchford and with Sara Tomczuk
SOC 221 Statistical Concepts and Methods for The Social Sciences with Dr. Kyle Crowder
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory with Dr. Steven Pfaff
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory with Dr. Sarah Quinn
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory with Dr. Edgar Kiser

As a Consultant:

Center for Social Science Computation and Research, Fall 2021 - present

Affiliations and Memberships

Contexts Working Group, University of Washington Department of Sociology, Fall 2014 to Spring 2016
Graduate Student Research Symposium, University of Washington Department of Sociology, April 2015
Scholars Working Group, University of Washington Department of Sociology, Fall 2016 – Present
Carbon Tax Problem Solving Working Group, Comparative Historical Chapter of the American Sociological Association Fall 2016 – Present
SCOPES Seminar, University of Washington Department of Sociology, Fall 2014 to Spring 2016
Deviance Seminar, University of Washington Department of Sociology, Fall 2014 to 2016
Center for the Studies in Demography and Ecology Seminar, Fall 2015 to Spring 2016
Center for Environmental Politics, Graduate Fellow, University of Washington, Spring 2016 – Present
Social Committee, UW Sociology GSA, Fall 2014 to Spring 2017
Graduate Program Committee, Graduate Student Representative, UW Sociology GSA, Fall 2017 – 2018
Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
Scholars Strategy Network, Winter 2019 – Present

Climate Social Science Network, Fall 2020 - Present

Grants and Fellowships

Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Labor Research Grant, Fall 2015

Scholars Strategy Network, Graduate Fellow, Fall 2018-Summer 2019

Honors

Nominated for the university-wide Excellence in Teaching Award in 2019

Passed comprehensive exams 'With Distinction' 2019

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor 2020-2021 (UW Department of Sociology)

Reviews

The Journal of Economic History

Environmental Research Letters

American Journal of Sociology

Journal of Institutional Economics