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### Employment:

August 2020 to present: Postdoctoral Research Fellow  
Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

### Education:

2020: Ph.D., Sociology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL  
Dissertation Title:  
“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of State-Level Climate and Renewable Energy Policies”  
Dissertation Committee:  
Monica Prasad and Anthony S. Chen (Co-Chairs), Brayden G. King, Barry G. Rabe, and Heather Schoenfeld

2017: M.A., Sociology  
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

2012: B.A., *Summa Cum Laude*, Sociology and Political Science  
Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

### Refereed Journal Articles:

**Joshua A. Basseches** (2019). “‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors:’ Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.” *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 24(3).

**Joshua A. Basseches**, Kaitlyn Rubinstein, and Sarah Kulaga (Forthcoming). “Coalitions that Clash: California’s Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality.” *Research in Political Sociology* 28.

### Book Chapters:

**Joshua A. Basseches** (Forthcoming). “California Cap-and-Trade: History, Design, Effectiveness,” in *Contesting Carbon*, William G. Holt (editor). Routledge.

### Book Reviews:

**Joshua A. Basseches** (Forthcoming). Review of Emine Fidan Elcioglu, *Divided by The Wall: Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border* (University of California Press, 2020) in *Contemporary Sociology*.

### **Manuscripts in Preparation:**

**Joshua A. Basseches** and Brayden G. King. “Power to the People? How Private Interest Groups Reinforce Political Inequality.” *Under Review*.

**Joshua A. Basseches**. “Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies.” *In Preparation for Submission*.

### **Research Grants:**

Summer 2019: **Small Research Grant for Problem-Solving Sociology (\$1,000)**  
Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop, Northwestern University

Summer 2018: **William A. Steiger Fund for Legislative Studies (\$2,500)**  
Centennial Center Grant, American Political Science Association

Spring 2017: **Graduate Research Grant (\$3,000)**  
The Graduate School, Northwestern University

Spring 2017: **Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Grant (\$1,000)**  
Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University

Fall 2015: **Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant (\$1,500)**  
Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University

Fall 2015: **Alumni Funds for Second Year Paper Research (\$400)**  
Sociology Department, Northwestern University

Spring 2011: **“Jane’s Travel Grant” for Research in Latin America (\$1,600)**  
Latin American and Latino Studies Program, Brandeis University

Spring 2011: **“Undergraduate Research Project” Grant (\$1,000)**  
Office of Academic Fellowships, Brandeis University

### **Academic Awards:**

Fall 2019: **Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Lecturer, Sociology Department, Northwestern University (\$500)**

Winter 2019: **Sociology Department Nominee, Presidential Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University**

Spring 2012: **Doris Brewer Cohen Endowment Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Thesis (\$2,500)**

- University-wide award given annually for best undergraduate honors thesis in the social sciences and humanities

Title: *“Fault Lines” of Student Activist Communities: A Comparative Study of Buenos Aires and Brandeis* (Advisor: David Cunningham)

Spring 2012:

**Irving K. Zola Prize for Excellence in Sociology (\$100)**

- Departmental award given annually to one graduating senior who has demonstrated “Outstanding intellectual and academic achievements in sociology”

**Invited Talks:**

“Whither American Climate Policy? Lessons from the Trump Presidency and State Policy Engagement.”

- December 2020: Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan

“Legislative Institutions and Political Inequality” - Guest Lecture

- March 2020: “Institutions and Society,” Prof. Jean Clipperton, Northwestern University

“Climate Change: Why Should You Care?” - Panelist

- January 2020: Residential College Board, Northwestern University

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.”

- May 2019: Young Scholars Conference, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN

Early Draft of Dissertation Prospectus

- June 2017: The Tobin Project’s Prospectus Development Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

“‘It Happened Behind Closed Doors:’ Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.”

- May 2017: “Law in Motion” Conference, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Informal Mechanisms for Legislative Control”

- April 2017: Law and Democracy Graduate Student Conference, Brown Legal Studies Program, Brown University, Providence, RI

**Conference and Workshop Presentations:**

“Who Pays for Environmental Policy? Private Actors and the Design of State-Level Climate Policies.”

- January 2021: Social Movements/Political Sociology Workshop, University of Michigan Sociology Department, Ann Arbor, MI

“Coalitions that Clash: California’s Climate Leadership and the Perpetuation of Environmental Inequality.” First Author, with Kaitlyn Rubinstein and Sarah M. Kulaga.

- May 2020: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Private Power in the U.S. States: Business Interests and the Design of Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Policies.” [Various Drafts]

- August 2020: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (Held Virtually, Due to COVID-19)
- January 2020: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2019: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2019: Political Sociology Mini-Conference, New York, NY
- April 2019: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Power to the People? Theorizing the Challenges to Social Movement Influence in the Legislative Process,” with Brayden G. King [Various Drafts]

- April 2019: Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2018: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA
- May 2017: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- May 2017: First Annual *Mobilization* Conference, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA

“The Devil Is in the Details: Accounting for Variation in the Quality of State-Level Climate Policy”

- June 2018: State Politics and Policy Conference, American Political Science Association (APSA), Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

“It Happened Behind Closed Doors: Legislative Buffering as an Informal Mechanism of Political Mediation.” [Various Drafts]

- February 2017: Comparative Historical Social Science (CHSS) Workshop, Buffett Institute for Global Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- November 2016: Social Science History Association (SSHA) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- August 2016: American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- March 2016: Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL
- February 2016: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

“Environmental Policymaking in Massachusetts”

- April 2015: Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL

### **Other Writings:**

- March 2, 2021: “The Key to Passing Climate Policy? Rein in (or win over) Utility Monopolies.” *Grist Magazine*.
- Dec. 17, 2020: “Conducting Research ‘Behind Closed Doors.’” *States, Power and Societies* (ASA Political Sociology Section Newsletter).

- Jan. 4, 2020: “David Pettinicchio’s Book Illustrates the Interplay between Activists and Institutional Actors.” *Mobilizing Ideas* Blog.
- Dec. 7, 2018: “How Investor-Owned Utilities Can Be Induced to Support Reforms to Mitigate Climate Change.” *Scholars Strategy Network*.

**Other Research Experience:**

- Winter 2018: Visiting Scholar Researching Oregon Climate Policy, Willamette University
- 2016-2018: Research Assistant for Prof. Heather Schoenfeld (Legal Studies and Human Development/Social Policy)’s Project on Incarceration Policy in the U.S. States
- 2016-present: Carbon Tax Working Group Member, Comparative-Historical Section of the American Sociological Association
- 2015-2016: Research Assistant for Prof. Anthony S. Chen (Sociology and Political Science)’s Project on Business-Government Relations

**Media Mentions:**

- March 2, 2021: *Grist Magazine* published my opinion on the political power of investor-owned utilities.
- July 18, 2020: “100% Renewable Is What’s Needed for Massachusetts.” *Environment Massachusetts Blog*.

**Teaching Experience:**

- Spring 2019: **Instructor, “Activism and Lawmaking in the U.S.” (SOC 392/LEGAL ST 376)**  
 New/Original Course Offering  
Student Evaluation Data Highlights:  
 Avg. Overall Course Rating: **5.3/6** (71% participation rate)  
 Avg. Rating for Quality of Instruction: **5.9/6** (71% participation rate)
- Winter 2020: **Teaching Assistant, “Law and Society” (SOC/LEGAL ST 206)**  
 Prof. Meghan Dawe  
 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Spring 2016: **Teaching Assistant, “Social Problems” (SOC 202)**  
 Prof. Karrie Snyder  
 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Fall 2014: **Teaching Assistant, “Introduction to Sociology” (SOC 110)**  
 Prof. Anthony S. Chen  
 Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

## **University & Departmental Service [Northwestern University]:**

- 2016-2020: **Graduate Affiliate, Public Affairs Residential College, Northwestern University**
- 2015-2019: **Sociology Department Undergraduate Affairs Committee**
- 2016-2019: **Student Co-Coordinator, Social Movements/Enterprise Workshop** (Faculty Organizer: Brayden G. King)
- 2016-2019: **Student Coordinator, Problem-Solving Sociology Workshop** (Faculty Organizer: Monica Prasad)
- 2016-2018: **Sociology Graduate Student Association First-year Mentorship Committee**
- Fall 2016: **Student Co-Coordinator, Sociology Departmental Salon**

## **Professional Affiliations & Activities:**

- 2020-present: **Co-Chair, U.S. State Politics Working Group, Climate Social Science Network**
- 2019-present: **Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas Blog*, Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame**
- 2018-present: **Member, Scholars Strategy Network**

### **American Sociological Association**

Section Memberships:

Political Sociology; Environmental Sociology; Collective Behavior & Social Movements; Comparative-Historical Sociology; Sociology of Law

### **American Political Science Association**

Section Memberships:

State Politics & Policy; Science, Technology & Environmental Politics

### **Social Science History Association**

### **Midwest Sociological Society**

### **Midwest Political Science Association**

**Periodic Reviewer For:** *American Sociological Review, Energy Research and Social Science, Social Forces, Social Problems, Contemporary Sociology, Sociological Perspectives, The Sociological Quarterly*

**Foreign Languages:** Spanish

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