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Academic Appointments

2025- Assistant Professor of Sociology, Baylor University
Beginning AY 2025-26

Education

2025 PhD, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Minor: Interdisciplinary Qualitative Methods
Dissertation: "Class Keeping: Cross-Class Collaboration in Elite Reproduction"
Chair: Mustafa Emirbayer

2016 MA, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology

2011 BA, Sociology and German Studies, Macalester College

Publications

Journal Articles

2024 **Taylor Laemmli.** "Class Experience Mobility through Consumption, Work, and Relationships." *Sociological Theory* 42(3):231-255.

*Shils-Coleman Award for Best Student Paper, ASA Section on Theory, 2024

*Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Student Paper, ASA Section on Culture, 2024

*Robert D. Mare Graduate Paper Award – Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility, 2024

*Best Student Paper Award - Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Consumers and Consumption, 2023

2024 **Taylor Laemmli.** "Classed Burdens: Accessing Unemployment Insurance during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Sociological Science* 11:114-137.

2023 **Taylor Laemmli.** "Workers and Their Foes: Customer Scapegoats in the Service Triad." *Socius* 9.

*Harry Braverman Award for best graduate student paper, SSSP Labor Studies Division, 2022

- 2022 **Taylor Laemmli**, Eric Grodsky, and Lyn C. Macgregor. "Going Places: First-Generation College Students Framing Higher Education." *Sociological Forum* 37(4):972-994.

Book Manuscripts in Preparation

Taylor Laemmli. *Borrowing Class*. Invited by the University of Chicago Press. I'm working directly with editors at Chicago to prepare and revise a full manuscript for review.

Taylor Laemmli. *Class Keeping*. I am currently finalizing a manuscript for submission to university presses.

Taylor Laemmli and Mustafa Emirbayer. *The Sociology of Makeup*. We are finalizing a book proposal to be submitted to NYU Press (along with our preface, introduction, and a chapter on makeup at work) in Spring 2025.

Articles in Preparation

Taylor Laemmli. "Class Keeping: The Role of Cross-Class Collaboration in Elite Reproduction." (To be submitted to the *American Journal of Sociology* in October 2024)

Taylor Laemmli. "Habitus Complementarity: How Elites Depend on Middle-Class Sensibilities."

Taylor Laemmli. "The Sociology of Codependency."

Reports

- 2020 H. Rose Miesner, Chiara Packard, **Taylor Laemmli**, and Lyn Macgregor. "Report for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction: Practitioners' Recommendations to Improve the Academic Success of Economically Disadvantaged Students." Working Paper No. 2020-13, Wisconsin Center for Education Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison: Madison, Wisconsin.
- 2016 J. Revel Sims, Ian Aley, Lexa Dundore, **Taylor Laemmli**, Sheila Long, Emily Lutz, and Ruanda McFerren. "Evicted in Dane County, Wisconsin: A Collaborative Examination of the Housing Landscape." Report, University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of Urban and Regional Planning: Madison, Wisconsin.

Awards, Honors, and Grants

- 2024 Richard A Peterson Award for Best Student Paper, Sociology of Culture Section of the American Sociological Association. "Class Experience Mobility through Consumption, Work, and Relationships."

- 2024 Shils-Coleman Award for Best Student Paper, Theory Section of the American Sociological Association. "Class Experience Mobility through Consumption, Work, and Relationships."
- 2024 Robert D. Mare Graduate Paper Award - Honorable Mention, Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section of the American Sociological Association. "Class Experience Mobility through Consumption, Work, and Relationships."
- 2023 Best Student Paper Award - Honorable Mention, Consumers and Consumption Section of the American Sociological Association. "Class Experience Mobility through Consumption, Work, and Relationships."
- 2023 Conference Presentation Award, University of Wisconsin-Madison Student Research Grants Competition.
- 2023 Winner and Departmental Nominee for Teaching Mentors Program, College of Letters and Science, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2022 Harry Braverman Award for best graduate student paper, Society for the Study of Social Problems Labor Division. "Workers and Their Foes: Low-Autonomy Precarious Work in the Service Triad."
- 2022 Travel Grant, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2022 Departmental Nominee for the Dana-Allen Dissertation Fellowship
- 2021-22 Inaugural Teaching Fellow, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Sociology
- 2019-21 Graduate Research Fellow (GRF), Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020 GRF Research Grant Summer
- 2019-20 Departmental Small Grant, Summer 2020, Summer 2019, Summer 2020
- 2011 Berry-Rinder-Swain Prize, Macalester College, for academic excellence and positive contributions to the life of the department

Professional Research Experience

- 2023-24 Research assistant to Mustafa Emirbayer, John Dewey Professor of Sociology and Social Thought, University of Wisconsin-Madison (June-July 2023, February 2024, August 2024). Assisted with revision of new edition of *Race in America* (Desmond and Emirbayer, Norton).
- 2020 Project assistant to Eric Grodsky, Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Analyzed and wrote report on teachers' and principals' qualitative survey responses.

- 2018-19 Research assistant to Alice Goffman, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Secondary research collection + editorial assistance on a book project.
- 2014-15 Project assistant to Eric Grodsky, Professor of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Designed and completed part of an NSF-funded project on “first-generation college student pathways.” Contacted and interviewed first-generation college students, analyzed data, and published a journal article based on this research.

Conference Presentations

- 2023 “Class Experience Mobility through Consumption, Work, and Relationships,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August.
- 2023 “Class Keeping: Helping Elites Meet Rising Standards and Raising the Bar,” Eastern Sociological Association annual meeting, Baltimore, MD, February.
- 2022 “Class Keeping: How Privileged Non-Elites Produce Elite Lifestyles,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August.
- 2022 “Workers and Their Foes: Precarity in the Service Triad,” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August.
- 2022 “‘We’ve Still Got Rent to Pay’: Service Workers’ Classed Experiences of Unemployment Benefits During the COVID-19 Pandemic,” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August.
- 2020 “Class Laundering: Work, Consumption, and Elite Perks in Nightlife,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, August.
- 2019 “Servers and Their Foes: Precarity and the Service Triangle,” Emotions and Work Mini Conference, Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, MA. March.
- 2018 “Restaurant Workers and Their Foes: A Reconsideration of the Customer in Service Work,” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August.
- 2017 “Taking Place into Account: First Generation College Students’ Experiences at Public Institutions,” Class and Culture Mini Conference, Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting. Baltimore, MD. February.
- 2016 “A Server One Moment, a Customer the Next: The Fluid Boundaries of the New Service Economy,” Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL. April.
- 2011 “‘Getting Educated’: Working Class and First-Generation Students and the Extra-Curriculum,” Midwest Sociological Society annual meeting. St. Louis, MO. March.

Campus Presentations

- 2024 “Class Keeping: Elites and Professionals Intertwined,” Qualitative Methods Brownbag, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. October.
- 2019 “Class Laundering: Perks and the Lifestyle Wage,” Qualitative Methods Brownbag, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. April.
- 2019 “A Champagne Lifestyle on a Beer Budget: Class Laundering in Las Vegas Nightlife,” Macalester College. St. Paul, MN. November.
- 2016 “Taking Place into Account: First Generation College Students’ Experiences at Public Institutions.” Social Psychology and Microsociology Brownbag, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. February.
- 2016 “Crossing Boundaries in the Service Industry.” Social Psychology and Microsociology Brownbag, Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison. Madison, WI. November.
- 2016 Guest speaker on class, higher education, and service work to “Class Cultures and Identities” class, Sociology, Macalester College. St. Paul, MN. September.

Teaching and Mentoring

Instructor of Record

Social Stratification, Fall 2025 (planned)

The Sociological Enterprise. Fall 2019, Spring 2020.
(Large-format lecture, introduction to sociology)

Ethnography. Fall 2016
(Undergraduate seminar)

Additional Prepared Courses

Introduction to Sociology, Sociology of Elites, Sociological Theory

Mentoring/Independent Studies

Inaugural “Instructional Peer Mentor,” Spring 2023 and Fall 2023.
Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison (helmed and created a new TA mentoring program; mentored and observed 14 new TAs).

College of Letters and Science Teaching Mentor 2023

The Impact of COVID-19 on Service and Arts Workers. Undergraduate research opportunity instructor/mentor. Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2022

Guest Lecturer/Instructor

The Sociological Enterprise (Honors), Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Social Psychology, Fall 2023

Social Psychology, Spring 2023

Sociology of Gender, Spring 2022

Teaching Assistant

Communicating about Careers, Spring 2024, Fall 2024

Internship in the Liberal Arts and Sciences, Summer 2024

Social Psychology, Spring 2023, Fall 2024

Sociology of Gender, Spring 2022

Human Sexuality: Sociological and Psychological Issues. Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021

Methods of Sociological Inquiry. Fall 2017

Survey of Sociology. Spring 2017

Sociology of Marriage and Family. Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Spring 2019

Additional Training

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| 2023 | “Fostering Student Engagement in the Classroom,” ASA webinar, October. |
| 2023 | Research Mentor Training Seminar, mentoring seminar through the Delta Program in Research, Teaching and Learning at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Spring. |
| 2022 | Society for the Study of Social Problems, Media Workshop, October. |
| 2020 | “Tools for Teaching Online,” teaching workshop to help with the transition to online teaching during COVID-19, put on by the Social Science Computing Cooperative at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, March. |

- 2019 “Becoming a Better College Teacher,” teaching workshop at University of Wisconsin-Madison, Fall.
- 2017 “Writing Across the Curriculum,” workshop on intensive writing instruction, Spring.
- 2014 Diversity Training Class, Sociology Department/Department of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, University of Wisconsin Madison, Spring.
- 2013 College of Letters and Science Teaching Assistant Training, University of Wisconsin Madison, Fall.
- 2013 Department of Sociology Teaching Assistant/Lecturer Training, University of Wisconsin Madison, Fall.

Service and Participation in University Life

- 2024-25 Membership Committee, ASA Section on Consumers and Consumption
- 2024-25 Committee Member - Peterson Award (Best Graduate Student Paper), ASA Section on Culture
- 2024 Presenter, Success Works Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Wisconsin-Madison, August
- 2023 Participant, ASA Section on Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Mentoring Program,
- 2022 Presenter, New Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology, Fall
- 2022 Participant, University of Wisconsin-Madison Writing Center Graduate Writing Group, Fall
- 2022-25 Participant, ASA Section on Consumers and Consumption Mentoring Program
- 2022 Invited Moderator, Chicago Ethnography Conference, Spring
- 2021 Presenter on “Impression Management in the Classroom,” New Teaching Assistant Workshop, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology, Fall
- 2021 Presenter, New Teaching Assistant Orientation, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology, Fall
- 2021 Presenter on Fieldwork, Graduate Student Proseminar, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology, Fall
- 2019-20 Graduate Program Committee member, University of Wisconsin-Madison Sociology

2017 Ad Hoc Committee for the Preliminary Exam, Sociology Graduate Student Association. Fall

2013, 16 Participant/Mentor, Peer Mentorship Program, Department of Sociology

Occasional Reviewer

American Sociological Review, Sociological Quarterly, American Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, Social Forces

Professional Affiliations

American Sociological Association, Eastern Sociological Society, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Wisconsin Collective for Ethnographic Research (Graduate Fellow)