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Curriculum Vitae

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**Professional Appointments**

2020 – Present Assistant Professor of Teaching, T. Denny School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University

**Education**

2020 Ph.D, Sociology, University of Arizona

*Title:* “Up Against an (imaginary) Wall? Economic Insecurity and the White Working-Class

in Contemporary America."

*Committee:* Lane Kenworthy and Joseph Galaskiewicz, Erin Leahey, and Jennifer Carlson

2012 M.A., Sociology, University of Arizona

*Title*: “Nexus Wars: The Political Struggle for E-Commerce Tax Policy.”

*Committee*: Lane Kenworthy, Charles Ragin, and Jane Zavisca

2009 B.A., Sociology, University of Arizona

**Research and Teaching Interests**

Inequality, Political Sociology, Health, Medical Sociology, Crime & Punishment

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

**Eric Bjorklund**. 2023. “The Needle and the Damage Done: Deaths of Despair, Economic Precarity, and the White Working-Class.” Social Science & Medicine 333: 116153.

Andrew P. Davis, Michael Gibson-Light, **Eric Bjorklund** and Teron Nunley. 2022. “Institutional Arrangements and Power Threat: Diversity, Democracy, and Punitive Attitudes.” *Justice Quarterly* 39(7):1545-1564.

Terrence D. Hill, Ginny Garcia-Alexander, Andrew P. Davis, **Eric Bjorklund**, Luis A. Vila-Henninger, William C. Cockerham. 2022. “Political Ideology and Pandemic Lifestyles: The Indirect Effects of Empathy, Authoritarianism, and Threat” *Discover Social Science and Health* 2(1):1-18.

Kelsey E. Gonzalez, Rina James, **Eric Bjorklund**, and Terrence D. Hill. 2021. "Conservatism and infrequent mask usage: A study of US counties during the novel coronavirus (COVID‐19) pandemic." *Social Science Quarterly* 102(5): 2368-2382.

**Eric Bjorklund**. 2019 “Out of Many, One? U.S. State-Level Political-Economies in the Welfare Reform Era.” *Socio-Economic Review* 17(4): 851-873.

Kathryn Freeman Anderson, **Eric Bjorklund**, and Simone Rambotti. 2018. “Income Inequality and Chronic Health Conditions: A Multilevel Analysis of the U.S. States.” *Sociological Focus* 52(1):65-85.

**Eric Bjorklund**, Andrew P. Davis, and Jessica A. Pfaffendorf. 2018. “Urine or You’re Out: Racialized Economic Threat and the Determinants of Welfare Drug Testing Policy in the United States, 2009-2015.” *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(3):407-423.

**Eric Bjorklund**. 2017. “Just One Click Away: The Political Struggle for E-commerce Tax Policy.” *Sociological Inquiry* 87(1):97-123.

**Eric Bjorklund**, Julia Grace Smith, Lane Kenworthy, and Cynthia Zwick. 2014. “Access to Resources/Finances” Pp. 8-19 in the *2014 Arizona Town Hall Report, Vulnerable Populations*.

**Additional Publications**

**Eric Bjorklund** and Ronald Breiger. 2020. “Social Stratification and Economy:

Class, Power and Status Factors in Economic Actions and Processes.” Pps. 90-107 in *A Modern Guide to Economic Sociology*, edited by Milan Zafirovski and Jens Beckert. United Kingdom: Edward Elgar Publishing.

**Eric Bjorklund**, Julia Grace Smith, Lane Kenworthy, and Cynthia Zwick. 2014. “Access to Resources/Finances” Pp. 8-19 in the *2014 Arizona Town Hall Report, Vulnerable Populations*.

**Select Presentations**

2022 **Eric Bjorklund**. “Forget 911, I Dial .357:” Racial Threat, Status Decline, and White Reactionary Politics.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA, August 5-9.

2018 **Eric Bjorklund**. “Home Cookin’: A Network Analysis of Hard Bop Jazz.”

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, August 11-14.

2016 **Eric Bjorklund**, Andrew P. Davis, and Jessica A. Pfaffendorf. “Urine or You’re Out: The Determinants of State-Level Drug Testing Requirements for Welfare Applicants, 2009-2015.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA, August 20-23.

2015 **Eric Bjorklund** and Kyle Puetz. “Up with a Twist: The Sociological Foundations and Consequences of the ‘Cocktail Revival.’” Southern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 25-28.

2014 Kathryn Freeman Anderson, **Eric Bjorklund**, and Simone Rambotti. “The Material Level: Disentangling the Association between Income Inequality, Poverty, Welfare Policy and Health Outcomes in the U.S.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 16-19.

2012 **Eric Bjorklund**. “Nexus Wars: The Political Struggle for E-Commerce Tax Policy.” Critical Tax Policy Workshop sponsored by the University of Washington School of Law and the Simpson Center for the Humanities. Seattle, WA. September 14-15.

**Teaching (Teaching Evaluations Available Upon Request)**

Instructor of record, Arizona State University

*Courses taught:*

“Social Inequality”

“Technology & Society”

“Culture, Power, & Music”

“Modern Social Problems”

“Introduction to Sociology”

Instructor of record, University of Arizona

*Courses taught:*

“Social Research Methods/Statistics”

“Sociology of Music”

“Social Inequality”

“Political Sociology”

“Introduction to Sociology”

“Social Problems in the United States”

“The Good Society”

“Ethnic Relations in the United States”

*Awards:* William K. Bunis Graduate Student Instructor Award, 2016

Instructor of record, Pima Community College

*Courses taught:*

“Introduction to Sociology”

“Race & Ethnicity”

**Research Positions**

2015/2017 Research assistant for Joseph Galaskiewicz “Community Organizational Resources and Children’s Well-Being,” Funded by the National Science Foundation.

2013/2014 Arizona Town Hall Report. Co-members with Lane Kenworthy and Julia Smith

**Grants & Fellowships**

2019 Graduate and Professional Student Council Research Grant ($2,000)

2016 Graduate and Professional Student Council Research Grant ($2,000)

2015 Student Faculty Interaction (SFI) Grant

**Professional Service and Memberships**

**Service—**

Inclusive Climate Committee, ASU sociology, Fall 2022

Undergraduate Studies Committee, ASU sociology, Fall 2021

School of Sociology Graduate Student Association co-chair (elected), 2015-2016

Graduate representative, undergraduate studies committee (elected), 2013-2014

Student coordinator, University of Arizona inequality workshop, 2014-2016

Anonymous reviewer for *American Sociological Review*, *Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Focus, Policy and Internet,* and *Research in Political Sociology*

**Memberships—**

American Sociological Association (Sections on Political Sociology and Inequality, Poverty and Mobility)

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society

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