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APPOINTMENTS

2023-present	Assistant Professor University of Louisville Department of Sociology
2019-2023	Postdoctoral Fellow University of California Los Angeles Institute for Society and Genetics

EDUCATION

2019 PhD	University of Southern California. Sociology
2013 MA	University of Southern California Sociology
2007 BA	University of Texas at Austin Sociology
2007 BS	University of Texas at Austin Radio-Television-Film

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and Ethnicity, Medical Sociology, Science & Technology Studies, Theory, Cultural Sociology, Political Sociology, Social Movements, Economic Sociology, Qualitative Methods.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Iturriaga, Nicole, Aaron Panofsky, and Kushan Dasgupta. Online first. "Feminist Retroviruses to White Sharia: Gender 'Science Fan Fiction' on 4Chan." *Public Understanding of Science*. doi: 10.1177/09636625241228160.

Dasgupta, Kushan, Nicole Iturriaga, and Aaron Panofsky. Online first. "Beyond Biological Essentialism: White Nationalism, Health Disparities Data, and the Cultivation of Lay Agnotology." *Social Problems*. doi: 10.1093/socpro/spad007.

Dasgupta, Kushan, Aaron Panofsky, and Nicole Iturriaga. 2022. "Making Race Science the 'Civil' Science: Charisma in the Race and Intelligence Debates." *Theory and Society*. 51:595-627.

Panofsky, Aaron, Kushan Dasgupta, and Nicole Iturriaga. 2021. "How White Nationalists Mobilize Genetics: From Genetic Ancestry and Human Biodiversity to Counterscience and Metapolitics." *American Journal of Physical Anthropology*. 175(2):387-398.

Lichterman, Paul and Kushan Dasgupta. 2020. "From Culture to Claimsmaking." *Sociological Theory*. 38(3):236-262.

Dasgupta, Kushan. 2018. "Generosity and Compliance: Recruitment-work and the Pathways to Participation in Bone Marrow Donation." *Social Science & Medicine*. 206:86-92.

Dasgupta, Kushan and Paul Lichterman. 2016. "How a housing advocacy coalition adds health: A culture of claims-making." *Social Science & Medicine*. 165:255-62.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW & IN PROGRESS

Contact for more information.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2019-2023	Postdoctoral Fellow for Principal Investigator Aaron Panofsky. Project title: Appropriation, Adaptation, and Political Mobilization of Genomics Research by White Nationalists. Funded through NIH 5R21HG010258-02 and UCLA Initiative for the Study of Hate Large Project Grant.
2018	Research Assistant to Paul Lichterman. Assisted with manuscript preparation for <i>How Civic Action Works</i> .
2016	Research Assistant to Paul Lichterman. Project title: How discursive fields work: community advocates fight for housing and health. Funded through USC McClenahan Research Collaboration Grant.
2014-2015	Research Assistant to Paul Lichterman. Project title: How a housing advocacy coalition adds health: a culture of claims-making. Funded through Robert Wood Johnson Foundation ID#70980 – 029.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

External

2017-2018	John Randolph and Dora Haynes Foundation Haynes Lindley Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship
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Internal

2022-2023	UCLA Initiative to Study Hate, Large Project Grant.
2016	USC Department of Sociology Bessie McClenahan Research Collaboration Grant
2015-2016	USC Graduate School Endowed Fellowship
2014	USC Center for the Study of Immigrant Integration College 2020 Summer Research Award
2009-2014	USC Provost Fellowship

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"White Nationalists' and Extremists' Misuses of Genetics and Genomics on Digital Media." Invited Presentation at The Biology of Genomes. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. Long Island, NY. May 2023.

"Genetic Ancestry Testing in White Nationalist Conversation and Imagination." With Aaron Panofsky, Nicole Iturriaga, and Bernard Koch. Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 2022.

“Tunneling from Alternative Health to Alt-Right: Disinformation Ecosystems and Truth Cultures.” With Maxwell Grollman, Nicole Iturriaga, and Aaron Panofsky. Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA. August 2022.

“White Nationalist Trees in an Academic Forest: Does Anyone Hear Them?” With Bernard Koch, Aaron Panofsky, and Nicole Iturriaga. Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Online event due to COVID-19. August 2021

“Feminist Retroviruses to White Sharia: ‘Scientific’ Theorizing of Gender on 4Chan.” With Aaron Panofsky and Nicole Iturriaga. Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Online event due to COVID-19. August 2021.

“From Inegalitarian Science to Lay Agnotology: White Nationalist Appropriations of Health Disparities Research.” With Aaron Panofsky and Nicole Iturriaga. Roundtable paper at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Online event due to COVID-19. August 2021

“Citizen Scientific Racism.” With Aaron Panofsky and Nicole Iturriaga. Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Online event due to COVID-19. August 2020.

“Interpreting Economic Policymaking: The Role of Restaurants as Condensing Symbol.” Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, Quebec, Canada. August 2017.

“How Discursive Fields Work: Community Advocates Fight for Housing and Health,” with Paul Lichterman. Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 2016.

“Levels of Culture in Everyday Interaction.” Roundtable paper at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. August 2015.

“Boundary-drawing and Mapping: Towards a Concept of Cultural Architecture.” Roundtable paper at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

“Mapping Group Identity in Community-Based Labor Advocacy.” Presentation at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. New York, NY. August 2013.

“Managing Ambiguity: The Language of Community in a Race-Based Organization” Presentation at the Association for Asian American Studies Annual Conference. Seattle, WA. April 2013.

“Maps and Models: The Cultural Work of Community-Based Labor Advocacy.” Presentation at the Pacific Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Reno, NV. March 2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville

Instructor – Graduate Courses

Health, Medicine, and Society (2024)

Instructor – Undergraduate Courses

Medical Sociology (2023, 2024)

University of California-Los Angeles

Instructor – Graduate Courses

Qualitative Methods for Public Policy Research (2022)

Instructor – Undergraduate Courses

Science and Popular Movements (2020, 2021, 2022)

University of Southern CaliforniaInstructor – Graduate Courses

Advanced Qualitative Methods for Graduate Students (2021)

SERVICEProfession2016-present Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Politics and the Life Sciences*, and *Global Perspectives*.

2016-2018 Graduate Fellow. Scholars Strategy Network. Los Angeles Unified Chapter.

Conference Activity

2021 Presider. “Political Culture: Is Collective, Effective Political Will Possible?” Panel at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Online due to COVID-19.

2021 Presider. “Race, Racism, and Health.” Roundtable at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Online due to COVID-19.

2015 Organizer and Presider, with Paul Lichterman and Edson Rodriguez Cruz. “Levels of Culture in Everyday Interaction.” Roundtable at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2014 Organizer and Presider, with Paul Lichterman and Edson Rodriguez Cruz. “Levels of Culture in Everyday Interaction.” Roundtable at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Department and UniversityUniversity of Louisville

2023-2024 Policy Member, Department of Sociology Personnel Committee

University of California-Los Angeles

2020-2021 Advisor, Undergraduate Research Week Symposia Project with Miranda Le.

2020-2021 Member, UCLA Postdoctoral Association, Committee on Representation.

University of Southern California

2010-2011 Chair, Department of Sociology Symposium Planning Committee

2010-2011 Senator, Graduate and Professional Student Senate

2010-2011 President, Graduate Students in Sociology