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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, Political Sociology, Social Movements, Cultural Sociology, Economic Sociology, Qualitative Methods.

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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 information.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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| 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

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

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| 2022 | 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 – Undergraduate Courses

Medical Sociology (2023)

University of California-Los Angeles

Instructor – Graduate Courses

Qualitative Methods for Public Policy Research (2022)

Instructor – Undergraduate Courses

Science and Popular Movements (2020, 2021)

University of Southern California

Instructor – Graduate Courses

Advanced Qualitative Methods for Graduate Students (2021)

Teaching Assistant
 Sociology, Demography, and Health
 Grassroots Participation in Global Perspective
 Diversity and Racial Conflict
 Science, Technology, and Social Conflict
 Immigrant America
 Social Problems

SERVICE

Profession

2016-present Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science & Medicine*,
 and *Qualitative Sociology*
 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 University

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

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Scholars Strategy Network
 American Sociological Association
 Social Science History Association
 Pacific Sociological Association