

CURRICULUM VITA

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Education

- 2016 Exp. Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
Dissertation: “Clean Air and Good Jobs: Environmental Attitudes and Behaviors of Unionized Workers in Postindustrial Society” (committee: Michael Wallace [chair], David Weakliem, Jeremy Pais, and Lyle Scruggs)
- 2012 M.A., Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut
Master’s Thesis: “Globalization, Labor Market Transformation, and Union Decline in U.S. Metropolitan Areas” (committee: Michael Wallace [chair], David Weakliem, and Jeremy Pais)
- 2003 M.S., Department of Education, College of Staten Island (C.U.N.Y.)
Master’s Thesis: “The Art of Storytelling: A Pedagogical Tool for Engaging Students in the Social Studies Classroom” (co-chairs: Janine Kaste and Greg Seals).
- 1998 B.A., School of Communications, Marist College.

Research and Teaching Interests

Labor and labor movements
Work and occupations
Social stratification
Sociology of education
Environmental sociology

Publications

- Vachon, Todd E., and Josef Ma. 2015. “Bargaining for Success: Examining the Relationship between Teacher Unions and Student Achievement.” *Sociological Forum* 30:391-414.
- Vachon, Todd E. 2014. “Toward Union Revitalization: An Assessment of the Barriers and Opportunities for Labor in the 21st Century.” *In Critical Solidarity* 12(2):9-15.
- Vachon, Todd E., and Michael Wallace. 2013. “Globalization, Labor Market Transformation, and Union Decline in U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” *Labor Studies Journal* 38:229-255.
- Vachon, Todd E., and Michael Wallace. 2013. “Public Sector Unionism.” Pp. 917-921 in

Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia, edited by Vicki Smith. Los Angeles, CA: Sage.

Reports

Vachon, Todd E., and Mark E. Sullivan. "Connecticut Interest Arbitration: Municipal Awards in Review, 2009-2012." Prepared for AFSCME Council 4 and presented to the Executive Board at a special meeting in March, 2013.

Papers Under Review

Vachon, Todd E., Wallace, Michael, and Allen Hyde. "Union Decline in a Neoliberal Age: Globalization, Financialization, Regionalization, and Union Density in Eighteen Affluent Democracies."

Hyde, Allen, Vachon, Todd E., and Michael Wallace. "Neoliberal Reform, Financialization, and Income Inequality in 18 OECD Countries."

Fischer, Mary, Lundquist, Jennifer, and Todd E. Vachon. "Residential Segregation: The Mitigating Effects of Past Military Experience."

Research in Progress

Vachon, Todd E. "Community of Interest: A Case Study of Municipal Worker Unionization in Smalltown."

Vachon Todd E. and Jeremy Brecher. "Are Union Members More or Less likely to be Environmentalists? Some Evidence from a National Survey."

Vachon, Todd E. and Allen Hyde. "Clean Air and Good Jobs? Unions and Environmental Performance in a Comparative Perspective."

Ma, Josef and Todd E. Vachon. "Comparing the Effects of Institutional Factors on Student Digital Usage across 40 Countries."

Wallace, Michael, Fullerton, Andrew, and Todd E. Vachon. "The Political Economy of Declining Union Membership across the American States, 1970-2010."

Wallace, Michael, Hyde, Allen, and Todd E. Vachon. "Political Party Control, Union Strength, and Neoliberalism: Accounting for Rising Income Inequality across the 50 U.S. States since 1950."

Conference Presentations

Vachon, Todd E. "Green Unionism? Examining the Relationship between Union Membership and Environmentalism." Presented at the 85th annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in New York, NY, 2015.

Vachon, Todd E. "Democratic Bargaining in Theory and Practice." Presented at the annual meeting of the Conference of Graduate Employee Unions, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada. 2014.

Vachon, Todd E., Wallace, Michael, and Allen Hyde. "Globalization, Regionalization, and Unionization during the Neoliberal Era." Presented at 109th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, 2014.

Vachon, Todd E., and Josef Ma. "Bargaining for Success: Examining the Relationship between Teacher Unions and Student Achievement." Presented at the 84th annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, MD, 2014.

Vachon, Todd E. and Michael Wallace. "Globalization, Labor Market Transformation, and Union Decline in U.S. Metropolitan Areas." Presented at the 82nd annual meeting of The Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, 2012.

Hyde, Allen, Vachon, Todd E., and Michael Wallace. "Neoliberal Reform, Financialization, and Income Inequality in 18 OECD Countries." Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Charlotte, NC, 2014.

Hyde, Allen, and Todd E. Vachon. "Clean Air and Good Jobs? Unions and Environmental Performance in a Comparative Perspective." Presented at the 108th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY, 2013.

Ma, Josef and Todd E. Vachon. "Inequality Bytes: Examining the Effects of Institutional Context on Students' Digital Usage." Presented at the 108th annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY, 2013.

Wallace, Michael, Fullerton, Andrew, and Todd E. Vachon. "The Political Economy of Declining Union Membership across the American States, 1970-2010." Presented at the annual meeting of the Midwest Sociological Society, Chicago, IL, 2013.

Honors and Awards

2015 University of Connecticut Department of Sociology, Recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award.

2014 Labor and Employment Relations Association, competitive paper award at the 66th Annual Meeting in May, 2014, for paper titled "Globalization, Regionalization, and Unionization in 18 Affluent Democracies" (with Michael Wallace and Allen Hyde).

2014 University of Connecticut Department of Sociology, Recipient of the Ron Taylor Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for paper titled "Bargaining for Success: Examining the Relationship between Teacher Unions and Student Achievement"(with Josef Ma).

2014 University of Connecticut Department of Sociology, Recipient of the Emeriti Award travel grant for professional conference presentations.

- 2013 University of Connecticut Department of Sociology, Recipient of the Ron Taylor Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for paper titled “Clean Air and Good Jobs? Unions and Environmental Performance in a Comparative Perspective.” (with Allen Hyde).
- 2012 The Roper Center, Recipient of The Mitofsky Graduate Fellowship for research on “A Tale of Two Movements: Comparing Public Support for the Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street” (with Malaena Taylor).

Fellowship and Grant Applications

2015 National Science Foundation, Dissertation Improvement Award

Competitive Pre-Doctoral Fellowships

- 2015 University of Connecticut, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Research Fellowship
- 2015 University of Connecticut, Dean Ross Mackinnon Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2015 University of Connecticut, Outstanding Sociology Graduate Student Fellowship
- 2015 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Fall Semester
- 2015 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Summer Session
- 2015 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Spring Semester
- 2014 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Fall Semester
- 2014 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Summer Session
- 2014 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Spring Semester
- 2013 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Fall Semester
- 2013 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Summer Session
- 2013 University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, Spring Semester

Teaching Assistantships

- “Quantitative Research Methods II (graduate level)” with Professor Simon Cheng, Fall 2013
- “Quantitative Research Methods I (graduate level)” with Professor Mary Bernstein, Spring 2013
- “Quantitative Methods for Social Research” with Professor Jeremy Pais, Fall 2012
- “Quantitative Methods for Social Research” with Professor Mary Bernstein, Spring 2012
- “Quantitative Methods for Social Research” with Professor Jeremiah Coldsmith, Fall 2011
- “Introduction to Sociology” with Professor Gaye Tuchman, Spring 2011
- “Prejudice and Discrimination” with Professor Maya Beasley, Fall 2010

Graduate Assistantships

Graduate Employee Union, UAW Local 6950. Academic year 2015-2016.

Handled the daily operations of a large graduate employee union representing 2,200 TAs and RAs at the University of Connecticut. Planned and chaired meetings; organized and mobilized members; enforced contract provisions; engaged in political action; represented the local in the broader labor movement throughout the state and region.

Labor Education Center, University of Connecticut. Academic year 2012-2013

Conducted research at the Connecticut State Board of Mediation and Arbitration, compiled an original dataset on municipal union arbitration awards 2009-2012.

Assisted with the organization of the 2013 Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School.

Labor Education Center, University of Connecticut. Academic year 2011-2012
Developed the online course “Jobs, Work and Globalization,” a required course for students in the Employment and Labor Studies Concentration of the Bachelor of Professional Studies (BPS) degree program. Assisted with the development of the course “Issues in Contract Bargaining.” Assisted with the organization of the 2012 Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School on collective bargaining.

Labor Education Center, University of Connecticut. Spring 2010-2011
Assisted with the development and instruction of credit and non-credit courses for union leaders and stewards, including the 2011 Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School on grievance handling.

Credit Courses Taught

“Jobs, Work, and Globalization” (1 section)
“Race, Class, and Gender” (2 sections)
“Social Problems” (5 sections)

Invited Lectures

“Creating Jobs and Combatting Climate Change” at various union halls across CT 2015
“Getting Members Involved” at the Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School 2013
“New Steward Training-101” at various times at the Labor Education Center 2011-2013
“Using the Media for Activism” at the Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School 2012

Departmental Service

Executive Officer, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2014-2015
Member, Organizing Committee of the Graduate Employee Union-UAW, 2013-2015
Graduate student representative, Graduate Programming Committee, 2013-14
Graduate student representative, Graduate Programming Committee, 2012-13
Co-Chair, Faculty Mentoring Award Committee, 2011-12
Co-Chair, Faculty Mentoring Award Committee, 2010-11
Member, Affirmative Action Committee, 2011-12
Senator, Graduate Student Senate, Fall 2011

Community Service

Secretary, Colchester Housing Authority, 2008-present
Member, Board of Directors, UConn Cooperative Bookstore, 2015-2016
Commissioner, Colchester Fair Rent Commission, 2006-2008

Professional Associations

American Sociological Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Eastern Sociological Society
United Association for Labor Education
Labor and Employment Relations Association
Greater New Haven Labor History Association

References

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