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## EDUCATION

- June, 2018 Ph.D., Department of Sociology, University of Connecticut, Dissertation: “Clean Air and Good Jobs: U.S. Labor and the Struggle for Climate Justice” (Committee: Michael Wallace [chair], Mary Fisher, Brian Obach, Jeremy Pais, and Lyle Scruggs).
- 2014 Comprehensive Examination: Sociology of Work and Labor/Labor Movements (Committee: Michael Wallace [chair], Mary Fisher, Jeremy Pais, Mark E. Sullivan, and David Weakliem).
- 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], Jeremy Pais, and David Weakliem).
- 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.” (Committee: Greg Seals [chair] and Janine Kaste).
- 1998 B.A., School of Communications, Marist College.

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Labor and Labor Movements  
Social Inequality  
Sociology of Education  
Social Movements

## TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to Sociology  
Social Problems  
Race, Class, and Gender  
Social Theory  
Research Methods/Statistics

Sociology of Work  
Social Stratification  
Sociology of Education  
Social Movements  
Political Sociology

## HONORS AND AWARDS

- Human Rights Institute, Graduate Student Small Research Grant, 2017  
Department of Sociology, Outstanding Graduate Student Research Award, 2015  
College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Graduate Research Fellowship, 2015  
University of Connecticut, Dean Ross Mackinnon Graduate Research Award, 2015  
Office of the Provost, Recognition for Excellence in Teaching, 2014 and 2015  
Labor and Employment Relations Association, competitive paper award for paper titled  
“Globalization, Regionalization, and Unionization in 18 Affluent Democracies,” 2014

University of Connecticut, Department of Sociology, 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, Emeriti Travel Award, 2014  
University of Connecticut, Department of Sociology, Ron Taylor Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for paper titled “Clean Air and Good Jobs,” with Allen Hyde, 2013  
The Roper Center, Recipient of the Warren J. Mitofsky Graduate Fellowship for research on “A Tale of Two Movements: Public Support for Tea Party and Occupy Wall Street,” 2012  
University of Connecticut, Pre-doctoral Fellowship, each semester 2013-2016

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **Academic Publications**

Todd E. Vachon. Forthcoming. “A Big Win in Smalltown: Demanding Dignity in an Era of Neoliberal Austerity.” *Qualitative Sociology Review* (forthcoming).  
Allen Hyde, Todd E. Vachon, and Michael Wallace. Forthcoming. “Financialization, Income Inequality, and Redistribution in 18 Affluent Democracies.” *Social Currents*.  
Todd E. Vachon, Michael Wallace, and Allen Hyde. 2016 “Union Decline in a Neoliberal Age: Globalization, Financialization, Regionalization, and Union Density in Eighteen Affluent Democracies.” *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World*, Volume 2, January.  
Todd E. Vachon and Jeremy Brecher. 2016. “Are Union Members More or Less Likely To Be Environmentalists? Some Evidence from a National Survey.” *Labor Studies Journal* 41:185-203.  
Mary Fischer, Jennifer Lundquist, and Todd E. Vachon. 2016. “Residential Segregation: The Mitigating Effects of Past Military Experience.” *Social Science Research* 60:61-73.  
Todd E. Vachon and Josef Ma. 2015. “Bargaining for Success: Examining the Relationship between Teacher Unions and Student Achievement.” *Sociological Forum* 30:391-414.  
Todd E. Vachon and Michael Wallace. 2013. “Globalization, Labor Market Transformation, and Union Decline in U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” *Labor Studies Journal* 38:229-255.  
Todd E. Vachon and Michael Wallace. 2013. “Public Sector Unionism.” Pp. 917-921 in *Sociology of Work: An Encyclopedia*, edited by Vicki Smith. Los Angeles, CA: Sage.

### **Contributions to Public Sociology**

Jeremy Brecher and Todd E. Vachon. 2016. “Union Members Don’t Oppose Environmental Protections. They’re Actually More Likely to Support Them.” *In These Times*, May 23.  
Todd E. Vachon, Gayatri Phadke, and Maria Seger. 2015. “In First Contract, UConn Grad Assistants Win Raises and Much More.” *Labor Notes*, July 31.  
Todd E. Vachon. 2014. “Toward Union Revitalization: An Assessment of the Barriers and Opportunities for Labor in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.” *In Critical Solidarity* 12:9-15.  
Todd E. Vachon and Mark E. Sullivan. 2013. “Connecticut Interest Arbitration: Municipal Awards in Review, 2009-2012.” Prepared for AFSCME Council 4 Executive Board.

## **RESEARCH IN PROGRESS**

Josef Ma and Todd E. Vachon. “Comparing the Effects of Institutional Factors on Student Digital Usage across 40 Countries.” In preparation for journal submission.  
Angran Li, Simon Cheng, Todd E. Vachon, and Heidi Obach. “Too Much of a Good Thing: Parental Overinvolvement and Student Outcomes from Elementary to Middle School.” In preparation for journal submission.

- Todd E. Vachon and Michael Wallace. "Red State, Blue State: Neoliberalism, Politics, and Public Sector Union Membership in the U.S. States." In preparation for a special issue of *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy and Society* focusing on the shrinking state.
- Todd E. Vachon and Allen Hyde. "Green Unionism in a Comparative Perspective: Union Membership and Environmental Performance, 1990-2010." In preparation for journal submission.
- Michael Wallace, Todd E. Vachon, and Allen Hyde. "Political Party Control, Union Strength, and Neoliberalism: Accounting for Rising Income Inequality across the 50 U.S. States since 1950." In preparation for journal submission.
- Michael Wallace, Andrew Fullerton, and Todd E. Vachon. "The Political Economy of Declining Union Membership across the American States, 1970-2010." In preparation for journal submission.
- Michael Wallace, Todd E. Vachon, and David Brady. "Manufacturing Dissent: Determinants of Wildcat Strikes in U.S. Manufacturing Industries, 1961-1980." In preparation for journal submission.
- Michael Wallace, Todd E. Vachon, and Allen Hyde. "Movin' on Up: The Rise of the Super-Rich in the Wake of Citizens United." In preparation for journal submission.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Courses Taught**

Social Problems: Problems in American Capitalism (5 sections)

Race, Class, and Gender (3 sections)

Jobs, Work, and Globalization (1 section)

### **Teaching Assistantships**

Quantitative Research Methods II (graduate level) (1 section)

Quantitative Research Methods I (graduate level) (1 section)

Quantitative Methods for Social Research (3 sections)

Introduction to Sociology (1 section)

Prejudice and Discrimination (1 section)

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- Michael Wallace, Todd E. Vachon, and Allen Hyde. "Political Party Control, Union Strength, and Neoliberalism: Accounting for Rising Income Inequality across the 50 U.S. States since 1950." Presented at the 80th annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society in Greenville, SC, 2017.
- Todd E. Vachon. "Greening the Blue: Environmental Activists and Climate Action within the American Labor Movement." Presented at the Environmental Humanities Initiative's Nearly Carbon-Neutral Conference (NCNC), The World In 2050: Creating/Imagining Just Climate Futures. Online from October 24-November 20, 2016.
- Todd E. Vachon. "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.
- Todd E. Vachon, Wallace, Michael, and Allen Hyde. "Globalization, Regionalization, and Unionization during the Neoliberal Era." Presented at 109<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, 2014.
- Todd E. Vachon and Josef Ma. "Bargaining for Success: Examining the Relationship between

- Teacher Unions and Student Achievement.” Presented at the 84<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society in Baltimore, MD, 2014.
- Todd E. Vachon. “Democratic Bargaining in Theory and Practice.” Presented at the annual Conference of Graduate Employee Unions, in Montreal, Quebec, Canada, 2014.
- Todd E. Vachon and Michael Wallace. “Globalization, Labor Market Transformation, and Union Decline in U.S. Metropolitan Areas.” Presented at the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of The Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY, 2012.
- Allen Hyde, Todd E. Vachon, 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.
- Todd E. Vachon and Allen Hyde. “Green Unionism in a Comparative Perspective: Union Membership and Environmental Performance, 1990-2010.” Presented at the 108<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY, 2013.
- Josef Ma and Todd E. Vachon. “Inequality Bytes: Examining the Effects of Institutional Context on Students’ Digital Usage.” Presented at the 108<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City, NY, 2013.
- Michael Wallace, Andrew Fullerton, 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.

## **SERVICE**

- President, Sociology Graduate Student Association, 2014-2015
- Graduate student representative, Graduate Programming Committee, 2012-14
- Co-Chair, Faculty Mentoring Award Committee, 2010-12
- Member, Affirmative Action Committee, 2011-12
- Senator, Graduate Student Senate, 2011

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

- Founding President, Graduate Employee Union-UAW Local 6950, 2015-2017
- UAW-CT Liaison to the Connecticut Roundtable on Climate and Jobs, 2015-present
- Member, Organizing Committee of the Graduate Employee Union-UAW Local 6950, 2013-2015
- Member, Board of Directors, UConn Cooperative Bookstore, 2015-2016
- Instructor, Connecticut AFL-CIO Summer School, 2011-2013
- Secretary, Colchester Housing Authority, Colchester, CT, 2008-present
- Commissioner, Colchester Fair Rent Commission, Colchester, CT, 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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