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## EMPLOYMENT

2008- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Virginia.

## EDUCATION

2008 PhD in Sociology (with distinction), University of Pennsylvania.  
Dissertation title: “Structuring Financial Elites: The Transformation of Economic Bonds into Political Bonds” Committee: Randall Collins (chair), Mauro Guillén, Sarah Babb, Julia Lynch.

2003 MA Sociology, University of Pennsylvania.  
Thesis title: “Globalization and the State: The Cross-national Diffusion of Central Bank Independence, 1989-2000.”

2000 BA Economics and Social Theory, Hampshire College, Amherst MA.

1997 International Baccalaureate. United World College of the Atlantic, UK.

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Economic Sociology and Network Theory, Social Theory, Comparative-Historical Sociology, World-System Theory, Sociology of the Self.

## PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed:

“Globalization Pressures and the State: The Worldwide Spread of Central Bank Independence.” 2005. *American Journal of Sociology*, volume 110: pages 1764–1802 (first author; second author: Mauro F. Guillén).

Non Peer-Reviewed:

“Archives as fields? A Personal Narrative on Comparative-Historical Research.” 2008. *Trajectories: Newsletter of the Comparative Historical Section of the ASA*.

“An Uneventful Journey to the Dustbin of History: Historical Events and Relations in the Construction of Networks.” 2007. *Perspectives. Newsletter of the ASA Theory Section*. July.

“Money, State Power and Stratification.” 2004. *Accounts: Newsletter of the Economic Sociology Section of the ASA*. Fall.

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

“The Network Structure of the Self. A Theory of Rituals and Identity.”

“Conservatives and Wildcats in Banking Fields.”

## PAPERS PRESENTED

“States, Money, and the Reputational Work of Elites.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston, August 2008, and the Social Science History Association Meetings, Miami, October 2008.

“Conservatives and Wildcats in Banking Field.” Poster-session at the NSF-DFG Conference “Contextualizing Economic Behavior” (by invitation). New York City. August 2008.

“Selves, Time and Politics.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York City. August 2007.

Discussant to “*War and Taxation*” by Joel Slemrod. “The Thunder of History: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective.” Northwestern University. May 2007.

“Structuring Financial Elites: Italian Banking 1870s-1920s.” Presented at the Conference “The Thunder of History: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective.” Northwestern University. May 2007.

“The Dark Side of Embeddedness: The Construction of a National Economic Space in Italy, 1860-1910s.” Presented at the Annual Meetings of American Sociological Association, Montreal. August 2006.

“The Network Structure of the Self: A Theory of Identity Politics.” Presented at the ASA Theory Symposium, “Sociological Theory: The Next Generation.” (By invitation). Philadelphia, PA. August 2005.

“State and Capital: The Formation of Two National Currencies.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meetings, Washington DC. 2005.

“The Early Middle-Class, U.S. Women’s Movement: Between Essentialism and Constructivism.” Paper presented at the Eastern Sociological Society, New York NY. 2004.

“Globalization Pressures and the State: the Worldwide Spread of Central Bank Independence.” Presented at the American Sociological Association, Atlanta GA. (with Mauro Guillén). 2003.

## AWARDS AND HONORS

Graduate Student Workshop and Conference “The Thunder of History: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective.” Northwestern University. Travel Award. May 2007.

NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant. December 2006.

Interdisciplinary Graduate Workshop in Post Keynesian, Institutional, & Feminist Economics. University of Missouri-Kansas City. Tuition and Travel Award. August 2006.

University of Pennsylvania, Office of the Provost Award for Interdisciplinary Innovation. June 2006.

Humane Studies Institute Dissertation Fellowship. June 2005.

Department of Sociology, Grant to host workshop and conference on “Culture and Social Networks.” 2005.

Graduate Student Workshop on Neo-Institutional Economics and Social Change, University of Virginia. Tuition Award. July 2005.

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, awarded by the ASA Sociology of Emotions Section. August 2004.

University of Pennsylvania School of Arts and Sciences Dissertation Fellowship. March 2004.

Department of Sociology. Grant to host workshop and conference on “Culture, the State and Social Change.” 2004.

Department of Sociology. Pollak Summer Fellowship and Research Grant. 2003 through 2006.

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Occasional Reviewer for *The American Sociological Review*, *The American Journal of Sociology* and *The International Review of Political Economy*.

## REFERENCES

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