





Northeastern University  
Department of Sociology and Anthropology  
944 Renaissance Park  
Boston, MA 02115

s.lauterwasser@northeastern.edu   
stevenlauterwasser.com   
@strophios   
781.507.3476 

## STEVEN LAUTERWASSER

- appointment** Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Sociology, Northeastern University, 2022-.
- education** Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2022.  
Dissertation: *Sound and Fury, Signifying Something: Polarization, Identity, and Dissatisfaction*  
Committee: Kim Voss (chair), Ann Swidler, Paul Pierson  
M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2017.  
B.A. in History with Honors, University of Chicago, 2012.
- publications** Kim Voss, Steven Lauterwasser, Irene Bloemraad. 2024. "Inactive and quiescent? Immigrant Collective Action in Comparative Perspective, 1960-1995." *Socius* 10. [\[link\]](#)  
Shared primary authorship, names are listed in reverse alphabetical order.  
Steven Lauterwasser and Nataliya Nedzhvetskaya. 2023. "Privacy in Public? The Ethics of Academic Research with Publicly Available Social Media Data." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 64: 126-146. [\[link\]](#)
- working papers** Steven Lauterwasser, Laura K. Nelson, Jessica R. Gold, Kathrin Zippel. "Talents for the Talented: Disrupting the Matthew Effect in an NSF Award Program."  
Under review.  
Steven Lauterwasser, Kim Voss, Irene Bloemraad. "What Makes a Movement? Domains of Contention and the Pre-History of the Pro-Immigrant Social Movement, 1960-1995."  
Steven Lauterwasser. "Beyond the Structure of Attitudes: Belief Systems, Affect, and Polarization."  
Jennifer Dudley and Steven Lauterwasser. "Polar Opposites: Real and Imagined Differences in Partisan Candidate Evaluation."  
Steven Lauterwasser. "Strangers in their Own Party: Dissatisfied Partisans and the Worldview Model of Polarization."  
Steven Lauterwasser. "Negative Partisanship is Not Enough: Affective Polarization, Asymmetry, and a Failed Theory Contest."
- grants, fellowships, and awards** Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley. 2021.  
Research Fellow, Solidarity and Strife: Democracies in a Time of Pandemic. 2020-2021.  
Certificate of Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley. 2020.  
Graduate Division Summer Grant, UC Berkeley. 2018, 2019, 2020.  
Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley. 2018.  
Leo Lowenthal Dissertation Fellowship, UC Berkeley. 2018.  
Department of Sociology Small Research Grant, UC Berkeley. 2017.

Summer Research Funding, UC Berkeley. 2014, 2015.

Foreign Language Acquisition Grant, UChicago. 2011.

Rockefeller Choral Scholar, UChicago. 2011-2012.

#### presentations

“What Makes a Movement? Domains of Contention and the prehistory of the Pro-Immigrant Social Movement, 1960-1995.” Mobilization Conference. San Diego. 2024.

Co-Authored work with Irene Bloemraad and Kim Voss..

“Beyond the Structure of Attitudes: Belief Systems, Affect, and Polarization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. 2023.

“Polar Opposites: Real and Imagined Differences in Partisan Candidate Evaluation.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia. 2023.

Co-Authored and presented with Jennifer Dudley.

“Mapping interdisciplinary knowledge production from the NSF ADVANCE program.” National Science Foundation invited lecture. Virtual. 2023.

Co-Authored and presented with Alexander J. Gates, Laura K. Nelson, Jessica Gold, and Kathrin Zippel.

“Negative Partisanship is Not Enough: Affective Polarization, Asymmetry, and a Failed Theory Contest.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles. 2022.

“Asymmetric Identities: Identity-Driven Polarization and Evaluative Schemas.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual. 2021.

“Who Cares What’s Happening in the Streets? Social Movements and Public Opinion Change.” Social Sciences History Association Annual Conference. Washington, D.C. 2020.

Canceled due to COVID-19.

“From Voldemort to House Elves: Exploring Power in the Wizarding World.” Summer with Harry Potter and the Sacred Text. Virtual. 2020.

Invited lecture.

“Contentious Contention: The Connection Between Mass Movements and Mass Polarization.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. 2020.

Canceled due to COVID-19.

“Contentious Contention: The Connection Between Mass Movements and Mass Polarization.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Eugene, OR. 2020.

Canceled due to COVID-19.

“Only So Much Contention to Go Around: Mass Polarization and Declining Contentious Collective Action.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Oakland, CA. 2019.

“Speaking Sociology: The Problem of Polysemy and the Solution of Metaphor.” Pacific Sociological Association Annual Conference. Oakland, CA. 2019.

“How Can We Talk to Each Other? Metaphor as a Solution.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, QC. 2017.

#### teaching

“Polarization in Context.” Instructor. Fall 2021.

“Theory Writing Initiative, w/ Theory I.” Writing Instructor. Christopher Muller. Spring 2021.

“Theory Writing Initiative, w/ Theory II.” Writing Instructor. Christopher Muller. Fall 2020.  
 “Sociological Theory I.” Graduate Student Instructor. Dylan Riley. Spring 2020.  
 “Evaluation of Evidence.” Graduate Student Instructor. Heather Haveman. Spring 2019.  
 “Evaluation of Evidence.” Graduate Student Instructor. David Harding. Fall 2017.  
 “Sociological Theory II.” Graduate Student Instructor. Cihan Tuğal. Spring 2017.  
 “Sociological Theory I.” Graduate Student Instructor. Dylan Riley. Fall 2016.  
 “Urban Sociology.” Graduate Student Instructor. Joanna Reed. Spring 2016.  
 “Sexual Cultures.” Graduate Student Instructor. Jill Bakehorn. Fall 2015.  
 “Introduction to Sociology.” Graduate Student Instructor. Tom Gold. Spring 2015.  
 “Evaluation of Evidence.” Graduate Student Instructor. Sam Lucas. Fall 2014.

**professional  
experience**

Graduate Student Researcher. Immigration and Social Movements, for Kim Voss and Irene Bloemraad. 2019-2022.  
 Member. Mathematical and Experimental Sociology Workshop. 2017-2019.  
 Writing Tutor. 2016-2017.  
 Writer. Crash Course Sociology (Online Educational Video). 2016-2017.  
 Reviewer. Berkeley Journal of Sociology. ad hoc.  
 Founding Member. Methods and Epistemology in the Social Sciences Workshop. 2015-2017.  
 Founding Member. Workshop on the State. 2014-2016.  
 Translator and Research Assistant. Susan Burns, University of Chicago. 2012.

**skills**

*Language*

German (B2/C1 in the Common European Framework)

*Technical*

R (ggplot2, tidyverse, igraph, Rmarkdown), Python (NumPy, pandas, spaCy, Jupyter), Git

*Other*

Choral Conductor, Music Director, Singer, Pianist