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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2025-Present Teaching Assistant Professor
Department of Sociology and Criminology
University of Arkansas

EDUCATION

May 2025 The Ohio State University
Ph.D. in Sociology
Candidacy Exams: Gender, Race, and Class; Community and Urban
Dissertation: A Comparative Case Study of the Stop the Sweeps
Movement

May 2015 Whitman College
B.A. in Sociology, Minor in French

PUBLICATIONS (*equal authorship)

Kempler, Alex M.*, Samantha Mitchell, and Dawson Vosburg. “Free to Learn: Ungrading in Sociology Courses.” *Teaching Sociology* 53(4):269-284.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/0092055X251369078>

Kepes, Jacob Scott*, and **Alex M. Kempler**. 2024. “‘The System is So Messed Up’: Neutrality and Efficiency in an Eviction Courtroom.” 2024. *Socius: Sociological Research for a Dynamic World* 10. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241286928>

Kempler, Alex M. and Brianne Gilbert. 2020. “Gallup Poll.” Entry for *Polling America: Encyclopedia of Public Opinion*. Greenwood Press.

BOOK IN PROGRESS

Kempler, Alex M. *Stop the Sweeps: Understanding How Place Shapes Movements for Housing Rights*.

IN PROGRESS

Kempler, Alex M. “The ‘Stop the Sweeps’ Movement and Collective Identity Formation Across Place.” Forthcoming in *Research in Social Movements, Conflicts and Change*.

Kempler, Alex M., Lexi Almy, and Shelby Clark. “Engaging Across Ideological Difference in Large-scale Classrooms.”

Kempler, Alex M. “The Role of Housing Service Providers in Housing Rights Movements.”

Carrola, Madeline Yu, **Alex M. Kempler** and Taylor June. “Separate and Safer? Examining Privacy Protections and Housing Women with Domestic Violence Experience.”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Arkansas

Social Research (SOC 33103), Spring 2026 (two sections, asynchronous)

Social Data and Analysis and Lab (SOC 33004), Spring 2026 (asynchronous)

Social Psychology (SOC 32203, asynchronous)

General Sociology (SOC 10103), Fall 2025

Social Research (SOC 33103), Fall 2025 (asynchronous)

Social Problems in Data Science and Analytics (DASC 41203), Fall 2025

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

Undergraduate Research in Sociology (SOCIO 4998), Spring 2024-Summer 2024

Social Problems and Public Policy (SOCIO 2202), Spring 2024

Urban Social Problems (SOCIO 2367.02), Spring 2022-Fall 2023 (asynchronous in summer, two sections in Fall 2023)

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, Columbus State Community College

Introduction to Sociology (SOC1101), Fall 2022

Recitation Leader, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

Research Methods (SOCIO 3487), Professor Lynette Martin, Fall 2021

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

Introduction to Sociology (SOCIO1101), Professor Chris Papaleonardos, Spring 2021

Introduction to Sociology (SOCIO1101), Professor Eric Schoon, Fall 2020

Trip Facilitator, Department of Political Science, Loyola Marymount University

Politics of California: Sacramento Seminar, Professor Fernando Guerra and Fr. Robert Welch, S.J., Sacramento, Spring 2018

Mexico City Immersion Trip, Professor Fernando Guerra, Professor Rubén Martínez, and Professor David Ayón, Mexico City, May 2018

Comparative Urban Politics: Los Angeles/Mexico City, Professor Fernando Guerra and Professor David Ayón, Mexico City, December 2016

Course Facilitator, Department of Political Science, Loyola Marymount University

Politics of California (POL 4380), Professor Fernando Guerra and Fr. Robert Welch, S.J., Spring 2018

Politics of Los Angeles (POL 4390), Professor Fernando Guerra, Spring 2017

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2024 Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University (\$32,100)
- 2024 Graduate Associate Teaching Award, The Ohio State University (\$2,000)
- 2023 Alumni Grant for Graduate Research, The Ohio State University (\$3,800)
- 2023 Criminal Justice Research Center Seed Grant, The Ohio State University (\$1,000)
- 2021 Silverman Research Support Award, The Ohio State University (\$400)
- 2021 Most Supportive Graduate Student Award, The Ohio State University
- 2020 Sociology Department Graduate Small Grant Fund (\$500)
- 2019 Distinguished University Fellowship, The Ohio State University (\$26,316)
- 2015 Ely Chertok Award in Sociology, Whitman College
- 2014 Louis B. Perry Research Award, Whitman College (\$1,000)

RESEARCH AND WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2019 Full-time Research Assistant, Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Center for the Study of Los Angeles, Loyola Marymount University
- 2015-2016 AmeriCorps VISTA, Idaho Office for Refugees, Boise, ID
- 2014-2015 Research Assistant to Professor Helen Kim for her book, *JewAsian: Race, Religion, and Identity for America's Newest Jews*, Whitman College Department of Sociology

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Kempler, Alex. "The 'Stop the Sweeps' Movement and Collective Identity Formation Across Place." The American Sociological Association in Chicago, Illinois.
- 2024 Carrola, Madeline Yu, Alex Kempler, and Taylor June. "Separate and Safer?: Examining Privacy Protections and Housing Women with Domestic Violence Experience." The American Sociological Association in Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 Kempler, Alex, Samantha Mitchell, and Dawson Vosburg. "Ungrading in the Real World: Alternate Assessment in Sociology Courses." The American Sociological Association in Philadelphia, PA.
- 2022 Kempler, Alex. "The Capacity Continuum: Housing Advocacy and Mobilization during a Global Pandemic." The American Sociological Association in Los Angeles, CA.

- 2022 Kempler, Alex and Jacob Kepes. "COVID-19 and Eviction in Columbus, Ohio: A Mixed Methods Approach." The American Sociological Association in Los Angeles, CA.
- 2022 Kempler, Alex and Jacob Kepes. "COVID-19 and Eviction in Columbus, Ohio: A Mixed Methods Approach." The Chicago Ethnography Conference, Virtual.
- 2018 Gilbert, Brianne, Alex Kempler, and Alejandra Alarcon. "Mapping the (E)Quality of Services in Los Angeles." The American Association of Public Opinion Research in, Denver, CO.
- 2017 Kempler, Alex. "Civil Unrest 25 Years Later: A Profile of Los Angeles Public Opinion Using Data from StudyLA's Quinquennial Los Angeles Riots Surveys." Pacific Chapter of the American Association of Public Opinion Research in San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 Kempler, Alex. "Walla Walla's Heritage Park: How a Small Town Handles the Gathering of Social Outsiders." The Pacific Sociological Association in Long Beach, CA.

UNIVERSITY/INTERNAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Kempler, Alex. "Free to Learn: Ungrading in Sociology Courses." Guest presenter for department Brown Bag. The University of Arkansas.
- 2024 Kempler, Alex. "Approaching the Research Process." Guest lecturer for Undergraduate Research Methods, The Ohio State University.
- 2024 Kempler, Alex. Guest speaker for the Sociology Advisory Board, The Ohio State University, on scholarly and pedagogical values.
- 2023 Kempler, Alex. "Second Year Paper Reflections." Panelist for Sociology Proseminar, The Ohio State University.
- 2023 Kempler, Alex, Samantha Mitchell, and Dawson Vosburg. "Ungrading in the Real World: Alternate Assessment in Sociology Courses." Presenter for the sociology department's Power, Inequality, and Economy Working Group, The Ohio State University.
- 2023 Kempler, Alex, Samantha Mitchell, and Dawson Vosburg. "Syllabus Workshop." Presenter for the sociology department's Teaching Working Group, The Ohio State University.
- 2022 Kempler, Alex. "Housing Inequality in the United States." Guest lecturer for Sociology of Poverty, The Ohio State University.
- 2022 Kempler, Alex, Samantha Mitchell, and Dawson Vosburg. "Implementing Ungrading in Sociology Courses." Presenter for the sociology department's Teaching Working Group, The Ohio State University.
- 2021 Kempler, Alex. "Five Minute Thesis Presentation." Presenter for the Power, Inequality, and Economy Working Group, The Ohio State University.

2020 Kempler, Alex. "Understanding Urban and Public Sociology." Guest speaker for Introduction to Sociology, The Ohio State University.

SERVICE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2025-Present Homeless Interest Group, University of Arkansas, Coordinated by the School of Social Work

2025-Present Committee Member, Undergraduate Program, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Arkansas

2025-Present Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer, *Journal of Urban Affairs*

2023-2024 Graduate Editorial Assistant, *City & Community*, American Sociological Association

2022-2023 Co-organizer, Power, Inequality, and Economy Working Group, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

2022-2023 Lead Organizer, Teaching Working Group, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

2020-2022 Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

2020-2021 Vice President of Communications, Executive Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association, The Ohio State University

2020-2021 Committee Member, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND CERTIFICATION

ACUE Micro-Certification, Effective Teaching 101 Starting the Semester Strong!

American Sociological Association

Section Memberships:

- Community and Urban Sociology
- Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- Race, Class, and Gender
- Teaching and Learning

REFERENCES

Townsend Price-Spratlen

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