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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016-present Syracuse University
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

2018-2019 Harvard University
Global History Fellow, Weatherhead Center

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of California, Berkeley, 2016

M.A. University of California, Berkeley, 2010

B.A. University of California, Berkeley, 2006
Departmental Citation Award (Highest Honors)

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Ackerman, Edwin. 2022. *Origins of the Mass Party: Dispossession and the Party-form in Mexico and Bolivia in Comparative Perspective*. Oxford University Press.

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Ackerman, Edwin. "The Two Primitive Accumulations Behind Political Articulation: A Case Study of Bolivia's MNR (1952-1964)." Conditionally Accepted in *American Journal of Sociology*.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2020. "Mass Party Formation and Incorporation: Land, Civil Society, and Party in Post-Revolutionary Mexico" in *Social Science History*, 44(2), 275-300.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2014. "'What part of illegal don't you understand?': Bureaucracy and Civil Society in the Shaping of the Immigration Debate in the U.S." in *Ethnic and Racial Studies*, Vol. 37, Issue 2.

* Honorable Mention, Best Graduate Student Paper Award in Political Sociology, American Sociological Association 2013.

* Featured in *National Public Radio*, *Pacific Standard Magazine*, *Danish Public Radio*, and half a dozen other media outlets.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2014. "The 'Illegal Alien' As a Category of Analysis: A Methodological Intervention" in *Journal of Language and Politics*, Issue 13:3.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2011. "NAFTA and Gatekeeper: A Theoretical Assessment Of Border-Enforcement In The Era Of The Neoliberal State" in *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 55.

Book Chapters

Ackerman, Edwin. Forthcoming. "The Political Sociology of Pierre Bourdieu and Antonio Gramsci" in Dylan Riley and Marco Santoro (eds.), *The Sociological Uses of Gramsci*. Anthem Press/Cambridge University Press.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2021. "¿Corrupción como economía política?" ("Corruption as Political Economy?") in Heredia, Blanca, and Hernán Gomez (eds.), *La 4T: Claves Para Descifrar el Rompecabezas*. Penguin Random House.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2019. "Alt-Right: El surgimiento y desarrollo de la 'Derecha Alternativa' en E.E.U.U" ("*The Alt-right: The Emergence and Development of the 'Alternative Right' in the U.S.*") in Fernandez de Castro, Rafael (ed.), *La Diplomacia Consular en los tiempos de Trump*. Colegio de la Frontera Norte: Mexico.

Reports, Reviews, Commissioned Texts

Ackerman, Edwin. 2021. "Actually Existing Post-neoliberalism in Mexico." *Politica y Gobierno*, Vol. 28, No. 2.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2020. Book Review: Paulo Gerbaudo's *The Mask and the Flag: Populism, Citizenism and Global Protest* in *American Journal of Sociology*, Vol. 125, No. 6, May 2020.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2020. Book Review: Santiago Anria's *When Movements Become Parties: Bolivia's MAS in Comparative Perspective* in *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, Vol. 49, Issue 2, 2020.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2019. "Neoliberalism and Corruption in Mexico: A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing" in *NACLA Report on the Americas*, 51:2.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2013. “The Rise of the ‘Illegal Alien’” in *Contexts*, Vol. 12, Issue 3.

Under Review

Ackerman, Edwin and Graham Hill. “The Fight Against ‘Gender Ideology’ in Latin America: Costa Rica, Brazil, and Colombia in Comparative Perspective.” Under review.

Book proposal: *The Populist Left in Mexico in the 21st Century*. Under consideration.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Ackerman, Edwin. 2022. “AMLO’s Way” in *Africa is a Country*, June 26th, 2022.

Ackerman, Edwin. 2021. “Gobierna la izquierda en México?” (“Does the Left Govern in Mexico?”) in *Jacobin Latinoamerica*, January 12th, 2021:
<<https://jacobinlat.com/2020/12/01/gobierna-la-izquierda-en-mexico/>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2020. “Assessing AMLO: Edwin Ackerman Interviews Gibrán Ramírez” in *Jacobin*, July 18th, 2020: <<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2020/07/amlo-morena-mexico-post-neoliberalism>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2020. Extended interview for Dough Henwood’s *Behind The News*, Pacifica Radio, August 6th, 2020: <<https://www.leftbusinessobserver.com/Radio.html#S200806>>

Ackerman Edwin. 2020. Extended interviews for Hernan Gomez’ *La Octava, La Octava Television*, April 2nd and December 25th, 2020: <<https://hernangomez.com.mx/edwin-ackerman-la-izquierda-de-amlo-esta-definida-por-recuperar-al-estado-como-gestor/>>

Ackerman, Edwin, and McCormick, Gladys. 2020. “Quarantine is Not One Size Fits All: The Case of Mexico” in *Center for Strategic and International Studies*, April 17th, 2020: <<https://www.csis.org/analysis/quarantine-not-one-size-fits-all-case-mexico>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2019. “Mexico’s Fourth Transformation” in *Jacobin*, February 11th, 2019: <<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2019/02/mexico-lopez-obrador-airport-pemex-strikes>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2018. “AMLO’s Mexico” in *Jacobin*, July 4th, 2018: <<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2018/07/andres-manuel-lopez-obrador-morena-pri>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2018. “A Potential Breakthrough in Mexico” in *Jacobin*, June 26th, 2018: <<https://www.jacobinmag.com/2018/06/morena-lopez-obrador-amlo-mexico-elections>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2018. “El PRI y la sociedad civil” (“The PRI and civil society”) in *Revista Nexos*, January 9th, 2018: <<https://redaccion.nexos.com.mx/?p=8491>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2017. “La Lección del PRI” (“The Lesson of the PRI”). *Newsweek En Espanol*, August 14th, 2017: <<http://nwnoticias.com/#!/noticias/la-leccion-del-pri>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2012. "A Mexican Spring?" in *Jacobin*, December 12, 2012:

<<http://jacobinmag.com/2012/12/a-mexican-spring/>>

Ackerman, Edwin. 2012. "El Regreso del PRI?...Nunca Se Fue" ("*The Return of the PRI?....It Never Left*"). *Animalpolitico.com*, July 25th, 2012:

<<http://www.animalpolitico.com/blogueros-blog-invitado/2012/07/25/el-regreso-del-pri-nunca-se-fue/>>

Ackerman, Edwin. Extended interview for National Public Radio: "The Evolution of The Immigration Term: Alien," August 19th, 2015:

<<http://www.npr.org/2015/08/19/432830934/the-evolution-of-the-immigration-term-alien>>

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2020 | Appleby-Mosher Award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University |
| 2019 | Weatherhead Center's Global History Initiative Residential Fellow, Harvard University |
| 2018-2021 | Global Religion Research Initiative Project Launch, Notre Dame University |
| 2017 | Appleby-Mosher Award, Maxwell School, Syracuse University |
| 2015-2016 | Kellogg Institute Visiting Fellow, University of Notre Dame (Declined) |
| 2015-2016 | Center for U.S.-Mexico Study Visiting Fellow, University of California, San Diego (Declined) |
| 2014 | Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Research Council of The National Academies |
| 2014 | Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley (Declined) |
| 2013 | American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship |
| 2013 | Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, National Research Council of The National Academies, Honorable Mention |
| 2013 | John L. Simpson Memorial Research Fellowship in International and Comparative Studies, Institute of International Studies, UC Berkeley |
| 2013 | Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley (Declined) |

- 2012 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, UC Berkeley
- 2011 Multi-Country Research Fellowship, Council of American Overseas Research Centers
- 2011 Mellon Summer Research Grant, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation
- 2011 Tinker Summer Research Grant, Tinker Foundation
- 2009 Ford Foundation Pre-Doctoral Fellowships, National Research Council of The National Academies, Honorable Mention
- 2007-2009 Chancellor's Fellowship for Graduate Study, UC Berkeley
- 2004-2006 George A. Miller Research Scholarship, UC Berkeley

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2013 Best Graduate Student Paper Award in Political Sociology, American Sociological Association, Honorable Mention.
- 2006 Departmental Citation Award, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley (highest honor awarded to an undergraduate student in the major).
- 2006 Candidate for the University Medal, UC Berkeley (candidate for highest honor awarded to an undergraduate student campus wide).
- 2004-2006 Letters and Science Dean's Honors List, UC Berkeley.
- 2004 "Top Twelve" Extended Opportunity Services' Students, Southwestern Community College.
- 2004 President for Academic Affairs' Honors List, Southwestern Community College.

INVITED TALKS

- 2022 **"End of the Neoliberal Consensus? The Mexican Case in a Global Context"**
Department of Social and Political Sciences, Universidad de Colima, October 21st, 2022.
- "Origins of the Mass Party"**
- Sociology Department, CU Boulder, October 27th, 2022.

- Latin American Studies Workshop, University at Albany SUNY, March 8th, 2022.

“The New Pink Tide in Latin America?” Panel presentation organized by International Affairs, The New School, November 3rd, 2022.

- 2021 **“The Latin American Left in Power,”** Central Brooklyn Democratic Socialist of America Night School, April 15th, 2021.
- 2019 **“Two Primitive Accumulations and Party Formation in Mexico and Bolivia,”**
- Weatherhead Center, Harvard University, February 11th, 2019.
 - Latin American Studies Colloquium, SUNY-Albany, April 24th, 2019.
- 2017 **“Party Formation in Mexico and Bolivia,”** American Sociological Association Minority Fellowship seminar, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 11th, 2017.
- “Two Primitive Accumulations and Party Formation in Mexico and Bolivia,”** Development and Governance Seminar at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University, February 15th, 2017.
- 2016 **“What Part of Illegal Don’t You Understand?: Tracing the Debate Over Immigration.”** Syracuse University Project Advance, Syracuse University, December 1st, 2016.
- 2015 **“The Emergence of the PRI: Land, Civil Society, and Party Formation in Post-revolutionary Mexico.”** Center for U.S.-Mexican Studies, University of California, San Diego, October 14, 2015.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 ASA, Regular Session, Political Sociology, panel organizer.
Panels: “The Party and Its Base” and “Trajectories of Political Identification in the U.S. and Europe.”
- 2019 **“Evangelicals Against ‘Gender Ideology’** (co-authored with Graham Hill), American Sociological Association Conference, New York City, NY, August 10-13th.
- “Origins of the Mass Party in Theoretical Perspective,”** American Sociological Association Conference, New York City, NY, August 10-13th.
- “Two Primitive Accumulations and Party Formation in Mexico and Bolivia,”** Comparative Historical Conference, Northwestern University, May 17th.

“Anti-corruption as Redistribution: The Crafting of AMLO’s Electoral Coalition,”

- Historical Materialism Conference, New York, April 11-13th, 2019.
- Latin American Studies Association Conference, Boston, MA, May 24th-27th, 2019.

2017 **“Two Primitive Accumulations Behind Political Articulation: A Case Study of Post-revolutionary Bolivia,”**

- Social Science History Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, November 2-5th.
- American Sociological Association Conference, Montreal, Quebec, Canada, August 12-15th.
- The New School of Social Research Sociology Conference, New York City, NY, April 8th.

2016 Panel presider: “Antecedents of Censuses from Medieval to Nation States,” Author Meets Critics Session, Pacific Sociological Association Conference, Oakland CA, April 1st.

2015 Panel presider: “Voting and Electoral Processes,” Regular Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL., August 22-25th.

2014 **“Mass Party Formation: Land, Civil Society, and Party in Post-Revolutionary Mexico”**

- Social Science History Association Conference, Session: Party Formation in Latin America: Opposition, Mass, and Authoritarian Parties in Comparative and Historical Perspective (panel organizer and presenter), Toronto, Ontario, Canada, November 6-9.
- Conference of Ford Fellows, History Academic Exchange Session, Newport Beach, CA, September 26-27.
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Minority Fellowship Program Research Session, San Francisco CA, August 16-19.

2013 **“Land and Hegemony: Party Incorporation in Post-Revolutionary Mexico and Bolivia”**

- Capitalism, The Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change Conference, organized by the Comparative and Historical Sociology and Political Sociology sections of the ASA, Columbia University, New York, NY, August 14th.
- Latin American Studies Association Conference, Parties and Subnational

Politics Session, Washington, D.C., May 29-June 1st.

- 2011 **“Regulated Society vs Organic State: The Hegelian State in Gramsci and Gentile,”** VIII Annual Theory Forum: Italian Social Theory: from Antonio Gramsci to Giorgio Agamben, University of Massachusetts Boston, Boston, MA April 13-14.
- 2011 **“What Part of Illegal Don’t You Understand? Bureaucracy and Civil Society in the Shaping of Illegality,”** 22nd Meeting of the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium (PRIEC), University of California, Los Angeles, February 25th.
- 2010 **“How Illegality Became a Central Point of Concern in the Immigration Debate,”** American Sociological Association Conference, Political Sociology Section Panel: “Citizenship Rights and Immigration: Separation and Integration,” Atlanta GA, August 13-17.
- 2009 **“School Politics and Politics Through School: Mexican-Origin Families and the Role of Schools in Civic/Political Participation,”** Symposium on Social Change and Youth Engagement in Immigrant Communities, Institute for the Study of Social Change, Berkeley CA, May 8.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Syracuse University:

Political Sociology
Global Capitalism
Race in Comparative-Historical Perspective (graduate student seminar)
Sociological Theory (graduate student seminar)
Political Sociology (graduate student seminar)

University of California Berkeley:

Instructor of Record

The Left in Power: Summer 2016
Sociology of Revolution: Spring 2016

Graduate Student Instructor

Politics and Social Change: Spring 2011
Contemporary Social Theory: Fall 2010

Classical Social Theory: Spring 2010
Introduction to Sociology: Fall 2009

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE

University-level Committees

Sociology Department representative, Humanities Council, Fall 2022-present

Curriculum Committee, Arts and Sciences, Fall 2022-present

Departmental Committees

Executive Committee, Sociology, Syracuse University, Academic year 2017-2018, 2020-2021

Undergraduate Committee, Sociology, Syracuse University, Academic year 2017-2018, 2020-2021

Hiring Search Committee, Sociology, Syracuse University, Spring 2020, 2022

Awards Committees

Chair of Best Dissertation Prize in Comparative Historical Section of the American Sociological Association, 2020

Faculty Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association's Sociology of Development Section, 2017

Syracuse University, Program on Latin America and the Caribbean (PLACA) Summer Research Grant Committee, 2017

Board Membership

States and Society Network Representative, Social Science History Association

Critical Historical Sociology Blog (official blog of the American Sociological Association's Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology), member of the editorial board 2018-present

Sociology Compass, member of the political sociology section editorial board, 2018-present

Reviewer

Pluto Press

Verso Books

American Journal of Sociology

American Sociological Review

Ethnic and Racial Studies
Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies
Socio-Economic Review
Theory and Society
Journal of Historical Sociology

Member

American Sociological Association
Latin American Studies Association
Social Science History Association

LANGUAGES

Spanish (native speaker)
Portuguese (advanced)