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Education

Ph.D.	2024 (exp.)	Harvard University, Sociology ▶ Dissertation Committee: Mario Luis Small (Chair), Forrest Stuart, Adaner Usmani
A.M.	2019	Harvard University, Sociology
M.A.	2015	University of Chicago, Social Sciences
B.A.	2013	University of Pennsylvania, Anthropology

Research Interests

Homelessness and Housing, Poverty, Public Policy, Nonprofits, Organizational Behavior and Leadership, Urban Sociology

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Wallerstein, Joseph. 2023. “Does ‘Social Infrastructure’ Curb Drug Addiction? The Role of Local Institutional Norms.” *Theory and Society*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-023-09522-7>

- * Bruce D. Johnson Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Drugs and Society, ASA, 2022

Wallerstein, Joseph. 2023. “Risky Ties and Taxing Ties: The Multiple Dimensions of Negativity.” *Qualitative Sociology* 46:349–373. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11133-023-09537-7>

- * Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Social Psychology, ASA, 2021
- * Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Problems Theory Division, SSSP, 2020

Wallerstein, Joseph. 2022. “The Fleeting Moment and the Long Haul in Urban Panhandling.” *Ethnography*. Online first. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14661381211073124>

- * Candace Rogers Graduate Student Paper Award, ESS, 2019
- * Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Problems Theory Division, SSSP, 2018

Siliunas, Andreja, Mario L. Small, and Joseph Wallerstein. 2019. "We Can Help, but There's a Catch: Nonprofit Organizations and Access to Government-Funded Resources Among the Poor." *Journal of Organizational Ethnography* 8(1):109–128. <https://doi.org/10.1108/JOE-04-2018-0018>

In Preparation

Wallerstein, Joseph. "How Executive Worldviews Guide Institutional Norms: The Case of Housing-Focused Nonprofit Organizations."

Wallerstein, Joseph. "The Value of Financial Independence: The Case of the Homeless Services Nonprofit Subsector."

Awards & Honors

Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Office of Undergraduate Education, Harvard College, Fall 2022, Spring 2022, Spring 2021, Spring 2019

Bruce D. Johnson Graduate Student Paper Award, Section on Drugs and Society, American Sociological Association, 2022

Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper, Section on Social Psychology, American Sociological Association, 2021

Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Problems Theory Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2020, 2018

Candace Rogers Graduate Student Paper Award, Eastern Sociological Society, 2019

Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Problems Theory Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2018

Earl S. and Esther Johnson Prize, MA Program in the Social Sciences, University of Chicago, 2016

Grants & Fellowships

Stone Research Grant, James M. and Cathleen D. Stone Program in Wealth Distribution, Inequality, and Social Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, 2022

Professional Development Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University, 2022, 2021, 2019

Graduate Seed Grant, Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University, 2021

Emergency Support Initiative Grant, Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University 2021, 2020

Urban Research Grant, Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative, 2021

Doctoral Fellowship, Harvard Mellon Urban Initiative, 2020–21

Pedagogy Fellowship in Sociology, Derek Bok Center for Teaching and Learning, Harvard University, 2019–20

Student Research Support Program Grant, Joint Center for Housing Studies, Harvard University, 2018

Research Grant, Rappaport Institute for Greater Boston, Harvard Kennedy School, 2017

Presentations

“Culture and Inequality: Perceptions of Worth, Value, and Legitimacy” [panel presider]. ASA, Philadelphia, PA, 2023.

“Addiction, Social Ties, and the Recovery Infrastructure.” ASA, New York, NY, 2019.

“Informal Housing in the United States” [panel moderator]. UAA, Los Angeles, CA, 2019.

“Streets of Pity: Urban Panhandling and the Valorization of Misfortune.” SSSP, Philadelphia, PA, 2018.

“Addiction, Interpersonal Ties, and the Recovery Churn.” Qualitative Research and Practice Workshop, Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, 2018.

“Panhandling and the Pity Economy.” ASA, Seattle, WA, 2016.

Teaching & Mentoring

TEACHING FELLOW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Sociology 1097: Poverty in the United States, Fall 2022

Sociology 1023: Political Sociology, Spring 2022

Sociology 1131: Philanthropy and the Nonprofit Sector, Spring 2021

Sociology 2209: Qualitative Social Analysis, Spring 2020

Sociology 3305: Teaching Practicum, Fall 2019

Sociology 99: Senior Thesis Group Tutorial, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Sociology 97: Tutorial on Sociological Theory, Spring 2019

OTHER FELLOW, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Departmental Writing Fellow, Sociology, 2022–23

Mindich Program in Engaged Scholarship Fellow, Fall 2020

Pedagogy Fellow in Sociology, 2019–20

ADVISING, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Concentration Advisor, Sociology, 2022–23

Senior Thesis Advisor: Monica Chang, 2022–23; Eliza Oehmler, 2020–21; Elizabeth Roe, 2019–20

Qualitative Advisor, Spring 2022, Fall 2020, Fall 2018

WORKSHOPS, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Qualitative Coding Workshop, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies, Fall 2021, Fall 2020, Fall 2019, Fall 2018

Service

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Graduate Student Coordinator, Contemporary Ethnography and Inequality Workshop, 2022–23

Student Representative, Working Group on Advising, 2019–20

Student Representative, Committee on Undergraduate Degrees, 2019–20

President, Graduate Student Organization, 2018–19

Student Representative, Colloquium Committee, 2018–19

Student Representative, Junior Faculty Search Committee, 2017–18

OCCASIONAL REVIEWER

American Sociological Review, Social Problems, Qualitative Sociology