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## Appointments

Associate Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, 2023–

- Faculty Affiliate, [Data Science Research Institute](#)
- Visiting Scholar (2023-2025) and External Associate, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, 2017–2023

## Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2013

B.S. Physics – Concentration in Computational Physics, Rice University, 2007

B.A. Mathematics, Rice University, 2007

## Publications

### Articles

**Hastings, Orestes P.**, Mariana Amorim, and Sabino Kornrich. 2024. "The Fall and Rise of Parental Financial Investments during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Marriage and Family*.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Luca Maria Pesando. 2024. "What's a Parent to do? Measuring Cultural Logics of Parenting with Computational Text Analysis." *Social Science Research* 124:103074.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Joe LaBriola. 2023. "The Summer Parental Investment Gap? Socioeconomic Gaps in the Seasonality of Parental Expenditures and Time with School-Age Children." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 87:100846.

Bendeck, Shawna and **Orestes P. Hastings** [equal coauthorship]. 2023. "Linking Individual and Collective Social Capital: Operationalization, Association, and Sociodemographic Heterogeneity." *Sociological Spectrum* 43(1):31-51.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2022. "Parental Investments of Money for White, Black, and Hispanic Children in the United States." *Socius* 8:1-2.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Daniel Schneider. 2021. "Family Structure and Inequalities in Parents' Financial Investments in Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 83(3):717-736.

- Coverage: [Brookings Institution Class Notes](#)

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Cassandra K. Roeser. 2020. "Happiness in Hard Times: Does Religion Buffer the Negative Effect of Unemployment on Happiness?" *Social Forces* 99(2):447-473.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2019. "Who Feels It? Income Inequality, Relative Deprivation, and Financial Satisfaction in U.S. States, 1973–2012." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 60:1-15.

– Coverage: *The Atlantic*, The Tobin Project

Goldstein, Adam and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2019. "Buying In: Positional Competition, Schools, Income Inequality, and Housing Consumption." *Sociological Science* 6:416-445.

– Coverage: Urban Institute

Schneider, Daniel, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Joe LaBriola. 2018. "Income Inequality and Class Divides in Parental Investment." *American Sociological Review* 83(3):475-507.

– Prize for Exemplary Work on Inequality and Decision Making, The Tobin Project

– Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section

– Coverage: *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report*, *Hechinger Report*, Russell Sage Foundation, *Dissent*, *Coloradoan*, CSU SOURCE

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2018. "Less Equal, Less Trusting? Reexamining Longitudinal and Cross-sectional Effects of Income Inequality on Trust in U.S. States, 1973–2012." *Social Science Research* 74:77-95.

Fligstein, Neil, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Adam Goldstein. 2017. "Keeping up with the Joneses: How Households Fared in the Era of High Income Inequality and the Housing Price Bubble, 1999–2007." *Socius* 3:1-15.

– Coverage: *New York Times*, *Washington Post* Wonkblog, The Tobin Project

Schneider, Daniel and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2017. "Income Inequality and Household Labor." *Social Forces* 96(2):481-506.

– Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section

**Hastings, Orestes P.** 2016. "Not a Lonely Crowd? Social Connectedness, Religious Service Attendance, and the Spiritual But Not Religious." *Social Science Research* 57:63-79.

– Best Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Religion Section

– Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2016. "Reliability of the Core Items in the General Social Survey: Estimates from the Three-wave Panels, 2006-2014." *Sociological Science* 3:971-1002.

Schneider, Daniel and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2015. "Socioeconomic Variation in the Demographic Response to Economic Shocks in the United States: Evidence from the Great Recession." *Demography* 52(6):1893-1915.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and D. Michael Lindsay. 2013. "Rethinking Religious Gender Differences: The Case of Elite Women." *Sociology of Religion* 74(4):471-495.

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Lorini, Luca, et al. (19 authors, including **Orestes P. Hastings**). 2008. "Recent Atomic Clock Comparisons at NIST." *The European Physical Journal Special Topics* 163:19-35.

### Chapters, Reports, and Essays

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Daniel Schneider. 2019. "A Quarter of US parents are Unmarried – and that Changes How Much They Invest in Their Kids." *The Conversation*, September 17.

– Coverage: *Dissent*

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2014. "Recession, Religion, and Happiness, 2006–2010." in *Religion and Inequality in America: Research and Theory on Religion's Role in Stratification*, Lisa A. Keister and Darren E. Sherkat (eds.). Cambridge University Press.

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2012. "Reliability and Stability Estimates for the GSS Core Items from the Three-wave Panels, 2006–2010." GSS Methodological Report #119. NORC.

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Edison Liang. 2008. "2.5 Dimensional Particle-in-Cell Simulations of Relativistic Plasma Collisions." arXiv:0803.1201.

### Under Review and Working Papers

**Hastings, Orestes P.** "Explaining Investments in Children in Cohabiting Families: Social Parents, Relationship Duration, and Economic Resources."

Obermaier, Amber and **Hastings, Orestes P.** "Growing up Different(ly than Last Time You Asked): How Changes in Objective and Subjective Social Status can (Re)Shape Self-reported Childhood Class Background."

**Hastings, Orestes P.** "Which Joneses? Geographic and Sociodemographic Reference Group Effects on Perceived Relative Income."

**Hastings, Orestes P.** and Mary Grace Goettler. "Gendered Effects of Income Loss on Parental Investments: Relational Preservation and Downscaling in U.S. Families."

### Awards and Fellowships

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| 2024 | Academic Visitor, Nuffield College, University of Oxford  |
| 2024 | Visiting Researcher, Centre for Research on Social Inequalities, Sciences Po, Paris   |
| 2019 | Article of the Year Award, Family Section of the American Sociological Association  |
| 2019 | Ann Gill Faculty Development Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University |
| 2018 | Article of the Year Award, Family Section of the American Sociological Association  |
| 2018 | Prize for Exemplary Work on Inequality and Decision Making, The Tobin Project   |

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- 2017 NICHHD Postdoctoral Fellowship, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development (*Declined*)
  - 2017 Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley Graduate Division
  - 2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association
  - 2016 Best Student Paper Award, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association
  - 2016 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
  - 2015 Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion
  - 2015 Herbert Blumer Paper Prize, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
  - 2011–2014 Harvey Fellowship
  - 2011, 2012 National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (*Honorable Mention*)
  - 2010–2011 Phoebe Hearst Bannister Endowment Fellowship, UC Berkeley
  - 2009–2010 Postbaccalaureate Fellowship, Rice University

## Grants and Research Funding

### *External*

- 2021–2022 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Research Grant, Social Science Research Council and Russell Sage Foundation. “What’s a Parent to do? Measuring Parenting Approaches in the U.S. with Topic Modeling for Short Texts.” *PI* (\$1,500)
- 2020–2021 PSID Small Grant, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development R25-HD083146. “Explaining Investments in Children in Cohabiting Families: Social Parents, Relationship Duration, and Economic Resources.” *PI* (\$9,500)
- 2018–2019 Peter G. Peterson Foundation and Ford Foundation (jointly funded), US 2050 Project. “Class Gaps in Parental Investments in Children: How will Changes to Family Structure Affect Socioeconomic Divides in Parental Investments?” *PI* (~\$51,000)
- 2016 The Tobin Project, Inequality and Decision Making pilot study grant. “Determining Income Inequality’s Effect on Optimism about Personal Economic Opportunity.” *Student PI* (\$2,000)

### *Internal*

- 2024, 2023, Colorado State University College of Liberal Arts, Professional Development Program Award. (\$1,000 each)
- 2022 Colorado State University Libraries, Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant. (\$2,200)

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- 2019 Colorado State University College of Liberal Arts. "Rethinking Consumption Inequality: Investigating Differences by Types of Consumption and Consumers." (\$5,000)
- 2018–2019 Colorado State University Office of the Provost, Program Review Quality Enhancement Grant. "Strengthening and Institutionalizing Sociology's Internal Capacity for Self-Study and Program Improvement." *Co-PI* (~\$25,000)
- 2016 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Summer Research Grant (\$3,500)
- 2014 UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Small Research Grant (\$2,000)
- 2012 UC Berkeley Graduate Division, Summer Research Grant (\$5,000)

### Presentations († = invited, \* = scheduled)

- 2025 CU Population Center, University of Colorado Boulder†\*
- 2024 Quantitative Social Science (QSS) and the Centre for Longitudinal Studies (CLS), University College London†\*  
 EduQuant Seminar, University of Copenhagen†  
 Nuffield College, University of Oxford†  
 Centre for Research on Social Inequalities, Sciences Po, Paris†  
 Dondena AI and Society Initiative (DAISI), Bocconi University, Milan†  
 Population Association of America (PAA), Columbus (2 papers)  
 Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Washington, D.C.
- 2023 American Sociological Association (ASA), Philadelphia (2 papers)  
 Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association (RC28), Sciences Po, Paris
- 2022 Text as Data Conference (TADA), Cornell Tech (poster, virtual)  
 ASA, Los Angeles (2 papers)  
 International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), University of Chicago (poster, virtual)  
 PAA, Atlanta (1 paper, 1 poster)
- 2021 Panel Study of Income Dynamics User Conference, University of Michigan (virtual due to COVID-19)  
 Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Princeton (virtual due to COVID-19)
- 2020 ASA, San Francisco (2 papers, virtual due to COVID-19)  
 PAA, Washington, D.C. (session cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 ASA, New York City (2 papers)

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- The Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Boston<sup>†</sup>  
PAA, Austin
- 2018 ASA, Philadelphia  
US 2050 Author's Conference, Peter G. Peterson Foundation/Brookings  
Institution, Washington, D.C.<sup>†</sup>  
PAA, Denver (poster)
- 2017 ASA, Montreal  
PAA, Chicago
- 2016 ASA, Seattle  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Berkeley (2 papers)  
PAA, Washington, D.C.  
The Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Boston
- 2015 Berkeley Symposium on the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, UC Berkeley<sup>†</sup>  
American Sociological Association, Chicago (2 papers)  
Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago<sup>†</sup>  
RC28, Philadelphia
- 2014 Berkeley Population Center Great Recession Mini-Conference, UC Berkeley<sup>†</sup>  
ASA, San Francisco (2 papers)  
PAA, Boston
- 2013 Demography Workshop, National Opinion Research Center, Chicago  
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Boston  
ASA, New York City (2 papers)
- 2012 Religion and Stratification Conference, Duke University  
ASA, Denver
- 2011 SSSR, Milwaukee  
ASA, Las Vegas  
Religion, Politics, and Globalization Graduate Student Colloquium, UC Berkeley<sup>†</sup>  
Bringing Stratification Processes "Back In" to the Scientific Study of Religion  
Conference, Penn State University
- 2010 SSSR, Baltimore
- 2007 Annual Meeting of the Division of Plasma Physics, American Physical Society,  
Orlando.

## Teaching and Advising

### *Courses Taught at Colorado State University (F = Fall, S = Spring, Su = Summer)*

Advanced Graduate Statistics (Soc 613): F19, F21, F23  
Graduate Statistics (Soc 511): S19, S20, S21, S22, S23, S24  
Graduate Research Methods (Soc 510): F17, F18  
Applications of Quantitative Research (Soc 314): F22, S23, F23, S24  
Undergraduate Research Methods (Soc 311): F17, S18, S19  
The Power of Numbers—Statistics in Sociology (Soc 210): Su18, Su19, S20, Su20, F20, S21, Su21, F21, S22, F22

### *Advising at Colorado State University*

#### *Dissertation Committees*

Keith Smith (Sociology, 2020)  
Shawna Bendeck (Sociology, 2024)  
Sera Choi (Journalism & Media Communication, 2024)  
Adrienne Miller (Sociology, in progress)  
Adam Snitker (Sociology, in progress)  
Tom Biedscheid (Education, in progress)  
James O'Mara (Communication Studies, in progress)  
Woke Wang (Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, in progress)  
Bailey Underill (Psychology, in progress)

#### *Masters Thesis Committees*

Carolyn Conant (Sociology, 2020)  
Shelby Sims (Sociology, 2022)  
Elijah Thunell (Sociology, 2022)  
Bailey Underill (Psychology, 2022)  
Natalie Najman (Human Development & Family Studies, 2023)  
km barnhardt (Sociology, 2024) [chair]  
Ang Li (Sociology, 2024)  
Feyla Buss (Sociology, in progress)  
Rykr Ramirez (Sociology, in progress)

#### *Undergraduate Honors Theses and Independent Studies*

Adiam Tesfaselassie (2018)  
Jamie Stoner (2018)  
Kassandra Roeser (2018)  
Megan Nolta (2021)  
Andrea Santiago (2022)  
Colleen Sochan (2023)  
Mary Grace Goettler (2023)  
Isabella Stumpf (2024)

University of California, Berkeley

Mentor, *Cal-ADAR: Advancing Diversity in Aging Research Program*, Berkeley Population Center (Spring 2016)

Instructor and Consultant , *Social Sciences D-Lab* (2014–2016)

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Sociology

*Social Inequalities* (2015)

*Methods of Sociological Research B/C* (2-semester graduate statistics) (2012–2013)

*Evaluation of Evidence* (undergraduate research methods) (2011)

## Professional Activity

### Reviewer

Journals: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Canadian Review of Sociology*, *Demographic Research*, *Demography*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, *Labor Studies Journal*, *Nature Communications*, *Population and Development Review*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Research*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Sociological Science*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Socius*, *The Sociological Quarterly*

Other: Columbia University Press, National Science Foundation (NSF), Princeton University Press, Russell Sage Foundation, Sage Publishing, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

### Discipline

Organizer, PAA session on “Comparative Perspectives on Parenting,” 2025

Judge, PAA poster session on “Children, Intergenerational Relationships, and Gender and Sexuality,” 2024

Discussant, ASA session on “Stratification, Families, and Gender,” 2019

ASA Family section

William J. Goode Book Award Committee, 2023–2024

Nominations Committee, 2021–2022

Article of the Year Award Committee, 2019–2021

ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section

Social Media Committee, 2019–2020

Outstanding Article Award Committee, 2017–2018

Graduate Student Representative to the Council, 2015–2017

Outreach Committee, 2016–2017



Student Affairs Committee, 2015–2016

Membership Committee, 2015–2016

ASA Sociology of Education section

James Coleman Award for Best Article Committee, 2019–2020

ASA Sociology of Religion section

Annual Meeting Roundtable Organizer, 2021

Student Paper Award Committee, 2017–2018

*Colorado State University*

Committee on the Liberal Arts (CoLA): 2020–2022

Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology: 2022–current

Methods Comprehensive Exam Committee, Department of Sociology:  
2017–2024 (Chair, 2022–2023)

Awards Committee (Chair of Graduate Awards), Department of Sociology: 2022–2024

Executive Committee, Department of Sociology: 2021–2022

Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology: 2018–2021

Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology: 2017

*Public*

Human Services and Housing Funding Board, City of Fort Collins: 2019–2024 (Chair, 2024)