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Current Position

Assistant Professor of Social Research and Public Policy New York University Abu Dhabi	2016 – present
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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Washington	2014
M.A. Sociology, University of Washington	2008
B.A. Sociology and B.S. Psychology, Pacific Lutheran University	2000

Positions Held

Data Science Postdoctoral Scholar and Lecturer, School of Information University of California, Berkeley	2014 – 2016
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Short-Term Visits

Washington Square Fellow, Department of Sociology New York University	2016 – 2017
Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington	2007

Publications

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Robbins, Blaine and Edgar Kiser. Forthcoming. “Legitimate Authorities and Rational Taxpayers: An Investigation of Voluntary Compliance and Method Effects in a Survey Experiment of Income Tax Evasion.” *Rationality and Society*.

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2018. “A Double-Edged Sword: The Countervailing Effects of Religion on Cross-National Crime.” *Social Science Quarterly* 99: 377-389.

Robbins, Blaine. 2017. “Status, Identity, and Ability in the Formation of Trust.” *Rationality and Society* 29: 408-448.

- Robbins, Blaine. 2016. "What is Trust? A Multidisciplinary Review, Critique, and Synthesis." *Sociology Compass* 10: 972-986.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2016. "When Social Constraints Increase Trust: Considering Causal Attributions as a Source of Treatment Effect Heterogeneity." *Socius* 2: 1-11.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2016. "Probing the Links between Trustworthiness, Trust, and Emotion: Evidence from Four Survey Experiments." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 79: 284-308.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2016. "From the General to the Specific: How Social Trust Motivates Relational Trust." *Social Science Research* 55: 16-30.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2015. "Climate, Affluence, and Trust: Revisiting Climo-economic Models of Generalized Trust with Cross-National Longitudinal Data, 1981-2009." *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* 46: 277-289.
- Robbins, Blaine, Howard T. Welsch, Maria Grigoryeva, and Eric Gleave. 2014. "Power-Use in Cooperative Competition: A Power-Dependence Model and an Empirical Test of Network Structure and Geographic Mobility." *Social Science Research* 45: 131-151.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2013. "Cooperation without Culture? The Null Effect of Generalized Trust on Intentional Homicide: A Cross-National Panel Analysis, 1995-2009." *PLoS ONE* 8 (3): e59511.
- Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2012. "Religion and the Acceptability of White-Collar Crime: A Cross-National Analysis." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51: 542-567.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2012. "Institutional Quality and Generalized Trust: A Nonrecursive Causal Model." *Social Indicators Research* 107: 235-258.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2012. "A Blessing and a Curse? Political Institutions in the Growth and Decay of Generalized Trust: A Cross-National Panel Analysis, 1980-2009." *PLoS ONE* 7(4): e35120.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2012. "Playing with Fire, Competing with Spirit: Cooperation in the Sport of Ultimate." *Sociological Spectrum* 32: 270-290.
- Gleave, Eric, Blaine Robbins, and Beth Kolko. 2012. "Trust in Uzbekistan." *International Political Science Review* 33: 209-229.
- Robbins, Blaine and David Pettinicchio. 2012. "Social Capital, Economic Development, and Homicide: A Cross-National Investigation." *Social Indicators Research* 105: 519-540.
- Robbins, Blaine. 2011. "Neither Government nor Community Alone: A Test of State-Centered Models of Generalized Trust." *Rationality and Society* 23: 304-346.
- Robbins, Blaine and Maria Grigoryeva. 2010. "Information Technology, Political Institutions, and Generalized Trust: An Empirical Assessment Using Structural Equation Models." *International Journal of Dependable and Trustworthy Information Systems* 1(2): 55-69.

Robbins, Blaine. 2004. “‘That’s Cheap.’ The Rational Invocation of Norms, Practices, and an Ethos in Ultimate Frisbee.” *Journal of Sport and Social Issues* 28: 314-337.

Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, and Other Publications

Crutchfield, Robert D., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2012. “Cultures of Inequality, Threat, and Imprisonment.” Pp. 31-52 in Pascale Antolin & Arnaud Schmitt (eds.), *Pratiques et Esthétique de la Déviance en Amérique du Nord*. Pessac: University of Bordeaux Press.

Robbins, Blaine and Maria Grigoryeva. 2010. “Technology: A Bane or Boon for Cross-National Levels of Generalized Trust?” In *Trust and Technology in a Ubiquitous Modern Environment: Theoretical and Methodological Perspectives*, edited by Dominika Latusek and Alexandra Gerbasi. Hershey, PA: IGI Global.

Kitts, James A. and Blaine G. Robbins. 2008. “Prestige.” Entry in *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, edited by Vincent N. Parrillo. New York, NY: Sage Publications.

Doctoral Dissertation

Robbins, Blaine. 2014. *On the Origins of Trust*. Department of Sociology, University of Washington. Committee: Edgar Kiser (chair), Ross Matsueda, Jerald Herting, and Darryl Holman.

Articles under Review

Robbins, Blaine G., Aaron Kamm, Daniel Karell, and Simon Siegenthaler. “Benefits and Risks of Volatile Aid: Insights from a Lab Experiment on External Transfers, Altruistic Giving, and Social Norms.”

Matsueda, Ross L., Blaine G. Robbins and Steven J. Pfaff. “Under What Conditions are Students Willing to Protest? Selective Incentives, Production Functions, and Grievances.”

Articles in Preparation

Dechter, Aimee and Blaine Robbins. “Is There a Consensus on Marriage in the U.S.? Socioeconomic and Ethnoracial Differences in Norms about Marriage.”

Robbins, Blaine. “Measuring Social Trust: A New Approach.”

Robbins, Blaine and Edgar Kiser. “Why Pay Taxes? Culture, Coercion, and Compliance.”

Grants

External Grants Awarded

National Science Foundation SES-1330559 “Testing an Integrated Structural-Cognitive Theory of Collective Action” (\$138,050) Co-Investigator with Steven Pfaff (PI) and Ross Matsueda (CO-PI)	2013 – 2017
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National Science Foundation SES-1303577 “Assessing the Origins of Trust and Trustworthiness” (\$11,998)	2013 – 2016
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Co-Principal Investigator with Edgar Kiser (PI)

Microsoft Research Grant (\$5,000) 2007

Internal Grants Awarded

New York University, NYUAD Institute, Program Grant 2017
Workshop on “The Future of Survey Experiments” (\$10,000)
Convener and Organizer

University of California, Berkeley, Xlab Research Grant 2016
“When Police Brutality Backfires: How Information Asymmetries Moderate the Link between
Violent Repression and Collective Action” (\$3,365)
Co-Principal Investigator with Ali Sanaei (PI)

University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Departmental Research Grant 2013
“Assessing the Origins of Trust and Trustworthiness” (\$200)
Principal Investigator

University of Washington, Royalty Research Fund Seed Grant A74643 2012 – 2015
“Is There a Consensus on Marriage? Socioeconomic and Ethnic Differences in Marriage Norms”
(\$32,837)
Co-Investigator with Aimée Dechter (PI)

University of Washington, Royalty Research Fund Seed Grant A69919 2012 – 2014
“Public Goods and the Propensity to Protest: A Factorial Survey of Participation in Collective
Action” (\$29,507)
Co-Investigator with Steven Pfaff (PI) and Ross Matsueda (CO-PI)

University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Departmental Research Grant 2011
“Political Institutions in the Growth and Decay of Generalized Trust” (\$300)
Principal Investigator

University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Travel Endowment (\$300) 2009

Awards and Distinctions

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award 2014
American Sociological Association, Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section

Presidential Dissertation Fellowship 2013
University of Washington, Graduate School

Otto Larsen Dissertation Award (\$1,000) 2012
University of Washington, Department of Sociology

Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award (\$1,000) 2011
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

James S. Coleman Award for Best Graduate Student Paper 2009

American Sociological Association, Rationality and Society Section

Distinction on Ph.D. Major Examination in Institutional Analysis – Political Sociology 2009
University of Washington, Department of Sociology

Doctoral minor certification in *Social Statistics and Quantitative Methods* 2009
University of Washington, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

Letter of Commendation for Pedagogical Contributions 2009
University of Washington, Dean of Social Sciences

Invited Talks and Workshops

Workshop on the Determinants of Social Trust 2018
Uppsala, Sweden

Umeå University 2018
Department of Sociology

University of Washington 2016
Department of Sociology, Earl & Edna Stice Lecture Series

New York University 2015
Department of Sociology

New York University Abu Dhabi 2015
Social Research and Public Policy

University of California at Riverside 2014
Department of Sociology

University of Washington 2014
Department of Political Science Symposium in Celebration of Margaret Levi

Conference Presentations

Robbins, Blaine and Edgar Kiser. “Why Pay Taxes? Testing Models of Tax Compliance with a Nationally Representative Survey Experiment of Income Tax Evasion.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2018)

Matsueda, Ross, Blaine Robbins, and Steven Pfaff. “Collective Goods and the Propensity to Protest: Testing a Structural-Cognitive Model of Collective Action.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2016)

Robbins, Blaine. “On the Origins of Trust: Perceived Motivations and Other-Praising Emotions.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2014)

Robbins, Blaine, Steven Pfaff, Ross Matsueda, and Richard Callahan. "Social Influence and Collective Action: An Experiment of a Simulated Social Protest." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2014)

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Context Matters: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Crime." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2010)

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Belief and Ritual in Modernized Societies: The Religion-Crime Connection." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (2010)

Corcoran, Katie, David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Tolerance for Crime and Religion: Explanation Variation in Cross-National Contexts." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (2009)

Robbins, Blaine and David Pettinicchio. "Civic Engagement and Socio-Economic Structure: Cross-National Explanations of Victimization." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (2009)

Robbins, Blaine, Maria Grigoryeva, Eric Gleave, and Howard T. Welser. "Social Exchange and Network Formation: The Use of Power-Dependence Theory to Predict the Network Structure of Interorganizational Competitions." Sunbelt XXIX (2009)

Corcoran, Katie E., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. "Belief, Ritual, and Moral Community: A Cross-National Analysis of the Effects of Religion on Tolerance of Crime." Association for the Sociology of Religion Annual Meeting (2009)

Pettinicchio, David and Blaine Robbins. "Social Capital, Tolerance for Deviance and Civic Action: Explaining Homicide Rates across 57 Nations." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (2008)

Pettinicchio, David and Blaine Robbins. "Civic Engagement, a Taste for Deviance and Homicide Rates: Testing a Micro-Level Mechanism." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (2008)

Seminar Presentations

University of California, Berkeley School of Information Research Exchange	2015
University of Washington Department of Sociology Graduate Research Symposium	2010
University of Washington Department of Sociology Deviance Seminar	2009
University of Washington Department of Sociology Deviance Seminar	2008

Professional Service and Activities

Co-founder and Co-convener (with Kinga Makovi and Malta Reichelt) Workshop on <i>The Frontiers of Network Science</i> New York University Abu Dhabi, April 8-10	2018
Program Committee Member <i>International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM-18)</i>	2018
Founder and Convener Workshop on <i>The Future of Survey Experiments</i> New York University Abu Dhabi, 19 Washington Square North, April 6-7	2017
Program Committee Member <i>International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM-17)</i>	2017
Program Committee Member <i>International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM-16)</i>	2016
Rationality and Society Graduate Student Paper Award Selection Committee American Sociological Association	2010
Co-Founder and Co-Coordinator (with Heather Evans and Emi Tamaki) <i>Graduate Research Symposium</i> Department of Sociology, University of Washington	2010
Graduate Student Representative Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences, University of Washington	2009
External Reviewer, <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>British Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>European Sociological Review</i> , <i>Gender & Society</i> , <i>Homicide Studies</i> , <i>International Political Science Review</i> , <i>Journal of Civil</i> <i>Society</i> , <i>Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology</i> , <i>Justice Quarterly</i> , <i>PLoS ONE</i> , <i>Political</i> <i>Psychology</i> , <i>Political Studies</i> , <i>Public Opinion Quarterly</i> , <i>Rationality and Society</i> , <i>SAGE</i> <i>Open</i> , <i>Social Currents</i> , <i>Social Indicators Research</i> , <i>Social Psychology Quarterly</i> , <i>Social</i> <i>Science Research</i> , <i>West European Politics</i> , Chapman & Hall/CRC, National Science Foundation (USA)	

Teaching and Advising

New York University Abu Dhabi

Social Science UH 1010Q: Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences	2018
Social Research and Public Policy UH 3214: Social Networks	2018
Social Research and Public Policy AD 115J: Social Networks	2017

New York University

Sociology 201: Social Psychology 2016 - 2017

University of California, Berkeley

Master of Information and Data Science W203: Exploring and Analyzing Data 2014 – 2016

University of Washington

Sociology 110: Survey of Sociology 2009

Sociology 240: Introduction to Social Psychology 2011 – 2014

Sociology 344: Cognitive Social Psychology 2012

Undergraduate Academic Advisor 2009 – 2011

Research Assistant

University of Washington, Department of Sociology

Testing an Integrated Structural-Cognitive Theory of Collective Action Project
Supervisor: Steven Pfaff 2014

Life-Course Trajectories of Substance Use and Crime
Supervisors: Elena Erosheva and Ross Matsueda 2013

Consensus on Marriage Project
Supervisor: Aimée Dechter 2012 – 2013

Public Goods and the Propensity to Protest Project
Supervisor: Steven Pfaff 2012 – 2013

Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington

Communities Technologies Group
Supervisor: Marc Smith 2006 – 2007

References

Edgar Kiser, Ross Matsueda, Steven Pfaff, Aimée Dechter, and Jerald Herting

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