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Employment

Associate Professor of Social Research and Public Policy New York University Abu Dhabi	2023–
Assistant Professor of Social Research and Public Policy New York University Abu Dhabi	2016–2023
Data Science Postdoctoral Scholar and Lecturer, School of Information University of California, Berkeley	2014–2016

Affiliations and Visiting Positions

Director, Government and Public Policy Research Cluster, NYU Abu Dhabi	2023–
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Behavioral Institutional Design (C-BID), NYU Abu Dhabi	2022–
Faculty Affiliate, Social Science Experimental Laboratory (SSEL), NYU Abu Dhabi	2022–
Faculty Affiliate, Department of Sociology, New York University	2016–
Washington Square Fellow, Department of Sociology, New York University	2016–2017
Microsoft Research, Redmond, Washington	2007

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

Publications

Book Project

Grigoryeva, Maria and Blaine Robbins. *Are you Looking for Secrets? The What, Who, and Why of Concealment* (In Preparation, Proposal Available).

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Grigoryeva, Maria and Blaine Robbins. Forthcoming. "Every Forest has Its Shadow: The Demographics of Concealment in the United States." *Sociological Science*.

Robbins, Blaine, Daniel Karell, Simon Siegenthaler, and Aaron Kamm. Forthcoming. "Pathways to Prosocial Leadership: An Online Experiment on the Effects of External Subsidies and the Relative Price of Giving." *European Sociological Review*.

Demirović, Melisa, Jonathan Rogers, and Blaine Robbins. Forthcoming. "Gender and Gender-Role Attitudes in Wage Negotiations: Evidence from an Online Experiment." *Social Psychology Quarterly*.

Robbins, Blaine. Forthcoming. "An Empirical Comparison of Four Generalized Trust Scales: Test-Retest Reliability, Measurement Invariance, Predictive Validity, and Replicability." *Sociological Methods & Research*.

Kornrich, Sabino and Blaine Robbins. 2024. "The Rise of Online Dating and Racial Homogamy in Marriage." *Social Science Research* 119: 102976.

Robbins, Blaine G. 2023. "Valid and Reliable Measures of Generalized Trust: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey and Behavioral Experiment." *Socius* 9: 1-26.

Robbins, Blaine. 2023. "Measuring Particularized Trust: A Name Generator Approach." *Social Networks* 72: 121-138.

Demirović, Melisa and Blaine Robbins. 2022. "The Norm of Wage Negotiations in the United States." *Socius* 8: 1-19.

Robbins, Blaine, Aimée Dechter, and Sabino Kornrich. 2022. "Assessing the Deinstitutionalization of Marriage Thesis: An Experimental Test." *American Sociological Review* 87: 237-274.

Robbins, Blaine. 2022. "Measuring Generalized Trust: Two New Approaches." *Sociological Methods & Research* 51: 305-356.

Robbins, Blaine, Ross Matsueda, and Steven Pfaff. 2020. "Mapping the Production and Mobilization Functions of Collective Action." *Socius* 6: 1-12.

Bélanger, Jocelyn J., Blaine G. Robbins, Hayat Muhammad, Manuel Moyano, Claudia F. Nisa, Birga M. Schumpe, and Michelle Blaya. 2020. "Supporting Political Violence: The Role of Ideological Passion and Social Network." *Group Processes & Intergroup Relations* 23: 1187-1203.

Robbins, Blaine and Edgar Kiser. 2020. "State Coercion, Moral Attitudes, and Tax Compliance: Evidence from a National Factorial Survey Experiment of Income Tax Evasion." *Social Science Research* 91: 102448.

Robbins, Blaine and Edgar Kiser. 2018. "Legitimate Authorities and Rational Taxpayers: An Investigation of Voluntary Compliance and Method Effects in a Survey Experiment of Income Tax Evasion." *Rationality and Society* 30: 247-301.

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.

- Outstanding Published Article Award 2018, Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association.
- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award 2014, Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section of the American Sociological Association.

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 Climatoeconomic Models of Generalized Trust with Cross-National Longitudinal Data, 1981-2009." *Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology* 46: 277-289.

Robbins, Blaine, Howard T. Welser, 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.

- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award 2011, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

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.

- James S. Coleman Award for Best Graduate Student Paper 2009, Rationality and Society Section of the American Sociological Association.

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

Book Chapters, Encyclopedia Entries, and Other Publications

Robbins, Blaine. 2018. "Probing the Links of Discovery." In *Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Forum: The Newsletter of the AMSS Section of the American Sociological Association* 9 (2): 2-5.

Crutchfield, Robert D., David Pettinicchio, and Blaine Robbins. 2012. "Cultures of Inequality, Threat, and Imprisonment." In *Pratiques et Esthétique de la Déviance en Amérique du Nord*, edited by Pascale Antolin and Arnaud Schmitt. Pessac: University of Bordeaux Press.

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 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

Grigoryeva, Maria and Blaine Robbins. "Norms and Concealment." (*Revise & Resubmit, European Sociological Review*)

Matsueda, Ross L., Blaine Robbins, and Steven J. Pfaff. "Under What Conditions are Students Willing to Protest? Selective Incentives, Production Functions, and Grievances." (*Reject & Resubmit, American Journal of Sociology*)

Robbins, Blaine, Steven Pfaff, and Ross Matsueda. "Emotion, Efficacy, and Protest Intentions: Testing a Multilevel Dual Pathway Model of Collective Action."

Robbins, Blaine G. and Maria S. Grigoryeva. "I've Seen a Face: The Effects of Facial Appearance on Measures of Generalized Trust."

Robbins, Blaine. "The Influence of Rating Scales and Question Attributes on the Validity and Reliability of Generalized Trust Scales."

Data Collection and Analysis

Glanville, Jennifer, Elisa Bienenstock, and Blaine Robbins. "Who are 'Most People?'" Assessing the Measurement of Generalized Trust."

Robbins, Blaine. "Measuring Generalized Trust: A Cross-National Comparative Study."

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) Co-Principal Investigator with Edgar Kiser (PI)	2013–2016
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Microsoft Research Grant (\$5,000)	2007
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External Grants Declined

National Science Foundation "Collaborative Research: Uncovering the True Relationship Between Diversity and Generalized Trust" (\$585,400) Co-Principal Investigator with Jennifer Glanville (PI) and Elisa Bienenstock (CO-PI)	2021
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National Science Foundation "Measuring Generalized Trust: A Cross-Cultural Comparative Study" (\$323,941)	2021
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Principal Investigator

Internal Grants Awarded

New York University Abu Dhabi, REF Research & Creative Grant “Measuring Generalized Trust: A Cross-Cultural Comparative Study” (\$217,530) Principal Investigator	2022–2024
New York University, NYUAD Institute, Program Grant Workshop on <i>The Future of Survey Experiments</i> (\$10,000) Convener and Organizer	2017
University of California, Berkeley, Xlab Research Grant “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)	2016
University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Departmental Research Grant “Assessing the Origins of Trust and Trustworthiness” (\$200) Principal Investigator	2013
University of Washington, Royalty Research Fund Seed Grant A74643 “Is There a Consensus on Marriage? Socioeconomic and Ethnic Differences in Marriage Norms” (\$32,837) Co-Investigator with Aimée Dechter (PI)	2012–2015
University of Washington, Royalty Research Fund Seed Grant A69919 “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)	2012–2014
University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Departmental Research Grant “Political Institutions in the Growth and Decay of Generalized Trust” (\$300) Principal Investigator	2011
University of Washington, Department of Sociology, Travel Endowment (\$300)	2009

Awards and Distinctions

Award for Excellence as a Senior Program Committee Member (Best Meta-Reviewer) <i>12th International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo-20)</i>	2020
Presidential Dissertation Fellowship University of Washington, Graduate School	2013
Otto Larsen Dissertation Award (\$1,000) University of Washington, Department of Sociology	2012

Distinction on Ph.D. Major Examination in Institutional Analysis – Political Sociology University of Washington, Department of Sociology	2009
Doctoral minor certification in <i>Social Statistics and Quantitative Methods</i> University of Washington, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences	2009
Letter of Commendation for Pedagogical Contributions University of Washington, Dean of Social Sciences	2009

Conferences, Invited Seminars, and Workshops

University College London Centre for Quantitative Social Science (London, UK), University of Arizona Workshop on <i>Trust and Networks</i> (Tucson, USA)	2024
Utrecht University Department of Sociology (Utrecht, Netherlands), Aarhus University Department of Political Science (Aarhus, Denmark), University College Dublin Department of Sociology (Dublin, Ireland), ASA Annual Meeting	2023
Center for Behavioral Institutional Design (NYUAD), ASA Annual Meeting	2022
Spanish National Research Council's Institute of Public Goods and Policies (Madrid, Spain)	2021
ASA Annual Meeting	2020
ASA Annual Meeting	2019
NYU Abu Dhabi 3Labs Social Psychology Working Group, ASA Annual Meeting, Workshop on <i>Determinants of Social Trust</i> (Uppsala, Sweden), Umeå University Department of Sociology (Umeå, Sweden)	2018
ASA Annual Meeting, University of Washington Earl & Edna Stice Lecture Series	2016
NYU Abu Dhabi Division of Social Science, NYU Department of Sociology, UC-Berkeley School of Information	2015
UC-Riverside Department of Sociology, ASA Annual Meeting (x2), University of Washington Symposium in Celebration of Margaret Levi	2014
ASA Annual Meeting, ASC Annual Meeting, University of Washington Graduate Research Symposium	2010
University of Washington Book Workshop on <i>Women, Work, and Politics</i> (Discussant) ASC Annual Meeting (x2), Sunbelt XXIX, ASR Annual Meeting, University of Washington Deviance Seminar	2009

ASC Annual Meeting (x2), University of Washington Deviance Seminar 2008

Professional Service and Activities

Committee Member 2023–
Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee
 New York University Abu Dhabi

Chair 2023–
Social Science Graduate Policy and Curriculum Committee
 New York University Abu Dhabi

Academic Consultant 2023–
Weave: The Social Fabric Project
 The Aspen Institute

Committee Member 2023–
Foundations of Social Science Curriculum Committee
 New York University Abu Dhabi

Program Committee Member 2023
3rd Workshop on Experimental Sociology
 Online Workshop Hosted by the University of Essex and University College London

Co-organizer (with Laure Assaf) 2022–2024
Social Research and Public Policy Speaker Series
 New York University Abu Dhabi

Senior Program Committee Member 2022
International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM-22)

Committee Member 2019–2021
Senior Faculty Search for Social Research and Public Policy
 New York University Abu Dhabi

Committee Chair 2021
Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award for Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section
 American Sociological Association

Senior Program Committee Member 2020
12th International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo-20)

Program Committee Member 2020
12th International ACM Conference on Web Science (WebSci-20)

Senior Program Committee Member 2019
11th International Conference on Social Informatics (SocInfo-19)

Committee Member <i>Outstanding Published Article Award for Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity Section</i> American Sociological Association	2019
Program Committee Member <i>International AAAI Conference on Web and Social Media (ICWSM-19)</i>	2019
Committee Member <i>Academic Integrity Hearing Panel</i> New York University Abu Dhabi	2018–2023
Program Committee Member <i>The NYUAD Research Conference</i> New York University Abu Dhabi, November 5-7	2018
Co-founder and Co-convener (with Kinga Makovi and Malte Reichelt) <i>Workshop on 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 <i>Workshop on 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
Committee Member <i>Graduate Student Paper Award for Rationality and Society Section</i> American Sociological Association	2010
Co-Founder and Co-convener (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 Peer Reviewer for <i>American Journal of Political Science</i> , <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>American Sociological Review</i> , <i>British Journal of Sociology</i> , <i>Comparative Political Studies</i> , <i>European Sociological Review</i> , <i>Frontiers in Psychology</i> , <i>Gender & Society</i> , <i>Homicide Studies</i> , <i>International Journal of Public Opinion Research</i> , <i>International Political</i>	

Science Review, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Civil Society, Journal of Cross-Cultural Psychology, Justice Quarterly, Nature Human Behaviour, PLoS ONE, Political Behavior, Political Psychology, Political Studies, Public Opinion Quarterly, Rationality and Society, SAGE Open, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Indicators Research, Social Psychology Quarterly, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Sociological Forum, Sociological Methods & Research, Socius, Theory and Society, West European Politics, Chapman & Hall/CRC, National Science Foundation (USA)

Teaching

New York University Abu Dhabi

Social Science UH 2211: Survey Research. Fall 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022. Spring 2019, 2020.

Social Science UH 1010Q: Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences. Fall 2018, 2022. Spring 2018, 2021 × 2.

Social Research and Public Policy UH 3214: Social Networks. Fall 2018. Spring 2018, 2020. Summer 2021.

Social Research and Public Policy AD 115J: Social Networks. J-Term 2017.

New York University

Sociology 201: Social Psychology. Fall 2016, Spring 2017.

University of California, Berkeley

Master of Information and Data Science W203: Exploring and Analyzing Data. Fall 2014 × 3, 2015 × 2. Spring 2015 × 2, 2016 × 2. Summer 2015 × 2, 2016 × 3.

University of Washington

Sociology 110: Survey of Sociology. Summer 2009

Sociology 240: Introduction to Social Psychology. Spring 2011

Sociology 344: Cognitive Social Psychology. Spring 2012, Summer 2014

Advising

New York University Abu Dhabi

Post-Graduation Research Fellowship Faculty Supervisor, Melisa Demirovic (AY 20-21)

Post-Graduation Practical Training Program Faculty Supervisor, Melisa Demirovic (Summer 2020), Abdur Rehman Arshad (Summer 2020)

Capstone Adviser, Maya Blodgett (AY 23-24), Shamma Al Dhaheri (AY 22-23), Salama Al Hosani (AY 20-21), Katie Glasgow-Palmer (AY 20-21), Melisa Demirovic (AY 19-20), Salama Al Ghafli (AY 19-20), Diego Sandoval (AY 18-19)

Capstone Reader, Emilija Platukyte (AY 22-23), Houda Ould Khal (AY 22-23), Alexandros Agiostratitis (AY 22-23), Federico Jannelli (AY 22-23), Lama Ahmad (AY 18-19), Cristina Lupusor (AY 18-19), Songyue Xu (AY 18-19), Kate Melville-Rea (AY 17-18), Hannah Taylor (AY 17-18)

Student Research Assistant Supervisor for “Measuring Generalized Trust: A Cross-Cultural Comparative Study” Project (AY 22-23), Alex Agiostratitis, Aya Amine, Francesca Antonone, Walid Belbach, Maya Blodgett, Alex Chae, Roberta Danieliute, Klara-Jesefin Ehrnst, Claudio Falcioni, Kenza El Gamra, Codrin Ghidui, Ryunosuke Hashimoto, Ema Higaki, Valentin Josan, Paulina Lajkowska, Sara Abo Madalala, Linh Nguyen, Julia Oleszynska, Fedi Ben Othmen, Minseo Park, Alejandra Perez, Emilija Platukyte, Lucas de Lellis da Silva, Spyros Sofianos, Amine Tabsissi, Linh Tran

University of Washington

Undergraduate Academic Adviser	2009–2011
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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
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References

Edgar Kiser, David Cook-Martin, Jennifer Glanville, Steven Pfaff, Ross Matsueda, and Aimée Dechter

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