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Academic Positions

2019 – Acacia Assistant Professor of Environment and Society and Sociology
Brown University

Education

PhD University of California, Berkeley, Sociology, 2019 (Expected)
Dissertation: The Diffusion of a Debate: Cultural Resonance and Resource Control in American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change.

BA Yale University, Psychology, *magna cum laude* and with departmental honors, 2006

Scholarly Interests

Political Sociology, Environmental Sociology, Race/Ethnicity, Sociology of Culture, Social Psychology, Organizational Theory, Social Theory, Computational Methods, Experimental Methods.

Publications

Wetts, Rachel and Robb Willer. "Who is Called by the Dog Whistle? Experimental Evidence that Racial Resentment and Political Ideology Condition Responses to Racially-Encoded Messages." Forthcoming at *Socius*.

Wetts, Rachel. 2019. "Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." *Social Forces*. Published online: <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soz027>

- Winner, Section on Political Sociology's Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student Award, 2019

Haveman, Heather A., and **Rachel Wetts**. 2019. "Contemporary Organizational Theory: The Demographic, Relational, and Cultural Perspectives." *Sociology Compass* 13(3):e12664. Published online: <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12664>

Haveman, Heather A. and **Rachel Wetts**. 2019. "Organizational Theory: From Classical Sociology to the 1970s." *Sociology Compass* 13(3): e12627. Published online: <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12627>

Wetts, Rachel and Robb Willer. 2018. "Privilege on the Precipice: Perceived Racial Status Threats Lead White Americans to Oppose Welfare Programs." *Social Forces* 97(2): 793-822.

- Reported in *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *New York Magazine*, *Vox*, *The Huffington Post*, *Salon*, and NPR.

In Preparation

Willer, Robb, Matthew Feinberg, and **Rachel Wetts**. "Threats to Racial Status Promote Tea Party Support among White Americans." SSRN Working Paper.

- Reported in *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *The Huffington Post*, and NPR.

Wetts, Rachel. "Whose Messages Make the News on Climate? Large Businesses and Advocates Against Climate Action Receive Heightened Media Visibility." In preparation.

Wetts, Rachel. "Money and Meaning in the Climate Change Debate: Cultural Resonance and Organizational Power Shape Success of American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." In preparation.

Presentations

"The Diffusion of a Debate: American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Brown University, Providence, RI, April 2019.

"Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." Cornell University, Ithaca, NY, December 2018.

"Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." Brown University, Providence, RI, November 2018.

"Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN, November 2018.

"Who is Called by the Dog Whistle? Political Ideology Conditions Responses to Racially-Encoded Messages." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, August 2018.

"Models and Morals: American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada, August 2017.

“Anxiety and Austerity: A Group Position Account of White Americans’ Opposition to Welfare.” Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA, January 2016.

“Anxiety and Austerity: A Group Position Account of White Americans’ Attitudes toward Welfare.” Group Processes Mini-Conference, Stanford, CA, August 2014.

“Do Exemplars of Minority Success Legitimate Inequality?” Berkeley-Stanford Social Psychology Conference, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, November 2011.

Awards and Fellowships

2019	Section on Political Sociology’s Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship for a Paper by a Graduate Student Award
2018	American Sociological Association Student Forum Travel Award
2016-2017	Dissertation Completion Fellowship
2016	Lowenthal Fellowship
2015	Graduate Summer Research Grant
2013	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology Small Research Grant
2012	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
2012	Berkeley Social Justice Fellowship
2006	Psi Chi Honor Society for Psychology

Teaching & Mentoring

Instructor

Social Psychology of Inequality

Graduate Student Instructor

Introduction to Sociology, Evaluation of Evidence, Classical Social Theory, Contemporary Social Theory

Reader

Sociology of Culture, Virtual Communities and Social Media, Cultural Perspectives of Food, Comparative Perspectives on U.S. and European Societies: Inequality

Mentor

Rui Ju (Computational methods and environmental politics)
Yik Hei Ho (Senior Honors Thesis: “Hegemonic Capitalism and Hong Kong’s Minimum Wage Law.”)

Professional Service

Ad-hoc Reviewer: *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Policy Studies Journal*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences*

Graduate Student Evaluator for the UC Berkeley Sociological Research Symposium

Member: American Sociological Association, Society for Personality and Social Psychology

Other Research Experience

2017 Graduate Student Researcher with Heather Haveman, UC Berkeley

2013 Social Science Research Council – Consultant

2007 – 2010 Vera Institute of Justice – Research Analyst (2008 – 2010), Research Assistant (2007 – 2008)

References

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