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## **EDUCATION**

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### **The University of Texas at Austin**

Ph.D. Sociology, (*expected*) 2021

### **The London School of Economics and Political Science**

M.Sc. Political Sociology, with *Distinction* 2014

### **William Paterson University of New Jersey**

B.A. Political Science, *Magna Cum Laude* 2011

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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### ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS

Azar, Riad. 2018. "Boomtown Poison: Political Culture Under the Shadow of Lead Poisoning in West Texas." *ERPI Working Paper Series* 1(41).

Azar, Riad. Forthcoming. "Brain Waste: The Deskilling of Migrant Professionals in London," in Andrew Blasko and Diana Janušauskienė (eds.) *Values and Ideologies in Central and Eastern Europe*. Washington, D.C.: Council for Research in Values and Philosophy.

### REVIEWS AND OTHER PUBLICATIONS

2016. "Marx and Globalization" Review of Lucia Pradella's Globalisation and the Critique of Political Economy. *Socialism & Democracy*. 30(1):204-208

2016. "Social Capital and Class" Review of Robert Putnam's Our Kids. *New Politics*. 15(4): 114-118

2015. "Occupy Needs a Methodology" Review of Michael A. Gould-Wartofsky's The Occupiers: The Making of the 99 Percent Movement. *Logos: A Journal of Modern Society and Culture*. 14(2-3).

2014. "What's Fair about Fair Trade?" Review of Ndongo Sylla's The Fair Trade Scandal. *New Politics*. 15(2): 127-129

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

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Azar, Riad. "Punishment of Peccadillos: On the Relational Construction of Legal Knowledge."

Ponce de León-Calero, Alejandro and Riad Azar. "Panhandle Patronage: Alienation, Populism, and Wildfire in North Texas."

Azar, Riad. "On Pools, Pastors, and Parades: An Ethnography of a Dying Town in Three Acts."

Azar, Riad and Matthew Snidal. "The Health Outcomes of Participation in Illicit Markets."

Azar, Riad. "The Institutional Determinants of Partisanship: Lead, Infrastructure, and the Social Patterning of Toxic Uncertainty."

## **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

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Azar, Riad. 2019. "Punishment of Peccadillos: On the Relational Construction of Legal Knowledge." Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.

Azar, Riad. 2019. "Punishment of Peccadillos: On the Relational Construction of Legal Knowledge." Paper presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

- Azar, Riad and Alejandro Ponce de León-Calero. 2019. "Panhandle Patronage: Alienation, Populism, and Wildfire in North Texas." Paper presented at the Southern Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Austin, TX.
- Azar, Riad. 2018. "Economic Inequality, Humans Rights, and Lead." Paper presented at the Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, Austin, TX.
- Azar, Riad. 2018 "Boomtown Poison: Political Culture Under the Shadow of Lead Poisoning in West Texas." Paper presented at the XIX International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada.
- Azar, Riad. 2018 "Boomtown Poison: Political Culture Under the Shadow of Lead Poisoning in West Texas." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society 2018 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Ponce de León-Calero, Alejandro and Riad Azar. 2018. "Doing Politics in 'Hard Times': Crisis, Politics, and Everyday Life in Small Town Rural America." Paper presented at the Southern Sociological Society 2018 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Azar, Riad. 2018. "Boom Town Poison: Political Culture Under the Shadow of Lead Poisoning in West Texas." Paper presented at the Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative, International Institute of Social Studies, The Hague, Netherlands.
- Azar, Riad. 2018. "Privatization and its Discontents." Talk given to Confédération générale du travail, CGT, Versailles, France.
- Azar, Riad. 2017. "Long Nights on Brick Lane: How do Ethnographers account for Time?" Paper presented at the City, Culture, and Community Annual Graduate Symposium, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.
- Azar, Riad. 2016. "Spatialities of Alienation: Deskilling and Precarious Labor in 21<sup>st</sup> Century London." Paper presented at the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Sociology Association Forum of Sociology, Vienna, Austria.
- Azar, Riad. 2016. "Brain Waste: The Deskilling of London's Migrant Professionals." Paper presented at the VII conference of the European Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, Topola, Bulgaria.
- Azar, Riad. 2015. "Neoliberalism, Authoritarianism, and Austerity." Paper presented at the (In)Security in a Global Age, Sociology Graduate Student Conference, University of Cambridge, UK.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, and AWARDS**

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- 2019: International Journal for Urban and Regional Research Foundation Studentship  
 Summer Dissertation Research Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, UT Austin  
 Summer Research Fellowship, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT Austin.
- 2018: Comprehensive Exams in Political Sociology with Distinction  
 Early Research Award, Office of Graduate Studies, UT Austin.  
 Professional Development Award, Office of Graduate Studies, UT Austin.  
 Scholarly Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, UT Austin.  
 XIX World Congress Registration Grant, International Sociological Association  
 Summer Research Fellowship, Crime, Law, and Deviance Working Group, UT Austin  
 Rapoport Center Summer Fieldwork Grant, UT Austin  
 Scholarly Travel Grant, Crime, Law, and Deviance Working Group, UT Austin
- 2017: Early Research Award, Office of Graduate Studies, UT Austin.  
 Emancipatory Rural Politics Initiative Proposal Development Grant.  
 Texas Study of Political Culture Seed Grant, UT Urban Ethnography Lab,  
 Polish Studies Endowment Professional Development Scholarship.

### **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE AND AFFILIATIONS**

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- 2018 - 2019 Manager, Urban Ethnography Lab, The University of Texas at Austin

- 2017 - 2019 Multi-State Study of Monetary Sanctions  
Qualitative Researcher (Texas), PI: Dr. Becky Pettit
- 2017 - 2019 Texas Study of Political Culture  
Ethnographic Researcher, PI: Dr. Javier Auyero
- 2016 - 2019 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin  
Courses: Introduction to the Study of Society, The Sociological Imagination, Culture and Society, Visual Sociology, Punishment and Society
- 2016 - Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT Austin
- 2016 - Graduate Fellow, Population Research Center, UT Austin
- 2016 - Graduate Student Affiliate, Rapoport Center for Humans Rights, UT Austin

### **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

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- 2018 - 2019 Sociology Representative to the University of Texas at Austin Graduate Student Council
- 2017 - 2019 Diversity Action Committee, Department of Sociology, UT Austin
- 2017 - 2018 Graduate Student Mentor, Intellectual Entrepreneurship Program

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association  
International Sociological Association  
British Sociological Association  
Southern Sociological Society  
Society for the Study of Social Problems