

Steven M. Karceski
Curriculum Vitae

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Academic appointments

2024 - 2026 Postdoctoral Fellow of Public Policy, Department of Sociology, Colby College

Education

- 2024 PhD in Sociology, University of Washington
Committee: Edgar Kiser (chair), Sarah Quinn, Steven Pfaff, and Daniel Bessner (GSR)
Dissertation project: Searching for the center: an investigation into the meaning of the political center in American politics
Concentration in Social Statistics with the Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences
- 2017 MA in Sociology, University of Washington
Committee: Edgar Kiser (chair) and Steven Pfaff
- 2009 BA in Business and Economics, North Park University

Employment

- 2024 - present *Researcher* with Pontus Strimling and Malcolm Fairbrother (IFF Stockholm) on a global survey of climate policy preferences
- 2023 - 2024 *Research assistant* for Dr. Kyle Crowder (UW) on a project to track residential mobility within the Seattle and King County housing authorities.
- 2021 - 2024 *Consultant* at the Center for Social Science and Computational Research, University of Washington, Seattle
- 2022 *Virtual mentor* (taught an R course) for the CAMI Health/Public Health Institute CaSE Fellows program
- 2017 - 2024 *Instructor* at the University of Washington, Seattle
- 2012 - 2014 *Investigator* in the Regulatory Division at the Chicago Board Options Exchange
- 2008 - 2012 *Options Clerk and Futures Trader* at the Chicago Board of Trade (USA Trading)

Research interests

Environmental Politics, Political Sociology, Fiscal Sociology, Public Opinion, Political Economy

Publications

- Forthcoming "Disinformation Claims and Public Opinion: Evidence from a Survey Experiment in Georgia." (with Yuan Hsiao and Scott Radnitz) in *Journal of Elections, Public Opinion & Parties*
- 2022 "Efforts to Tax Carbon in Washington State." in *PLOS Climate*. 1(10).

- 2021 "Taxation and the Quality of Government." (with Edgar Kiser) in *The Oxford Handbook of Quality of Government*, edited by B. Rothstein. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- 2020 "Did TV Ads Funded by Fossil Fuel Industry Defeat the Washington Carbon Tax?" (with Nives Dolšak, Aseem Prakash, and Travis N. Ridout) *Climatic Change* 158(3):301–7.
- 2020 "Is There a Limit to the Size of the State? The Scope Conditions of Wagner's Law." (with Edgar Kiser) *Journal of Institutional Economics* 16(2):217–32.
- 2018 "Emerging Trends in the Political Economy of Taxation." (with Edgar Kiser) *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences* 1–13.
- 2017 "Political Economy of Taxation." (with Edgar Kiser) *Annual Review of Political Science* 20(1):75–92.
- 2017 "The Effects of Air Pollution on Individual Psychological Distress." (with Sass, Victoria, Nicole Kravitz-Wirtz, Anjum Hajat, Kyle Crowder, and David Takeuchi) *Health & Place* 48:72–79.

Work in progress

Environmental Sociology and Climate Politics

"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation."

"A global survey of public opinion on climate mitigation policies" *With Pontus Strimling and Malcolm Fairbrother*

Fiscal sociology

"Public opinion on progressive taxation in the U.S."

Political sociology

"Explaining perceptions of political corruption." *With Steven Pfaff.*

"Mapping the political center"

Grants and Fellowships

- 2023 Swedish Research Council (Formas) for the Environment, Land Industries and Community Development (940,000 USD) with Pontus Strimling (IFFS)
- 2018-2019 Scholars Strategy Network Graduate Fellow
- 2015 Harry Bridges Center for Labor Studies Research Grant (\$1000)

Honors

- 2023-2024 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (UW Department of Sociology)
- 2022-2023 Herbert Costner Graduate Student Paper Award (UW Department of Sociology)
- 2022-2023 Honors Excellence in Teaching Award (university-wide teaching award among all

	honors instructors)
2020-2021	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor (UW Department of Sociology)
2019	Passed comprehensive exams <i>with distinction</i>
2019	<i>Nominated</i> for the university-wide Excellence in Teaching Award

Selected presentations

Jan. 2023	"Centrism and moderation in American Politics"	Invited talk at the Institute for Future Studies, Stockholm, SWE
Nov. 2022	"Centrism and moderation in American Politics"	SSHA Annual Meeting, Chicago
Aug. 2022	"Centrism and moderation in American Politics" <i>Political Sociology Section Panel</i>	ASA Annual Meeting, Los Angeles
May. 2022	"What's the centrist position on taxation?"	Invited talk, NYU Abu Dhabi
Nov. 2021	"Text analysis of the discourse of centrism"	UW Sociology Seminar
Nov. 2021	"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation" <i>Panel on carbon pricing</i>	SSHA Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
Aug. 2020	"Political Institutions and Carbon Taxation" <i>Political Sociology roundtable</i>	ASA Annual Meeting, New York

Media coverage

2018-12-13	"How Do We Talk Effectively About Climate Change in Washington?"	Washington State Indivisible Podcast
2018-11-27	"Lessons for Washington from a carbon-tax autopsy."	Crosscut
2018-11-13	"Read my lips: No new (carbon) tax."	The Hill

Teaching

As instructor of record at Colby College

SO297 Introduction to Policy Analysis	Aut '24
Tax Policy and Society	Spr '25
Public Opinion and Policy	Spr '25

As instructor of record at the University of Washington

SOC 456 Political Sociology	Spr '22, Aut '21, Sum '21, Spr '21, Sum '20, Win '20, Win '19
SOC 403 Sociology in Practice	Spr '23, Aut '20, Spr '20, Aut '19, Spr '19, Aut '18, Spr '18
SOC 497 Sociology Honors Program	Win '24, Win '23, Win '22, Win '21
SOC 316 Sociology Theory	Sum '22, Sum '19
SOC 404 Civic Internship Practicum	Spr '17, Win '17
SOC 301 Env., Climate, and Society	Aut '22
SOC 374 Law and Society	Sum '18
SOC 110 Survey of Sociology	Sum '17

As a teaching assistant (UW)

SOC 110 Survey of Sociology	Dr. Susan Pitchford	Aut '15, Aut '14
SOC 110 Survey of Sociology	Dr. Sara Tomczuk	Aut '17
SOC 221 Statistical Concepts and Methods for The Social Sciences	Dr. Kyle Crowder	Spr '16
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory	Dr. Edgar Kiser	Aut '16,
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory	Dr. Steven Pfaff	Win '16, Win '15
SOC 316 Introduction to Sociological Theory	Dr. Sarah Quinn	Spr '15

As a Mentor at the University of Washington

Winter & Spring 2023	Supervised Gulsima Young as a research assistant
Fall 2021	Served as the Sociology Department Lead Teaching Assistant
Winter 2021	Advised Diego Moss' Independent Undergraduate Research
Spring 2020	Advised Hanna Song's Independent Undergraduate Research
2018-2019	Advised Kyndal Arkley's Undergraduate Honors Thesis

Service

University of Washington, Department of Sociology

Graduate Admissions Committee, Fall 2019 – Winter 2020
Social committee Social Committee, UW Sociology GSA, Fall 2014 to Spring 2017
Liaison to the graduate program coordinator
Graduate student coordinator for the department seminar

Article reviews

The Journal of Economic History
Environmental Research Letters
American Journal of Sociology
Journal of Institutional Economics
Journal of Politics
PLOS Climate
Sociological Perspectives

Technical Skills

R language	Proficient in R and the 'tidyverse' packages (dplyr, tidyr, ggplot2, lubridate, stringr, forcats, broom, purrr), data.table, various modeling packages (lme4, survey, survival, rstan, ggeffects, fixest, marginaleffects), spatial data (tigris, areal, tidygeocoder, sf), data packages (gssr, tidycensus), data presentation (plotly, sjPlot, flextable, gt, patchwork), webpage/article creation (Rmarkdown, markdown, Shiny, distill, Quarto), text analysis (tidytext, stm, topicmodels), imputation (mice, amelia), and version control, project management, and reproducible research with GitHub
Other software	Stata, SPSS, Excel, SQL

Statistics	Linear, logistic, multivariate, multilevel/mixed effects, Bayesian, time series, panel data, singular value decomposition, event history analysis, survey data analysis, sentiment analysis, structural topic models, word2vec, RoBERTa, singular value decomposition
Data sets	General Social Survey, American National Election Study, Cooperative Congressional Election Study, Comparative Politics Dataset, Polity IV Dataset, Comparative Welfare Dataset, U.S. Census decennial data and American Community Survey, Voter Study Group Nationscape Survey, World Values Survey, European Social Survey, Quality of Government Dataset, Penn World Tables, OECD Data, Database on Policy Instruments for the Environment, election data (from state-level down to precincts)
Other experience	Survey design (Google Forms, Qualtrics), ethnographic interviews, undergraduate research management

References

Edgar Kiser	Professor Emeritus of Sociology, UW (committee chair)	kiser@uw.edu
Sarah Quinn	Professor of Sociology, UW (committee member)	slquinn@uw.edu
Steven Pfaff	Professor of Sociology, UW (committee member)	pfaff@uw.edu
Jerald Herting	Professor of Sociology and director of the Center for Social Science and Computational Research, UW	herting@uw.edu
Sara Curran	Professor of Sociology and director of the Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology, UW	scurran@uw.edu

Affiliations and Memberships

2021 - Present	Social Science History Association
2020 - Present	Climate Social Science Network
2019 - Present	Scholars Strategy Network
2016 - Present	American Sociological Association
2016 - 2022	Carbon Tax Problem Solving Working Group, Comparative Historical Section of the American Sociological Association
2016 - 2024	UW Center for Environmental Politics, Graduate Fellow
2015 to 2016	Center for the Studies in Demography and Ecology