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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
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. "In Climate News, Statements from Large Businesses and Opponents of Climate Action Receive Heightened Visibility." *Proceedings of the National Academy of the Sciences*. In Press.

Wetts, Rachel. 2020. "Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change." *Social Forces* 98(3): 1339-1369. 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

Wetts, Rachel and Robb Willer. 2019. "Who is Called by the Dog Whistle? Experimental Evidence that Racial Resentment and Political Ideology Condition Responses to Racially-Encoded Messages." *Socius* 5:1-20.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/2378023119866268>

- Reported in *The Huffington Post*, invited op-ed in *Talking Points Memo*

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. "Money and Meaning in the Climate Change Debate: Cultural Resonance, Organizational Power, and Frame Success." In preparation.

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks (*=invited)

"Money and Meaning in the Climate Change Debate: Cultural Resonance, Organizational Power, and Frame Success."

2020 – American Sociological Association Annual Conference, virtual event (scheduled)

"The Diffusion of a Debate: American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change."

2019 – Brown University, Providence, RI*

"Models and Morals: Elite-Oriented and Value-Neutral Discourse Dominates American Organizations' Framings of Climate Change."

2018 – Cornell University, Ithaca, NY*

2018 – Brown University, Providence, RI*

2018 – University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN*

2017 – American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Montreal, Canada

"Who is Called by the Dog Whistle? Political Ideology Conditions Responses to Racially-Encoded Messages."

2018 – American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

"Anxiety and Austerity: A Group Position Account of White Americans' Opposition to Welfare."

2016 – Society for Personality and Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Diego, CA

2014 – Group Processes Mini-Conference, Stanford, CA

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

Courses Taught

- Organizations and Society (Brown University, Spring 2020)
Social Psychology of Inequality (UC Berkeley, Fall 2015)

Ph.D. Committees

- Loredana Loy (Cornell University, Present)

Undergraduate Theses

- Katherine Jimenez (Second Reader, Brown University, 2020)
Yik Hei Ho (Graduate Student Mentor, UC Berkeley, Fall 2013)

Service

Professional Service

Selection Committee Member, Section on Political Sociology's Best Graduate Student Paper Award, 2020

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

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

Departmental Service: Sociology, Brown University

Search Committee Member, Joint Recruitment of Assistant Professor of Sociology and Data Science Initiative, 2019-2020

Member, Preliminary Exam Committees in Political Sociology, Environmental Sociology, Cultural Sociology, and Organizational and Economic Sociology, 2019-present

Departmental Service: Institute at Brown for Environment and Society, Brown University

Member, IBES Seed Grant Selection Committee

Member, Environmental Studies Honors Committee

Other Research Experience

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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