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Appointments

Associate Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, 2023–

Current Affiliations:

Faculty Affiliate, Data Science Research Institute, Colorado State University
External Associate, Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
Affiliate Member, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, University of Oxford

Assistant Professor of Sociology, Colorado State University, 2017–2023

Education

Ph.D. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2017
Committee: Neil Fligstein (chair), David Harding, Michael Hout, Hilary Hoynes, Daniel Schneider

M.A. Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, 2013

B.S. Physics, Rice University, 2007
Concentration: Computational Physics

B.A. Mathematics, Rice University, 2007

Publications

Articles

Hastings, Orestes P. 2026. "Even More Unequal Childhoods: 45 Years of Widening Income Gaps in Parental Investments in the United States." *Sociological Science* 13:1179-1203.

Obermaier, Amber and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2025. "Growing up Different(ly than Last Time We Asked): Social Status and Changing Reports of Childhood Income Rank." *Social Indicators Research* 180:923-942.

Hastings, Orestes P., Mariana Amorim, and Sabino Kornrich. 2025. "The Fall and Rise of Parental Financial Investments during the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 87:1286-1303.

Hastings, Orestes P. and Luca Maria Pesando. 2024. "What's a Parent to do? Measuring Cultural Logics of Parenting with Computational Text Analysis." *Social Science Research* 124:103074.

Hastings, Orestes P. and Joe LaBriola. 2023. "The Summer Parental Investment Gap? Socioeconomic Gaps in the Seasonality of Parental Expenditures and Time with School-Age Children." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 87:100846.

Bendeck, Shawna and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2023. "Linking Individual and Collective Social Capital: Operationalization, Association, and Sociodemographic Heterogeneity." *Sociological Spectrum* 43(1):31-51.

Hastings, Orestes P. 2022. "Parental Investments of Money for White, Black, and Hispanic Children in the United States." *Socius* 8:1-2.

Hastings, Orestes P. and Daniel Schneider. 2021. "Family Structure and Inequalities in Parents' Financial Investments in Children." *Journal of Marriage and Family* 83(3):717-736.
- Coverage: Brookings Institution *Class Notes*

Hastings, Orestes P. and Kassandra K. Roeser. 2020. "Happiness in Hard Times: Does Religion Buffer the Negative Effect of Unemployment on Happiness?" *Social Forces* 99(2):447-473.

Hastings, Orestes P. 2019. "Who Feels It? Income Inequality, Relative Deprivation, and Financial Satisfaction in U.S. States, 1973–2012." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 60:1-15.
- Coverage: *The Atlantic*, The Tobin Project

Goldstein, Adam and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2019. "Buying In: Positional Competition, Schools, Income Inequality, and Housing Consumption." *Sociological Science* 6:416-445.
- Coverage: Urban Institute

Schneider, Daniel, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Joe LaBriola. 2018. "Income Inequality and Class Divides in Parental Investment." *American Sociological Review* 83(3):475-507.
- Prize for Exemplary Work on Inequality and Decision Making, The Tobin Project
- Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section
- Coverage: *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *US News & World Report*, *Hechinger Report*, Russell Sage Foundation, *Dissent*, *Coloradoan*, CSU SOURCE

Hastings, Orestes P. 2018. "Less Equal, Less Trusting? Reexamining Longitudinal and Cross-sectional Effects of Income Inequality on Trust in U.S. States, 1973–2012." *Social Science Research* 74:77-95.

Fligstein, Neil, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Adam Goldstein. 2017. "Keeping up with the Joneses: How Households Fared in the Era of High Income Inequality and the Housing Price Bubble, 1999–2007." *Socius* 3:1-15.
- Coverage: *New York Times*, *Washington Post* Wonkblog, The Tobin Project

Schneider, Daniel and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2017. "Income Inequality and Household Labor." *Social Forces* 96(2):481-506.
- Article of the Year Award, ASA Family Section

Hastings, Orestes P. 2016. "Not a Lonely Crowd? Social Connectedness, Religious Service Attendance, and the Spiritual But Not Religious." *Social Science Research* 57:63-79.
- Best Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Religion Section
- Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2016. "Reliability of the Core Items in the General Social Survey: Estimates from the Three-wave Panels, 2006-2014." *Sociological Science* 3:971-1002.

Schneider, Daniel and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2015. "Socioeconomic Variation in the Demographic Response to Economic Shocks in the United States: Evidence from the Great Recession." *Demography* 52(6):1893-1915.

Hastings, Orestes P. and D. Michael Lindsay. 2013. "Rethinking Religious Gender Differences: The Case of Elite Women." *Sociology of Religion* 74(4):471-495.

Lorini, Luca, et al. (19 authors, including **Orestes P. Hastings**). 2008. "Recent Atomic Clock Comparisons at NIST." *The European Physical Journal Special Topics* 163:19-35.

Chapters, Reports, and Essays

Hastings, Orestes P. and Daniel Schneider. 2019. "A Quarter of US parents are Unmarried – and that Changes How Much They Invest in Their Kids." *The Conversation*, September 17.

- Coverage: *Dissent*

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2014. "Recession, Religion, and Happiness, 2006–2010." in *Religion and Inequality in America: Research and Theory on Religion's Role in Stratification*, Lisa A. Keister and Darren E. Sherkat (eds.). Cambridge University Press.

Hout, Michael and **Orestes P. Hastings**. 2012. "Reliability and Stability Estimates for the GSS Core Items from the Three-wave Panels, 2006–2010." GSS Methodological Report #119. NORC.

Hastings, Orestes P. and Edison Liang. 2008. "2.5 Dimensional Particle-in-Cell Simulations of Relativistic Plasma Collisions." arXiv:0803.1201.

Under Review and Working Papers (selected)

Hastings, Orestes P. and Zachary Parolin. "Rags or Riches? Predicting Life Outcomes from the Birth Lottery Across Five High-Income Countries."

Hastings, Orestes P. "Explaining the Extracurricular Investment Gap for School-age Children between Married and Cohabiting Families."

Kornrich, Sabino, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Mariana Amorim. "Gendered Consumption, Classed Parenting: The Social Organization of Family Spending."

Hastings, Orestes P. "Can AI Predict Life Outcomes? Large Language Models and the Birth Lottery."

Hastings, Orestes P. "Gendered Effects of Income Loss on Parental Investments: Relational Preservation and Downscaling in U.S. Families."

Hastings, Orestes P. "Which Joneses? Geographic and Sociodemographic Reference Group Effects on Perceived Relative Income."

Hastings, Orestes P. and Matthew Andersson. "Intensive Parenting, Extracurricular Spending, and Adolescent Mental Health."

Uhlman, Anne, Tara Opsal, **Orestes P. Hastings**, and Jessica Roig. "Inequality and Probation Outcomes: Examining Gender and Ethnicity in a Gender-Responsive Context."

Media Commentary

"Hilary Duff's husband, Ashley Tisdale and why modern parenting is so messy." *USA Today*, January 9, 2026.

"CSU research: Parent spending on children's education is 'an arms race,' and poorer families are falling farther behind." *Coloradoan*, May 31, 2018.

Awards, Fellowships, and Visiting Appointments

2024	Academic Visitor, Nuffield College, University of Oxford (Oct-Dec)
2024	Visiting Researcher, Centre for Research on Social Inequalities, Sciences Po, Paris (Sept-Oct)

2023–2025	Visiting Scholar (non-residential), Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University
2019	Article of the Year Award, Family Section of the American Sociological Association
2019	Ann Gill Faculty Development Award for Outstanding Research and Creative Activity, College of Liberal Arts, Colorado State University
2018	Article of the Year Award, Family Section of the American Sociological Association
2018	Prize for Exemplary Work on Inequality and Decision Making, The Tobin Project
2017	NICHD Postdoctoral Fellowship, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Development (*Declined*)
2017	Doctoral Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley Graduate Division
2016	Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Social Psychology Section of the American Sociological Association
2016	Best Student Paper Award, Sociology of Religion Section of the American Sociological Association
2016	Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
2015	Robert J. McNamara Student Paper Award, Association for the Sociology of Religion
2015	Herbert Blumer Paper Prize, UC Berkeley Department of Sociology
2011–2014	Harvey Fellowship
2011, 2012	National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship (*Honorable Mention*)
2010–2011	Phoebe Hearst Bannister Endowment Fellowship, UC Berkeley
2009–2010	Postbaccalaureate Fellowship, Rice University Department of Sociology

Grants and Research Funding

External

2021–2022	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS) Research Grant, Social Science Research Council and Russell Sage Foundation. "What's a Parent to do? Measuring Parenting Approaches in the U.S. with Topic Modeling for Short Texts." *PI* ($1,500)
2020–2021	PSID Small Grant, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development R25-HD083146. "Explaining Investments in Children in Cohabiting Families: Social Parents, Relationship Duration, and Economic Resources." *PI* ($9,500)
2018–2019	Peter G. Peterson Foundation and Ford Foundation (jointly funded), US 2050 Project. "Class Gaps in Parental Investments in Children: How will Changes to Family Structure Affect Socioeconomic Divides in Parental Investments?" *PI* ($\sim$$51,000)
2016	The Tobin Project, Inequality and Decision Making pilot study grant. "Determining Income Inequality's Effect on Optimism about Personal Economic Opportunity." *Student PI* ($2,000)

Internal

2026–2027	Office of the Vice President for Research, Capacity Building for Integrating AI into Research and Development Grant, "The Computational Social Science Lab at Colorado State University." *Co-PI* (∼$16,000)
2025, 2024, 2023, 2022	College of Liberal Arts, Professional Development Program Award. ($750-$1,000 each)
2022	Colorado State University Libraries, Open Educational Resources (OER) Grant. ($2,200)
2019	College of Liberal Arts. "Rethinking Consumption Inequality: Investigating Differences by Types of Consumption and Consumers." ($5,000)
2018–2019	Office of the Provost, Program Review Quality Enhancement Grant. "Strengthening and Institutionalizing Sociology's Internal Capacity for Self-Study and Program Improvement." *Co-PI* (∼$25,000)
2016	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Summer Research Grant ($3,500)
2014	UC Berkeley Department of Sociology, Small Research Grant ($2,000)
2012	UC Berkeley Graduate Division, Summer Research Grant ($5,000)

Presentations († = Invited, *s* = Scheduled)

2027	Stone Center for Research on Wealth Inequality and Mobility, University of Chicago †*s*
	UC Berkeley Demography †*s*
	Center for Education Policy and Analysis, Stanford University Graduate School of Education †*s*
2026	Population Research Institute, Pennsylvania State University †
	American Sociological Association (ASA), New York City
	Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility, International Sociological Association (RC28), New York University
	Metrics and Models, University of Oxford (virtual) †
	AI for Social Science Research Methods Workshop, Yale University Institute for Foundations of Data Science
	Population Association of America (PAA), St. Louis
	Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania †
2025	Panel Study of Income Dynamics User Conference, University of Michigan
	RC28, UCLA
	Sociological Science Conference, Cornell University
	Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University, Sweden (virtual) †
	Inequality Cluster, Social Science Division, New York University Abu Dhabi, UAE †
	PAA, Washington, D.C.

	Sociology-in-Progress (SIP) seminar, Colorado State University †
	CU Population Center, University of Colorado Boulder †
2024	Quantitative Social Science (QSS) and the Centre for Longitudinal Studies (CLS), University College London †
	EduQuant Seminar, University of Copenhagen †
	Nuffield College, University of Oxford †
	Centre for Research on Social Inequalities, Sciences Po, Paris †
	Dondena AI and Society Initiative (DAISI), Bocconi University, Milan †
	PAA, Columbus (2 papers)
	Eastern Sociological Society (ESS), Washington, D.C.
2023	ASA, Philadelphia (2 papers)
	RC28, Sciences Po, Paris
2022	Text as Data Conference (TADA), Cornell Tech (poster, virtual)
	ASA, Los Angeles (2 papers)
	International Conference on Computational Social Science (IC2S2), University of Chicago (poster, virtual)
	PAA, Atlanta (1 paper, 1 poster)
2021	Panel Study of Income Dynamics User Conference, University of Michigan (virtual due to COVID-19)
	Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (SICSS), Princeton (virtual due to COVID-19)
2020	ASA, San Francisco (2 papers, virtual due to COVID-19)
	PAA, Washington, D.C. (session cancelled due to COVID-19)
2019	ASA, New York City (2 papers)
	The Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Boston †
	PAA, Austin
2018	ASA, Philadelphia
	US 2050 Author's Conference, Peter G. Peterson Foundation/Brookings Institution, Washington, D.C. †
	PAA, Denver (poster)
2017	ASA, Montreal
	PAA, Chicago
2016	ASA, Seattle
	Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE), Berkeley (2 papers)

	PAA, Washington, D.C.
	The Tobin Project Conference on Inequality and Decision Making, Boston
2015	Berkeley Symposium on the Study of Women, Gender, and Sexuality, UC Berkeley†
	American Sociological Association, Chicago (2 papers)
	Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago†
	RC28, Philadelphia
2014	Berkeley Population Center Great Recession Mini-Conference, UC Berkeley†
	ASA, San Francisco (2 papers)
	PAA, Boston
2013	Demography Workshop, National Opinion Research Center, Chicago
	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion (SSSR), Boston
	ASA, New York City (2 papers)
2012	Religion and Stratification Conference, Duke University
	ASA, Denver
2011	SSSR, Milwaukee
	ASA, Las Vegas
	Religion, Politics, and Globalization Graduate Student Colloquium, UC Berkeley†
	Bringing Stratification Processes "Back In" to the Scientific Study of Religion Conference, Penn State University
2010	SSSR, Baltimore
2007	Annual Meeting of the Division of Plasma Physics, American Physical Society, Orlando.

Teaching and Advising

Courses Taught at Colorado State University (F = Fall, S = Spring, Su = Summer)

Seminar in Methods of Quantitative Analsysis (Soc 613): F19, F21, F23, F25
Sociological Research Methods II (Graduate Social Statistics; Soc 511): S19, S20, S21, S22, S23, S24, S25, S26, F26
Sociological Research Methods I (Graduate Research Methods; Soc 510): F17, F18
Applications of Quantitative Research (Soc 314): F22, S23, F23, S24, S25, F26
Undergraduate Research Methods (Soc 311): F17, S18, S19
The Power of Numbers (Soc 210): Su18, Su19, S20, Su20, F20, S21, Su21, F21, S22, F22, F25, Su26

Advising at Colorado State University

Dissertation Committes, Sociology

Adrienne Miller (in progress) **{Chair}**
Owen Braswell (in progress)
Adam Snitker (in progress)
Shawna Bendeck (2024)
Keith Smith (2020)

Dissertation Committee Member, Other Departments
Runing Hu (Journalism & Media Communication, in progress)
James O'Mara (Communication Studies, in progress)
Woke Wang (Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, in progress)
Aleasa Robinson (Political Science, in progress)
Joseph Dupuy (Political Science, in progress)
Michael Lincoln (Human Development and Family Studies, 2026)
Bailey Underill (Psychology, 2026)
Sera Choi (Journalism & Media Communication, 2024)

Masters Thesis Committees, Sociology
Catherine Venegas-Garcia (in progress)
Carissa Fostervold (in progress)
Feyla Buss (in progress)
Polina Kopeikin (2026) **{Chair}**
Liberty Macias (2026)
Rykr Ramirez (2025)
Rebecca Whitten (2025)
km barnhardt (2024) **{Chair}**
Ang Li (2024)
Shelby Sims (2022)
Elijah Thunell (2022)
Carolyn Conant (2020)

Masters Thesis Committees, Other Deparments
Natalie Najman (Human Development & Family Studies, 2023)
Bailey Underill (Psychology, 2022)

Undergraduate Honors Theses and Independent Studies
Caleb Harpool (2025)
Isabella Stumpf (2024)
Mary Grace Goettler (2023)
Colleen Sochan (2023)
Andrea Santiago (2022)
Megan Nolta (2021)
Adiam Tesfaselassie (2018)
Jamie Stoner (2018)
Kassandra Roeser (2018)

University of California, Berkeley

Mentor, Cal-ADAR: Advancing Diversity in Aging Research Program, Berkeley Population Center, 2016

Instructor and Consultant, Social Sciences D-Lab, 2014–2016

Graduate Student Instructor
Social Inequalities, 2015
Methods of Sociological Research B/C (2-semester graduate statistics sequence), 2012–2013
Evaluation of Evidence (undergraduate research methods), 2011

Professional Activity

Social Science Research, Editorial Review Board, 2025–

Reviewer

Journals: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Applied Economics Letters*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *Canadian Review of Sociology*, *Demographic Research*, *Demography*, *European Sociological Review*, *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Journal of Survey Statistics and Methodology*, *Labor Studies Journal*, *Nature Communications*, *PNAS*, *Political Science Research and Methods*, *Population and Development Review*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, *Review of Religious Research*, *Social Currents*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Social Science Research*, *Society and Mental Health*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Methods and Research*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Perspectives*, *Sociological Science*, *Sociology of Education*, *Sociology of Religion*, *Socius*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *Theory and Society*

Other: Columbia University Press, Dutch Research Council (NWO), National Science Foundation (NSF), Princeton University Press, Russell Sage Foundation, Sage Publishing, Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC), Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS)

Discipline

Population Association of America (PAA)
- Organizer and Chair, Session on "Comparative Perspectives on Parenting," 2025
- Judge, Poster session on "Children, Intergenerational Relationships, and Gender and Sexuality," 2024

Discussant, ASA session on "Stratification, Families, and Gender," 2019

ASA Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section
- Organizer of Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility Section Open Call Paper Session, 2026
- Social Media Committee, 2019–2020
- Outstanding Article Award Committee, 2017–2018
- Graduate Student Representative to the Council, 2015–2017
- Outreach Committee, 2016–2017
- Student Affairs Committee, 2015–2016
- Membership Committee, 2015–2016

ASA Family section
- William J. Goode Book Award Committee, 2023–2024
- Nominations Committee, 2021–2022
- Article of the Year Award Committee, 2019–2021

ASA Sociology of Education section
- James Coleman Award for Best Article Committee, 2019–2020

ASA Sociology of Religion section
Annual Meeting Roundtable Organizer, 2021
Student Paper Award Committee, 2017–2018

Colorado State University

University
IT Alignment Advisory Group, 2026–
ICPSR Representative, 2025–

College of Liberal Arts
Committe Member, Excellence in Teaching Award for Graduate Teaching Assistant, 2025–2026
Committe Member, Committee on the Liberal Arts (CoLA), 2020–2022

Department of Sociology
Director of Graduate Studies, 2025–current
Graduate Committee, 2022–current
Executive Committee, 2021–2022, 2025
Methods Comprehensive Exam Committee, 2017–2025
Awards Committee, 2022–2024
Undergraduate Committee, 2018–2021
Faculty Search Committee, 2017

Public

Human Services and Housing Funding Board, City of Fort Collins, 2019–2024 (Chair, 2024)