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## EDUCATION

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- 2022 (exp)     PhD, Sociology, Columbia University  
*Dissertation:* Identification and Insecurity in the Data Economy  
*Committee:* Shamus Khan (Co-Chair), Gil Eyal (Co-Chair), Marion Fourcade, Alondra Nelson
- 2019            MPhil, Sociology, Columbia University
- 2017            MA, Sociology, Columbia University
- 2013            MIA, Urban and Social Policy, Columbia University
- 2007            BA, Mathematics and Spanish, Messiah College

## PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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### *Published/Forthcoming*

- Brensinger, Jordan and Gil Eyal. Forthcoming. “The Sociology of Personal Identification.” *Sociological Theory*.
- Brensinger, Jordan. Forthcoming. “The Unforgiving Society.” Review of Sarah Esther Lageson, *Digital Punishment*. *European Journal of Sociology*.
- Belyavina, Raisa and Jordan Brensinger. 2013. “Building Knowledge-Based Economies in Latin America: The Role of National Study-Abroad Scholarship Programs.” Pp. 39-53 in *Latin America’s New Knowledge Economy: Higher Education, Government, and International Collaboration*, edited by J. Balán. New York: Institute of International Education.

### *Re&R*

- Brensinger, Jordan. “Data Work: The Nature and Implications of Managing Personal Information in Everyday Life.” *Re&R at American Sociological Review*.
- Brensinger, Jordan and Ramina Sotoudeh. “Affect in the Age of Partisanship: Investigating the Interdependence of Attitudes Towards Social Groups.” *Re&R at American Sociological Review*.

### *Awards*

- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Political Sociology Section, 2021

### *Under Review*

- Brensinger, Jordan. “Data Vulnerability, Mistrust, and the Production of Economic Insecurity.”

## WORKS IN PROGRESS

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Brensinger, Jordan. "The Achievement of Legibility: Algorithms, Expert Judgment, and Individual Subjectivity in Consumer Banking."

## HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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### *External*

2021 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Political Sociology Section  
 2019-2022 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (\$32,356)  
 2019 Global Fraud Scholarship, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (\$1,600)  
 2018-2021 Harvey Fellow, Mustard Seed Foundation (\$48,000)  
 2016 ASA Student Travel Grant, American Sociological Association  
 2015 Travel Grant, American Educational Research Association, Division J  
 2012 Student Paper Award, Comparative International Education Society (CIES) Middle East Special Interest Group (MESIG)

### *Internal*

2020 Graduate Student Research Grant, Columbia University  
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 2018 Graduate Student Research Grant, Columbia University  
 2016 Travel Grant, Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Council  
 2015-2020 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow, Columbia University  
 2015 Travel Grant, Columbia University  
 2014-2015 Jinny M. Goldstein Scholar in Sociology and Education, Columbia University  
 2013-2015 Doctoral Fellow, Columbia University  
 2012-2013 Alice Stetton Fellow, Columbia University

## PRESENTATIONS (\* = INVITED)

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2021 "The Sociology of Identification Processes." Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY (Virtual)  
 2020 "Identity Theft and the Production of Economic Insecurity." Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY (Virtual)  
 \*"Data Work: The Structure and Consequences of Managing Personal Information in Everyday Life." Gender, Sexuality, and Culture Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY (Virtual)  
 "Identity Theft and the Reproduction of Inequality." American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA (Virtual)  
 "Identity Theft and the Contestation of Personal Financial Data." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands (Virtual)

- “Identity Theft and the Reproduction of Inequality.” Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Washington, DC (Virtual)
- \*“Identity Theft and the Contestation of Personal Financial Data.” Documenting Identity: Recognition and Risk in the Twenty-First Century Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN (Virtual)
- 2019 \*“(Mis)Trust in Numbers: Narratives and the Negotiation of Personal Data.” Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2018 “Identity Theft and the Production of Economic Insecurity.” Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- “Openness to Diversity and the Maintenance of Distinction in Elite Higher Education.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- “Openness’ as Distinction: Moral Discourse and the Reproduction of Inequality.” Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- “Open and Shut: Revisiting the Paradox of Elite Distinction.” Eastern Sociological Society Mini-conference on Class and Culture, Baltimore, MD.
- 2016 “Under Surveillance: Higher Education and the Construction of Muslim Cultural Citizenship.” Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- “Under Surveillance: Higher Education and the Construction of Muslim Cultural Citizenship.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- “Embodied Boundaries: Modesty and Superiority in Zionist Religious Girls Schools.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- “Embodied Boundaries: The Institutional Transmission of Social Hierarchy.” Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2015 “Habitus, Reflexivity, and the Cognitive Foundations of Social Mobility.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- “Narrative Bridges: Muslim Students, Reflexivity, and the Transition to an Elite University.” American Educational Research Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “Narrative Bridges: Muslim Students, Reflexivity, and the Transition to an Elite University.” Workshop on Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- “Learning my Place, “Earning” my Place: Muslim Students’ Encounter with Knowledge and Culture at an Elite University.” Diversity in Research and Practice Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2013 “Beneath the Hype: The Labor Market, International Organizations, and the Future of Egyptian Higher Education After the Arab Spring.” International Education Conference, New York University.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (\*= WITH SECTIONS; §=SENIOR TEACHING ASSISTANT)

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*Undergraduate Courses*

2020-21	The Social World* (Columbia’s Introduction to Sociology; with Teresa Sharpe and Adam Reich) ( <i>online</i> )
2017-18	Senior Thesis Seminar (with Van Tran)
2017	Methods for Social Research (with Jacob Boersema)
2016	The Social World* (Columbia’s Introduction to Sociology; with Gil Eyal)
2006	Calculus I (with Douglas Phillippy)

*Graduate Courses*

2021-22	Master’s Thesis Seminar (with Denise Milstein)
2014	Evaluation of Educational and Social Programs (with Aaron Pallas)
2014	Data Analysis for Policy and Decisionmaking II (with Douglas Ready)
2013	Data Analysis for Policy and Decisionmaking I (with Douglas Ready)
2012-13	Quantitative Analysis*§ (with Paul Thurman)

UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISEES

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<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Topic</i>
2017-18	Trendha Hunter	Gender Performance in Sexual Health Education
2017-18	Cindy Liu	Gendered Occupational Barriers in Classical Music
2017-18	Amber Officer-Narvasa	Race and Neighborhood Change in a NYC Coop
2017-18	Julius Wilson	The Transformation of Journalistic Norms

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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2019-2020	Graduate Student Mentor, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
2016-2017	PhD Student Representative, Department of Sociology, Columbia University
2013	Peer Advisor, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
2012-2013	Academic and Orientation Chair, Student Association, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
2005-2006	Honor Code Committee Member, Department of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business, Messiah College
2006	Student Representative, Messiah College Subcommittee on Gender Relations
2006	Student Forum Representative, Student Government Association, Messiah College

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association (Sections: Culture; Economic Sociology; IPM; SKAT)  
 Society for the Advancement of Socio Economics  
 Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (NYC Chapter)

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Programming: R

Software: Microsoft Excel, NVivo, Stata

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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English (Native), Spanish (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner), French (Beginner)

## ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (SELECTED)

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2015-2019	Co-founder, Director of Program Evaluation, and Mentor, Pathways Mentorship Program, Viva Uptown
2013	Teacher, Columbia Philosophy Outreach Program, Harlem Fortune Society
2011-2013	Co-founder and Outreach Chair, Education Collaborative, Columbia University
2008-2009	Director of Student Relations, Forgotten Voices International
2006	Peacebuilding Trainee, Summer Peacebuilding Institute, Eastern Mennonite University