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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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2022-Present Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University

## EDUCATION

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- 2022 PhD, Sociology, Columbia University  
Dissertation: *Producing Consumer "Identities": Identity Theft and Insecurity in the Data Economy*  
- Winner, 2023 Merton Award for Best Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Columbia University  
Committee: Shamus Khan, Gil Eyal, Marion Fourcade, Bruce Western, Zeynep Tufekci
- 2017 MA, Sociology, Columbia University
- 2013 MIA, Urban and Social Policy, Columbia University
- 2007 BA, Mathematics and Spanish, Messiah College

## PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (\* denotes equal authorship)

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- 2023 **Brensinger, Jordan**. "[Identity Theft, Trust Breaches, and the Production of Economic Insecurity](#)." *American Sociological Review*. 88(5):844-871.  
- Coverage by [Refinery29](#)
- 2022 **Brensinger, Jordan\*** and Ramina Sotoudeh.\* "[Party, Race, and Neutrality: Investigating the Interdependence of Attitudes Toward Social Groups](#)." *American Sociological Review* 87(6):1049-1093. [[Replication materials](#)]  
-Co-Winner, 2021 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Political Sociology Section
- 2021 **Brensinger, Jordan** and Gil Eyal. "[The Sociology of Personal Identification](#)." *Sociological Theory* 39(4): 265-292.

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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- Brensinger, Jordan**. "Personal Data Work: Managing Personal Information in Everyday Life." (manuscript available upon request).
- Brensinger, Jordan**. "The Social Production of 'Accurate' Personal Financial Data." (manuscript available upon request).
- Brensinger, Jordan** and Sarah Lageson. "Credit Reports, Criminal Records, and their Convergence." In preparation.
- Brensinger, Jordan** and Oliver Schilke. "A Theory of Trust Breaches."

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**Brensinger, Jordan** and Madisson Whitman. “Personal Data and Platform Mediation in Qualitative Research.” In preparation.

**Brensinger, Jordan.** *Misidentified: Opportunity and Insecurity in the Data Economy.*

REVIEWS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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2021 **Brensinger, Jordan.** “[The Unforgiving Society](#).” Review of Sarah Esther Lageson, Digital Punishment. *European Journal of Sociology* 62(3):519-24.

2013 Belyavina, Raisa and **Jordan Brensinger.** “[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.

PUBLIC WRITING

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2023 Sotoudeh, Ramina and **Jordan Brensinger.** “[Partisanship is Not the Only ‘Logic’ Informing Americans’ Attitudes Toward Social Groups](#).” *USAPP – American Politics and Policy*.

2022 Brazzell, Nia, **Jordan Brensinger**, Shaanan Cohny, Sayash Kapoor, Mihir Kshirsagar, Katrina Liggett, Jonathan Mayer, and Arvind Narayanan. [Commercial Surveillance ANPR R111004](#).

2021 **Brensinger, Jordan**, Taylor Leaphart, Jorge Rosero, Raul De La O, Venitia Boyce, and Amina Kirk. “[Who Should be Responsible for Personal Data?](#)” *Change Machine Blog*.

HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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*External*

2022 Siegel Research Fellow, Siegel Family Foundation (Declined)  
2022 ISP Resident Fellowship, Information Society Project, Yale University (Declined)  
2019-2023 Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (\$32,356)  
2021 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Political Sociology Section  
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*

2023 Merton Award for Best Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Columbia University  
2020 Graduate Student Research Grant, Columbia University  
2019 Graduate Student Research Grant, Columbia University  
2018 Graduate Student Research Grant, Columbia University  
2016 Travel Grant, Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Council

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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

INVITED TALKS

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“Who are You Calling ‘Normal?’: The Uses and Limits of Intuition in Identity Theft Investigations.”  
Keystone Konnection, Meeting of the International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators,  
King of Prussia, PA, 2023

“Identity Theft, Trust Breaches, and the Production of Economic Insecurity.”  
Information School, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI, 2023  
Department of Sociology, Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN, 2021  
Technology Ethics Center, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, 2021

“Identity Theft and the Contestation of Personal Financial Data.”  
“Documenting Identity” Conference, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN, 2020

“The Personal Data and Identity Theft Study.”  
Domestic Violence and Economic Justice (DVEJ) Task Force, New York, NY, 2019  
Domestic Violence and Consumer Law Working Group, New York, NY, 2019

CONFERENCE TALKS (SELECTED)

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“The Social Production of ‘Accurate’ Personal Financial Data.”  
Society for the Social Studies of Science Meeting, Honolulu, HI, 2023  
American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2023

“Identity Theft and the Reproduction of Inequality.”  
American Sociological Association Meeting, San Francisco, CA, 2020  
Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Washington, DC, 2020

“Identity Theft and the Contestation of Personal Financial Data.”  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Meeting, Amsterdam, Netherlands, 2020

“Openness to Diversity and the Maintenance of Distinction in Elite Higher Education.”  
American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2018  
Eastern Sociological Society Mini-conference on Class and Culture, Baltimore, MD, 2018

CAMPUS TALKS (SELECTED)

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“The Social Production of ‘Accurate’ Personal Financial Data.”  
Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton, NJ, 2023

“Identity Theft, Trust Breaches, and the Production of Economic Insecurity.”  
Department of Sociology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2023  
Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2023  
Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2021  
Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2021

“Personal Data Work: Managing Personal Information in Everyday Life.”

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Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, 2022  
Gender, Sexuality, and Culture Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2020

“The Sociology of Personal Identification.”

Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2021

“Identity Theft and the Contestation of Personal Financial Data.”

Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2019

“Openness to Diversity and the Maintenance of Distinction in Elite Higher Education.”

Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2018

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2014-2015      Research Assistant, Aaron Pallas and Douglas Ready, Columbia University  
2013            Research Consultant, Columbia University and Tisch Illumination Fund  
2013            Research Consultant, New Classrooms Innovation Partners  
2012            Research Intern, Institute of International Education

TEACHING EXPERIENCE (\*= WITH SECTIONS)

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*Undergraduate Courses*

2020-21        The Social World\* (Introduction to Sociology; with Teresa Sharpe and Adam Reich) (*online*)  
2017-18        Senior Thesis Seminar (with Van Tran)  
2017            Methods for Social Research (with Jacob Boersema)  
2016            The Social World\* (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\* (served as Senior Teaching Assistant; with Paul Thurman)

ACADEMIC SERVICE

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Reviewer:     Journal of Data Science, Sociological Theory  
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  
2006            Student Forum Representative, Student Government Association, Messiah College  
2005-2006     Honor Code Committee Member, Department of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business, Messiah College

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### MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association (Sections: Economic Sociology; IPM; SKAT)  
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics  
Society for the Social Studies of Science  
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (NYC Chapter)  
International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (NY/NJ Chapter)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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*Paidia International Development*, Beit Sahur, Palestinian Territories  
2010            Manager of Program Development

*JLL*, Lewisberry, PA  
2009            Administrative Assistant (standard title; oversaw research and operations for new central-PA office)

*NAI CIR*, Wormleysburg, PA  
2008-09        Operations Associate  
2007-08        Research Specialist

*U.S Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Children and Families*, Washington, D.C.  
2006            Intern

### TECHNICAL SKILLS

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Programming: R  
Software: NVivo, Qualtrics, 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 and Director of Program Evaluation, Pathways Mentorship Program  
2016-2019      Mentor, Pathways Mentorship Program  
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

REFERENCES

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