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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2024-Present Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto
Faculty Affiliate, Centre for Global Social Policy
- 2022-24 Postdoctoral Research Associate, Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University

EDUCATION

- 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

BOOKS

- In progress* **Brensinger, Jordan.** *Misidentified: In Search of Security in the Data Economy.* (prospectus available upon request)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (* denotes equal authorship)

- 2023 **Brensinger, Jordan.** "[Identity Theft, Trust Breaches, and the Production of Economic Insecurity.](#)" *American Sociological Review* 88(5):844-71.
- Coverage in [Accounts](#), [Contexts](#), [The Fraudian Slip Podcast](#), [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

- Brensinger, Jordan.** "Personal Data Work: Managing Personal Information in Everyday Life." (manuscript available upon request)

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Brensinger, Jordan. “The Relational 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 Socio-Cognitive Model of Trust Breaches.” In preparation.

Brensinger, Jordan and Madisson Whitman. “The Implications of Digital Platform Mediation for Qualitative Research.” (manuscript available upon request)

REVIEWS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

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

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

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	Robert K. Merton Award for Best Dissertation, Department of Sociology, Columbia Univ.
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
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

- “Identity Theft, Trust Breaches, and the Production of Economic Insecurity.”
Department of Private Law, University of Oslo, Norway, 2024
Rutgers Law Conference on “Coerced Debt, Identity Theft, and Financial Exploitation,” Newark, NJ, 2024
Technology Ethics Center, Notre Dame University, South Bend, IN, 2021
- “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 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

- “The Implications of Digital Platform Mediation for Qualitative Research.”
American Sociological Association Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2024
- “The Social Production of ‘Accurate’ Personal Financial Data.”
Society for 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
- “Under Surveillance: Higher Education and the Construction of Muslim Cultural Citizenship.”

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American Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2016

“Embodied Boundaries: Modesty and Superiority in Zionist Religious Girls Schools.”

American Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2016

Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Stockholm, Sweden, 2016

CAMPUS TALKS

“The Implications of Digital Platform Mediation for Qualitative Research.”

Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2024

“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.”

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

“Under Surveillance: Higher Education and the Construction of Muslim Cultural Citizenship.”

Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY, 2016

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

2024 Introduction to Qualitative Methods in Sociology

2024 Sociology of Technology

TA Experience

2021-22 Master’s Thesis Seminar

2020-21 The Social World (Introduction to Sociology; led 1 section) (*online*)

2017-18 Senior Thesis Seminar

2017 Methods for Social Research

2016 The Social World (Introduction to Sociology; led 1 section)

2014 Evaluation of Educational and Social Programs

2014 Data Analysis for Policy and Decisionmaking II

2013 Data Analysis for Policy and Decisionmaking I

2012-13 Quantitative Analysis (Senior TA [managed 4 TAs]; led 4 sections)

2006 Calculus I

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer: Journal of Data Science, Sociological Theory, Socius
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

MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association (Sections: CITAMS; Crime, Law, and Deviance; Economic Sociology; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Science, Knowledge, and Technology)
Society for the Advancement of Socio Economics
Society for the Social Studies of Science
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (NYC Chapter) (past)
International Association of Financial Crimes Investigators (NY/NJ Chapter) (past)

TECHNICAL SKILLS

Programming: R
Software: NVivo, Qualtrics, Stata

LANGUAGE SKILLS

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

ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (SELECTED)

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