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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016 – Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, University of Colorado Boulder.

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, University of Michigan, 2016.

Visiting Student Member, Centre Européen de Sociologie et de Science Politique (Paris), 2011-2012.

Visiting Student, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales (Paris), 2011-2012.

M.A., Sociology, University of Michigan, 2009.

B.A., Sociology (with High Honors), Wesleyan University, 2005.

AREAS OF INTEREST

Political Sociology, Cultural Sociology, Social Theory, History of Sociology, Sociology of Knowledge/Ideas, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Critical Sociology, Social Movements, Urban Sociology.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

“Order, Authority, Nation”: Neosocialism, Fascism, and the Logic of Political Conversion (manuscript in preparation)

Journal Articles

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. Forthcoming. “Is the National Front Republican and Does It Matter? Class, Culture, and the Rise of the Nationalist Right.” *Political Power and Social Theory*. (Special issue on “Class and Social Difference”)

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2019. “The Invention of Neo-Socialism: The Dynamics of Schism and Doctrinal Distinction in the French Socialist Party.” *Comparative Studies in Society and History* 61(3): 680-711.

- Featured in “Under the Rubric” section of journal website (<https://cssh.lsa.umich.edu/2019/07/04/revisionist-tendencies/>).

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru and Johan Heilbron. 2015. “Young Durkheimians and the Temptation of Fascism: The Case of Marcel Déat.” *History of the Human Sciences* 28(3): 22-50.

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Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2014. "Bankrupted Detroit." *Thesis Eleven* 121(1): 122-130.

- Translated into French as "Détroit, le trompe-l'œil de la mise en faillite" on *Terrains de Luites* (<http://terrainsdeluites.ouvaton.org/?p=3446>).

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2013. "Bourdieu, Marx, and Capital: A Critique of the Extension Model." *Sociological Theory* 31(4): 318-342.

- Albert Szymanski-T.R. Young Marxist Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Marxist Sociology, 2011.

Book Chapters

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2020. "Bourdieu, Marx e il concetto di capitale: una critica del modello dell'estensione." In Gabriella Paolucci (ed.) *Bourdieu e Marx. un incontro difficile*. Milan: Mimesis Edizioni.

- Revised and edited Italian translation of Desan (2013).

Desan, Mathieu and Gareth Dale. 2019. "Polanyis Faschismustheorie." In Christoph Reinprecht and Andreas Kranebitter (eds.) *Soziologie und Nationalsozialismus in Österreich. Sondierungen und Persektiven*. Bielefeld: Transcript Verlag.

- Revised and expanded German translation of Dale and Desan (2019).

Dale, Gareth and Mathieu Desan. 2019. "Fascism." In Gareth Dale, Christopher Holmes, and Maria Markantonatou (eds.) *Exploring the Thought of Karl Polanyi*. Newcastle: Agenda Publishing.

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru and George Steinmetz. 2015. "The Spontaneous Sociology of Detroit's Hyper-Crisis." In Michael Peter Smith and L. Owen Kirkpatrick (eds.) *Reinventing Detroit: The Politics of Possibility*. New Brunswick: Transaction Publishers.

Review Essays

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2013. "Bourdieu's Legacy." *Thesis Eleven* 117(1): 135-143.

Book Reviews

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2016. Review of Marcel Stoetzler, *Antisemitism and the Constitution of Sociology* (Lincoln: University of Nebraska 2014) in *H/Soz/Kult* June 3.

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2010. Review of David Witwer, *Shadow of the Racketeer: Scandal in Organized Labor* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press 2009) in *Labour/Le Travail* 65 Spring.

Works in Progress

"What is Critical About 'Critical Sociology'? Realist and Historicist Modes of Critique in Polanyi, Marx, and Bourdieu" Revise & Resubmit (*Critical Historical Studies*).

"Is Bourdieu's Capital a Historical Concept?"

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2018. Corresponding researcher on seed grant (\$44,400) from PSL Research University in Paris for project titled “ANTICOM: A global history of anticommunism (1917-1997).”
2013. Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan.
2011. Lury Fellowship for Study in France, Georges Lury Charitable and Educational Trust.
2009. Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
2009. Pre-Candidate Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan.
2008. Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
2006. LS&A Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan.
2006. Kathryn London Fellowship, University of Michigan.

PRESENTATIONS

- “Order, Authority, Nation’: Neosocialism, Fascism, and the Dynamics of Political Conversion.” Invited talk at the Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2019.
- “Order, Authority, Nation: Neo-Socialism and the Fascist Destiny of an Anti-Fascist Discourse.” Invited talk at the Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, 2018.
- “What is Critical about 'Critical Sociology'? Realist and Historicist Modes of Critique in Polanyi, Marx, and Bourdieu.” Paper presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, 2018.
- “Crisis and Political Conversion: The Case of the French Neo-Socialists.” Paper presented at “The Crisis of History and the History of Crisis” at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2018.
- “The Invention of Neo-Socialism: The Dynamics of Schism and Doctrinal Distinction in the French Socialist Party.” Invited paper presentation at the Tulane University Culture Workshop, New Orleans, LA, 2017.
- “Is the Front National Republican and Does It Matter?” Paper presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2017.
- Invited presentation at “Social Sciences Today Forum: Beyond #Protest” sponsored by the Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder, CO, 2017.
- “The Invention of Neo-Socialism: The Dynamics of Schism and Doctrinal Distinction in the French Socialist Party.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2017.
- “The Making of the RNP: Neo-Socialism, Collaboration, and the 'Totalitarian' Convergence.” Paper presented at Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2017.
- “‘Tactics’ Versus ‘Doctrine’: The 1933 French Socialist Schism and the Birth of Neo-Socialism.” Paper presented at the Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2016.
- “Neo-Socialism, or the Fascist Destiny of an Anti-Fascist Discourse.” Paper presented at “Visualizing Fascism” at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2016.

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“Young Durkheimians and the Temptation of Fascism: The Case of Marcel Déat.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2015.

“Order, Authority, Nation: The Fascist Destiny of an Anti-Fascist Discourse.” Paper presented at "Revisiting *Remaking Modernity*: New Voices in Comparative-Historical Sociology" at Northwestern University, Evanston, IL, 2015.

“Tactics, Not Doctrine: The 1933 French Socialist Schism and the Birth of Neo-Socialism.” Paper presented at the Social Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2015.

“Reds Into Fascists: Political Conversion in Third Republic France.” Paper presented at the Social Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2013.

“What’s Critical About Critical Sociology: Bourdieu, Historicism, Economism.” Paper presented at the British Sociological Association Annual Conference, Leeds, United Kingdom, 2012.

“La conversion politique dans la Troisième République: anarchistes, syndicalistes, communistes, et fascistes.” Paper presented at the Atelier doctoral sur la sociologie des espaces de production des biens symboliques, Paris, France, 2012.

“Bourdieu’s Concept of Capital: A Marxian Critique.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, 2011.

“Bourdieu & Marx: A Marxian Critique.” Paper presented at the Social Theory Workshop, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2010.

TEACHING

University of Colorado

Fall 2016 SOCY 3001-Classical Theory, SOCY 7171-Political Sociology

Spring 2017 SOCY 2031-Social Problems, SOCY 4131-Critical Sociologies

Fall 2017 SOCY 2031-Social Problems, SOCY 2031-Social Problems, SOCY 5841-Independent Study

Spring 2018 SOCY 5201-Sociological Theory

Fall 2019 SOCY 2031-Social Problems, SOCY 5201-Sociological Theory

Spring 2020 SOCY 7171-Contemporary Theory

Advising & Mentoring

Undergraduate honors theses supervised: Teresa Tadvick, Carmen Mabee.

Graduate students advised: Melissa Villarreal (2017-2018), Danni Lopezrogina (2018-), Katherine Mercer (2018-), Candace Evans (2018-).

Specialty Comprehensive Exam committee member: Bertha Bermudez Tapia (2019), Ben Hutcherson (2017), Alaina Iacobucci (2019), Derek Lee (2019), Aubrey Limburg (2020—secondary member), Micah Pyles (2018), Vanessa Roberts (2017), Carrie Seay-Fleming (2020).

Dissertation committee member: Bertha Bermudez Tapia, Ben Hutcherson, Adriana Nunez, Micah Pyles, Vanessa Roberts.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Colorado

- 2019- Instructor, SOCY 6821-Grad Soc Forum I & II, Department of Sociology.
- 2019- Graduate Committee, Department of Sociology.
- 2019 ARPAC committee on graduate degree program, Department of Sociology.
- 2019 ARPAC committee on interdisciplinary research and teaching, Department of Sociology.
- 2018 Sociology Department Representative, Boulder Faculty Assembly.
- 2018 Third-Year Paper Reviewer, Department of Sociology.
- 2017- Speaker Series Committee, Department of Sociology.
- 2016-2019 Member, Panel A, Institutional Review Board.
- 2016- Co-organizer, Culture, Power, Inequality Workshop, Department of Sociology.

University of Michigan

- 2013-2015 Student Coordinator, Social Theory Workshop. Department of Sociology, University of Michigan.
- 2009-2011 Co-organizer, Interdisciplinary Marxisms Working Group.
- 2008-2009 Faculty Committee Representative, Sociologists of Color, University of Michigan.
- 2008-2009 Co-chair, Sociologists of Color, University of Michigan.

Service to the discipline

- 2019- Council Member, American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Culture.
- 2019 Discussant, "Power and Normativity, Part 2: Sovereignty, Materiality, Empire," Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.
- 2019 Discussant, "Complicity and Cooptation: How Sociology has Changed Society, for Better and for Worse," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2018- Co-editor, *Trajectories*, newsletter of the American Sociological Association Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2018- Affiliated Editor, *Praktyka Teoretyczna/Theoretical Practice*.
- 2018- Editorial Board member, *Critical Historical Sociology*, official blog of the ASA Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2018 Award Committee Member, Charles Tilly Best Article Prize, ASA Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2017 Award Committee Member, Shils-Coleman Graduate Student Paper Prize, ASA Section on Theory.

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- 2017 Discussant, “Populist Politics,” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 Discussant, “Pierre Bourdieu and Historical Sociology,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2017 Session Organizer, “French Fascism and Political Conversion (1930-1945),” Society for French Historical Studies Annual Conference.
- 2015-2016 Editor, *Timelines*, newsletter of the American Sociological Association Section on the History of Sociology.
- 2014-2016 Student Representative, American Sociological Association Section on the History of Sociology.

Occasional reviewer for: *Actes de la Recherche en Sciences Sociales*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Comparative Studies in Society and History*; *Critical Sociology*; *Gender, Work & Organization*; *Social Science Medicine*; *Sociological Quarterly*; *Sociological Theory*; *Thesis Eleven*; *Urban Studies*.