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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2016 – present Assistant Professor, Sociology Department, University of Colorado Boulder.
Faculty Affiliate, Center for Critical Thought, 2020 – present.

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

Journal Articles

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2023. “Realist and Historicist Modes of Critique in Critical Sociology.” *Critical Sociology* 49(4-5).

McCarthy, Michael A. and Mathieu Hikaru Desan. 2023. “The Problem of Class Abstractionism.” *Sociological Theory* 41(1): 3-26. (Lead article)

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2020. “Is the National Front Republican and Does It Matter? Class, Culture, and the Rise of the Nationalist Right.” *Political Power and Social Theory* 37: 53-80. (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/>).

Mathieu Hikaru Desan

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.

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" for *Terrains de Lutttes* (<http://terrainsdelutttes.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. 2022. "Does Bourdieu 'Extend' Marx's Concept of Capital?" In Gabriella Paolucci (ed.) *Bourdieu and Marx. Practices of Critique*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

- Revised and edited version of Desan (2013).

Desan, Mathieu Hikaru. 2020. "Bourdieu, Marx e il concetto di capitale: una critica del modello dell'estensione." In Gabriella Paolucci (ed.) *Bourdieu e Marx. Pratiche della critica*. 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 Perspektiven*. 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.) *Karl Polanyi's Political and Economic Thought: A Critical Guide*. 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

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

Public Writing

“A Time to Be Bold,” *Jacobin* July 31 2018 (w/ Michael A. McCarthy).

“Between Vichy and the Republic,” *Jacobin* April 20 2017.

- Translated into French as “Le FN entre Vichy et la République” for *Contretemps - Revue de critique communiste* (<https://www.contretemps.eu/fn-le-pen-vichy-republique-antisemitisme/>).

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2022 University of Colorado Thrive Grant (\$5,980)
- 2018 Collaborator on seed grant from PSL Research University in Paris for project titled “ANTICOM: A global history of anticommunism (1917-1997).” (€39,170)
- 2016 Rackham One-Term Dissertation Fellowship, University of Michigan (\$9,690)
- 2013 Rackham International Research Award, University of Michigan. (\$8,000)
- 2012 Rackham Travel Grant, University of Michigan. (approx. \$800)
- 2011 Lurcy Fellowship for Study in France, Georges Lurcy Charitable and Educational Trust. (\$25,000)
- 2009 Departmental Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. (approx. \$16,500)
- 2009 Pre-Candidate Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan. (\$1,605)
- 2008 Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. (approx. \$400)
- 2006 LS&A Regents Fellowship, University of Michigan. (approx. \$16,500)
- 2006 Kathryn London Award, Department of Sociology, University of Michigan. (\$2,000)

PRESENTATIONS AND TALKS

Invited Talks

“Realist and Historicist Modes of Critique in Critical Sociology.” Erik Olin Wright Memorial Lecture, Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2023.

“The Problem of Class Reductionism.” (w/ Michael McCarthy). University of Chicago History and Theory of Capitalism Workshop, Chicago, IL., 2022. (virtual)

“Order, Authority, Nation: Neosocialism, Fascism, and the Dynamics of Political Conversion.” Department of Sociology, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA, 2022.

“Order, Authority, Nation: Neosocialism, Fascism, and the Dynamics of Political Conversion.” Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley, CA, 2019.

“Order, Authority, Nation: Neo-Socialism and the Fascist Destiny of an Anti-Fascist Discourse.” Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI, 2018.

“The Invention of Neo-Socialism: The Dynamics of Schism and Doctrinal Distinction in the French Socialist Party.” Tulane University Culture Workshop, New Orleans, LA, 2017.

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“Social Sciences Today Forum: Beyond #Protest.” Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences, University of Colorado Boulder, CO, 2017.

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

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

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

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

Conference Presentations

“The Problem of Class Abstraction: Culture, Class Formation, and Socialism.” (w/ Michael McCarthy). Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2021. (virtual)

“What is Critical about 'Critical Sociology'? Realist and Historicist Modes of Critique in Polanyi, Marx, and Bourdieu.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ, 2018.

“Crisis and Political Conversion: The Case of the French Neo-Socialists.” The Crisis of History and the History of Crisis, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2018.

“Is the Front National Republican and Does It Matter?” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2017.

“The Invention of Neo-Socialism: The Dynamics of Schism and Doctrinal Distinction in the French Socialist Party.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2017.

“The Making of the RNP: Neo-Socialism, Collaboration, and the 'Totalitarian' Convergence.” Society for French Historical Studies Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, 2017.

“Tactics’ Versus ‘Doctrine’: The 1933 French Socialist Schism and the Birth of Neo-Socialism.” Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, 2016.

“Neo-Socialism, or the Fascist Destiny of an Anti-Fascist Discourse.” Visualizing Fascism, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, 2016.

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

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

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

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

Guest Lectures

Interview with Magne Paalgard Flemmen on “Bourdieu, Marx, and Capital: A Critique of the Extension Model.” Recorded for SOS2100 – Ulikhet, klasse og lagdeling, University of Oslo, 2021.

TEACHING AND ADVISING

University of Colorado

Courses taught: SOCY 2031-Social Problems, SOCY 3001-Classical Theory, SOCY 4131-Critical Sociologies, SOCY 5201-Sociological Theory, SOCY 5202-Contemporary Theory, SOCY 7171-Political Sociology.

Undergraduate honors theses supervised: Sadaf Ghiasy (2021-2022), Phoebe Greene (2022-2023), Carmen Mabee (2018-2019), Theodore Tadvick (2017-2018).

First-year graduate advisor: Melissa Villarreal (2017-2018), Katherine Mercer (2018-2019), Candace Evans (2018-2019), Austin Fitzgerald (2020-2021).

Graduate advisor: Danni Lopez-Rogina (2018-2020), Katherine Mercer (2018-), Candace Evans (2018-), Austin Fitzgerald (2020-), Sal LaPuma (2021-2023), Blade Wagner (2021-).

Third Year Papers supervised: Candace Evans (2020-2021), Katie Mercer (2021-2022).

Specialty Comprehensive Exam committee: Bertha Bermudez Tapia (2019), Maya Contreras (2022-secondary member), Candace Evans (2021-Chair), Ben Hutcherson (2017), Asa Iacobucci (2021), Derek Lee (2019), Aubrey Limburg (2020-secondary member), Hannah Lyden (2022-secondary member), Katherine Mercer (2021-Chair), Micah Pyles (2018), Vanessa Roberts (2017), Robert Scott (2021-secondary member), Carrie Seay-Fleming (2020), Ian Whalen (2021-secondary member).

Masters committee: Kayla Jernigan (2020), Sara Veljic (2021), Maya Contreras (2021), Nicole Aggarwal (2023).

Dissertation committee: Bertha Bermudez Tapia, Tracy Fehr, Ben Hutcherson, Asa Iacobucci, Aubrey Limburg, Adriana Nunez, Micah Pyles, Vanessa Roberts, Carrie Seay-Fleming, Ian Whalen.

Graduate Part-Time Instructor mentor: Kim Truong-Vu (2019).

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

University of Colorado

2021-2022 Third-Year Paper Reviewer, Department of Sociology

2021 Guest Facilitator, "Giving Feedback," SOCY/PSCI/PSYC 6851-Professionalization Seminar, Interdisciplinary Training in the Social Sciences, Center to Advance Research and Teaching in the Social Sciences.

2021 Panelist, "Thriving in the First Year: What I Wish I had Known," Thriving at CU—New Faculty Orientation, Office of Faculty Affairs.

2019-2020 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.

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- 2017-2018 Third-Year Paper Reviewer, Department of Sociology.
- 2017-2020 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

- 2021 Panelist, University of Michigan Sociology Department Career Day.
- 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

- 2022 Chair, Award Committee, Clifford Geertz Award for Best Article, ASA Sociology of Culture Section.
- 2022- Editorial Board, *Critical Sociology*.
- 2021 Discussant, "Sociological Theory 2," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting
- 2021 Award Committee Member, Distinguished Scholarly Publication Prize, ASA History of Sociology Section.
- 2019-2020 Chair, Membership Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Culture.
- 2019-2022 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.
- 2018-2021 Co-editor, *Trajectories*, newsletter of the American Sociological Association Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2018- Associate Editor, *Praktyka Teoretyczna/Theoretical Practice*.
- 2018- Editorial Board member, Critical Historical Sociology, official blog of the ASA Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2018 Faculty Mentor, ASA Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology Graduate Student and Postdoc Mentoring Event.
- 2018 Award Committee Member, Charles Tilly Best Article Award, ASA Section on Comparative and Historical Sociology.
- 2017 Award Committee Member, Shils-Coleman Graduate Student Paper Prize, ASA Section on Theory.
- 2017 Discussant, "Populist Politics," Social Science History Association Annual Meeting.

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- 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*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social Science Medicine*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *Sociological Quarterly*; *Sociological Theory*; *Thesis Eleven*; *Urban Studies*.

Membership in professional associations: American Sociological Association; Society for French Historical Studies, Social Science History Association.

WORKSHOPS AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Spring 2021 Leadership Education for Advancement and Promotion (LEAP) Introductory Leadership Workshop, Office of Faculty Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Fall 2019 Faculty Teaching Excellence Program (FTEP) “Academic Honesty in an Online Age,” University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Fall 2018 Faculty Teaching Excellence Program (FTEP) “Teaching Large Classes,” University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Spring 2018 Faculty Teaching Excellence Program (FTEP) “Preparing a Teaching Portfolio for Review and More,” University of Colorado, Boulder.
- Summer 2013 Philosophy of Social Science Summer Seminar, Yale University.