

# Alexander Fort Roehrkasse

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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Inequality, family, gender, criminology, historical sociology, economic sociology, quantitative methods	
TEACHING INTERESTS	Research design, quantitative methods, inequality, family, classical and contemporary theory	
EDUCATION	University of California, Berkeley Ph.D., Sociology, 2019. M.A., Sociology, 2014.  Brown University B.A., Economics, 2009.	
EMPLOYMENT	Cornell University, 2019–present Postdoctoral associate, Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research. Affiliate, Center for the Study of Inequality. Affiliate, Cornell Population Center.  Harvard University, 2009–2011 Research associate, Harvard Business School.	
PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATION	Neil Fligstein and Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2016. “The Causes of Fraud in the Financial Crisis of 2007 to 2009: Evidence from the Mortgage-Backed Securities Industry.” <i>American Sociological Review</i> 81(4):617–643. [ <a href="#">Link</a> ]	
WORKING PAPER	Alexander F. Roehrkasse. “The Demise of the Debtor’s Prison: Market Development, State Formation, and the Moral Politics of Credit.” – <i>Ronald S. Burt Outstanding Student Paper Award, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2016</i> – <i>Honorable Mention, Distinguished Student Paper Award, Crime, Law and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association, 2016</i> – <i>Honorable Mention, Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2017</i>	
WORK IN PROGRESS	Alexander F. Roehrkasse. “Women’s Property Rights and Divorce: Bargaining or Deinstitutionalization?”  Alexander F. Roehrkasse. “Gender and the Legal Performance of Marital Breakdown.”  Alexander F. Roehrkasse. “Don’t Count on Love: Discrepant Historical Measures of American Marriages.”	

REVIEWS AND  
ESSAYS

Alexander F. Roehrkasse and Christopher Wildeman. 2019. "Administrative data and long-term trends in child maltreatment: the prospects and pitfalls." *The Lancet: Public Health* 4(3):e121–e122.

Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2017. "The Many Hands of State Theory." *European Journal of Sociology* 58(3):609–615.

Charlie Eaton, Jacob Habinek, Mukul Kumar, Tamera Lee Stover and Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2013. "Swapping our Future: How Students and Taxpayers are Funding Risky UC Borrowing and Wall Street Profits." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 57:177–199.

– *Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2013*

Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2013. "The New Campus Bankers." *The Nation* (online). January 25.

Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2012. "The Price is the Product: A Review of Vincent Lépinay's Codes of Finance." *Accounts: A Newsletter of Economic Sociology* 11(2):10–11.

Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2012. "Forgive Us Our Debts: A Review of David Graeber's Debt: The First 5,000 Years." *Accounts: A Newsletter of Economic Sociology* 11(1):8–9.

RESEARCH  
GRANTS

Summer Research Grant, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2017, "States of Disunion: American Marriage and Divorce, 1867–1906," \$3,500.

Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley, 2016, "Early American Marriage and Divorce, In Law and Practice," \$600, PI Neil Fligstein.

Sociology Program Grant, National Science Foundation, 2016, "Credit Markets, Evaluative Technologies, and Social Stratification," \$100,000, PIs Marion Fourcade and Kieran Healy.

Research Grant, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2012, "The Rise of Credit Reporting in the United States," \$1,000.

Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University, 2009, "Language Difference, Collective Action, and Violence," \$1,000, PI Paja Faudree.

FELLOWSHIPS

Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Graduate Fellowship, Center for the Study of Law & Society, Berkeley Law School, 2018.

Synar Graduate Research Fellowship, Institute for Governmental Studies, UC Berkeley, 2017.

Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley, 2016.

Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation, 2011.

David and Aileen Wang Family Fellowship, UC Berkeley, 2011.

DISTINCTIONS

Teaching Effectiveness Award, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2017.

Honorable Mention, Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative-Historical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2017.

Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley, 2016.

Ronald S. Burt Outstanding Student Paper Award, Economic Sociology Section, American Sociological Association, 2016.

Honorable Mention, Distinguished Student Paper Award, Crime, Law and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association, 2016.

Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, Department of Sociology, UC Berkeley (with Charlie Eaton, Jacob Habinek, Mukul Kumar, Tamera Lee Stover), 2013.

Samuel C. Lamport Prize, Department of Economics, Brown University, 2009.

Honors, Department of Economics, Brown University, 2009.

Phi Beta Kappa, Brown University, 2009.

A.B. *magna cum laude*, Brown University, 2009.

SELECTED  
PRESENTATIONS

“Strategizing in the Shadow of the Law: Gender and the Performance of Marital Breakdown.” Social Science History Association 2018.

“The Dynamics of Local Bureaucratization: Evidence from American Marriage Records, 1867–1906.” American Sociological Association 2018.

“Marriage, Divorce, and the Gendered Organization of Private Property.” American Sociological Association 2018; Population Association of America 2018; Social Science History Association 2017.

“Nuptial Regulation as State Building.” Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2016; Social Science History Association 2016.

“The Rise and Fall of the Debtors’ Prison.” American Sociological Association 2016; Social Science History Association 2015; Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics 2015; Paris Institute of Political Studies 2013; Stanford University 2013.

“Bankers in the Ivory Tower.” (With Charlie Eaton, Adam Goldstein, Jacob Habinek, Mukul Kumar, and Tamera Lee Stover.) American Sociological Association 2013.

“The Causes of Fraud in Financial Crises.” (With Neil Fligstein.) American Sociological Association 2013.

TRAINING

Graduate Student Inclusivity Training and Certificate Program, UC Berkeley, 2018.

Certificate in Teaching and Learning in Higher Education, UC Berkeley, 2018.

TEACHING

University of California, Berkeley

- Evaluation of Evidence, Summer 2018 (lead instructor).
- Contemporary Sociological Theory, Spring 2015 (assistant).
- Classical Sociological Theory, Fall 2014 (assistant).

## ADVISING

Undergraduate Thesis Mentor, UC Berkeley

- *Sinporian Phuong*, 2018–2019.
- *Parijat Chakrabarti*, 2012–13 (*Ph.D. program, sociology, Princeton University*).

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program, UC Berkeley

- *Anisha Dangoria*, 2016–17.
- *Dasom Nah*, 2016–17 (*MAPPs, University of Chicago*).

Summer Research Opportunity Program, UC Berkeley

- *Clara Perez*, 2016 (*Ph.D. program, sociology, UC Berkeley*).

## SERVICE

To the department

- Graduate Admissions Committee, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley, 2017–2018.

To the discipline

- Occasional reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Law & Society Review*, *Social Science History*, *Theory & Society*.
- Editorial Board, *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*, 2011–2013.

To the profession

- Statewide Elections Committee Representative, UC Berkeley, UAW Local 2865, 2015–2016.
- Steward, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley, UAW Local 2865, 2013–2015.