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APPOINTMENTS

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| Boston University Assistant Professor of Sociology | 2021 – |
| Harvard University Lecturer on Sociology | 2019 – 2021 |
| London School of Economics Assistant Professorial Research Fellow in Ethnicity, Race and Equity | 2017 – 2019 |

AFFILIATIONS

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|---|-------------|
| Boston University Faculty Affiliate, Center for Innovation in Social Science | 2021 – |
| Faculty Affiliate, Precarity Lab | 2021 – |
| Erasmus University Rotterdam Veni Fellow, Erasmus Institute on Culture and Stratification | 2021 – 2024 |
| Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow, Erasmus Institute on Culture and Stratification | 2020 – 2021 |
| Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard University Local Affiliate and Co-chair, Seminar on Social Exclusion and Inclusion | 2021 – |

EDUCATION

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|---|-------------|
| Harvard University Ph.D. Sociology (committee: Jason Beckfield, Larry Bobo, Devah Pager) | 2017 |
| A.M. Sociology | 2014 |
| University of Amsterdam M.Sc. Social Science Research, <i>cum laude</i> , University of Amsterdam | 2010 |
| B.Sc. Sociology, <i>cum laude</i> , University of Amsterdam | 2007 |
| University of California at Berkeley Visiting graduate student | 2007 – 2008 |

BOOK PROJECT

Mijs, Jonathan J.B. *Why We Don't Care About Inequality: How the Growing Gap Leaves Us Less Concerned*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press (Under contract; target publication date: 2027).

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (* denotes student co-author)

- 2024 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** and Adaner Usmani (equal authorship). "Segregated social worlds distort how we understand economic and racial inequality and reduce demand for equality." *Social Forces* (in print)
- 2023 Lindner, Thijs*, **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**, Willem de Koster and Jeroen van der Waal. "Does informing citizens about the non-meritocratic nature of inequality bolster support for a Universal Basic Income? Evidence from a population-based survey experiment." *European Societies* (in print)
- 2023 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.**, Anna Dominique Herrera Huang* and William Regan*. "Confronting racism of omission: Experimental evidence of the impact of information addressing misperceptions about ethnic and racial inequality in the United States and the Netherlands." *Du Bois Review* (in print)
- 2023 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** "Learning about inequality in unequal America: How heterogeneity in college shapes students' belief in meritocracy and racial discrimination." *Research in Stratification and Social Mobility* 85: 1-13
- ❖ Featured in *Contexts*, *The Society Pages*, *ASA Work in Progress* blog, *BU Today*
- 2023 Mutgan, Selcan* and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**. "Income inequality and residential segregation in 'egalitarian' Sweden: Lessons from a least likely case." *Sociological Science* 10: 374-402
- ❖ Featured in *Fastighets Tidningen*, *Dagens PS*, and *Kyrjabs Tidning* newspapers
- 2022 Summers, Kate, Fabien Accominotti, Tania Burchardt, Katharina Hecht*, Elizabeth Mann*, and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**. "Deliberating inequality: A blueprint for studying the social formation of beliefs about economic inequality." *Social Justice Research* 35(4): 379-400
- ❖ Winner, *International Society for Justice Research Morton Deutsch Award* for best article published in 2022

- 2022 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Organizing a weak anti-prison movement? Surrogate representation and political pacification at a nonprofit prison reentry organization.” *Research on Social Movements, Conflicts and Change* 46: 87-107
- 2022 Breznau, Nate, Eike Mark Rinke, Alexander Wuttke ... (165 authors), **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**. “Observing Many Researchers Using the Same Data and Hypothesis Reveals a Hidden Universe of Uncertainty.” *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* 119 (44): 1-8
- 2022 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Merit and *ressentiment*: How to tackle the tyranny of merit.” *Theory and Research in Education* 20(2): 173-181
- 2022 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.**, Stijn Daenekindt, Willem de Koster and Jeroen van der Waal. “Belief in meritocracy reexamined: Scrutinizing the role of subjective social mobility.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 85(2): 131-141
- ❖ Top 5 most downloaded *SPQ* articles in 2022, and featured on *PodScholars*
- 2022 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** and Jaap Nieuwenhuis. “Adolescents' future in the balance of family, school, and the neighborhood: A multidimensional application of two theoretical perspectives.” *Social Science Quarterly* 103(3): 534-49
- 2022 Carbone, Luca* and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**. “Sounds like meritocracy to my ears: exploring the link between inequality in popular music and personal culture.” *Information, Communication and Society* 25(5): 707-25
- 2022 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** and Christopher Hoy*. “How information about economic inequality impacts belief in meritocracy: Evidence from a survey-experiment in Australia, Indonesia and Mexico.” *Social Problems* 69(1): 91-122
- ❖ Featured on *Inequalities* blog
- 2021 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** and Elizabeth Roe* (equal authorship). “Is America Coming Apart? Socioeconomic Segregation in Neighborhoods, Schools, Workplaces, and Social Networks, 1970 – 2020.” *Sociology Compass* 15(6): 1-16
- ❖ Featured in *The Atlantic*, *BuzzFeed*, *Sociology Lens* and on *Wisconsin Public Radio*

- 2021 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.**, Willem de Koster and Jeroen van der Waal. “Belief change in times of crisis: Providing facts about COVID-19-induced inequalities closes the partisan divide but fuels Republican intra-partisan polarization about inequality.” *Social Science Research* 104: 1-13
- ❖ Featured on *BuzzFeed* and *MarketWatch*
- 2021 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “The paradox of inequality: Income inequality and belief in meritocracy go hand in hand.” *Socio-Economic Review* 19(1): 7-35 (lead article)
- ❖ Featured in *The Guardian*, *The Washington Post*, *The Independent*, *Financial Times*, *New Statesman*, *MarketWatch*, *Harvard Business Review* and *El País*
 - ❖ Republished as ‘Stuck in a feedback loop: Why more inequality leads to lower levels of concern’ in Schifferes, Steve and Knowles, Sophie (eds.). 2022. *The Media and Inequality*. London: Routledge.
- 2020 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Earning rent with your talent: Modern-day inequality rests on the power to define, transfer and institutionalize talent.” *Educational Philosophy and Teaching* 53(8): 810-18
- ❖ Republished as Chapter 6 in Sardoč, Mitja (ed). 2023. *Talents and Distributive Justice*. London: Routledge; and as Chapter 4 in Hauhart, Robert C. and Mitja Sardoč (eds). 2023. *The Routledge Handbook on the American Dream: Part II*. New York: Routledge.
- 2020 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** and Mike Savage (equal authorship). “Meritocracy, elitism and inequality.” *The Political Quarterly* 91(2): 397-404
- ❖ Featured in *New Statesman* and on the ‘meritocracy’ Wikipedia page
- 2019 Gidron, Noam, and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs** (equal authorship). “Do changes in material circumstances drive support for populist radical parties? Panel data evidence from The Netherlands during the Great Recession, 2007–2015.” *European Sociological Review* 35(5): 637-650
- ❖ Featured in *The Monkey Cage*, *The Washington Post*

- 2018 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Visualizing belief in meritocracy, 1930—2010.” *Socius* 4(1)
- ❖ Included in *Socius* Special Collection: Data Visualization
- 2018 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Inequality is a problem of inference: How people solve the social puzzle of unequal outcomes.” *Societies* 8(3): 64
- ❖ Featured in *Work in Progress* blog of the American Sociological Association
- 2016 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Stratified failure: Educational stratification and students’ attributions of their mathematics performance.” *Sociology of Education* 89(2): 137-153
- ❖ Winner, Alan C. Kerckhoff Award, International Sociological Association RC 28
 - ❖ Featured in *Education Week*
- 2016 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “The unfulfillable promise of meritocracy: three lessons and their implications for justice in education.” *Social Justice Research* 29(1): 14-34
- ❖ Featured in *Public Books*
- 2016 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** and Bowen Paille. “The burden of acting wise: Sanctioned school success and ambivalence about hard work at an elite school in the Netherlands.” *Intercultural Education* 27(1): 22-38
- ❖ Featured in *De Volkskrant*
- 2016 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.**, Elyas Bakhtiari*, and Michèle Lamont. “Neoliberalism and symbolic boundaries in Europe: Global diffusion, local context, regional variation.” *Socius* 2(1)
- ❖ Featured on WNYC and in *The Conversation*
- 2016 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “The missing organizational dimension of prisoner reentry: An ethnography of the road to reentry at a nonprofit service provider.” *Sociological Forum* 31(2): 291-309
- ❖ Featured in *The Crime Report*, *The Society Pages*, and *ASA Contexts* magazine
- 2015 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Blurred lines: Structure/agency, presence/vacancy in Detroit’s urban museum.” *City & Community* 14(2): 183-5

2014 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.** “Detroit’s wealth of ruins.” *Contexts* 13(2): 62-69

❖ Featured in *Family Inequality* blog

2010 Van de Werfhorst, Herman G. and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs.** “Achievement inequality and the institutional structure of educational systems: A comparative perspective.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 36: 407-428

❖ Featured on *The Conversation* and cited in various OECD and EU policy papers

UNDER REVIEW

- Carbone, Luca*, **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**, Thijs van Dooremalen and Stijn Daenekindt. “Towards a Sociology of Recurrent Events. Constellations of Cultural Change around Eurovision in 18 Countries (1981 – 2021).” Revise & Resubmit at *Poetics*
- Arturo Bertero*, Gonzalo Franetovic*, and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs.** “Inequality belief systems: what they look like, how to study them, and why they matter.” Revise & Resubmit at *Social Indicators Research*
- Breznau, Nate, ... (161 authors) and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs.** “How many replicators does it take to achieve reliability? Investigating researcher variability in a crowdsourced replication.” Revise & Resubmit at *Sociological Methods & Research*
- **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.**, Willem de Koster and Jeroen van der Waal. “When information strikes a chord with experience: Conditional belief change about wealth, race and government in the US and the Netherlands.”
- Wang, Leping* and **Jonathan J.B. Mijs.** “How blatant, cultural, and ambivalent racism informs beliefs about inequality: Evidence from representative surveys in the United States and the Netherlands.”
- Schieferdecker, David, Susanne Reinhardt*, **Jonathan J.B. Mijs**, Graziella Moraes Silva, Chana Teeger, Flavio Carvalhaes, and Jeremy Seekings. “Everyday conversations about economic inequality: What we know and what we ought to know.”

DATASETS

2023 **Mijs, Jonathan J.B.**, Willem de Koster and Jeroen van der Waal. “Social inequality in the Netherlands: Perceptions, attitudes and explanations.” Centerdata: Tilburg.

2023 Mijs, Jonathan J.B., Willem de Koster and Jeroen van der Waal. "Social topics in the United States: Economic inequality, racial discrimination, and the impact of COVID-19." Oxford: Prolific Academic.

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS (listed in bold are direct costs)

- 2023–27 *WealthTalks: The (re-)production of wealth inequality in everyday talk*, Co-Principal Investigator, Volkswagen Foundation Grant no. 9C 587 (**\$1,629,550**)
- 2021–24 *Disconnected inequality: Understanding popular apathy in times of growing economic inequality*, Principal Investigator, Dutch Research Council Talent Program "Veni" Grant no. 201S.003 (**\$272,500**)
- 2020–21 *Understanding public beliefs about equality, inequality, and meritocracy (UnEquality)*, Principal Investigator, EU Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Action Grant no. 882967 (**\$204,453**)
- 2020–21 *Beliefs and information about inequality: A comparative survey experiment in The Netherlands and the United States*, Principal Investigator, Stichting Erasmus Trustfonds (**\$8,175**)
- 2019–21 *Deliberating inequality. How does information impact the social formation of beliefs about economic inequality?* Co-Principal Investigator, LSE Suntory and Toyota International Centre for Economics and Related Disciplines (**\$12,765**) and LSE International Inequalities Institute (**\$6,516**)
- 2016–18 *Exploring the socio-institutional determinants of cognition & evaluation: An experimental study of the salience of experience and contextual information* Principal Investigator, Pershing Square Venture Fund for Research on the Foundations of Human Behavior (**\$4,000**)
- 2015–16 *Making meritocratic citizens: How college shapes stratification beliefs*, Principal Investigator, Josefina Cintron Tiryakian and Edward Tiryakian Dissertation Fellowship (**\$26,000**) and Harvard University Center for American Political Studies (**\$750**)
- 2013–14 *Learning meritocracy: An inquiry into the processes that produce meritocratic beliefs*, Principal Investigator, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs (**\$2,000**) and Harvard University Center for American Political Studies (**\$750**)
- 2010–12 National Huygens Talent Scholarship, Netherlands Ministry of Education (**\$42,510**)

AWARDS

- 2023 International Society for Justice Research Morton Deutsch Award for best article published in *Social Justice Research* in 2022, “Deliberating inequality: A blueprint for studying the social formation of beliefs about economic inequality” (**\$1,000**)
- 2022 Early Career Award in recognition of the most innovative and original young scholars within 7 years of their PhD, The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (**€15,000**)
- 2021 Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence
- 2020 Harvard University Certificate of Teaching Excellence
- 2018 Finalist, LSE Festival Photograph Prize for ‘Guarding the Ruins of Detroit’
- 2015 Alan C. Kerckhoff Award for good scholarship in the field of social stratification, International Sociological Association RC28
- 2013 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2012 Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching
- 2011 Dean’s list and Finalist, University of Amsterdam university-wide M.Sc. thesis prize

INVITED TALKS

“Why unequal countries stay that way: Lessons learned about the social life of inequality”

2024 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA

2024 Culture and Social Analysis Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

2024 European University Institute, Florence (Italy)

2024 Carlos III-Juan March Institute, Madrid (Spain)

“Cheers and concerns about the meritocracy”

2024 European University Institute, Florence (Italy)

“Everyday exposure to inequality and the causal impact of facts: Experimental evidence from the United States and the Netherlands”

2023 University of Groningen, Groningen (The Netherlands)

2023 University of Gothenburg, Gothenburg (Sweden) (postponed)

“Researching belief formation and belief change through the lens of inequality”

- 2023 Jacobs Center, University of Zürich, Zürich (Switzerland)
- 2022 International Monetary Fund, Washington, DC
- 2022 Amsterdam Center for Inequality Studies, Amsterdam (Netherlands)
- 2022 University of California – San Diego, CA

“How do people understand inequality and inclusion?”

- 2021 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Paris (France)

“The social life of inequality: Why unequal countries stay that way”

- 2023 TU Delft, Delft (The Netherlands)
- 2022 International Inequalities Institute, London School of Economics, London (UK)
- 2021 Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po, Paris (France)
- 2021 University of Hamburg and University of Mannheim (Germany)
- 2021 Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Waltham, MA
- 2021 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA
- 2020 Boston University, Department of Sociology, Boston, MA

“Does information impact beliefs about inequality? Evidence from a survey experiment”

- 2019 Middlesex University and Oxford University, London UK

“What the public thinks about inequality, and how to change it”

- 2019 Amnesty International, International Secretariat, London, UK, 2019

“Why we cannot see the rise in inequality”

- 2019 TEDx London, Royal Festival Hall, London UK

“The paradox of inequality: Income inequality and belief in meritocracy go hand in hand”

- 2019 Inequalities Seminar Series, London School of Economics UK

“Learning about inequality in unequal America: How university shapes inequality beliefs”

- 2018 CASE Social Exclusion Seminar, London School of Economics, UK
- 2017 Institute of Education, University College London
- 2016 Nuffield College, Oxford University

“Challenging inequality: Ways forward”

- 2017 Belgrade Security Forum, Belgrade, Serbia

“How well do citizens see inequality? Mobility and meritocracy beliefs around the world”

- 2016 Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, Cambridge, MA

“Blurred lines: structure/agency, presence/vacancy in Detroit’s urban museum”

2015 Harvard Workshop on Urban Social Processes, Cambridge, MA

“Learning meritocracy: An inquiry into the processes that produce meritocratic beliefs”

2013 Berlin Graduate Summer School in Social Sciences, Berlin, Germany

“The prison re-entry organization and its clients”

2012 Northeastern University, Boston, MA

“Academic excellence and internationalization from a sociological perspective”

2011 Keynote at Nuffic 60th Anniversary Conference, The Hague, The Netherlands

“Ethnic educational inequalities in the Netherlands”

2009 École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France

“Educational differentiation & inequality: The Netherlands in comparative perspective”

2007 Ministry of Education and Sciences, The Hague, The Netherlands

CONFERENCE PAPERS

“Everyday exposure to inequality and the causal impact of facts: A resonance model of belief change about economic and racial inequities in the United States and the Netherlands”

2024 16th conference of the European Sociological Association, Porto (Portugal)

“Authors of their own adversity: Dutch and American non-racists, racists, ambivalent racists, and inequality beliefs” (with Leping Wang)

2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA

“Information, exposure and beliefs about inequality: Experimental evidence from the United States and the Netherlands”

2023 Nordic Association for American Studies, Uppsala (Sweden)

2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA (withdrawn)

“Experimental evidence of the conditional uptake of information about racial and wealth inequality in the United States and the Netherlands”

2022 European Consortium of Sociological Research Conference, Amsterdam (withdrawn)

2022 28th International Conference of Europeanists, Lisbon (withdrawn)

“How do children and adults explain social inequality?”

2022 Society for Personality & Social Psychology Annual Convention, San Francisco

“Experimental evidence that info on COVID-19-induced inequalities inspires concern”

2021 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

2021 European Consortium for Sociological Research Annual Conference

“Sounds like meritocracy to my ears: Exploring inequality in pop music and private culture”

2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting

“Learning about inequality in unequal America”

2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA

“How information about economic inequality impacts belief in meritocracy”

2020 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

“Experienced inequality, mediating institutions, and beliefs about inequality in 25 countries”

2017 International Sociological Association RC 28 Summer Conference, New York

“Meritocracy and diversity: The development of inequality beliefs in college”

2016 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA

“Why do students fail in mathematics? Educational stratification and explanations of failure”

2015 International Sociological Association RC28 summer conference, Philadelphia, PA

“Making the ‘ex-con:’ Identity and relational reconfiguration in a prisoner reentry organization”

2014 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA,

“A burden of ‘acting ‘wise:’ Popularity and achievement in Dutch education”

2012 Aage B. Sørensen Memorial Conference, Stockholm (Sweden)

2011 Eastern Sociological Society Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA

TEACHING

Boston University

SO 390: Social Inequality in America (Spring 2022)

SO 493 / SO 770: Understanding Meritocracy (Fall 2021, Spring 2024)

SO 702: Sociological Methods (Spring 2023, Fall 2023)

Harvard University

SOC 1121: Understanding Meritocracy (Spring 2020, Fall 2020)

SOC 1024: Social Inequality (Fall 2019, Spring 2021)

SOC 92r: America Coming Apart (Spring 2020)

SOC 11: Introduction to Sociology, *guest lecturer* (Summer 2018, Summer 2020)
SOC 99: Senior Thesis Seminar (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
SOC 305: Teaching Practicum (Spring 2015)
SOC 97: Sociological Theory (Fall 2012, Spring 2013, Fall 2013, Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Spring 2015)
Bok Writing Fellow (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
Bok Teaching Fellow (Fall 2014, Spring 2015)

London School of Economics

SO 221: Researching London: Advanced Research Methods, *guest lecturer* (Fall 2017)

University of Amsterdam

Research Design (Fall 2006)
Social Movements, *guest lecturer* (Fall 2006)
Sociology & Social Policy, *guest lecturer* (Fall 2005)

ADVISING

Boston University

Dissertation committee: Taylor Beauvais, Kaizha King, Yasemin Girgin, Leping Wang
Qualifying exam committee: Leping Wang ('23), Thao Nguyen ('23), Taylor Beauvais ('23), Dongyoung Kim, Yasemin Girgin
Senior honor's thesis advisor: Matthew Lutkins ('25), Hannah Semaya ('24), Talya Havivi ('23)

External Ph.D. committee

Ondrej Buchel ('20), University of Trento and Tilburg University
Aske Hornemann Kragh Cryer ('24), Aarhus University
Gonzalo Jorge Franetovic ('25), University of Milan

Erasmus University Rotterdam

Master's thesis advisor: Peter Crisp ('22), Louedska Maduro ('22), Handenur Taspinar ('22), Anne-Lotte Groenewegen ('21), Florence Slark ('21), Gerben Veenema ('21), Judith van den Dool ('21), Nikoleta Dimitrova ('21), Sofie Schilt ('21)

Harvard University

Senior honor's thesis advisor: Johnny Cook ('21), Rodrigo Plaza ('14)

London School of Economics

Master's thesis advisor: Keir Lewis ('19), Marius Nijenhuis ('19), Kayla Cameron ('18), Hester Mennes ('18), Aldyen Krieger ('18)

SERVICE

American Sociological Association

- 2022-23 Editor, Work in Progress blog, Economic Sociology section
- 2022-23 Mentor, Mentor-Match Program, Social Psychology section
- 2022-23 Mentor, Mentor-Match Program, Inequality, Poverty & Mobility section
- 2021-22 David Lee Stevenson Paper Award Committee, Sociology of Education section
- 2021-22 John Mohr Award Committee, Sociology of Culture section
- 2021-22 Communications Committee, Inequality, Poverty & Mobility section
- 2018-19 Outstanding Article Award Committee, Inequality, Poverty & Mobility section
- 2017-18 Organizer, Inequality, Poverty & Mobility roundtable, Annual Meeting

Eastern Sociological Society

- 2021-23 Selection Committee, Komarovsky Book Award

Boston University

- 2024 Lecturer Promotion Committee, College of Arts & Sciences
- 2023-24 Visiting Assistant Professor Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2023-24 Junior Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2023 Lecturer Promotion Committee, College of Arts & Sciences
- 2022-23 Senior Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2022-23 Merit Review Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2022-23 Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2021-22 Selection Committee, Morris Grant, Department of Sociology

London School of Economics

- 2018-19 Editor, Inequalities Working Papers, International Inequalities Institute
- 2018-19 Organizer, Inequalities Seminar, International Inequalities Institute

Harvard University

- 2014-15 Steering Committee, Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies
- 2013-17 Organizer, Seminar on Exclusion and Inclusion, Center for European Studies
- 2012-13 Junior Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2011-12 Coordinator, Workshop on Migration and Immigrant Incorporation
- 2010-11 Executive officer and Vice President elect, Graduate Student Council, GSAS

University of Amsterdam

- 2008-13 Founding Editor-in-chief, Amsterdam Social Science journal
- 2007-08 Junior Search Committee, Department of Sociology
- 2006-07 Senior Search Committee, Department of Sociology

Editorial board member, *Socio-Economic Review*

Reviewer (papers), *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *British Journal of Social Psychology*, *City & Community*, *European Political Science Review*, *European Sociological Review*, *Journal of Development Studies*, *Nature Human Behaviour*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *Punishment & Society*, *Race & Social Problems*, *Social Forces*, *Social Justice Research*, *Social Problems*, *Social Psychology*, *Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Social Science History*, *Social Science Research*, *Socio-Economic Review*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociology of Education*, *The Sociological Quarterly*, *The Sociological Review*

Reviewer (books), *University of California Press*, *Routledge*, *Teacher College Record*

Reviewer (grants), *National Science Foundation*, *Dutch Research Council*, *Israel Science Foundation*, *The Leverhulme Trust*, *Oxford University Nuffield College Academic Fund*

CONSULTING

- 2024 Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture, and Science
- 2022–24 Hulu television series ‘Paradise City’ about inequality and meritocracy, Disney
- 2023 Brighthouse, Boston Consulting Group
- 2023 Government of Canada Foresight Study on Declining Social Mobility
- 2021–23 Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Expert Group on New Measures of the Public Acceptability of Reforms
- 2020 Institute for Fiscal Studies, Deaton Review on Inequalities in the 21st Century
- 2019–20 Amnesty International, #Next Strategy Expert Group

PUBLIC WRITING

“Lack of diversity on college campuses fuels naïve belief in meritocracy”

❖ *Contexts* blog, August 29, 2023

“How college students learn about inequality in America”

❖ *The Society Pages*, August 15, 2023

“Can Campus Diversity Counter the Myth of Meritocracy?”

❖ *Futurity* and *The Good Men Project*, July 26, 2023

“Colleges are already unequal—will ending affirmative action make it worse?”

❖ *Boston University's The Brink, Expert Take*, June 29, 2023

“Learning about inequality in unequal America”

❖ *American Sociological Association Work in Progress blog*, June 22, 2023

“Is America coming apart?”

❖ *Sociology Lens* (with Liz Roe), May 21, 2021

“Five lessons from the coronavirus about inequality in America”

❖ *The Conversation*, April 27, 2020

“What the public thinks about inequality, and how to change it”

❖ *Amnesty International Next Strategy blog*, June 15, 2019

“The US shows the unequal world we are heading for – and we don't seem to care”

❖ *LSE American Politics and Policy blog*, May 28, 2019

“The radical right's rise in Europe isn't fueled by economic grievances – here's why”

❖ *Washington Post, The Monkey Cage* (with Noam Gidron), May 24, 2019

“Why people underestimate the problem of inequality”

❖ *Financial Times*, 2019

“The gulf between the rich and poor is widening – we just can't see it”

❖ *The Independent*, January 28, 2019

“How inequality leads to its own legitimization”

❖ *American Sociological Association Work in Progress blog*, March 12, 2019

“Inequality is getting worse, but fewer people than ever are aware of it”

❖ *The Conversation*, May 2, 2017

“PISA, internalizing failure, and barriers to deeper learning”

❖ *Education Week* (with Tyler Thigpen), February 6, 2017

“European data suggests the gig economy helped create Trump, Sanders”

❖ *The Conversation*, May 17, 2016

“Populism feeds on social exclusion” (*Populisme wordt gevoed door sociale uitsluiting*)

❖ *De Volkskrant*, March 26, 2016

“Dutch students are wise not to work too hard” (*De Nederlandse leerling is niet lui, maar verstandig*)

❖ *De Volkskrant*, June 10, 2016

“Stop stratifying middle schoolers” (*Schaf scheiding tussen vmbo, havo en vwo af*)

❖ *NRC Handelsblad*, August 1, 2013

“Minister of Education labels students ‘winners’ and ‘losers’” (*Zijlstra scheidt studenten in winnaars en verliezers*)

❖ *NRC Handelsblad*, July 8, 2011

“Geert Wilders is calling for a coup” (*Het lijkt op poging tot staatsgreep*)

❖ *NRC Handelsblad*, October 25, 2010