

Curriculum Vitae

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EMPLOYMENT:

2012- Professor of Sociology, University of Washington at Seattle
2007-2010 – Director, Center for West European Studies and EU Center, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington at Seattle
2006-2012 - Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Washington at Seattle
1999-2005 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Washington at Seattle

EDUCATION:

New York University
Ph.D. Sociology, 1999
University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
M.A. Sociology, 1995
M.A. European History, 1994
State University of New York at Albany
B.A. in German and History, summa cum laude, 1992.
Karl-Franzens-Universität, Graz, Austria, 1991. German-English translation
(*Diplomstufe*).

PROFESSIONAL AWARDS:

2021—Co-Winner of the Sharlin Memorial Book Award from the Social Science History Association.
2019 – Elected member of the Sociological Research Association
2017 - Honorable mention for outstanding paper, American Sociological Association (ASA) Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section
2013 – Honorable mention for outstanding paper, American Sociological Association (ASA) Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section
2009 – Winner of the European Academy for Sociology Prize for Outstanding Book
2007 – Excellence in Graduate Training Award, UW Sociology Department
2007 – Nominated, UW Teaching Academy's Distinguished Teaching Award
2006 – Excellence in Teaching Award, UW Sociology Department
2005 – Social Science History Association President's Book Award.
2004 – Award for Best Paper in Collective Behavior and Social Movements, ASA.
2002 – Award for Best Paper in Collective Behavior and Social Movements, ASA.
2001/02 - UW Royalty Research Fund Fellow.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS:

2018 (spring) – Academic Visitor, Nuffield College, Oxford University
2017-2020 – Clarence and Elissa M. Schrag Endowed Faculty Fellow
2013 – Principal Investigator (with Co-PIs Ross Matsueda and Blaine Robbins), National Science Foundation, Research Grant for “Testing an Integrated Structural-Cognitive Theory of Collective Action: A Cross-National Factorial Study” (\$138,000).
2012 – Principal Investigator, UW Royalty Research Fund grant for “Public Goods and the Propensity to Protest” (\$40,000).
2011 – Research Fellow, Juan March Foundation, Madrid.
2010 – Principal Investigator, National Resource Center Program (015A) Grant, Department of Education to fund Center for West European Studies at the University of Washington (\$956,452).
2009 – Co-Investigator (PI, Michael Hechter, ASU), Air Force Office of Scientific Research (AFOSR) Research Grant for “Social Order and the Genesis of Rebellion: A Study of Mutiny in the Royal Navy” (\$300,000).
2009 - Co-Investigator (with PI Michael Hechter) H.F. Guggenheim Foundation Research Grant for “Social Order and the Genesis of Rebellion: A Study of Mutiny in the Royal Navy” (\$60,000).
2008 – European Union Center of Excellence Grant to fund EU Studies at University of Washington, External Relations Division, European Commission, Brussels (ca. \$330,000)
2008 – Visiting Researcher, Centre for Maritime Historical Studies, University of Exeter.
2008 – UW Royalty Research Fund seed grant.
2007 – Non-Resident Fellow, Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University.
2006 – University Lecturer, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.
2004 – Seed grant from ASU’s Center for the Study of Religion and Conflict.
2001 – UW Royalty Research Fund seed grant.
2001 – ASA/National Science Foundation Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline Award seed grant.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

2021 (ongoing) - Associate Editor, *American Sociological Review*.
2017 – 2021 Elected member, Board of Directors, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC).
2014 – 2017; 2022 (ongoing) – Graduate Program Director, Department of Sociology.
2015 – Editorial Board, *Social Science History*.
2012-14 – Associate Chair, Department of Sociology.
2012/15 – Editorial Board, *Contemporary Sociology*.
2009 – 2011 Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory*.
2008 – Chair, Barrington Moore Award Committee for Best Book, ASA Section on Historical/Comparative Sociology.
2008 – Chair, Award Committee for Best Book, ASA Section in Political Sociology.
2007-2010 – Director, Center for West European Studies and EU Center, Jackson School of International Studies, University of Washington at Seattle
2005/06 – Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*.

2005/08 – Council Member, ASA Section on Political Sociology.
2005 – Award Committee, Social Science History Association President’s Award.
2003 – Award Committee, ASA Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements
2000/02 – States and Society Network Coordinator, Social Science History Association
2000/01 – Organizer, States/Societies Network of the Social Science History Association.
1998 - Award committee, ASA Section of Comparative and Historical Sociology.
1994/99 – Assistant Editor, *Sociological Theory*.
Ongoing: professional reviews for *AJS*, *ASR*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *American Political Science Review*, *Sociological Theory*, *Mobilization*, *Sociological Forum*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Social Problems*, *Journal of Peace Research*, *Journal of Law & Economics*, *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*, etc.

TEACHING:

Graduate: Introduction to Sociological Theory (Soc. 510); Logic of Social Inquiry (Soc. 508); Case-Based Methods (Soc. 555/JSIS 595/Law 594); Classical Social Theory (Soc. 511); Sociology of Religion (Soc. 554); Comparative Study of Institutions (Soc. 590a); Rebellion (Soc. 590b); Macrosociology (Soc. 589a).

Undergraduate: Comparative Social Change (Soc. 212); Sociological Theory (Soc. 316); Sociology of Religion (Soc. 357); Honors Seminar (Soc. 496); Independent Research (Soc. 499); Politics and Society of Italy; Contemporary Spain.

PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

Pfaff, Steven and Michael Hechter. 2020. *The Genesis of Rebellion: Governance, Grievance and Mutiny in the Age of Sail*. Cambridge University Press.

Winner of the 2021 Allan Sharlin Memorial Book Award by the Social Science History Association

Reviewed in *Mobilization*, *English Historical Review*, *International Journal of Maritime History*, *Economic History (EH) Net*, *Strategy + Business*

Goldman, Marion and Steven Pfaff. 2017. *The Spiritual Virtuoso: Personal Faith and Social Transformation*. London: Bloomsbury Press.

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Reading Religion*, *Politics, Religion & Ideology*

Pfaff, Steven. 2006. *Exit-Voice Dynamics and the Collapse of East Germany: The Crisis of Leninism and the Revolution of 1989*. Durham, NC: Duke University Press.

Winner of the Social Science History Association President’s Award and the European Academy for Sociology Prize.

Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *American Historical Review*, *Social Forces*, *International Sociology*, *Canadian Journal of Sociology*, *Central European History*, *Mobilization*, *International Social Science Review*, *History-Net* (in German), *East European Politics and Societies*, *Slavic Review*, *German Studies Review*, *Berliner Journal für Soziologie* (in German), etc.

Edited Volumes:

Pfaff, Steven, contributing editor, 2017. *Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, Mark A. Lamport, general editor. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield.

Pfaff, Steven, contributing editor. 2022. *Classical Sociological Theory and Contemporary Sociological Theory*, 4th Edition, with Craig Calhoun, Joseph Gerteis, James Moody, and Indermohan Virk. Cambridge: Wiley-Blackwell (also 1st Edition, 2002, and 2nd Edition, 2007; 3rd Edition 2012).

Papers and Book Chapters:

Becker, Sascha O. and Steven Pfaff. 2023. "Church, State, and Historical Political Economy", Chapter 45 in *Oxford Handbook of Historical Political Economy*, edited by Jeffery A. Jenkins and Jared Rubin. New York: Oxford University Press.

Kulkarni, Parashar and Steven Pfaff. 2022. "The 'Glorious' Revolution's Inglorious Religious Commitment: Why Parliamentary Rule Failed to Secure Religious Liberty", forthcoming in *Social Science History*: 46: 639-718 (lead article).

Everton, Sean and Steven Pfaff. 2022. "Historical and Comparative Research on Diffusion", *Social Science History* 46(2): 431-72.

Kulkarni, Parashar and Steven Pfaff. 2022. "Church Politics, Sectarianism, and Judicial Terror: The Scottish Witch-hunt, 1563-1736." *Explorations in Economic History* (online first). <https://reader.elsevier.com/reader/sd/pii/S0014498322000158?token=2E7FFAF02F23440989C8434D71AC7C5EDD1930FE460E70EBF3D23B176CBE45A064F095436510B07C97129A66A2C5D4D5&originRegion=us-east-1&originCreation=20220222192002>

Hsiao, Yuan and Steven Pfaff. 2022. "Explaining the Diffusion of Radical Ideas." *Social Currents* 16/10. <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13023>

Becker, Sascha O., Yuan Hsiao, Steven Pfaff and Jared Rubin. 2020. "Multiplex Networks and the Spatial Diffusion of Radical Innovations: Martin Luther's Leadership in the Early Reformation," *American Sociological Review* 85/5: 857-94. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0003122420948059>

Pfaff, Steven, Charles Crabtree, Holger L. Kern, and John B. Holbein. 2020. "Does Religious Bias Shape Access to Public Services? A Large-Scale Audit Experiment among Street-Level Bureaucrats" *Public Administration Review*
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/puar.13235>

Robbins, Blaine, Ross Matsueda and Steven Pfaff. 2020. "Mapping the Production and Mobilization Functions of Collective Action", *Socius*
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/2378023120977722>.

Kern, Holger, Charles Crabtree, and Steven Pfaff. 2018. "Mass media and the diffusion of collective action in authoritarian regimes: The June 1953 East German Uprising", *International Studies Quarterly*, 62/2: 301–314.

Underwood, Patrick, Steven Pfaff and Michael Hechter. 2018. "Threat, Deterrence and Penal Severity: Flogging in the Royal Navy, 1740-1820", *Social Science History* 42/3: 411-39.

Wurpts, Bernd, Katie E. Corcoran and Steven Pfaff. 2018. "The Diffusion of Protestantism in Northern Europe: Historical Embeddedness and Complex Contagions in the Adoption of the Reformation", *Social Science History*, 42/2: 213-44.

Hechter, Michael, Steven Pfaff and Patrick Underwood. 2016. "Grievances and the Genesis of Rebellion: Mutiny in the Royal Navy, 1740-1820", *American Sociological Review* 81/1: 165-89.

Honorable mention, American Sociological Association CBSM Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship

Becker, Sascha O., Steven Pfaff and Jared Rubin. 2016. "Causes and Consequences of the Protestant Reformation", *Explorations in Economic History* 62: 1-25 (lead article).

Pfaff, Steven, Michael Hechter and Katie E. Corcoran. 2016. "The Problem of Solidarity in Insurgent Collective Action: The Nore Mutiny of 1797", *Social Science History* 40/2: 247-70.

Goldman, Marion and Steven Pfaff. 2014. "Reconsidering Virtuosity: Religious Innovation and Spiritual Privilege", *Sociological Theory* 32/2: 128-46.

Pfaff, Steven. 2013. "The True Citizens of the City of God: The Cult of Saints, Catholic Social Order and the German Reformation", *Theory and Society* 42/2: 189-218.

Kim, Hyojoung and Steven Pfaff. 2012. "Structure and Dynamics of Religious Insurgency: Students and the Spread of the Reformation", *American Sociological Review* 77/2: 188-215.

Honorable mention, American Sociological Association CBSM Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship

Pfaff, Steven and Katie Corcoran. 2012. "Piety, Power and the Purse: Religious Economies

Theory and Urban Reform in the Holy Roman Empire”, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 51/4: 757-76.

Pfaff, Steven. 2011. “Religion under Communism: State Regulation, Atheist Competition, and the Dynamics of Supply and Demand”, pp. 235-56 in R. McCleary, Ed., *Oxford Handbook in the Economics of Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Gill, Anthony and Steven Pfaff. 2010. “Acting in Good Faith: An Economic Approach to Religious Organizations as Advocacy Groups”, pp. 58-90 in A. Prakash and M.K. Gugerty, Eds., *Advocacy Organizations and Collective Action*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Kiser, Edgar and Steven Pfaff. 2010. “Comparative and Historical Analysis”, in K. Leicht and C. Jenkins, Eds., *Handbook of Politics*. New York: Springer.

Causey, Charles, Daniel Koski-Karell and Steven Pfaff, 2010. “Religion and Comparative Political Sociology”, *Sociology Compass* 4/6: 365-380.

Froese, Paul and Steven Pfaff. 2009. “Religious Oddities: Explaining the Divergent Religious Markets of Poland and East Germany”, Pp. 123-34 in G. Pickel and O. Muller, Eds. *Church and Religion in Contemporary Europe*. New York: Springer.

Pfaff, Steven. 2008. “The Religious Divide: Why Religion seems to be Thriving in the United States and Waning in Europe”, in J. Kopstein and S. Steinmo, Eds., *Growing Apart? America and Europe in the Twenty-First Century*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Pfaff, Steven, and Anthony Gill. 2006. “Will a Million Muslims March? Muslim Interest Organizations and Political Integration in Europe”, *Comparative Political Studies* 39/7: 803-28.

Froese, Paul, and Steven Pfaff. 2005. “Explaining a Religious Anomaly: A Historical Analysis of Secularization in Eastern Germany”, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 44/4: 397-422.

Murphy, Gillian, and Steven Pfaff. 2005. “Thinking locally, acting globally? What the Seattle WTO protests tell us about the global justice movement”, *Political Power and Social Theory* 17: 151-176.

Pfaff, Steven, and Hyojoung Kim. 2003. “Exit-Voice Dynamics in Collective Action: An Analysis of Emigration and Protest in the East German Revolution”, *American Journal of Sociology* 109/2: 401-44.

Best Published Paper, ASA CBSM 2004

Pfaff, Steven. 2002. “Nationalism, charisma, and plebiscitary leadership: The problem of democratization in Max Weber’s political sociology”, *Sociological Inquiry* 72/1: 81-107.

Pfaff, Steven, and Guobin Yang. 2001. "Double-Edged Rituals and the Symbolic Resources of Collective Action: Explaining Protest in Eastern Europe and China in 1989", *Theory and Society* 30/4: 539-589.

Best Published Paper, ASA CBSM 2002.

Froese, Paul, and Steven Pfaff. 2001. "Replete and Desolate Markets: Poland, East Germany and the New Religious Paradigm", *Social Forces* 80/2: 481-507.

Pfaff, Steven. 2001. "The politics of peace in the GDR: the independent peace movement, the church, and the origins of the East German opposition", *Peace & Change* 26/3: 280-300.

Goodwin, Jeff, and Steven Pfaff. 2001. "Emotion Work in High-Risk Social Movements: Managing Fear in the U.S. and East German Civil Rights Movements", in J. Goodwin, J. Jasper and F. Polletta, Eds., *Passionate Politics: Emotions and Social Movements*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.

Pfaff, Steven. 1996. "Collective Identity and Informal Groups in Revolutionary Mobilization: East Germany in 1989", *Social Forces* 75 (1): 91-118.

ASA Bendix Award for Best Student paper in Comparative & Historical Sociology 1997.

Media and Public Affairs:

Pfaff, Steven. 2021. "Infectious Ideas: Why Do Radical Innovations Take Root?" *Work in Progress* blog, March 18, 2021. <http://www.wipsociology.org/2021/03/18/infectious-ideas-why-do-radical-innovations-take-root/>

Pfaff, Steven and Michael Hechter. 2021. "Grievances and the Genesis of Rebellion: Why Governance Matters". *Broadstreet* blog, February 5, 2021
<https://broadstreet.blog/2021/02/05/grievances-and-the-genesis-of-rebellion-why-governance-matters/>

Pfaff, Steven, Charles Crabtree, Holger Kern and John Holbein. "U.S. school principals discriminate against Muslims and atheists, our study finds." *Washington Post* 9/11/2020.

Williams, Nathalie E. and Steven Pfaff. "Grad students can change the world, but not if GOP has its way." *Seattle Times*, 12/11/2017.

Goldman, Marion and Steven Pfaff. "Martin Luther's spiritual practice was key to the success of the Reformation", *The Conversation* 10/24/2017.

<http://theconversation.com/martin-luthers-spiritual-practice-was-key-to-the-success-of-the-reformation-83340>

"From Revolution to Reunification: The East German *Wende* Two Decades Later."
<http://publicsphere.ssrc.org/20th-anniversary-of-the-fall-of-the-wall/>

“Polish Catholicism: Without Its Communist Opponent, Less Monolithic.” *East-West Church & Ministry Report* Volume 11/1, Part 3 (Winter 2003): 10 (with Paul Froese).

Essays and Reviews:

Pfaff, Steven. 2017. “The Politics of the Reformation”; “Economic Consequences of the Reformation”; “Andreas Osiander”, in *Encyclopedia of Martin Luther and the Reformation*, Mark A. Lamport, editor. Lanham, MA: Rowman & Littlefield.

Corcoran, Katie E. and Steven Pfaff. 2012. “Seattle Demonstrations” in *Encyclopedia of Globalization*. London: Wiley-Blackwell.

Pfaff, Steven and Sarah Valdez. 2010. “Collective Action” in H. Anheier and S. Toepler, Eds., *International Encyclopedia of Civil Society*. New York: Springer.

Review of Mabel Berezin, *Illiberal Politics in Neoliberal Times: Culture, Security and Populism in the New Europe* (Cambridge 2009), in *Contemporary Sociology* 39/3: 283-285, May 2010.

“*The Lives of Others: East Germany Revisited?*” *German Historical Institute Bulletin* 41 (2007): 110-116.

“Resisting Globalization: Notes on the Seattle Uprising,” in *Voices from the WTO*, edited by Stephanie Guillod and Julian Allen. Olympia, WA: Evergreen State College (2000).

Review of Henry Hale, *Foundations of Ethnic Politics* (Cambridge, 2008), in *American Journal of Sociology*.

Review of Roger Karapin, *Protest Politics in Germany* (Penn State, 2007), in *American Journal of Sociology* 115/2.

Review of Silvia Pedraza, *Political Disaffection in Cuba’s Revolution and Exodus* (Cambridge, 2007), in *Mobilization* 14/2 (2009): 266-267.

Review of Thomas Banchoff, Ed., *Democracy and the New Religious Pluralism* (Oxford, 2007), in *Contemporary Sociology*, 37/5 (2008): 453-454.

Review of Andrew Port, *Conflict and Stability in the German Democratic Republic* (Cambridge, 2007), in *Journal of Interdisciplinary History*.

Review of Gareth Dale, *The East German Revolution of 1989* (Manchester, 2006), in *Slavic Review* 67/1 (2008): 206-6.

Review of Jason Wittenberg, *Crucibles of Political Loyalty: Church Institutions and Electoral Continuity in Hungary* (Cambridge, 2006), in *Comparative Political Studies* 40 (2007).

Review of John C. Torpey, *Intellectuals, Socialism and Dissent: The East German Opposition and Its Legacy* (University of Minnesota Press, 1996), in *American Journal of Sociology* 102/3: 901-903.

WORKS IN PROGRESS:

“Chinese Americans Faced High Levels of Discrimination in Public Schools before the COVID-19 Pandemic”, with S. Michael Gaddis (University of California, Los Angeles), Charles Crabtree (Dartmouth College), and John B Holbein (University of Virginia), review stage.

“Public Goods and the Propensity to Protest: Testing a Cognitive-Structural theory of Collective Action”, with Blaine Robinson and Ross Matsueda. R & R from *American Journal of Sociology*.

INVITED TALKS AND PUBLIC LECTURES:

Social Sciences Division, NYU-Abu Dhabi (2023); Economics of Religion Workshop, Stanford Institute for Economic Policy Research (2022); Bainbridge Public Library Association (2021); German Consulate and School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University (2020); Seminar in Religion and Political Economy, Harvard (2019); School of Politics & Global Studies, Arizona State University (2019); Bainbridge Public Library Association (2019); Mercatus Center, George Mason University (2018); Social Research & Public Policy, NYU-Abu Dhabi (2018); Queen Anne Lutheran Church, Seattle (2018); Sociology, West Virginia University (2017); Plenary Speaker, Religion in Society Conference, UC-Berkeley (2015); Center for the Study of Religion & Conflict, Arizona State University (2015); Sociology, Oxford University (2014); History, Oxford University (2014); Sociology, Umeå University, Sweden (2013); Sociology & International Studies, University of Minnesota (2013); Economics, University of California-Los Angeles (2012); Göttingen University, Germany (2012); Quality of Government Institute, Gothenburg, Sweden (2011); Center for Advanced Study (CCHS-CSIC) in Madrid (2011); Pablo de Olavide University - Seville, Spain (2011); Juan March Foundation, Madrid (2011); Political Science, University of Colorado-Boulder (2010); Culture in Context, Frye Art Museum, Seattle (2009); Sociology, Washington State University (2009); University of Copenhagen (2009/2010); Global Studies, Arizona State University (2009); First Covenant Church, Seattle (2009); History, University of Exeter (UK) (2008); Nuffield College, Oxford University (2007); German Historical Institute, Washington DC (2007); Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University (2007); History, University of Louisiana (2007); Social Sciences, University of Colorado (2007); Global Affairs Series, Jackson School of International Studies (2007); Centre for European Studies, University of Toronto (2007); Sociology, University of California-Irvine (2007); Culture in Context Lecture Series, Frye Art Museum, Seattle (2007); Sociology, University of California-Los Angeles (2006); Sociology, University of Ljubljana - Slovenia (2006); Munck Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto (2005); Tocqueville Initiative, University of Colorado-Boulder (2005); Holland America Line “Explorations Series” (2005, 2006); Sociology, New School

University (2004); Sociology, University of British Columbia (2004); Sociology, Ohio State University (2003); Sociology, Leipzig University (2002); Sociology, Indiana University (2001); Max Weber Institute, Erfurt - Germany (1999).

FOREIGN LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY:

German

DOCTORAL STUDENTS SUPERVISED:

Michael Abel, Associate Professor, Sociology, BYU-Idaho
Katie E. Corcoran, Associate Professor, Sociology, West Virginia University.
Yuan Hsiao, Assistant Professor, Communication, U. of Washington
Nika Kabiri, Director of Strategic Insights, Avvo, Seattle
Daniel Karell, Assistant Professor, Sociology, Yale University
Michelle O'Brien, Research Scientist, Population Modeling Group, Gates Foundation
Erin Powers, Research Analyst, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, WA
Sara Tomczuk, Instructional Program Director, University of Alaska Southeast
Patrick Underwood, Data Analyst, JP Morgan Chase, Columbus, OH
Sarah Valdez, Research Director, Institute for Analytic Sociology, Linköping University
Jason Wollschleger, Associate Professor, Sociology, Whitworth University.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

American Sociological Association, Association for the Study of Religion, Economics and Culture (ASREC), Social Science History Association.