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Employment

- Fall 2024-** Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
- Data Science Fellow, eScience Institute
 - Faculty Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology
 - Faculty Affiliate, Center for Statistics and the Social Sciences

Education

- 2024** Ph.D. in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- Dissertation:* “Boomtown Landlord: Housing Systems and Rentier Capitalism in Austin, Texas”. Committee: Pamela Paxton (Chair), Ken-Hou Lin, Jacob Cheadle, Jeremy Levine (UM-Ann Arbor)
- 2016** M.A. in Social Sciences, University of Chicago
- 2015** B.A. in Sociology (with Honors), University of Texas at Austin

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2025** Kenton Card, Andre Comandon, and **Andrew Messamore**. “How Do Crises Impact Policy Debates? The shifting national landscape of discourse on rental housing in the USA.” *Urban Affairs Review*.
- 2024** Henry Gomory, **Andrew Messamore**, Christine Jang-Trettien, and Philip Garboden. “Beyond Scale: Legal, Organizational, and Economic Mechanisms that Shape Landlord Behaviors and Tenant Housing Experiences.” *Journal of Urban Affairs*.
- Messamore, Andrew**. “Housing Movement Coalitions in the United States: Trends from Big Networks among Urban Civil Society Leaders.” *Urban Studies* 61(9): 1645-1665.
- 2023** **Messamore, Andrew**. “The Effect of Community Organizing on Landlords’ Use of Eviction Filing: Evidence from U.S. Cities.” *Social Problems* 70(3): 809-830.
- 2022 Best Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention, Community and Urban Section, American Sociological Association
- Sumin Lee, **Andrew Messamore**, and Pamela Paxton. “Using Text as Data to Reveal Changing Organizational Perspectives on Violence against Women in the United States.” *Social Currents* 11(2): 112-137.
- Faith Deckard, **Andrew Messamore**, Bridget Goosby, and Jacob Cheadle. “A Network Approach to Assessing the Relationship between Perceived Discrimination and Mental Health.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 86(3): 334-356.
- 2021** **Messamore, Andrew**. “The Civic Elite: a Network Perspective on Elite Consolidation among Community-Based Organizations, 1998-2016.” *Social Networks* 66: 146-160.

Messamore, Andrew, Pamela Paxton, and Kristopher Velasco. “Can Government Intervention Increase Volunteers and Donations? Analyzing the Influence of VISTA with a Matched Design.” *Administration & Society* 53(10): 1547-1579.

Messamore, Andrew and Pamela Paxton. “Surviving Victimization: How Service and Advocacy Organizations Describe Traumatic Experiences, 1998-2016.” *Social Currents* 8(1): 3-24.

2018 Ken-Hou Lin, Samuel Bondurant, and **Andrew Messamore**. “Union, Premium Cost and the Provision of Employment-based Health Insurance.” *Socius* 4:1-11.

Book Reviews and Other Publications

2025 **Messamore, Andrew**. “Review of *We Are the Union: How Worker-to-Worker Organizing Is Revitalizing Labor and Winning Big* by Eric Blanc.” *Social Forces*.

Manuscripts and Working Papers

Accepted & Forthcoming **Messamore, Andrew**, Pamela Paxton, and Kristopher Velasco. “The Heart vs. The Head: How Nonprofit Use of Emotion and Cognition Attracts Donors and Volunteers.” *Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly*.

Revise & Resubmit **Messamore, Andrew**. “The Emergence of Ownership Opacity in Landed Capitalism: Consolidation, Adaptation, Evasion.” *American Journal of Sociology*.
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Under Review Sercan Tas, **Andrew Messamore**, and Pamela Paxton. “Developing a Social Justice Dictionary for Text Analysis.”

Messamore, Andrew and Pamela Paxton. “Courtroom Philanthropy: The Role of Public Litigation and Settlement Funding in Shifting Nonprofit Attention to the Opioid Crisis”.

Pamela Paxton, Allison Lang, Sumin Lee, and **Andrew Messamore**. “‘There’s a War Going On’: How Nonprofit Service and Advocacy Organizations Understand the ‘Right’ Way to Approach Addiction.”

In Progress **Messamore, Andrew**. “Making up the Rent: Landlords, Development and Short-Term Rent Shock in Low-Income Housing.”

Messamore, Andrew and Jacob Cheadle. “Ego-Network Approaches to the Study of Friendship Dynamics.”

Fellowships and Grants

2022 ASA/NSF Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (DDRIG), American Sociological Association and National Science Foundation (\$16,000)

Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement (\$1,000)

University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin (\$46,000)

2021 Semester Fellowship, Office of Graduate Studies, University of Texas at Austin (\$15,000)

2018 Summer Program Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (\$900)

2015 Full Tuition Scholarship, University of Chicago

Honors and Awards

2025 Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington

2022 Best Graduate Student Paper, Honorable Mention, Community and Urban Section, ASA

SASE/DIGIT Early Career Workshop Award, SASE

2020 Department Excellence Award, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (\$5,000)

Problem Solving Dissertation Proposal Development Workshop, Participant, Northwestern University

2015 Deans Distinguished Graduate, Department of Sociology Nominee, University of Texas at Austin

Invited Talks

2025 "The Emergence of Ownership Opacity in Landed Capitalism: Consolidation, Adaptation, Evasion"

- *West Coast Poverty Center (University of Washington)*
- *SPACE Working Group (Rice University)*

2024 "The Effect of Community Organizing on Landlords' Use of Eviction Filing: Evidence from U.S. Cities"

- *Housing and Homelessness Working Group (University of Washington)*

2023 *Tenant Power: How Tenant Organizing can Strengthen Democracy and Build Healthy Communities*, hosted by Cornell Center for Health Equity and HouseUS. Opening speaker.

"Institutionalized Local Landlording: The Structure of Rental Ownership Revealed by Big Property-Owner Networks in Austin, TX."

- *Urban Affairs Association*

- 2022** “The Heart vs. the Head: The Power of Cognitive and Emotional Messaging in Nonprofits” with Pamela Paxton and Kristopher Velasco.

- *Association of Fundraising Professionals Research Council*

Presentations

- 2025** “Rent Shock: The Role of Development, Shared Ownership and Housing Submarkets in the Diffusion of Higher Rental Pricing.”

- *Urban Affairs Association*

- 2024** “Rent Shock: The Role of Development, Shared Ownership and Housing Submarkets in the Diffusion of Higher Rental Pricing.”

- *Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning*

“Boomtown Landlording: Real Estate Speculation, Racialized Displacement and the Persistence of Small Landlords in Austin, Texas”

- *Urban Affairs Association*
- *American Sociological Association*

- 2023** “Institutionalized Local Landlording: The Structure of Rental Ownership Revealed by Big Property-Owner Networks in Austin, TX.”

- *Sunbelt 2023*

“Mapping Housing Movements in the United States: Trends from Big Networks among Urban Civil Society Leaders.”

- *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*
- *American Sociological Association*

- 2022** “Using Topic Modeling to Reveal Changing Organizational Perspectives on Violence against Women” with Sumin Lee and Pamela Paxton.

- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*
- *West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference*
- *American Sociological Association*

“Nonprofit Responses to Epidemics: The Case of the Opioid Crisis” with Sumin Lee and Pamela Paxton.

- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*

“The Effect of Community Organizing on Landlords’ Use of Eviction Filing: Evidence from U.S. Cities.”

- *American Sociological Association*
- *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics*
- *Mobilization*
- *RC28 Spring Meeting*

- 2021** “Does an Emotional Mission in a Rational Space Increase Donations and Volunteers?” with Pamela Paxton and Kristopher Velasco.

- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*

“The Civic Elite: a Network Perspective on Elite Consolidation among Community-Based Organizations, 1998-2016.”

- *American Sociological Association*
- *Networks 2021*

2020

“Can Government Intervention Increase Volunteers and Donations? Analyzing the Influence of VISTA with a Matched Design” with Pamela Paxton and Kristopher Velasco.

- *AmeriCorps VISTA Sponsor and Supervisor Call*.
- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*
- *American Sociological Association*
- *West Coast Nonprofit Data Conference* (canceled due to COVID-19)

“The Civic Elite: a Network Perspective on Elite Consolidation among Community-Based Organizations, 1998-2016.”

- *Problem Solving Sociology Workshops Virtual Coffee Hour*
- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*

“Surviving Victimization: How Service and Advocacy Organizations Describe Traumatic Experiences, 1998-2016” with Pamela Paxton.

- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*

“Elite Consolidation Among Community-Based Organizations: Evidence From Interlocking Directorates.”

- *American Sociological Association* (canceled due to COVID-19)
- *Mobilization* (canceled due to COVID-19)

“Solidarity Forever: Labor Union Families, Union Mothers, and the Intergenerational Transmission of Unionism.”

- *Population Association of America* (canceled due to COVID-19)

2019

“Interlocking Directorates in Civic Organizations: Bonding and Elite Ties in Community Networks.”

- *Association for Research on Nonprofit Organizations and Voluntary Action*

“Surviving Victimization: How Non-Profits Describe Trauma, 1998-2016” with Pamela Paxton.

- *Research Summit of the Corporation for National and Community Service*

“Solidarity Forever: Women’s Unionization, Labor Union Families and the Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Status.”

- *Annual PSID User Conference*
- *American Sociological Association*

“Civic Transformation and Elite Politics: The Formation of Interlocking Directorates in Urban Non-Profit Organizations.”

- *American Sociological Association*

2018 “Negotiation Failure: Austerity, Loyalty Dilemmas and Union-Party Positioning in Chicago.”

- *Social Science History Association*

Teaching and Advising

Department of Sociology, University of Washington (Instructor)

- SOC414: The City and Neighborhood Dynamics (W2025)
- SOC205: The Housing Crisis (S2025)

Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (Teaching Assistant)

- Sociological Theory (F2018)
- Criminology (S2018)
- Introduction to Sociology (F2017)

Doctoral Dissertation Committee

- Selen Güler (Summer 2025)

Professional Service

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Acta Sociologica, European Urban and Regional Studies, Social Psychology Quarterly, Nonprofit Policy Forum, Social Networks, Housing Policy Debate

American Sociological Association

- Community and Urban Sociology Section, Media Team (2021-2024)

Population Association of America

- “Housing and Health”, Paper Session Organizer (2024)

University of Washington

- Royalty Research Fund, Reviewer (F2024)

Department Service at University of Washington

- Curriculum Committee (2024-2025)

University of Texas at Austin

- Power, History and Society Working Group, Coordinator (2018-2021)
- Inequality Working Group, Co-Coordinator (2018)
- *Sociological Insight*, undergraduate journal of sociology at University of Texas at Austin: Managing Editor (2013-2015)

Public Service

- 2021-2024** Data Consultant to BASTA-Austin (Building and Strengthening Tenant Action), a tenants' advocacy organization in Austin, TX.
- 2020** Researcher for Grassroots Leadership Austin (Texas Police and Prison Spending in Rural Counties Project), an immigrants' rights organization in Austin, TX.

Association Memberships

American Sociological Association
Urban Affairs Association
Population Association of America