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Education

- PhD Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2021
Committee: Gay Seidman (Chair), Jane Collins, Joseph Conti, Chaeyoon Lim, Jirs Meuris, and Ruth Milkman (CUNY)
- M.S. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin – Madison, 2017
- B.S. (Honors) School of Industrial & Labor Relations, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY with a Concentration in Economics, 2010

Research Interests

The labor movement; gig economy; immigration; labor markets; city governance; regulation; social movements; globalization; international legal & institutional development

Professional Appointments

- 2023-Present Assistant Professor of Global Labor and Work – **Cornell University, School of Industrial & Labor Relations**, Ithaca, NY.
- 2021-2023 Research Fellow – **Rutgers University, Workplace Justice Lab, School of Management & Labor Relations**, New Brunswick, NJ.
Advisor: Janice Fine

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2025 (Forthcoming) Wolf, A., Shepherd, H., Fine, J., Piore, M., Guezeon, S., and Ahmed, Z. “Generating legal and programmatic legitimacy in labor law enforcement regimes within immigrant and minority communities.” *Industrial Relations: A Journal of Economy and Society*.
- 2025 Wolf, A.B., Coelho-Lima, F., Keppler, I.L.D.S., Ferreira, M.D.S., Dall'Asta, C., Florez, M.E.R., and Figueroa, M., “[“Be Your Own Boss?” Explaining Variation in Worker Response to the Gig Economy's Ideology in the Global North and South.](#)” *British Journal of Industrial Relations*. May 2. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/bjir.12887>.
- 2022 Wolf, A. “[City Power in the Age of Silicon Valley: Evaluating Municipal Regulatory Response to the Entry of Uber to the American City.](#)” *City & Community*. March 16. DOI: 15356841211066931.

- **Awarded the Harry Braverman Paper Award - Labor Studies Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. (2019)**

- 2022 Wolf, A. "[COVID and the Risky Immigrant Workplace: How Declining Employment Standards Socialized Risk and Made the COVID-19 Pandemic Worse.](#)" *Labor Studies Journal*. 47(3): 286-319. DOI: 0160449X221110276.
- 2022 Wolf, A. and Figueroa, M. "[When Coops Are Not on the Menu: Why Immigrant Platform Delivery Workers in New York City Rejected a Cooperative Alternative.](#)" *The Journal of Comparative Labour and Social Security* in French Vol. (3) & in English Vol. (4).
- 2020 Wolf, A. "[The Fight to Globalize Labor: Understanding the Role of Activists in the Spread of International Norms.](#)" *Law & Society Review*. 54: 607-642. DOI: 10.1111/lasr.12496.

Book Chapters

- 2024 (Forthcoming) Wolf, A. Piore, M., Shepherd, H., Fine, J., and Barnes, J. "The Future of Labor Law Enforcement in the Modern Fissured Workplace." In *Research Handbook on the Sociology of Work* eds., Rees, C. et al. Edward Elgar Publishing: Cheltenham, UK.
- 2025 Wolf, A. "The Pandemic Revolt of New York City's Immigrant 'Small Business' Unions." In *The Pandemic and the Working Class* eds., Striffler, S & Juravich, N. Champaign, IL: University of Illinois Press.
- 2021 Wolf, A. "Who's the Boss? Digitally Mediated Employment's Impacts on Labour Markets and the Nature of Work." in *The Platform Economy and the Smart City: Technology and the Transformation of Urban Policy* eds., Spicer, Z. & Zwick, A. McGill-Queen's University Press: Montreal.

Articles Under Review

- 2025 Wolf, A. "Manufacturing Disruption: Worker and Union Response to Technological Innovation in New York City's Taxi Industry, 1968-2021." (*Draft available for review*)
- 2025 Wolf, A. "Algorithmic Uncertainty in the Gig-Economy Labor Process." (*Draft available for review*)
- **Awarded the Albert Szymanski-T.R. Young Marxist Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award – Marxist Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. (2022)**

Books In Progress

- 2025 Wolf, A. and Figueroa, M. *Editors* "The Global Platform Economy and the Local Conditioning of Algorithmic Work" (Under Contract University of Illinois Press)

Articles In Progress

- 2025 Wolf, A. “The Creation of Tripartism in the Regulation of Fissured and Informal Work in New York City and Seattle.”
- 2025 Wolf, A. and Anwar, A. “Racialized Labor Markets, the Work-Citizenship Nexus, and Platform Work in the U.S. and South Africa.”
- 2025 Wolf, A. and Anwar, A. “The Impact of Experiences of Racism in the Gig Economy on Worker Interest in Unionization and Labor Rights in the U.S. and South Africa.”
- 2025 Wolf, A. and Shepherd, H. “Experimental Evidence of the Impacts of Regulatory Threats Versus Offers of Assistance on Small Businesses Motivations to Comply with Employment Law.”
- 2025 Purser, G., Wolf, A., Saravia, S., and Romero, A. “The Organizational, Political, and Community Impacts of Workers Centers Participation in the Fight for the New York Excluded Workers Fund.”
- 2025 Wolf, A. and Hatch, D. “Variation in Worker Interest in a Platform Cooperatives in the U.S. and South Africa.”

Published Reports

- 2025 Wolf, A. & Hatch, D. (2025). “Evaluating the Regulation and Reform Implementation of Street Vending Laws in New York City. *Cornell ILR Worker Institute*, April. Permalink: <https://hdl.handle.net/1813/116768>.
- 2024 Wolf, A., Ward, C., Shepherd, H., Fine, J., Guezeon, S., and Ahmed, Z. “The Minneapolis Small Business High-Road Labor Standards Intervention Pilot Project: Year One Assessment Review.” *Workplace Justice Lab@Rutgers University*.
- 2021 Figueroa, M., Gualpa, L., Tsitouras, G., & Wolf, A. “Essential but Unprotected: App-based Food Couriers in New York City.” *Cornell ILR Worker Institute*.
- 2015 Meder, M., Rhodes-Conway, S., Dresser, L., & Wolf, A. “A New Jersey That Works for Working People.” *Center on Wisconsin Strategies*.
- 2012 “Securing Our Future: Security Officers Standing Up for Good Jobs and A Better Philadelphia” Co-Authored, *Service Employees International Union – 32BJ*.
- 2008 Wolf, A. “A Case for Immigrants: Guest Worker Program Policy Analysis” *The Visible Hand*, Cornell Economics Society.

Book Reviews

- 2024 Wolf, A. Review of *Disrupting DC: The Rise of Uber and the Fall of the City*, by Wells, K. J., Atttoh, K., & Cullen, D. Princeton University Press. 2023. *ILR Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00197939241238944>
- 2023 Wolf, A. Review of *Race, Removal, and the Right to Remain: Migration and the Making of the United States*, by Samantha Seeley. *Contemporary Sociology*, 52(2), 176–178. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061231155321ff>

- 2023 Wolf, A. Review of *Shaping the Futures of Work: Proactive Governance and Millennials*, by Nilanjan Raghunath. Montreal: McGill-Queen's University Press, 2021. *Contemporary Sociology*. 52(5), 475-477. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00943061231191421ff>

Awards

- 2022 Albert Szymanski-T.R. Young Marxist Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award – Marxist Sociology Section, American Sociological Association. “Algorithmic Uncertainty in the Gig-Economy Labor Process.”
- 2021 Dissertation Writing Camp January 2021– Accepted for the University of Wisconsin-Madison’s competitive campus wide dissertation writing camp.
- 2019 Harry Braverman Paper Award - Labor Studies Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. “Passive Privatization: Understanding Urban Regulatory Response to the Uberization of the American City”
- 2016 Early Career Workshop Award - Society for the Advancement Socio-Economics (SASE) Annual Conference
- 2015 Honorable Mention – Ford Foundation Pre-dissertation Grant
- 2010 Daniel Alpern Award for Academic Achievement, Cornell University ILR School
- 2010 School of Industrial Labor Relations College Banner Bearer, Cornell University

Grants

- 2024 Spring 2024 Cornell Center for Social Sciences’ seed grant (\$10,000), for “Racialized Labor Markets, the Work-Citizenship Nexus, and Platform Work in the U.S. and South Africa.” (*Co-PI with Professor Mohammed Amir Anwar, University of Edinburgh*)
- 2022 Pilot Projects for Advancing Economic Mobility (\$370,876), WorkRise Network, Urban Institute. (*Project team researcher under PIs Professors Janice Fine & Hana Shepherd*)
- 2020 Small Grant Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019 Small Grant Award, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2010 AFL-CIO Scholarship, Cornell & AFL-CIO Union Research Summer School, Ithaca, NY
- 2008 Chaim & Ada Miller Grant for Labor Work, Cornell University

Conference Presentations, Invited Talks, & Workshops

- 2025 “Racialized Labor Markets, the Work-Citizenship Nexus, and Platform Work in the U.S. and South Africa.” International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology. July 6-11th. Rabat, Morocco.
- 2025 “Computational Social Science and labor Relations Research.” LERA. June 12-15th. Seattle, WA.
- 2025 “Governing Gig Work: The Seattle Story.” LERA. June 12-15th. Seattle, WA.

- 2025 “Racialized Labor Markets, the Work-Citizenship Nexus, and Platform Work in the U.S. and South Africa.” International Labour Process Conference. April 23-25th. Santiago, Chile.
- 2025 “Does Everyone Secretly Have Structural Power? (aka anyone can strike).” UMass Strike Conference. March 28-29th. Amherst, MA.
- 2024 “Generating legal and programmatic legitimacy in labor law enforcement regimes within immigrant and minority communities.” APPAM. November 21-23. National Harbor, MD.
- 2024 “Municipal Experimentation in the Regulation of Fissured and Informal Immigrant Work” Fordham Law School Cooper-Walsh Colloquium. Oct 18th. NYC
- 2024 “Racialized Labor Markets, the Work-Citizenship Nexus, and Platform Work in the U.S. and South Africa.” SASE Annual Conference. August 9-13th. Montreal, Quebec.
- 2024 “Racialized Labor Markets, the Work-Citizenship Nexus, and Platform Work in the U.S. and South Africa.” ASA Annual Conference. June 27-29th. Limerick, Ireland.
- 2024 “Generating legal and programmatic legitimacy in labor law enforcement regimes within immigrant and minority communities.” ILERA, Industrial Relations Journal Paper Development Workshop. June 26th. New York City.
- 2024 “The Creation of Tripartism in the Regulation of Fissured and Informal Work in New York City and Seattle.” UW-Madison Sociology of Economic Change and Development Seminar. May 3rd.
- 2023 “The Creation of Tripartism in the Regulation of Fissured and Informal Work in New York City and Seattle.” LERA Annual Conference. June 1-4th. Detroit.
- 2022 “Digital Platform Work in the U.S. and Latin America: A Challenge for the Working Class of Our Time.” Panelist, Center for Latin American Caribbean, and Latino Studies, CUNY Graduate Center. December 8th, 2022. NY, NY.
- 2022 Discovering (and Addressing) Challenges of Municipal Labor Standards Enforcement in the United States: From San Francisco to Minneapolis.” With Fine, J. et al., CRIMT Annual Conference, October 27-29th. Montreal.
- 2022 “Alliances between unions and community organizations: what promises? What challenges?” Panelist, CRIMT Annual Conference, October 27-29th. Montreal.
- 2022 “The Creation of Tripartism in the Regulation of Fissured and Informal Immigrant Work in New York City and Seattle.” Works-in-progress on Mobility, Migration and Immigrant Communities in NYC. Convened by the Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility, The New School. September 22-23, 2022. NY, NY.
- 2022 “Algorithmic Uncertainty in the Gig Economy Labor Process.” ASA Annual Conference, August 5-9th. Los Angeles, California.
- 2022 "COVID and the Myth of the Immigrant Small Business: the Revolt of New York City" ASA Labor & Labor Movement Section Pre-Conference *Labor in Crisis*, August 5. Los Angeles, California.

- 2022 “Manufacturing Disruption: Worker and Union Response to Technological Innovation in New York City’s Taxi Industry, 1968-2021.” Comparative Labor Politics Workshop, the American Political Science Association. “Fighting the Good Fight: Global Perspective on Labor Rights and Struggles.” March 2022. Virtual Meeting.
- 2022 "COVID and the Myth of the Immigrant Small Business: the Revolt of New York City" The 2022 Boston Labor Conference: The Pandemic and the Working Class, March 26.
- 2021 “COVID and the Risky Immigrant Workplace: How Declining Employment Standards Socialized Corporate Risk and Made the COVID-19 Pandemic Worse.” ASA Annual Conference, August 6-10. Virtual Meeting.
- 2021 “Localizing the Gig: The Labor Process as Labor Market a Comparison of Algorithmic Control in Two Cities.” ASA Annual Conference, August 6-10. Virtual Meeting.
- 2021 “COVID and the Risky Immigrant Workplace: How Declining Employment Standards Socialized Corporate Risk and Made the COVID-19 Pandemic Worse.” Labor Employment Relations Association Annual Meeting, June 5-8.
- 2020 “Manufacturing Disruption: Worker and Union Response to the Gig-Economy in New York City’s Taxi Industry.” ASA Annual Conference, August 8-11. San Francisco, California.
- 2020 “Manufacturing Disruption: Worker and Union Response to the Gig-Economy in New York City’s Taxi Industry.” The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 7-9. San Francisco, California.*
- 2020 “Manufacturing Disruption: Worker and Union Response to the Gig-Economy in New York City’s Taxi Industry.” SASE Annual Conference, July 18-20. Amsterdam, Netherlands.
- 2020 “Manufacturing Disruption: Worker and Union Response to the Gig-Economy in New York City’s Taxi Industry.” NYU Capitalism & Contention Conference, Fall 2020. New York, NY.†
- 2019 “Passive Privatization: Understanding Urban Regulatory Response to the Uberization of the American City” ASA Annual Conference, August 10-14. New York, NY.
- 2019 “Passive Privatization: Understanding Urban Regulatory Response to the Uberization of the American City” The Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, August 9-11. New York, NY.
- 2019 “Passive Privatization: Understanding Urban Regulatory Response to the Uberization of the American City” SASE Annual Conference, June 27-29. New York, NY.
- 2017 “The Great Recession and Cohort Political Socialization: New Evidence from the GSS 2006 Panel Data.” ASA Annual Conference, August 12-15. Montreal, QC Canada.
- 2016 “The Fight to Globalize Labor: Transnational Labor, Free Trade Agreements, and the Creation of International Law.” SASE Annual Conference, University of California, Berkeley, June 24-26. Berkeley, CA

* Accepted but did not present due to COVID-19 Virus.

† Postponed due to COVID-19 Virus. Originally scheduled for March 2020.

- 2016 “The Fight to Globalize Labor: Transnational Labor, Free Trade Agreements, and the Creation of International Law.” ASA Annual Conference, August 20-23. Seattle, WA
- 2016 “Wrestling Jefferson’s Ghost: The Living Wage and the Question of Working Class Citizenship, Civil War-1920s.” The Pacific Northwest Labor History Associations Annual Conference, Portland State University. May 20-22. Portland, OR.

Teaching Experience

- 2021-2022 Adjunct Lecturer – **The City College of New York, School of Labor & Urban Studies**, New York, NY
- Taught their “Capstone Course” on writing and research methods to support master’s students’ thesis research projects.
- Spring 2018-2021 Adjunct Lecturer – **Macauley Honors College, The City College of New York, Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership**, New York, NY
- Taught the Honors College’s “Seminar 4 – Shaping the Future of New York City” on the social political history of NYC.
- Fall 2014 Teaching Assistant – **Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Madison, WI
- Taught the Sociology Department’s sophomore writing course “Survey of Sociology.”

Service to the Profession

- 2025 Committee Member, ASA Labor & Labor Movements Section, Program Committee
- 2023 Committee Member, ASA Marxist Sociology Section, Best Student Paper Selection Committee
- 2021 Committee Member, ASA Labor & Labor Movements Section, Best Article Award Selection Committee

Public Sociology

- 2023 Op-ed (with Joshua Wood), “[It’s time to implement a minimum pay rate for delivery workers.](#)” Crain’s New York, May 31, 2023.
- 2023 Op-ed, “[The WGA Strike Is a Fight Against Silicon Valley’s Gigification of the Entire Economy.](#)” Jacobin Magazine, May 8, 2023.
- 2023 Testified, “New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection—Public Hearing on Rules Added to the Determination of a Minimum Pay for Food Delivery Workers Friday.” April 7, 2023
- 2022 Advisor for the New York City Department of Consumer and Worker Protection’s survey of gig delivery workers, “[A Minimum Pay Rate for App-Based Delivery Workers in NYC.](#)”

- 2022 Blog Post, "[We Break it You Buy it: Uber's Attack on City Governance.](#)" Marxist Sociology Blog, ASA's Marxist Sociology Section, May 11.
- 2021 Testified with Maria Figueroa, NYC Council, Committee on Consumer Affairs and Business Licensing, "Protections for Delivery Workers." June 8, 2021.
- 2019 Op-ed, "[The City is Ours, Not Uber's.](#)" Jacobin Magazine, May 8, 2019.
- 2012 Panelist, *Labor and Occupy Wall Street*, Union Days Conference, Cornell University. Spring 2012. Ithaca, NY.
- 2010 Testified, Ithaca City Council, Ithaca Sweatshop Free Procurement Policy. Spring 2010.

Interviews & Media Coverage

- 2025 Interview, "[DoorDash to Pay \\$17 million to drivers for pocketing their tips.](#)" Today.com. Feb 25, 2025.
- 2024 Interview, "[A unionized Volkswagen plant in Tennessee could mean big things for workers nationwide.](#)" Vox. Apr 24, 2024.
- 2023 Interview, "[Minneapolis becomes frontline in fight over fair pay for rideshare drivers.](#)" PBS NewsHour. Apr 8, 2024.
- 2023 Research Cited, "Food Delivery Apps." Last Week Tonight with John Oliver. HBO. March 31, 2024.
- 2023 Interview, "[They're playing dirty: inside delivery apps' pushback against tips after New York raises wage.](#)" Chen, W. The Guardian, Dec 21, 2023.
- 2023 Interview, "[Uber, Lyft To Pay \\$328 Mn To Drivers After New York State Probe.](#)" Biers, J. AFP, Nov 2, 2023.
- 2023 Interview, "[Gig Workers' push for better pay is still a struggle.](#)" Peck, E. Axios, July 14, 2023.
- 2023 Radio Interview, "[NYC sets minimum wage for app-based delivery drivers.](#)" Fields, S. NPR's Marketplace. Jul 13, 2023.
- 2023 Documentary Interview, "[What DoorDash Doesn't Want You to Know.](#)" More Perfect Union, May 9, 2023.
- 2023 Interview, "[How on-demand delivery services hobbled an American city.](#)" Meyersohn, N. CNN, May 5, 2023.
- 2023 TV Interview, "[Food Delivery workers now have a space just for them.](#)" CBS Newspath, March 8, 2023.
- 2022 Interviewed, "[NYC's delivery drivers depend on e-bikes, but charging and storing them isn't easy.](#)" NPR's Marketplace, Sep 20, 2022.
- 2022 TV Interview, "[The Deliveristas Movement In NYC.](#)" City Works on CUNY TV. September 5.
- 2022 Quoted, "[Deliveries de NY sabotean asociación entre Doordash y ONG para migrantes.](#)" El Tiempo Latino. August 2, 2022.

- 2022 Interviewed, “[DoorDash Wanted to Teach Delivery Workers About Their Rights. It Backfired.](#)” Claudia Irizarry Aponte. The City, July 31.
- 2022 Interviewed, “[Is this the year for gig workers in Albany?](#)” Annie McDonough. City & State New York, Feb 22, 2022.
- 2021 Interview, “[NYC Passes New Protections for Delivery Workers.](#)” NPR’s Marketplace, Sept 23, 2021
- 2021 Interviewed, “[New York laws protecting delivery workers could be watershed, say advocates.](#)” Avi Asher-Schapiro. Thompson Reuters, Sept 24, 2021.
- 2021 Interviewed, “[New York City Passes Landmark New Protections for Food Delivery Workers.](#)” Josefa Velasquez and Claudia Irizarry Aponte. Sept 23, 2021.
- 2021 Interviewed, “[NYC Food Delivery Workers Face Paltry Pay and High Risks, Analysis Shows.](#)” Josefa Velasquez and Claudia Irizarry Aponte. The City, Sept 13, 2021.
- 2021 Interviewed, “[Study Confirms: New York City Deliveristas Are Underpaid.](#)” Steve Wishnia. Labor Press, Sept 14, 2021.
- 2021 Interview, “[Gig Workers Inch toward Right to Unionize in New York – But There’s a Catch.](#)” Josefa Velasquez and Claudia Irizarry Aponte. The City, May 19, 2021.
- 2019 Interview, From Chicago to London, Ride-Share Drivers Strike for Better Conditions. Worldview WBEZ NPR Chicago, May 9, 2019.
- 2010 Interview, *Teachers Unions and Education Reform*, WVBR 93.5, Ithaca, NY. Fall 2009.