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Education

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

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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., Guallpa, 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., Attoh, 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 – **Macaulay 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.