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PEWS NEWS Feature #1:

Interview with Andrej Grubačić (Editor) & Rallie Murray (Managing Editor), of the Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR)

In this Q&A session, Jason Mueller asks Andrej and Rallie to speak on the past-present-future vision they have for JWSR. The discussion is featured below.

Question #1: When did you first get involved with the Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR)?

We both became acquainted with the journal as graduate students. Andrej, slightly earlier, as a graduate student of History in Belgrade, and Rallie during her own graduate studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies in San Francisco. We both used the journal when we wrote our dissertations.

Question #2: What have been some changes and/or innovations that you've rolled out, since taking over at JWSR?

The central element of our editorial vision is a new approach to collaboration. We hope to build an international network of research centers and departments working together to support JWSR. We believe that the best way to support an open access journal is to bypass the logic of the contemporary publication regime through the establishment of a network of collaborating centers that champion and further an open access publishing and its prospects. We are committed to democratic section governance and to transparency of the journal in section governance. From the outset, we actively sought membership participation, and solicited submissions of papers from PEWS and topically related sessions at the annual professional meetings (ASA, ISA, AAA, AAG).

From the beginning of our editorial journey, we endeavored to place an important emphasis on issues relevant to global social movements. It seems as if we are drowning in a cascade of crises, ranging from the ecological to the climatic, from political to epidemiological. World systems scholars cannot remain quiet about these challenges, confining their analysis to seminar rooms or polite academic exchange. We envision the possibility of publishing the work of both activist scholars and movement activists and artists involved in various struggles for social justice.

Question #3: What is your vision for JWSR now, and in the years ahead?

We have a two-piece vision for the journal, one focused on academia and one more actively politically-minded. From an academic perspective, we want to initiate JWSR events that would include academic conferences and workshops based on themes in world-systems analysis, guest lectures, discussion groups and work-in-progress seminars. Some or most of these events would be recorded and made available on the journal web site, which blends into the political perspective. The Commentaries section of the journal is meant to address issues around the world in a manner that is more timely than a typical journal article, but deeper and more scholarly than a blog. Interviews with activist scholars and shorter essays within the scope of world-systems research are also oriented towards that union.

We have already begun to see some success with this, as diverse voices join in the conversation that might not be otherwise be heard – Eleanor Gea Piccardi’s [interview](#) with Meral Çiçek in the Winter/Spring 2023 issue is a wonderful example of the kind of conversations with activist scholars and movement activists and artists we intend to continue to foster.

Question #4: Picture yourself sitting in a pub/restaurant, and you tell the person next to you that you work as an Editor for the *Journal of World-Systems Research*. They’ve never heard of the journal, but are clearly interested in anti-systemic movements and radical social change. How would you describe the journal to them, to illustrate its relevance?

Returning to the significance of collaboration, the journal aims bring together different scholars, artists, and activists located in different corners of the world system. In our view, JWSR has an extremely important role to play in the world of undisciplined social science. It’s role is to promote the world-systems scholarship and to make it available to a wider scholarly and activist audience (we do believe that world-systems scholarship has much to say on the topic of social movement and social change). In turn the availability of scholarly work on world-systems itself offers power to those engaged in anti-systemic movements or in the work of pushing radical social change. It is not enough that there is a discussion about history, politics, and global networks of power and oppression; the idea of anti-systemic movements in conversation with each other across time, space, and circumstance through the medium of the journal is one that we think gets at the core of what makes a publication like JWSR so vital.

Question #5: Anything else you’d like to say?

In the same way as JWSR takes advantage of the opportunity to bring about changes in academic publishing through its engagement with the digital revolution, we would seek to build on ever growing advances in communications technology to help shift how we think about world-systems research and how we may continue to shape it as a undisciplinary project of global exchange.

Learn more about the Journal of World-Systems Research (JWSR) here: <https://jwsr.pitt.edu/ojs/jwsr>

PEWS NEWS Feature #2:

Nayla Huq reviews the recent “Turbulent times: living through pandemics, conflicts, and climate crises” colloquium, at Stony Brook University.

The Stony Brook University (SBU) Sociology Graduate Student Colloquia Organizing Committee held our Spring colloquium: “Turbulent times: living through pandemics, conflicts, and climate crises” on March 24, 2023. This event featured a keynote address by Assistant Professor Danielle Falzon (Rutgers University, Department of Sociology) and panel presentations by graduate students in Sociology, Political Science, and History on the various crises that characterize our current social context. Topics discussed included climate change, pandemics, social and political unrest, and economic tensions that affect the way we live, emote, organize, and resist in the past, present, and future. Crises were also examined in the contexts of institutional failures, or rather, inherent design flaws that sustain the imbalances favoring the wealthy and powerful. Presentations included completed and in-progress research projects. Sponsors included the SBU Sociology Department, SBU Graduate Student Organization (GSO), and the SBU Institute for Advanced Computational Science (IACS).

Three presentations kicked off the first panel, “Family and Work in the Midst of Uncertainty: strong supports or crumbling pillars?” Ting-Syuan Lin’s (SBU, Sociology) and Bonnie Ip’s (CUNY Graduate Center, Sociology) presentations explored how patterns of interaction within families are affected by changes in local and global cultural landscapes. Sohee Shin’s (SBU, Sociology) research tested the relationship between nativity/immigrant status, employment, and access to healthcare in the US.

Panel two, “‘We are fixed and certain only when we are in movement’: Shifting political landscapes and the movements that propel them,” featured four social movement presentations, two of which explored the shifts that pivotal, large-scale events have on existing politicized landscapes. Kajol Patel’s (SBU, Sociology) paper dealt with the exponential growth of the public “pro-life” identity following the Supreme Court’s Dodd decision. Danial Vahabli (SBU, Sociology) discussed the shift from sad to explicitly angry and violent Iranian rap lyrics following Mahsa Amini’s murder. José Guevara Fino (SBU, Sociology) probed framing conflicts between protestors calling for regime and constitutional change and government officials in Chile’s 2019 social outburst. Ignacio Urbina (SBU, Political Science) applied network analysis to demonstrate homophily’s impact on protest involvement.

Two presenters led panel three, “Bridging Futures: contemporary crisis in a (post)colonial world.” Albert Garcia (CUNY Graduate Center) delved into tourism’s economic, social, and environmental impacts in the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico, which engender climate migration. George Osei (SBU, History) posed Ghanaian and Gold Coast “native rights” as already encompassing the Western notion of human rights, but both were used as frames to challenge European imperialism.

Three presenters capped off our last panel, “Tangible and intangible: constructing meaning and memory in contested climates.” Olivia Steiert (The New School for Social Research, Sociology) scrutinized the Wikipedia Climate Change entry, its edit history, and explanations for those edits, noting authors’ attempts at collective meaning-making, and navigating issues of expertise and perceptions of audience polarization. Nas Ferns (SBU, Sociology) explored the consecration of memento mori to the present and future casualties of climate change, and used in demonstrations at global climate summits.

Adam Koehler Brown (New School for Social Research, Sociology) presented preliminary findings of his close reading of the January 6th Attack on the US Capitol report highlighting inconsistencies, including waffling on Trump's culpability, and conflating two possible groups amongst the insurgents, militia groups equipped for destruction and other Trump devotees present without plans, but prepped for a fight.

Danielle Falzon's (Assistant Professor, Rutgers, Sociology) two-part keynote address, "Confronting Global Crisis or Business as Usual?" first discussed institutional failures to implement necessary climate change policies, then turned to her research on Bangladesh as a case for implementing climate change adaptation policies. The institutional failures portion was akin to a documentary film taking the audience through the experiences of the structural inequalities that poorer and often more climate change-vulnerable countries face at all levels at global summits from the meeting rooms down to their "free time" in hotel rooms. At each level, the cards are stacked against the countries lacking the power and privilege necessary to attain immediately-needed action. Bangladesh is a case in which there is both locally-led climate change adaptation work, as well as that led by International Non-Governmental Organizations (INGOs) whose funding of such projects is tied to economic development projects. Conflicts arise when development agencies are disinclined to fund projects unaligned with their goals, having to trust corrupt local government officials, and generally not taking local actors' expertise seriously.

Lively, thoughtful discussions followed each panel's and the keynote address's Q & A sessions, as well as during the breaks, lunch, and concluding reception. We are grateful to all presenters, attendees, sponsors, and organizers for their contributions. We are indeed living in turbulent times in a multiplicity of areas of social life, as reflected in the array of topics presented at this colloquium

**Be Sure to attend PEWS section activities at
the annual ASA meeting in Philadelphia!
August 17-21, 2023**

Paper Session:

Global Resistance, Systemic Crises, and Alternatives Beyond Historical Capitalism

Co-organizer, Ricardo E Jacobs, University of California-Santa Barbara

Co-organizer, Beverly Judith Silver, Johns Hopkins University

Day/Time/Location: Fri, August 18, 8:00 to 9:30am, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 104A

Description:

In the first decades of the twenty-first century, there has been a worldwide explosion of social protest, unfolding with an intensity and scope that has been rare in the history of the capitalist world-system. Such periods have been intertwined with periods of deep system-level crises of capitalism. In the present period (as in past analogous periods), we witness an array of movements, ranging from ones that are predominantly exclusionary (including genocidal) to ones that are pointing (explicitly or implicitly) towards alternative paths out of the deepening crisis and toward a more just and equitable post-capitalist world system. Papers in this session will focus on social protest from below as a lens through which to understand the multiple crises of global capitalism and vice-versa. We welcome papers that link concrete local struggles to world-systemic dynamics; that place the current global wave in historical perspective; and that analyze the ways in which current resistance from below may signal the interstitial emergence of routes out of the deepening global crisis and alternatives beyond capitalism.

Paper Session:

Crisis, What Crisis? Dynamics of Global Crisis in the 21st Century

Co-organizer, Sahan Savaş Karataşlı, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

Co-organizer, Sefika Kumral, University of North Carolina-Greensboro

Day/Time/Location: Fri, August 18, 2:00 to 3:30pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 104B

Description:

Since the turn of the 21st century, there is growing awareness that our world is experiencing interlinked crises at social, economic, political and environmental spheres. In critical sociological studies, it has almost become impossible to talk about ecology, geopolitics, finance, reproduction or health without referring to the term “crisis.” Yet, there is no consensus on the exact nature of these crises or why we have been experiencing different forms of crises around the world in great synchrony. Some scholars tend to view these crises as different manifestations of the crisis of neoliberalism. For some scholars, these simultaneous crises are linked to the crisis of the U.S. world hegemony and the post-1945 world order as a whole. For others, they are symptoms of the crisis (and demise) of the capitalist world-economy as a whole. This panel aims to investigate the nature of crises we have been experiencing, their causes and consequences from a global and macro-historical perspective.

Refereed Round-tables:

Organizer, Jeremy Louis Levine, SUNY at Stony Brook

Day/Time/Location: Fri, August 18, 4:00 to 5:00pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 113B

Description:

The Refereed Roundtables will include front-line empirical research offering new and refreshing ideas about our world-systems using global, political, and economic theoretical perspectives. As our world continues to become more interconnected and many of the remaining challenges call for solutions that require nation-states and people to work together, research and dialogue from different areas of expertise within the field of Sociology is essential. Abstracts and paper submissions received online will cover a variety of themes, including Sustainable Development, Climate Change, Gender Inequality, Racial Inequality and Justice, Stratification, Labor Rights and Migration, Refugees, Human Rights, Interstate and Intrastate Conflicts, Nationalism, Populism, Mass Media and Social Media, and more.

Roundtable 1: Colonial Knowledge, Austerity, and Racial Capitalism

Roundtable 2: Political Economy and Global Perspectives

Roundtable 3: World-Systems and Asia in the Neoliberal Political Economy

PEWS Business Meeting:

Day/Time/Location: Fri, August 18, 5:00 to 5:30pm, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Floor: 100 Level, 113B

PEWS Reception:

The PEWS Section will hold a joint reception with the Marxist Sociology and Labor and Labor Movements sections.

Day/Time: Friday, August 18, 6:00-9:00PM

Location: Making Worlds Bookstore & Social Center (210 S 45th St, Philadelphia)

Congratulations to the 2023 ASA PEWS Award Winners!

The 2023 PEWS Wallerstein Memorial Book Award:

Hough, Phillip. 2022. *At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Commodities, Workers, and Crisis in Rural Colombia*. Cambridge University Press.

Honorable mention:

Plys, Kristin and Charles Lemert. 2022. *Capitalism and its Uncertain Future*. Routledge.

Parvulescu, Anna and Manuela Boatca. 2022. *Creolizing the Modern: Transylvania across Empires*. Cornell University Press.

The 2023 PEWS Distinguished Article Award:

Mallard, Grégoire and Jin Sun. 2022. "Viral Governance: How the US Unilateral Sanctions Against Iran Changed the Rules of Financial Capitalism." *American Journal of Sociology*, 128(1): 144–188.

The 2023 PEWS Terence K. Hopkins Graduate Student Paper Award:

Liu, Jiaqi. 2022. "When Diaspora Politics Meet Global Ambitions: Diaspora Institutions Amid China's Geopolitical Transformations." *International Migration Review*, 56(4): 1255-1279.

PEWS Related Announcements:



Announcement #1: A Message from Chris Chase-Dunn

The PEWS Section of the American Sociological Association will co-sponsor a conference on [*Global Disasters and World Society.s*](#) The event will be held March 25-27, 2024. It will be a hybrid conference of academics, system responders, political leaders, and movement activists. The live conference will take place at the Federal University of Santa Catarina in Florianopolis, Brazil with remote hubs at several locations abroad. For more information, please contact Chris Chase-Dunn at the University of California-Riverside <chriscd@ucr.edu> .



Announcement #2: Workshop

World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture II

Organized by: Political Economy of the World System Section (PEWS) of the American Sociological Association and the Arrighi Center for Global Studies

August 16, 2023, 12-6 pm

Temple University Center City, 1515 Market Street, Room 321 (3rd floor) Philadelphia PA (USA)

The workshop continues with the theme of the 44th Annual PEWS conference (2020) and volume (2022)-*World Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture*-interrogating the current critical juncture both for the world system and for the world-systems approach. The workshop format is designed so as to provide ample space for discussion and exchange of ideas. Each of the three (75 minute) roundtable sessions will begin with a set of short presentations on the roundtable theme, leaving 40 minutes for a combination of shorter pre-arranged interventions and open discussion from the floor.

The roundtables will combine invited presenters and presenters selected from submitted abstracts. If you are interested in making a formal presentation (either in the initial part of the roundtable or a shorter prearranged intervention in the open discussion period), please send an approximately one-page abstract (including which roundtable[s] would be the best fit[s]) by July 16, 2023 to pewsworkshop@gmail.com.

Important note: it is not necessary to send an abstract in order to attend the workshop or participate in the open discussion.

Workshop Timetable

11:45 am	Doors Open
12- 1 pm	Lunch (RSVP)
1-2:15 pm	Roundtable #1:

Hegemonic Transitions, Global Crisis, and World Capitalism in the 21st Century (Chair: Lu Zhang):

Since the turn of the 21st century, we have witnessed a period of history marked by intertwined global crises and the unravelling of the post-1945 world order. As far back as the 1970s and 1980s, world-systems scholars have argued that a terminal crisis of US world hegemony is inevitable and that we were slowly but steadily moving toward a "post-American World".

This roundtable exchange will focus on a set of interrelated questions about current world-economic and geopolitical dynamics. As the US-led world order winds down, what comes next? Arguably, at the heart of the matter is the rise of China. Can the reemerging China-centered civilization provide solutions to the problems left behind by US hegemony as Arrighi suggested in *Adam Smith in Beijing*? What are the nature and prospects for emerging South-South collaboration and its implications for the future of capitalism? Can the United States (and the West) accommodate peacefully to a more equal distribution of wealth and power in the world, or will the geopolitical tensions we are witnessing today intensify further? What concepts and theories are available in the world-systems toolkit (broadly understood) to help us assess the nature of the current crisis? What is to be done to avoid a long and deepening period of systemic chaos and a transition to a more peaceful, equitable and just world?

2:15-2:30 pm Break [#1](#)

2:30-3:45 PM: Roundtable #2

Rethinking the Concept of "Globalization" in an Era of Crisis and Systemic Chaos (Chair: Sahan Karatasli): A forthcoming *Elgar Encyclopedia on the Sociology of Globalization* is in the early stages of being edited by Ricardo Jacobs, Sahan Karatasli and Beverly J. Silver. The goal of this second roundtable is to discuss ways in which the *Encyclopedia* can become (among other things) a resource that makes world-systems perspectives central to the broader social scientific debates on globalization. What are the key contributions of world-systems that should be emphasized in the *Encyclopedia*? To be sure, one is taking a long-term historical perspective in which processes of globalization and deglobalization are understood as integral to the *longue durée* evolution of historical capitalism. Equally important is seeing this *longue durée* evolution as an *uneven* geographical process characterized by inequality in power and wealth on a world-scale; and emphasizing the need to bring to the center of the analysis alternative perspectives from the global South. In sum, what should the *Encyclopedia* – which will have over 100 short entries – contain so as to highlight insights from the cumulative body of world-systems scholarship as well as to deploy these insights in ways that shed new light on urgent contemporary challenges such as the climate crisis, pandemics, wars, and the rise of authoritarianism and right-wing nationalism.

3:45-4 pm: Break #2

4-5:15 pm Roundtable #3:

World-Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture: Priorities for a "Second PEWS Half-Century?" (Chair: Beverly J. Silver): The final roundtable will be an opportunity for workshop participants to share descriptions of major projects on which they are currently working as well as to propose research areas that are urgent priorities for world-systems analysts. We will look to the future, while taking stock of the past as we approach a series of landmarks-50 years since the publication of Wallerstein's *The Modern World System* (1974), 30 years since the publication of Arrighi's *The Long Twentieth Century* (1994), and (in another four years) 50 years since the establishment of the PEWS section of the American Sociological Association (1978). When the US neoconservatives announced their plan for a "Second American Century" at the turn of the century, world-systems scholars understood that it was a total misread of the historical conjuncture and of the *longue durée* dynamics of historical capitalism. Deploying the world-systems analysis toolkit for collective self-reflection, what do we have to say about the prospects for a "Second PEWS Half-Century"?

5:15-6 pm Happy Hour Reception ([RSVP](#))

Workshop email: pewsworkshop@gmail.com
[Link to Live \(Updated\) Workshop Program](#)
[Please RSVP here](#) if you plan to attend



Announcement #3: Call for Papers at the Journal of World-Systems Research

JWSR Special Issue: National Sovereignty and the World-System

Guest Editors: Roberto D. Hernández, San Diego State University and Nandita Sharma, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Immanuel Wallerstein saw the capitalist world economy as today's only social system, one which connects people across ideologies of nationalism, racism, and nativism. Yet, "society" continues to be regarded by most people as being co-terminus with the nation-state. One reason for this is the acceptance of liberalism as the dominant geoculture of the world-system from the French revolution in 1789 through the global revolution of 1968. Liberalism, Wallerstein (2011) maintained is "a set of ideas, values, and norms that were widely accepted throughout the system and that constrained social action thereafter." Despite post-1960s transformations, the corollary commitment to the nation-state form has continued, including for many who imagine themselves as part of anti-systemic movements. This raises the question of whether it is nationalism and the nation-state form itself that is the central pro-systemic ideology, or geoculture, of the capitalist world-system.

This special issue examines the world-scale importance of nationalisms within the world capitalist system. Although world systems theorists insisted on changing our unit of analysis to the world economy, nationalisms have allowed the nation-state to remain central. By employing a non- or even anti-nationalist perspective, this issue seeks to advance our understanding of how nationalisms both shape and distort our understanding of the world capitalist system. It both critiques and challenges analyses that ignore and sometimes even applaud national forms of state sovereignty in our present world system. By examining nationalisms as pro-systemic ideologies, this special issue explores how capitalism continues to absorb dissent. It also examines how nation-states within the world system help to restore equilibrium within the world capitalist system while also addressing capital's continuing crises (whether its "worst excesses" or writ large). Contributors will include investigations of how the relatively recent political system of nation-states has changed the ways in which capital is accumulated, how capitalist social relations are organized, and how nationalisms obfuscate our relations to one another across our shared planet. It seeks to build on the work of scholars analyzing how the post-WWII expansion of capitalist social relations helps to maintain, rather than undermine, now inter-national hierarchies.

Despite supposedly anti-systemic nationalist movements encountering the limits of their own logics when faced with a capitalist world economy, the material and affective commitments to nationalisms and nation-states remain as strong as ever, including in theoretical efforts to explain why fundamental transformations to the capitalist world system were not forthcoming with "national self-determination." Such theories, which remain central to many accounts of the relationship between "core" and "periphery" failed to account for a key insight of world-systems analysis; namely, that nation-states were not separate, bounded entities but a part of a world capitalist system, one that was a continuation, indeed an intensification of the uneven, hierarchical, and unjust system of European imperialism that the postcolonial order of nation-states replaced.

Analyzing nationalisms as a systemic ideology of our postcolonial capitalist world-system sheds new light on anti-immigrant politics and policies, a central feature of nation-states. Normalizing citizenship regimes that produce "migrants" as people out of place is a significant aspect of life in today's world capitalist system. Anti-migrant politics contributes significantly to the accumulation of capital.

By nationalizing the capitalist wage, such politics absorb and threaten to destroy radical efforts at organizing mutual cooperation and aid. In the process, they intensify competition in world markets for labor, deliver “migrant labor” as super-exploited and precarious workers for capital, and legitimize the existence of nation-states with a further militarization of their borders.

We invite 250-word abstracts for proposed papers on this topic, including:

Comparative and historical approaches to studying the relationship between nationalisms and capitalist world-system

- Theoretical explorations into the relationship between nationalisms, including movements for national territorial sovereignty, and world-systems analysis of capitalist social relations
- Comparative, historical, and/or theoretical studies of the significance of anti-immigrant politics to the organization of capitalist labor markets specifically, and capitalist social relations more broadly.
- Studies of the negative duality between “citizen” and “migrant” within the world capitalist system
- Analysis of the fraught relationship between decolonization, anti-capitalism, and nationalism
- World-historical analysis of non-nationalist or anti-nationalist opposition to the capitalist world system
- Studies of non-nationalist or anti-nationalist subjectivities within the world capitalist system

250-word abstracts should be submitted by **August 15, 2023** to be considered for the special issue. Special issue editors will review abstract submissions and notify those accepted by **September 1, 2023**. Completed final draft of the paper for comments from the editors are due by **January 5, 2024**. Full papers ready for external peer-review are due **March 1, 2024** and final papers, ready for production, are due **July 1, 2024**. We are aiming to have this special issue complete for **Summer 2024** publication.

Send abstract submissions and inquiries to both Roberto D. Hernández <rhernandez@sdsu.edu> and Nandita Sharma <nsharma@hawaii.edu>

Please include in the subject line “JWSR National Sovereignty and World Systems”

Recent Scholarly Accomplishments by Members of our Section

Books:

Gates, Leslie. 2023. *Capitalist Outsiders: Oil's Legacies in Mexico and Venezuela*. Pittsburgh, PA: University of Pittsburgh Press, Pitt Latin American Series.

<https://upittpress.org/books/9780822947639/>

Parvulescu, Anca, and Manuela Boatcă. 2022. *Creolizing the Modern: Transylvania across Empires*. Cornell University Press.

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Articles, Book Chapters, and Book Reviews:

Boatcă, Manuela, and Fabio Santos. 2023. Of Rags and Riches in the Caribbean: Creolizing Migration Studies. *Journal of Immigrant & Refugee Studies*, 21(2), 132-145.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/15562948.2022.2129896>.

Boatcă, Manuela. 2022. Global Inequalities: Theoretical Filiations and Radical Critique. In *De-Centering Global Sociology* (pp. 21-36).

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Kent-Stoll, Peter. 2022. "Dispossessory Citizenship: The Settler Colonial State and the Bureau of Indian Affairs' Relocation Program, 1952–1972." *Social Problems*, online first:

<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac054>

Lin, Lefeng. 2022. "Power Resource and Workplace Collective Bargaining: Evidence from China." *The Journal of Chinese Sociology*, 9(1): 1-27. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40711-022-00178-x>.

Moghadam, Valentine M. 2023. "Gender Regimes, Politics, and the World-System: Comparing Iran and Tunisia." *Women's Studies International Forum* (on-line April).

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<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.7560/326527-005/html>.

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285. <https://www.elgaronline.com/edcollchap/book/9781800374812/book-part-9781800374812-30.xml>.

Mueller, Jason C. 2023. "Does the United States owe reparations to Somalia?" *Race & Class* 65(1): 61-82. <https://doi.org/10.1177/03063968231155358>.

Mueller, Jason C. 2023. "The Politics of Identity, the Identity of Politics: Thinking with Badiou and Táiwò." *Critical Sociology*, online first: <https://doi.org/10.1177/08969205231171321>.

Parvulescu, Anca, and Manuela Boatcă. 2023. Creolization as Method. *Cambridge Journal of Postcolonial Literary Inquiry*, 10(1), 121-127. doi:[10.1017/pli.2022.34](https://doi.org/10.1017/pli.2022.34).

Pitluck, Aaron Z. 2023. "The interpretive and relational work of financial innovation: A resemblance of assurance in Islamic finance." *Journal of Cultural Economy*, DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/17530350.2023.2196990>. [Open access copy](#). [50 free eprints](#).

Pitluck, Aaron Z. 2023. "Collaboration across ontological worlds: Reflections on intellectual brokerage from Islamic banking and finance." Pp. 178-92 in *De-Centering Global Sociology: The Peripheral Turn in Social Theory and Research*, edited by Arthur Bueno, Mariana Teixeira, and David Strecker. New York and London: Routledge.
<https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003054016-16/collaboration-across-ontological-worlds-aaron-pitluck>.

Ramanujam, Archana. 2023. "Climate Scholarship Needs Du Bois: Climate Crisis through the Lens of Racial and Colonial Capitalism*." *Sociological Inquiry*, 93(2):273–95.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/soin.12516>.

Soener, Matthew. 2022. "Financialization Goes South: Foreign Capital Flows and Financial Accumulation in Emerging Markets." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*, online first at: <https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152221133058>.

Public Sociology:

Plys, Kristin. 2023. "The Continued Relevance of Pan-African Marxism in a Time of Crisis." *The Elephant*, May 31. Available at: <https://www.theelephant.info/ideas/2023/05/31/the-continued-relevance-of-pan-african-marxism-in-a-time-of-crisis/>.

Academic Awards:

Manuela Boatcă and Anca Parvulescu **WON** the René Wellek Prize of the American Comparative Literature Association for best monograph, and **WON** the Barrington Moore Prize from ASA Comparative and Historical Section, for their book: *Creolizing the Modern: Transylvania across Empires*. Cornell University Press, 2022.

Phil Hough received an **HONORABLE MENTION** from the ASA Comparative and Historical Section's book award this year, for his book: *At the Margins of the Global Market: Making Commodities, Workers, and Crisis in Rural Colombia*. Cambridge University Press, 2022.

Academic Elections & Recognition:

Aaron Z. Pitluck was nominated and then **ELECTED** to the Executive Committee of the International Sociological Association (ISA).

PEWS MEMBERS ON THE JOB MARKET

JOB CANDIDATE: Jeremiah Lawson

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Research Summary:

I focus on empirical work in **labor and inequality**. My Master's work examined trends in compensation levels of top corporate executives, adjudicating between sociological and economic explanations for ever increasing compensation levels. I show how the 2008 crisis did not result in attenuation in the growth of CEO compensation.

My **dissertation** examines the presence of ethnic and racial difference among cases of modern slavery in the informal economy. Since we live in a global society where enslavement is universally outlawed, typically, the practice of enslavement is ideologically rejected. The Global Estimates of Modern Slavery are produced by a collaborative team at the International Labor Organization, the Walk Free Foundation and the International Organization for Migration, facilitated through the United Nations. At any given time in the year 2021, the 2022 global estimates report about fifty million people are enslaved. Coding the Anti-Slavery Usable Past narratives, I develop a framework for answering the following questions. Is modern slavery endemic to the global capitalist economic world system, or should it be regarded as a distinct, criminal phenomenon? To what extent is racial or ethnic difference responsible for the justification and perpetuation of enslavement systems?

Recent Accomplishments:

- ✓ Significant experience in protecting fellow academic workers through **union organization and stewardship** in UAW Local 2865. A deep, four-year, organizing plan generated the largest academic worker strike in US History, at the University of California, resulting in significant wage increases and protections in the collective bargaining agreements won. Contract enforcement is ongoing and successful.
- ✓ **Taught** Statistics for the Social Sciences at CSU Fullerton and Introduction to Sociology at UC Irvine as instructor of record.

JOB CANDIDATE: Corey R. Payne

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Research Summary:

Using tools from political, environmental, and comparative-historical sociology, my research focuses on war, labor, globalization, and climate change.

My work examines **war and militarism** sociologically—from the Middle East to Ukraine to the South China Sea—by bringing labor relations (with their race, class, and citizenship dimensions) into the analysis. My dissertation asks: How has it been possible for the US to wage seemingly endless wars in the twenty-first century without disturbing everyday life domestically?

Drawing on a wide range of theoretical frameworks (from W.E.B. Du Bois to Richard Lachmann) and empirical sources (from new labor unrest data to state and company archives), I argue that the present labor arrangements of US war-making allow for war to be waged unencumbered by the sustained social and political attention of most US citizens. By tracing the transformation of war since the mid-twentieth century, I show how neoliberal restructuring ultimately reduced the number of US citizens involved in war-making—and, in the process, removed constraints on military-industrial elites.

My second research project examines the relationship between **climate change and war**, with a particular focus on how states are using militaries to respond to the social dislocations caused by climate change. More information: <http://coreyrrpayne.com/>

Recent Accomplishments/Publications:

- ✓ Corey R. Payne and Ori Swed. (Forthcoming 2023). “Disentangling the US Military’s Climate Change Paradox: An Institutional Perspective.” *Sociology Compass*.
- ✓ Corey R. Payne, Roberto Patricio Korzeniewicz, and Beverly J. Silver, eds. (2023). *World-Systems Analysis at a Critical Juncture*. Routledge.
- ✓ Corey R. Payne. (2023). “From Mass Mobilization to Neoliberal War-Making: Labor Strikes and Military-Industrial Transformation in the United States.” *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00207152221148654>.

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PEWS activities at ASA 2023, in Philly!**