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## Academic Appointments

2024-present Assistant Professor of Instruction
Department of Sociology
**Texas State University**, San Marcos, Texas

2021-2024 Research Fellow
Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture
**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, Va.

2019-2021 Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture
**University of Virginia**, Charlottesville, Va.

## Education

2019 Ph.D. Sociology
**University of Arizona**, Tucson, Ariz.
Dissertation: *Measuring Cultural Alignment: Surveys as Cultural Affiliation Networks*
Committee: Ronald L. Breiger (co-chair); Brian Mayer (co-chair); Jane R. Zavisca

2012 M.A. Sociology
**University of Arizona**, Tucson, Ariz.

2008 B.A. Sociology, B.J. Magazine Journalism
**University of Missouri**, Columbia, Mo.
*Summa cum laude*

## Publications

### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

2025 **Puetz, Kyle**. "Duality and Value Realism." *Poetics* 110: 102002.
- "Duality in the Study of Society and Culture" special issue

2024 **Puetz, Kyle**. "Relational Durkheim: *Homo Duplex* as the Foundation of a Formalist Cultural Sociology." *Sociological Theory* 42(3):205-230.

- Awarded 2024 Junior Theorist Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association Theory Section

2021 **Puetz, Kyle,** Andrew P. Davis, and Alexander B. Kinney. "Meaning Structures in the World Polity: A Semantic Network Analysis of Human Rights Terminology in the World's Peace Agreements." *Poetics* 88: 101598.

- "Measure Mohr Culture" special issue

**Puetz, Kyle**, and Brian Mayer. "Pipes or Prisms? Personal Networks, Information Retrieval, and Formal Support Receipt in the Wake of the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill." *The Sociological Quarterly* 62(3): 548-569.

**Puetz, Kyle**. "Taste Boundaries and Friendship Preferences: Insights from the Formalist Approach." *Poetics* 86: 101551.

2017 **Puetz, Kyle**. "Fields of Mutual Alignment: A Dual-Order Approach to the Study of Cultural Holes." *Sociological Theory* 35(3):228-260.

- Awarded 2016 Raymond V. Bowers Award for Best Graduate Student Paper (First Place), School of Sociology, University of Arizona.

2015 **Puetz, Kyle**. "Consumer Culture, Taste Preferences, and Social Network Formation." *Sociology Compass* 9(6): 438–449.

## Peer-Reviewed Book Chapters

2018 **Puetz, Kyle**. "Symbolic Boundaries." In Lyn Spillman (editor-in-chief), *Oxford Bibliographies in Sociology*. New York, NY: Oxford University Press. doi:10.1093/OBO/9780199756384-0158

2015 Breiger, Ronald L., and **Kyle Puetz**. "Culture and Networks." Pp 557-62 in: James D. Wright (editor-in-chief), *International Encyclopedia of Social and Behavioral Sciences*, 2nd Edition, Vol 5. Oxford: Elsevier.

## Edited Volumes and Special Issues

2026 Davis, Andrew P., Omar Lizardo, and **Kyle Puetz**. "Duality in the Study of Culture and Society." *Poetics*.

## Other Publications

### Non Peer Reviewed Publications

2016 **Puetz, Kyle**, and Michael Gibson-Light. "Authenticity." In Frederick Wherry and Juliet Schor (editors), *The SAGE Encyclopedia of Economics and Society*. SAGE Publications, Inc.: Thousand Oaks, Calif.

### Reports

2021 Hunter, James Davison, Carl Desportes Bowman, and **Kyle Puetz**. *The Context of Character: Teen Moral Formation in the 21st Century - A Survey of 3,000 Parents and Their Teenage Children*.

2020 Hunter, James Davison, Carl Desportes Bowman, and **Kyle Puetz**. *Democracy in Dark Times: The 2020 IASC Survey of American Political Culture*. New York, NY: Finstock & Tew Publishers.

Select Manuscripts in Progress

Puetz, Kyle. "Measuring the Relational Embedding of Individual Cultural Profiles." In preparation for submission to *Poetics*.

Puetz, Kyle. "Sociology and the Affordance." In preparation for submission to *Theory and Social Inquiry*.

Puetz, Kyle. "Durkheim and Network Sociology." In preparation for submission to *Journal of Classical Sociology*.

Puetz, Kyle. "Beyond Distinction: Cultural Networks as Ecologies of Constraint." In preparation for submission to *Sociological Theory*.

Puetz, Kyle. "Sociology as Psychology *Sui Generis*: Durkheim Read through Renouvier." Manuscript in progress.

Presentations and Panels

Invited Talks and Presentations

2024 "Durkheim's *Homo Duplex*: Belief Constraint and Support for Tolerance." Structure, Action, and Identity: A Symposium on Relational Sociology. Department of Sociology, University of Arizona. May 2024.

2023 (w/ Andrew Davis) "Measuring the Global Bureaucracy." Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. April 2023.

"Measuring Durkheim's Moral Integration: Three Network Imageries." Emerging Ideas Workshop. Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia. March 2023.

2020 "The Social Correlates of Belief Constraint." Sociological Workshop on Aesthetics, Meaning, and Power. Department of Sociology, University of Virginia. October 2020.

(w/ Carl Desportes Bowman) "Preliminary Results from the National Survey of Moral Formation." Virtual Workshop on Civic and Political Formation: An Inquiry into Formation for Public Life. Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia. June 2020.

(w/ Andrew Davis) "The Language of Peace: Global Cultural Diffusion in Peace Process Agreements, 1975-2018." Peace, War, and Social Conflict Virtual Coffee Hour on New Research. April 2020.

"The Language of Peace: Global Cultural Diffusion in Peace Process Agreements, 1975-2018." Emerging Ideas Workshop. Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture, University of Virginia. March 2020.

2018 "Taste Boundaries and Friendship Preferences: Three Hypotheses." Brownbag series. Department of Sociology, University of Arizona. September 2018.

## Conference Presentations

2025 (w/ Andrew Davis) "The Moral Affordances of Belief Networks." *American Sociological Association*. Culture Roundtables. Chicago, Ill. August 2025.

"Duality and Value Realism." *American Sociological Association*. Theory Roundtables. Chicago, Ill. August 2025.

"Moral Flexibility in Turbulent Times: Conflict and Belief Adaptation." *Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society*. The Future of Quantitative Research.

2023 "Durkheim and Moral Integration: Network-Analytic Strategies for Measurement." *American Sociological Association*. Structure Strikes Back: Theory in Social Network Research. Philadelphia, Penn. August 2023.

"Sociology and the Affordance." *American Sociological Association*. Theory Section: Toward a Postcultural Style in Theorizing. Philadelphia, Penn. August 2023.

2022 "Durkheim, Network Sociology, and Cultural Network Constraint." *American Sociological Association*. Theory Section. Los Angeles, Calif. August 2022.

2019 "Environmentalist Self-Concept and Influences on Pro-Environmental Behaviors: An Analysis across Identity Schemas." *American Sociological Association*. Open Topics on Social Psychology. New York, NY. August 2019.

2018 "From Social Constructionism to Social Aesthetics: Implications for Environmental Sociology." *American Sociological Association*. Environmental Sociology Roundtable. Philadelphia, Penn. August 2018.

2017 (w/ Michael Gibson-Light) "Moral Rhetorics of Authenticity: A Repertoire-Theoretical Analysis of Authenticity within a Field of Restricted Production." *American Sociological Association*, Culture & Identity Section. Montreal, Quebec. August 2017.

2016 (w/ Brian Mayer) "The Social Networks of Resilience Following an Environmental Disaster: A Technique for Appraisal of Community Network Structure." *American Sociological Association*. Environmental Sociology Roundtable Session. Seattle, Wash. August 2016.

2015 (w/ Brian Mayer) "Social Capital and Receipt of Formal Recovery Support Following the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill." *American Sociological Association*. Disasters Section. Chicago, Ill. August 2015.

"What Does Friendship Mean? How Cultural Capital Conditions the Meanings of Social Relationships." *American Sociological Association*. Sociology of Culture Roundtable Session. Chicago, Ill. August 2015.

2014 (w/ Tamara Kay) "Visual Approaches for Conveying Ethnographic Data." *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, Calif. August 2014.

(w/ Michael Gibson) "Narrative Identity in Culture Industries: An Individualist Model of Authentic Action in Contemporary Hip-Hop." *American Sociological Association*. Sociology of Culture Roundtable Session. San Francisco, Calif. August 2014.

"The Game, the Drama, the Text: New Formalizations of Old Metaphors in Cultural Sociology." *Center for Cultural Sociology: 10th Anniversary Conference*. New Haven, Conn. April 2014.

(w/ Brian Mayer, Christopher McCarty, and Raffaele Vacca) "A Protocol for Rapid Appraisal of Community Social Structure." *Sunbelt XXXIV*. St. Pete Beach, Fla. February 2014.

2013 "Fields of Mutual Alignment: A Dual-Order Approach to the Study of Cultural Holes." *American Sociological Association*, Popular Culture Regular Session. New York City, N.Y. August 2013.

"The Formal Modeling of Consumer Identity: A Hermeneutic-Structuralist Approach to the Study of Taste." *Consumer Culture Theory Conference*. Tucson, Ariz. June 2013.

2012 "The Contestation of Consecration: Critical Fields in Action." *Pacific Sociological Association*. San Diego, Calif. March 2012.

## Fellowships, Grants, Awards, and Honors

2024 Junior Theorist Award (Honorable Mention), American Sociological Association Theory Section

2016 Raymond V. Bowers Award for Best Graduate Student Paper, for "Fields of Mutual Alignment: A Dual-Order Approach to the Study of Cultural Holes," University of Arizona School of Sociology.

2015 Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute doctoral dissertation improvement grant, University of Arizona

Graduate and Professional Student Council research grant, University of Arizona

Graduate and Professional Student Council travel grant, University of Arizona

2014 Student/Faculty Interaction (SFI) grant, University of Arizona, 2014-15 (with Corey Abramson and Luis Vila-Henninger)

Graduate and Professional Student Council travel grant, University of Arizona, 2014

2013 Student/Faculty Interaction (SFI) grant, University of Arizona, 2013-14 (with Corey Abramson and Jessie Finch)

2010 Graduate College Fellowship, University of Arizona, 2010–11

## Teaching Experience

**Texas State University**

Assistant Professor of Instruction (August 2024 – present)
- Statistics for the Social and Behavioral Sciences
- Popular Culture and Society

**University of Arizona**
Instructor of Record (July 2012 – December 2019)
*Courses taught in person*
- Culture & Society
- Introduction to Sociology
- Sociology of Popular Culture
- Cultural Studies of Sports

*Courses taught online*
- Cultural Studies of Sports
- Individuals, Groups and Society
- Sociology of Popular Culture

Graduate Teaching Assistant
- Culture & Society
- Research Methods
- Social Meaning of Money and Credit, The
- Sociological Theory

## Research Experience

**University of Virginia**
Research Fellow at Survey Lab, Institute for Advanced Studies in Culture (August 2019 – July 2024)

**University of Arizona**
Research Assistant to Jane Zavisca (June 2017 – May 2019)

**University of Arizona**
Research Assistant to Brian Mayer on grant "Health Impact of *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill in Eastern Gulf Coast Communities: Project 2 Community Based Assessment of Social Vulnerability and Resiliency," funded by NIEHS/NIH (January 2014 – May 2016).

**University of Arizona**
Research Assistant to Laura Hunter (January 2011 – June 2011).

## Professional, University, and Departmental Service

Anonymous peer reviewer for:
- *American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Chinese Sociological Review; Consumption, Markets & Culture; Cultural Sociology*; *Journal of Human Rights Practice*; *Nature Scientific Reports; Poetics*; *Social Problems*; *Sociological Focus; Sociological Inquiry; Sociological Perspectives; Sociological Theory; Sociology Compass*

Graduate and Professional Student Council, University of Arizona
Travel Grant Judge, Fall 2014, Summer 2015

University of Arizona School of Sociology, Graduate Student Association
Elected Graduate Studies Committee member (Fall 2013 - Summer 2015)

University of Arizona School of Sociology, Arizona Culture Workshop
Organizer: Fall 2014 - Spring 2015; Fall 2013 - Spring 2014
Co-founder

University of Arizona School of Sociology, Graduate Student Mentor (2011-13)

## Professional Associations and Memberships

American Sociological Association (ASA)
International Network for Social Network Analysis (INSNA)
Phi Beta Kappa

## References

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