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## EMPLOYMENT

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- 2015-present Full Professor of Sociology  
(Assistant '15-'19, Associate '19-'21, Endowed Univ Prof '21-'22, Full '23-present)  
Kroc School of Peace Studies, **University of San Diego** (US)
- 2018-present Rights Lab Visiting Professor of Social Movements and Human Rights,  
School of Sociology and Social Policy, **University of Nottingham** (UK)

## LEADERSHIP & ACADEMIC POSITIONS – Current

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- 2023-present **Faculty Director**, SPARK Institute for Social Innovation and Social Change,  
University of San Diego (US)
- 2023-present **Director**, MA in Social Innovation, Kroc School, University of San Diego (US)
- 2022-present **Scholar in Residence**, Resnick Global Leadership Network, **Aspen Institute** (US)
- 2022-present **Co-Director**, Working Group on Future of Slavery  
**Affiliated Scholar**, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and  
Abolition, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies,  
**Yale University** (US)
- 2023-present Member, The International Panel on the Information Environment (Switzerland)
- 2023-present Member, Strategic Planning Committee, University of San Diego (US)
- 2019-present **Co-Founder & Vice-President**, *Art Builds Collective* (501c3) (US)
- 2014-present Associate Editor, *Journal of Human Trafficking* (US)
- 2008-present International Advisory Board, *Mobilization* (US)

## ACADEMIC POSITIONS – Previous

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- 2014-2023 **Director**, The Good Drone Lab (US)
- 2022 Visiting Scholar, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and  
Abolition, MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, Yale University (US)
- 2021-2022 University Professor, University of San Diego (US)
- 2021-2022 Technology and Human Rights Fellow, Carr Center for Human Rights, Kennedy  
School of Government, **Harvard University** (US)
- 2020-2021 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Practical Ethics  
**University of California, San Diego** (US)
- 2020-2021 Knowledge Futures Group MIT Publishing Innovation Fellow  
Knowledge Futures Group, MIT (US)
- 2017 Visiting Scholar, Oxford Internet Institute, **Oxford University** (UK)
- 2013-2015 Founding Assistant Professor of Political Sociology  
**Central European University**, School of Public Policy (EU)
- 2014-2020 Faculty Fellow, Center for Media, Data and Society (EU)

## EDUCATION

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- Ph.D. Sociology, University of Notre Dame  
M.A. Sociology, University of Notre Dame  
M.A. International Administration, Korbel School, University of Denver  
B.S. Mass Communication, Middle Tennessee State University

## RESEARCH

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### PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS [6]

- 2024 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Gordon Hoople. *Art Beyond Ego: Collective Alternatives to the Myth of the Lone Artist*. Preliminary Contract with Cambridge University Press (Essentials Series).
- 2022 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, Douglas Irvin-Erickson, and Ernesto Verdeja (equal co-editors). *Wicked Problems: The Ethics of Action for Peace, Rights, and Justice*. Oxford University Press.  
Reviewed in: *Perspectives on Politics*
- 2020 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. *The Good Drone: How Social Movements Democratize Surveillance*. MIT Press.  
Supporting articles in: *Slate, Al Jazeera, Medium, Popular Science, MIT Reader and the Conversation*  
Full-page review in *San Diego Union Tribune*  
Simultaneously published in Open Access format ([link](#))
- 2020 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Gordon Hoople (equal co-authors). *Drones for Good: How to Bring Sociotechnical Thinking into the Classroom*. Morgan & Claypool (Synthesis Lectures on Engineers, Technology, and Society).
- 2017 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. *What Slaveholders Think: How Contemporary Perpetrators Rationalize What They Do*. Columbia University Press. (Paperback 2019).  
Supporting articles in *the Guardian, Aeon, and Huffington Post*  
Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology, International Sociology, Mobilization, Journal of Human Trafficking, San Francisco Review of Books*  
Featured in a *Times Higher Education* spotlight  
Listed as *Influential Reading* by the sector-leading Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University.  
Interviewed by *Süddeutsche Zeitung, NPR-San Diego*  
Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award (ASA) - Honorable Mention  
Public Events at Busboys and Poets (Washington, DC), Tattered Cover (Denver),

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Warwick's (San Diego), Elliott Bay Books (Seattle). Kepler's Books (Menlo Park), Historians Against Slavery (Liverpool, UK), Freedom Forum (Stanford University), Yale University, University of Washington, and University of Denver.

2012 Brysk, Alison and **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick** (eds). *From Human Trafficking to Human Rights: Rethinking Contemporary Slavery*. University of Pennsylvania Press (Series on Human Rights). (Paperback and Kindle in 2013).

Reviewed in: *Human Rights Review* (Review Essay); *Journal of Human Trafficking; Mobilization; Human Rights & Human Welfare; Choice*

**PUBLICATIONS: EDITED SPECIAL ISSUE [1]**

2016 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, ed. Special Issue of the *Journal of Human Trafficking* on 'Slaveholders and Traffickers.' Guest Editor, 2(1) 2016 ([link](#)).

**PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES [17]**

2023 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. "Disruption and Emergence: How to Think about Human Rights Futures." *Journal of Human Rights*. 24(1). Impact Factor: 1.9 ([link](#)).

2021 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Amelia Watkins-Smith. "Agency Continuum? A Non-Binary Approach to Agency Among Human Rights Victims and Violators." *Human Rights Quarterly* (43)4. Impact Factor: 1.22 ([link](#)).

2021 Boyd, Doreen, Bertrand Perrat, Xiaodong Li, Bethany Johnson, Todd Landman, Feng Lin, Kevin Bales, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, James Goulding, Stuart Marsh and Giles M. Foody. "An Earth Observatory for Human Rights." *Humanities and Social Science Communication* (published by *Nature*), 8. Impact factor 2.60 ([link](#)).

2019 Hoople, Gordon, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, Nathaniel Parde, Diane Hoffoss, Max Mellette, Rachel Nishimura, Virginia Gutman. "About Time: Visualizing Time at Burning Man." *The STEAM Journal* 4(1) ([link](#)).

2019 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, Hoople, Gordon, and Elizabeth Reddy. "Drones for Good: Interdisciplinary Project Based Learning Between Engineering and Peace Studies." *International Journal of Engineering Education* ([link](#)).

2019 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, Reddy, Elizabeth, and Gordon Hoople. "Boundary Objects in Classroom Practice: Using Drones to Foster Critical Engagement." *Engineering Studies* 11(1), 51-64. Impact Factor: .73 ([link](#)).

2019 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Gordon Hoople. "Cultivating an Entrepreneurial Mindset: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Using Drones." *Advances in Engineering Education* 7(3) ([link](#)).

2018 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, Tautvydas Juskauskas, and Mohammed Sabur. "All the Protestors fit to Count: Using Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Estimate Crowd Size in Urban Environs." *Interface* 10(1-2), 297-321 ([link](#)).

- 2016 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin.** "The Good, the Bad, the Ugly: Human Rights Violators in Comparative Perspective." *Journal of Human Trafficking* 2(1) ([link](#)).
- 2015 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin.** "From Rescue to Representation: A Human Rights Approach to the Contemporary Anti-Slavery Movement." *Journal of Human Rights*. 14(4), 486-503. Impact Factor: 1.9 ([link](#)).
- 2015 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin.** "Managing Democracy in Social Movement Organizations." *Social Movement Studies*. 14(2): 123-141. Impact Factor: 1.74 ([link](#))  
Featured Article – *Social Movement Studies* Anniversary Special Issue, 2021.  
First Runner-up – *Social Movement Studies* Best Article Prize, 2015.
- 2015 Brandon Vaidyanathan, Michael Strand, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, Thomas Buschman, Meghan Davis, and Amanda Varela. "Causality in Contemporary American Sociology: An Empirical Assessment and Critique." *Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour*. Impact Factor: 1.81 ([link](#)).  
Joint-recipient - The Edward Shils – 2009 James Coleman Memorial Award for Best Student Paper Honorable Mention – Theory Section, American Sociological Assoc  
"Causality in Contemporary American Sociology."
- 2015 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin.** "Emancipazioni contemporanee: una tipologia delle vie d'uscita dall'asservimento (Emancipation from Contemporary Slavery: A Typology of Intervention Strategies)." *Mondo Contemporaneo Rivista di Storia – Italian Journal of Contemporary World History*.
- 2014 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin.** "Drones for Good: Technological Innovation, Social Movements and the State. *Columbia Journal of International Affairs*. Volume 68; Number 1. 1-18 ([link](#)).  
Reproduced in: Deborah Johnson and Jameson Wetmore, eds. 2021. *Technology & Society: Building our Sociotechnical Future, Second Edition*. Cambridge, MA: MIT Press. This reader includes luminaries like Latour, Fukuyama, Joy, Ritzer, Winner, Pinch & Bijker, and Hughes.
- 2014 **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin.** "To Seek and Save the Lost: Human Trafficking and Salvation Schemas among American Evangelicals." *European Journal of Cultural and Political Sociology*. Volume 1; Number 2, 119-140 ([link](#)).
- 2011 McVeigh, Rory, Josh Dinsman, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, and Priyamvada Trivedi. "Obama vs. Clinton: Categorical Boundaries and Intra-Party Electoral Outcomes." *Social Problems* 58(1): 47-68. Impact Factor: 3.575 ([link](#)).
- 2009 Velitchkova, Ana, Jackie Smith and **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**. "Windows on the Ninth World Social Forum in Belém." *Societies Without Borders* 4, 193–208.

**PUBLICATIONS: PEER-REVIEWED CHAPTERS [7]**

- 2022           **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, Douglas Irvin-Erickson, and Ernesto Verdeja. "Introduction." Pp. 1-30 in *Wicked Problems: The Ethics of Action for Peace, Rights, and Justice*. Oxford University Press.
- 2020           **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. "Missing Targets: Contemporary Slaveholder Responses to Human Rights Advocacy." Pp. 191-212 in *Protestors and Their Targets*, edited by James Jasper and Brayden King. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
- 2018           **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. "Drones, Camera Innovations and Conceptions of Human Rights" In *The Visual in Human Rights Practice*, eds Monroe Price and Sandra Ristovska. Palgrave MacMillan.
- 2017           **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. "Letting Go: How Elites Manage Challenges to Contemporary Slavery." Invited contribution to *Contemporary Slavery: Popular Rhetoric and Political Practice*, eds Joel Quirk and Annie Bunting, Law and Society Series at University of British Columbia Press.
- 2012           **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. "Rethinking Trafficking: Contemporary Slavery." Pp. 13-24 in *Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Rethinking Contemporary Slavery*, Alison Brysk and Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick (eds). Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2012           Brysk, Alison and **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**. "Rethinking Trafficking and Slavery." Pp. 1-12 in *Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Rethinking Contemporary Slavery*, Alison Brysk and Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick (eds). Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.
- 2012           Bales, Kevin and **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**. "The Beginning of the End of Slavery." Pp. 195-215 in *Human Trafficking and Human Rights: Rethinking Contemporary Slavery*, Alison Brysk and Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick (eds). Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press.

**PUBLICATIONS: REFEREED CONFERENCE [5]**

- 2018        **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** Gordon Hoople, and Beth Reddy. "Educating Changemakers: Cross Disciplinary Collaboration Between a School of Engineering and a School of Peace." *IEEE Frontiers in Education Conference (FIE)*, 2018.
- 2018        Lord, Susan, Gordon Hoople, Alex Mejia, Breanne Przestrzelski, Diana Chen, Odesma Dalrymple, Beth Reddy, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, "Creative Curricula for Changemaking Engineers," in *World Engineering Education Forum*, 2018.
- 2018        Elizabeth Reddy, Gordon Hoople, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**. "Peace Engineering: Investigating Multidisciplinary and Interdisciplinary Effects in a Team-Based Course About Drones," in *American Society for Engineering Education*, 2018.
- 2017        **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Gordon Hoople. "Engineering Empathy: A Multidisciplinary Approach Combining Engineering, Peace Studies, and New Technology," in *American Society for Engineering Education*, Cleveland, Ohio, 2017.
- 2015        **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Tautvydas Juskauskas. "Up in the Air: Applying the Jacobs Crowd Formula to Drone Imagery." *Procedia Engineering* 107: 273-281. (doi:10.1016/j.proeng.2015.06.082)/ )
- Best Technical Paper Award – Humanitarian Technology: Science, Systems and Global Impact Conference, Boston, MA, 2015.

**PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS IN PROGRESS [2]**

- **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** (ed). *Future Slavery and Emancipations*. Edited volume resulting from 2-year Yale GLC Working Group on the Future of Slavery and Emancipation. Target press: Cambridge UP's *Slavery Since Emancipation* Series.
- **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. *Bonded: The Relationships Contemporary Slavery Makes and Why They Matter*. Represented by Dijkstra Agency. Prospectus upon request.

## ARTISTIC INTERVENTIONS [4]

*Art Builds* (2019-present): Together with Gordon Hoople (Engineering), Nate Parde (Theatre), and Diane Hofoss (Mathematics) I have co-founded an interdisciplinary art collective. We are committed to building public art that sparks joy and invites engagement. My personal intention is to extend the ideas found in my written work out into the world in physical form. Our three most recent pieces play with key concepts from my new book manuscript, *Bonded*, including liminality, multiple perspectives, structure, and agency. Together with Gordon Hoople I am writing a book about large art collectives, and what they tell us about creativity and collaboration, tentatively entitled *Art as Collective Action*, and under consideration at Cambridge University Press.

*Unfolding Humanity* (2023, Black Rock City, Nevada, *Burning Man*) was commissioned through a Black Rock City 2023 Honoraria art grant. Originally conceptualized and built by the San Diego Geometry Lab in 2018, *Unfolding Humanity* is an interactive sculpture. This steel dodecahedron covered in more than 17,000 LEDs highlights the tension between technology and humanity. This sculpture was conceived, designed, and built by a large group (80+) of faculty, students, and community volunteers, and the honoraria supports Art Builds in updating this piece. The pentagonal walls of the sculpture unfold under human power and allude to Albrecht Dürer's 500-year-old unsolved math problem on unfolding polyhedra.



*re:emergence* (2022, Black Rock City, Nevada, *Burning Man*) is a 20' tall and 60' long series of gates designed to spark joy, prompt reflection, and invite action. Dramatically extending design features from *Emergence* (2021), *re:emergence* demonstrates the extent to which structures shape, but can never fully constrain, human action. At times the design seems to require some forms of action (stooping at the saddle point, for example), but nothing stops you from exiting the tunnel, and climbing outside of the structure altogether.



*Reflexion* (2022, La Jolla, California) was commissioned through the City of San Diego's Park Social initiative. With its mirrored columns and individually rotatable prisms, *Reflexion* is a meditation on the competing, overlapping, distorting, and clarifying roles played by lenses, filters, and frames in contemporary life. Yet, just when all seems lost, *Reflexion* reminds us of our power – to take control and to change perspectives. Stand between them, and multiple perspectives help us see the impossible, and perhaps notice what we've missed.



*Emergence* (2021, Mojave Desert, *Everywhen*) was a 10' tall, 30' long, LED-illuminated wooden sculpture. The piece invites meditation on the liminal – the no-man's zone between moments and eras. Conceptualized in the midst of a global pandemic, and installed as the world was recalibrating the aftermath, *Emergence* constricts and flares in ways that remind us that we must both bow and climb.



*About Time* (2019, Black Rock City, Nevada, *Burning Man*) was a thirty-foot long, 3,000 pound wooden sundial reflected on the role time plays in our lives, as master and measure. This installation projected time using two sundials: a horizontal dial which swept time out across the desert floor and an equatorial dial located on one face of the pyramidal structure. A platform at the peak of the pyramid allowed visitors to become the sundial's apex and to experience panoramic views of the landscape. At the end of the installation the piece was burned, underscoring time's fleeting nature.





**PUBLICATIONS: REVIEWS, PRESS, POLICY, ADVOCACY [28]**

- 2022 Discussion Paper: **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**. "The Future of Human Rights." Carr Center Discussion Paper Series. Carr Center for Human Rights, Harvard Kennedy School.
- 2022 Case Study: **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Patricia Marquez. "Kitchens for Good: Matching Purpose and Sustainability During the Pandemic." USD Social Innovation Case Study Series no 1.
- 2021 Research Note: **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin** and Jeremy Pressman. "Covid19 and Protest Repertoires: An initial description of limited change." *Social Movement Studies*, 20(6), 766-773. Impact Factor: 1.74
- 2021 Research Report: **Choi-Fitzpatrick, Austin**, Ambrie Bosworth, Danielle Deike, Dominick Gillette, Edgar Gomez, Hanna Hogan, Viviana Jimenez, Amanda Larson, Riley Lewis, Camille Lyden, Grace Sylvester, Mari Thiersch, Daria Tomsy, and Sara Torres. "E3 Alliance Strategy Report: Recommendations for the Assessment and Acceleration of a Novel Anti-Trafficking Social Enterprise." Independent report for Project Concern – Global Communities.
- 2020 Essay: "Using Drones to Disrupt the Status Quo." *MIT Press Reader* (September)  
\* Read more than 10,000 times  
\* Profiled on Digg, Flipgrid, and Aspen Institute  
\* Syndicated in *Popular Science*
- 2020 Essay: "How Protest Movements Can Hijack Surveillance Tech for the Public Good." *OneZero/Medium*. (July 28)
- 2020 Essay: "How to Hide from a Drone." *The Conversation*. (July 27)  
\* Shared more than 7,000 times on social media  
\* Re-syndicated in: *The National Interest, Independent Tribune, Roanoke Times, Winston-Salem Journal, Homeland Security News Wire, Council Bluffs Daily nonpareil, Bryan-College Station Eagle, Idaho Press, Morganton News Herald, Greensboro News & Record, Waco Tribune-Herald, The Daily Progress, Martinsville Bulletin, iAfrikan, Inner Self Magazine, Inverse, Input, NextGov, Yakima Herald-Republic, Tech Xplore, The News & Advance, The Mandarin, The Free Lance-Star, North Platte Telegraph, The Statesville Record & Landmark, Hickory Daily Record, Grand Island Independent,*
- 2020 Op-Ed: Chenoweth, Erica, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, Jeremy Pressman, Felipe Santos and Jay Ulfelder. "The global pandemic has spawned new forms of activism – and they're flourishing." *The Guardian* (20 April).  
\* Reproduced in Spanish: "El confinamiento estimula la creatividad política: cien formas de protesta que no implican salir a la calle." *El Diario*, April 22.
- 2018 Essay: "In 2014, I Thought Technology Would Help Bring Freedom to Hungary. It Didn't Happen." *Slate*, December 4.

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- 2017 Essay: "Cruelty or Keeping it in the Family? What I learned from India's slaveholders." *The Guardian*, 28 April.
- 2017 Essay: "What Do Slaveholders Think?" *Aeon*, March 23.
- 2017 Essay: "Why I Chose to Research What Slaveholders Think." *Huffington Post*, March 7.
- 2017 Essay: "Struggle Over Aleppo's Story Takes to the Skies." *Al Jazeera*, February 22.
- 2016 Essay: "New study examines the rise of nonviolent drones." *Slate*, May 5.
- 2016 Research Report: **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, with Dana Chavarria, Elizabeth Cychosz, John Paul Dingens, Michael Duffey, Katherine Koebel, Sirisack Siriphanh, Merlynn Yurika Tulen, Heath Watanabe, Tautvydas Juskauskas, Lars Almquist, John Holland. "Up in the Air: A Global Estimate of non-Military Drone Usage: 2009-2015." The Good Drone Lab, Kroc School of Peace Studies and Center for Media, Data, and Society, Central European University ([link](#)).  
\* Downloaded nearly 7,000 times
- 2016 Book Review: Jessica Beyer, *Expect Us* (Oxford University Press, 2014), *Mobilization*.
- 2015 Editorial Statement: Dalla, Rochelle, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, Vijay Raghavan, Donna Sabella, and Celia Williamson. "Introductory Statements from the JHT Administrative Team." *Journal of Human Trafficking* Volume 1: Number 1. 1-5.
- 2014 Essay: "Drones Will Change the Way We Estimate Crowd Sizes, and That's a Big Deal." 1 December, Slate.com.
- 2014 Essay: "How the FAA's Drone Policy Will Effect the Rest of the World." 9 October, Slate.com.
- 2012 Research Report: Ginny Baumann, Monti Datta, Jody Sarich, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, and Jessica Leslie, "Follow Up Study of Slavery and Poverty In Kukrouthi village, St Ravidas Nagar District, Uttar Pradesh," unpublished report solicited by US State Department. Free the Slaves.
- 2012 Research Report: Ginny Baumann, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, Jessica Leslie, and Monti Datta, "Baseline Study of Slavery and Poverty In Birampur Village, Gautam Guddha Nagar District, Uttar Pradesh," unpublished report solicited by US State Department. Free the Slaves.
- 2011 Research Report: Ginny Baumann, **Austin Choi-Fitzpatrick**, Jessica Leslie, and Amanda Gould, "Baseline Study of Slavery and Poverty in Bahari village, Sant Ravidas Nagar District, Uttar Pradesh," unpublished solicited by US State Department. Free the Slaves.
- 2008 Advocacy Pamphlet: "Faith in Action." Resource materials for faith-based communities. Free the Slaves.
- 2006 Review Essay: "In Plain Sight? Human Trafficking and Research Challenges." Review essay in *Human Rights and Human Welfare*, vol 6. Denver: University of Denver.

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- 2006 Essay: "Free Indeed: The Modern Church's Opportunity to End Slavery, Again." *Prism*, 18-21.
- 2006 Research Synthesis: "The Challenge of Hidden Slavery: Legal Responses to Forced Labor in the United States," adaptation of UC Berkeley and Free the Slaves' report, in *Trafficking and the Global Sex Industry*, Karen Beeks, ed. Lanham, MD: Lexington Publishers.
- 2004 Advocacy Campaign: "WarSlavery.org" Media campaign to draw attention to taxpayer-sponsored trafficking and slavery during the American occupation of Iraq. Free the Slaves.
- 2004 Advocacy Pamphlet: "Slavery Still Exists." Editor, contributor, and project manager. Free the Slaves.
- 2005 Advocacy Pamphlet: "Know Your Rights and Resources." Project manager and author of human rights guide for undocumented migrants in San Diego County. Center for Social Advocacy and San Diego Youth and Community Services.
- 2004 Advocacy Pamphlet: "San Diego Human Trafficking Resource Manual." Contributing author. The Office of Refugee Resettlement. 2004.

**INVITED KEYNOTE TALKS AND MEDIA APPEARANCES**

- 2021            Television: "Canada Celebrates Emancipation Day." *Canadian Broadcasting Company* (Aug 2).
- 2021            Television: "The Science Behind Crowd Size Estimates Is Complicated by Politics and Privacy." *NBC Ix* (Jan 12).
- 2021            Television: "USD Professor on Capitol Hill Chaos." *Fox 5 News* (Jan 6).
- 2020            Television: "USD Sociology Professor's New Book Explores Intersection of Aerial Technology and Politics." *KUSI* (August 18).
- 2020            Television: "Protest in the Covid era", *BBC* (June 11).
- 2020            Keynote: "Building a Living Book." Peace Innovators, University of San Diego (Feb 27).
- 2019            Keynote: "How Can Cities Support Democracy?" CityLab, AtlanticLive, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Aspen Institute (Oct 28).
- 2019            Podcast: "Discussion of Massive Online Peer Review and Open Access Publishing", *New Books Network* (March 19). Interview with Felipe Santos "Most Listens" across NBN Platform, shortly after release.
- 2019            Panel: "The Good Drone." Delta 8.7 Conference at the United Nations (Feb 16), Revolve Creative Conference (Nov 9).
- 2019            Television: "Drones for Good", *NBC News* (March 24).
- 2019            Keynote: "What Slaveholders Think." University of Mississippi (Feb 25); University of San Diego (Feb 7).
- 2018            Book Tour: "What Slaveholders Think." University of Notre Dame (Feb 6); Yale University (Nov 6); Virginia Beach, VA (Nov 13).
- 2018            Keynote: "Why Drones Need our Better Angels." Peace Innovator Series, University of San Diego (Feb 24).
- 2017            Book Tour: "What Slaveholders Think." Busboys and Poets (Washington, DC), Tattered Cover (Denver), Warwick's (San Diego), Elliott Bay Books (Seattle). Kepler's (Menlo Park), University of Washington, Historians Against Slavery (Liverpool, UK), Freedom Forum (Stanford University), University of Denver.
- 2017            Radio: Lipkin, Michael. "San Diego Professor Questions 'What Slaveholders Think.'" Public radio interview, KPBS MidDay Edition, April 10.
- 2017            Interview: Berlatsky, Noah. 2017. "What Slaveholders Think." Featured in *Quartz*, March 21.
- 2016            Television: Fox News interview on death of Fidel Castro. *Fox News* (Nov 29).
- 2016            Keynote: "Good Drones: Technology and Social Change." Featured speaker in the Bridges Academy lecture series, University of San Diego.

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- 2016 Panelist: "Open Skies, Open Societies? Transparency and Accountability in the Age of the Drone." School of Public Policy, Central European University.
- 2016 Keynote: "Drones for Good: How Social Movements Use Disruptive Technology." Featured speaker at annual Rotary Meeting, University of San Diego.
- 2016 Panelist: "Do Drones fit into the Human Rights Advocate's Toolkit?" Invited panelist: *Honing the Visual: Evolving Practices in Human Rights Work*. Center for Global Communication Studies, Annenberg School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, January 28-29.
- 2015 Panelist: "Drones for Good." European Commission Joint Research Centre, *Drones at the Margins*. European Commission, Brussels, Belgium.
- 2015 Invited Talk: "Drones for Good? How Innovation Impacts Protest, Policing, and Public Policy." Carr Center for Human Rights, Harvard's Kennedy School.
- 2015 Invited Talk: "Drones for Good? How Innovation Impacts Protest, Policing, and Public Policy." MIT Media Lab.
- 2015 Radio: Interview with *eFM Primetime*, Seoul, South Korea, 2/24/15: <http://tbsenglish.com>
- 2014 Podcast: Video interview by *Greenville Online*, 12/16/14: [www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/12/16/brave-new-protester-technology-lower-costs-connect-activists-worldwide/20500433/](http://www.greenvilleonline.com/story/news/local/2014/12/16/brave-new-protester-technology-lower-costs-connect-activists-worldwide/20500433/)
- 2014 Panelist: "Drones for Good." Invited panelist: *Gaining a Digital Edge: Journalists, Watchdogs and Freedom of Expression*. New Media Network, Budapest.
- 2014 Panelist: "What's Wrong with Anti-Trafficking." Invited panelist: International Round Table on Preventing & Combating Labour Trafficking and Exploitation, convened under the auspices of the Austrian Federal Minister for Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, Federal Ministry for Social Affairs, Vienna (26 September 2014).
- 2008 Keynote: "Slavery, Agency, and Freedom: The need for sustainable emancipation strategies." *Stop Traffic Now*. University of Missouri.
- 2008 Keynote: "Ending Slavery: How we can end slavery in 25 years." Student Conference: *Stop Traffic Now*. University of Missouri.
- 2007 Invited Talk: Professional in Residence Lecture: "WarSlavery: A survey of efforts to end trafficking in war zones." Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver.

**RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS**

**International Grants and Awards**

2023	Black Rock City 2023 Honoraria Unfolding Humanity, steel	\$10,000
2015	DJI [World’s largest drone manufacturer] “Best Business use of Drones”	[\$5,000]
2015	HumTech 2015 - Best Technical Paper “Up in the Air: Applying the Jacobs Crowd Formula to Drone Imagery”	

**National Grants and Awards**

2023	Co-PI: “Unfolding Humanity – Honorarium,” Burning Man Org.	\$25,000
2020	Co-PI: “Park Social, an <i>Art Builds Collaboration</i> ,” City of San Diego. Funding to build public art, in order to engage communities, post-pandemic.	\$15,000
2019	Co-PI: “ <i>Art Builds: An Interdisciplinary Art Cooperative.</i> ” CoLab Collaborative Arts Award. With Gordon Hoople (USD-Engineering).	\$5,000
2019	Co-PI: “ <i>Art Builds: An Interdisciplinary Art Cooperative.</i> ” Faculty Interdisciplinary Startup (FIRSt) Grant, Humanities Center (USD). With Gordon Hoople (USD-Engineering)	\$7,000
2018	<i>Gordon Hirabayashi Human Rights Book Award (ASA) – Honorable Mention for What Slaveholders Think</i>	
2016-18	National Science Foundation RED sub-award for development of curriculum championing “Changemaking Education.” NSF EEC-1519453. With Gordon Hoople (USD-Engineering).	\$10,000
2011	National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant: “How Human Rights Interventions Affect Local Norms and Practices.” NSF SES-11311019.	\$7,400
2009	Joint-recipient - The Edward Shils – James Coleman Memorial Award for Best Student Paper, Honorable Mention – Theory Section, American Sociological Association “Causality in Contemporary American Sociology.”	

**University Awards**

2015-2019	Research Support Kroc School of Peace Studies, University of San Diego	\$50,000
2015	Seed Funding – Drone Lab. School of Public Policy, Central European University	\$1,500
2014	Seed Funding – Drone Lab. School of Public Policy, Central European University	\$1,500

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2011-2012	Kellogg Dissertation Year Fellowship. Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame	\$18,000
2011-2012	Dissertation Research Grant. Center for the Study of Social Movements, University of Notre Dame	\$18,000
2011-2012	Graduate School Travel Fund. Dissertation fieldwork, University of Notre Dame	\$4,200
2010	Young Scholar Award. Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change, University of Notre Dame	— —
2009	Graduate Research Seed Grant. Kellogg Institute, University of Notre Dame. Pre-dissertation fieldwork.	\$7,000
2008-2009	Fieldwork Grant. Office of the Dean, University of Notre Dame	\$4,000
2008-2009	Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame Pre-dissertation fieldwork.	\$2,000
2007-2008	Rodney F. Ganey Fellowship. Center for Social Concerns, University of Notre Dame. Development of undergraduate course on modern slavery and human trafficking.	\$2,500
2007-2008	Institute for the Study of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame Pre-dissertation fieldwork.	\$1,750
2008	Gender Studies Teaching Fellowship. University of Notre Dame Teaching assistantship for Professor Jackie Smith.	\$1,500
2008-2009	Student Research Grant. Higgins Labor Research Program, University of Notre Dame. "Windows on the Ninth World Social Forum in Belém."	\$200
2007-2008	Center for the Study of Social Movements and Social Change, University of Notre Dame. "Let my people go: Salvation Schemas and Evangelical Abolitionists, 1830 and 2010."	\$800
2007-2008	Institute for the Study of Liberal Arts, University of Notre Dame "Democracy and its Appearances: Staging and Scripting the Iron Law."	\$1,000
2007-2008	Center for the Study of Religion, University of Notre Dame in-kind Grant-matching support with the Institute for the Study of Liberal Arts.	
2007	Department of Sociology, University of Notre Dame "Let my people go: Salvation Schemas among Evangelical Abolitionists."	\$300
2003	Best Student Leadership, University of Denver	
2003	Patterson Award, University of Denver Full funding in support of research/service trip to Bosnia-Herzegovina.	\$3,500
2001	University Scholarship, University of Denver Competitively-administered partial tuition scholarship.	\$17,000

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- 2021 Co-convener, with Douglas Irvin-Erickson and Ernesto Verdeja, "Wicked Problems," PeaceCon, January 26.
- 2019 Convener and panelist, with Douglas Irvin-Erickson and Ernesto Verdeja (eds). *The Ethics of Action: Conflict Transformation, Peace, and Human Rights*, International Studies Association, Toronto.
- 2018 Paper: "Comparative Collective Memory After Rights Violations: Preliminary Results from a Recent Study." Mobilization Conference on Nonviolent Strategies, SDSU.
- 2017 Paper: "Engineering Empathy: A Multidisciplinary Approach Combining Engineering, Peace Studies, and New Technology" (Co-authored with Gordon Hoople). American Society for Engineering Education, Columbus, OH.
- 2017 Paper: "Protest Tech," Mobilization Conference on Nonviolent Strategies, SDSU.
- 2015 Paper: "Drones over Maidan: Technological Innovation, Social Movements and the State."  
Chair: "Unmanned Rights: Drone Use by Civil Society." Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.  
Chair and Discussant: "Traffickers and Slaveholders: Human Rights Violators in Comparative Perspectives." Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 2015 "Drones for Good."  
Budapest Drones Conference, 5-6 February 2015.  
<http://hunagi8.blogspot.hu/2015/02/budapest-drones-conference.html>  
Computers, Privacy and Data Protection Annual Conference, January 21-23, 2015.  
[www.cpdpconferences.org/Resources/CPDP2015\\_PROGRAMME.pdf](http://www.cpdpconferences.org/Resources/CPDP2015_PROGRAMME.pdf)
- 2014 "Cultural Disincentives for Conservative Mobilization: Paternalism and the Decline of Bonded Labor in Rural India." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association. Toronto, Canada and at American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York.
- 2013 "Cultural Disincentives for Conservative Mobilization: Paternalism and the Decline of Bonded Labor in Rural India." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2013 "Contemporary Slaveholders and Human Rights Interventions in India." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.
- 2010 "Grassroots Mobilization and Contemporary Abolition: The emergence and consequences of collective action under conditions of extreme exploitation." Paper presented as Young Scholar Award Recipient at University of Notre Dame.



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- 2009 "Let my people go: Salvation Schemas among Evangelical Abolitionists, 1830 and 2010." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 "Sustainable Emancipation Strategies in the Struggle to End Slavery." Presented to the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Boston, MA.
- 2008 "Setting the Captives Free: The Impact of Religious Worldview on Approaches to Modern Slavery." Paper presented with Jennifer Kang and Ryan Lincoln at the Annual meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Louisville, KY.
- 2008 "Human Rights in an Age of Terror: The 'Hollowing Out' of the US' International Human Trafficking Agenda." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Global Studies Association, New York, NY.
- 2008 "Democracy as Ideology: Voice Management in Social Movement Organizations." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the Global Studies Association, New York, NY.
- 2008 "Mixed Messages: Human Trafficking and the Politics of Terror." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2008 "Rhetoric in Action: Democracy Management in Social Movement Groups." Paper presented at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference, Chicago, IL.
- 2007 Privatization, People and Profit: An analysis of efforts to curb military-sponsored sexual and labor exploitation in the Balkans and Iraq." Paper presented at the Annual meeting of the International Studies Association, Chicago IL.
- 2007 "Human Trafficking and Iraq: What's the Deal?" Conference on 'Globalization, Migration and Human Trafficking.' Women's Resource Center. California State University – Northridge.
- 2007 "Human Rights in Global Perspective." Invited panelist. San Diego State University. San Diego, CA.
- 2006 "Spoils of War: Slavery and Conflict in the Global Economy." International Conference on Violence and Trauma, Alliant University, San Diego, CA.
- 2005 "Beyond Sex: Linking Human Trafficking Outreach to Human Rights." Freedom Network Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2005 "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the Global Economy." Panelist, Social Justice Summit, California State University – Fullerton, CA.
- 2005 "Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the Global Economy." Panelist, Human Trafficking Forum, Golden West College. Huntington Beach, CA.
- 2005 "Perspectives from the Field: Trafficking Research Challenges." Panelist, Freedom Network Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2005 "Increasing Human Rights Awareness in Vulnerable Communities." Panelist, Immigration Reform Conference, San Diego, CA.

## TEACHING

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### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Social Movements*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2022-2024)  
*Portfolio*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2022-2024)  
*Social Innovation Practicum (San Diego)*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2021)  
*Foundations: Peace, Justice, and Social Change*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2020-2024)  
*Protest and Revolution Discussion Group*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2020)  
*Slavery and Freedom Discussion Group*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2019)  
*Rwanda: Social Innovation Practicum*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2017-2020, 2022-2024)  
*Engineering Peace*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2017, 2018)  
*Social Innovation*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2017-2020, 2022-2023)  
*Introduction to Peace Studies*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2016-2018)  
*Research Methods and Design*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2016)  
*Technology and Social Change*, Kroc School, University of San Diego (2015)  
*Power and Politics*, School of Public Policy, Central European University (2015)  
*Social Movements and Media Advocacy*, School of Public Policy, Central European Univ. (2015)  
*Human Rights Advocacy*, School of Public Policy, Central European University (2014)  
*Social Movements & Social Change*, School of Public Policy, Central European University (2014)  
*Contemporary Slavery & Abolition*, School of Public Policy, Central European University (2014)  
*The Evolution of Governance*, School of Public Policy, Central European University (2013, 2014)  
*How to Survive Graduate School*, School of Public Policy, Central European University (2013)  
*Social Movements and Globalization*, Sociology Department, University of Notre Dame (2008)  
*The Politics of Globalization*, Political Science Department, San Diego State University (2006)

### GUEST LECTURES

2005-present Details upon request.

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2013-Present Deputy Editor, *Journal of Human Trafficking*  
2012-Present Editorial Board, *Journal of Human Trafficking, Forced Labor, and Slavery*  
2011-2012 Fellow, Kellogg Institute for International Studies, University of Notre Dame  
2009-2020 Deputy Editor, *Mobilization*, Notre Dame and San Diego State University  
2007-2013 Assistant Director, Center for the Study of Social Movements & Social Change  
Fall 2010 Visiting Scholar, *Department of Sociology*, San Diego State University  
2007-2009 Rodney F. Ganey Fellow, Center for Social Concern, University of Notre Dame  
2003-2009 National Outreach Coordinator, Free the Slaves, Washington, DC  
2007-2008 Assistant Editor, *Mobilization*, Notre Dame and San Diego State University  
2007-2008 Professional in Residence, Graduate School of International Studies, University of Denver

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2018-Present Lauren Eglen, Pre-Doctoral Researcher, Rights Lab, Nottingham  
2018-Present Genesis R. Bojorquez, PhD Student, School of Nursing, USD  
2018-2020 Luke Collins (PhD), Post-Doctoral Researcher, Rights Lab, Nottingham  
2018-2019 Aliz Nagyvaradi, Graduate Researcher, Kroc School, USD  
2017-2019 Alexandra Eaton, MA Candidate, Anthropology, American University  
2017-2019 Corin Thornburg, Graduate Researcher, Kroc School, USD  
2017-2018 Beth Reddy (PhD), Post-Doctoral Researcher with NSF-RED Grant. USD  
2017-2018 Breanne Przestrzelski (PhD), Post-Doctoral Researcher with NSF-RED Grant. USD  
2015-2000 Felipe Santos, PhD Candidate in the Doctoral School of Political Science,  
Public Policy, and International Relations. CEU  
2013-2018 Caitlin Wyndham, PhD Candidate in the Doctoral School of Political Science,  
Public Policy, and International Relations. CEU  
2012-2017 Contributing Editor, *Mobilizing Ideas*  
2016 Elizabeth Cychosz, Graduate Researcher, Kroc School, USD  
2016-2017 Charlotte Vitak, BA, USD  
2013-2014 Bastian Becker, PhD Candidate in the Doctoral School of Political Science,  
Public Policy, and International Relations. CEU  
2014-2016 Student team consulting for the US Embassy, Hungary  
2014-2015 Tautvydas Juskauskas, MA Candidate in the School of Public Policy. CEU  
2014-2015 Eszter Kajtar, MA Candidate in the School of Public Policy. CEU  
2013-2015 Student team consulting for the NGO *Freedom Now*  
2013-2015 Student team consulting for the NGO *Institution for Integrated Transitions*

### DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2022-present **Member, Strategic Planning Committee** (USD)  
2022-2023 Member, President's Advisory Council for Strategic Planning (USD)  
2023-2023 Tenure Appeal Committee (USD)  
2022-present IRB Committee (USD)  
2021, 2022 **Chair, Faculty Search Committee** (USD, Kroc)  
2023-present **Director, MA Social Innovation Program** (USD, Kroc)  
2016-present Admissions Committee (USD, Kroc)  
2018-2023 MA Social Innovation, Faculty Committee (USD, Kroc)  
2015-2022 University Senate (USD)  
2020-2022 **Co-Chair, Joint Provost Senate Taskforce on Engaged Scholarship** (USD)  
2020-2021 Human Rights & Advocacy Program Working Group (USD)  
2016-2022 University Senate Executive Committee (USD)  
2016-2018 Faculty Search Committee Member (USD, Kroc)  
2018-2019 Sexual Misconduct and Gender Equality Committee (USD)  
2017-2020 Advisor, Peacebuilding and Social Innovation Minor (USD)  
2016-2018 Drone Policy Committee (USD)  
2016-2018 Changemaker Champion (USD, Kroc)  
2016-2017 Border Program Committee (USD, Kroc)  
2015-2017 Curriculum Committee (USD, Kroc)

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2016-2016	Website Committee (USD, Kroc)
2016-2016	Admissions Committee, Part-time Program (USD, Kroc)
2015-2015	Gender Studies Hiring Committee (CEU)
2014-2015	Member, Academic Council (CEU)
2015-2015	Chair, Tenure and Promotion Subcommittee (CEU)
2014-2015	Member, SPP Curriculum Committee (CEU)
2014-2015	Representative, SPP Campus Redevelopment Committee (CEU)
2013-2015	Member, SPP Annual Conference Committee (CEU)
2013-2015	Chair, SPP Lecture Series Committee (CEU)
2013-2015	Member, Student Recruitment Committee (CEU)
2013-2015	External Reviewer for Ethical Research Committee (CEU)
2013-2014	Public Administration Hiring Committee (CEU)
2007-2013	Assistant Director, Center for Study of Social Movements & Social Change (ND)
2002-2003	President: Student Government (Korbel School, DU)
2002-2003	Student Representative: Committee for the Academic Core, Unifying Theme and External Relations and Images (Korbel School, DU)
2002-2003	Editor: School newsletter (Korbel School, DU)

### COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER SERVICE

2017	Co-organizer, Nonviolent Social Movements conference (San Diego, CA)
2007-2008	Founding Member: Michiana Social Forum (South Bend, IN)
2004-2006	Board of Directors: Center for Social Advocacy (San Diego, CA)
2005-2006	Chair: Public Relations Committee, Center for Social Advocacy
2005-2006	Founding Member: Steering Committee, ACTION Network (San Diego, CA)
2002	Intern: Mine Action Centre (MAC) Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
2000-2001	Field Representative: International Justice Mission, Chennai and Mumbai, India
1999-2000	Volunteer: Bridge International / Hope for Albania (Holland, Albania, Kosovo).

### JOURNAL REFEREE

*American Journal of Sociology*  
*American Sociological Review*  
*Contemporary Sociology*  
*Qualitative Sociology*  
*Sociological Inquiry*  
*Social Problems*  
*Social Forces*  
*Antipode*

*Mobilization*  
*Human Rights Review*  
*Societies without Borders*  
*Journal of Conflict Resolution*  
*Journal of Human Trafficking*  
*International Political Sociology*  
*Journal of Asian and African Studies*

**BOOK REFEREE**

*Cambridge University Press*  
*Oxford University Press*  
*MIT Press*

*Rowman and Littlefield*  
*Routledge*  
*Columbia University Press*

**EXTERNAL REVIEWER**

External factsheet reviewer for - Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS) Social  
Action Committee's *Sex Trafficking Factsheet*

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

*American Sociological Association*  
*International Studies Association*

**REFERENCES – Available Upon Request**

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