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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2009.
(Minor: Philosophy.)

Dissertation title: *Low-Wage Work and Mobility Policies in the United States: A Structuralist-Regulationist Analysis.*

Dissertation committee: Erik O. Wright (Chair), Joel Rogers, Ted Gerber, Ivan Ermakoff, Markus Gangl, and Daniel Hausman

Ph.D. Program in Philosophy of Science, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico, 1996-1999.

M.A. Sociosemiotics, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1996.

Thesis title: *Structure, Agents and Discourses. A Study of Newsmaking and the Definition of Reality in Television News* [Spanish title: Estructura, Agentes y Discursos. Un Estudio sobre la Producción de Noticias y la Definición de la Realidad en los Informativos Televisivos], 311 pp.

B.A. Economics, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1994.

B.A. Social Communication, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1989.

MAIN SPECIALIZATIONS

- Social Inequality, Social Stratification, Intra- and Inter-generational Mobility
- Sociology of Labor Markets, Economic Sociology, Political Economy, Class Analysis
- Quantitative Methods, Methodology

HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

Selection of project “A Protocol for Classifying the Taxpayer's Occupation” for the 2014 Joint Statistical Research Program of the Statistics of Income Division of the Internal Revenue Service. 2015. (Principal Investigators: David Grusky, Michael Hout, David Johnson, Michelle Jackson, Jonathan Fisher, and Pablo Mitnik.)

Grant for the project “Measuring Intergenerational Economic Mobility with Tax-Return Data: Towards an IRS Platform” (\$176,737), The Pew Charitable Trusts and Russell Sage Foundation, 2012. (Principal Investigators: Pablo Mitnik and David Grusky.)

Selection of project “New Estimates of Intergenerational Income Mobility Using Administrative Tax Data” for the 2012 Joint Statistical Research Program of the Statistics of Income Division of the Internal Revenue Service. 2012. (Principal Investigators: Pablo Mitnik and David Grusky.)

Grant for the project “Monitoring the Great Recession” (\$226,223), Russell Sage Foundation, 2011. (Principal Investigators: David B. Grusky and Pablo Mitnik.)

Proposal development grant (\$8,151), Russell Sage Foundation, 2011. (Principal Investigators: David Grusky and Pablo Mitnik.)

Winner of the Third Special Competition of the NSF-supported organization Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (TESS), for the survey experiment “Public Attitudes towards a Supplementary Income Program for Low-Wage Workers: A Study of the Effects of Framing, Distributive Justice Criteria, and Material Interests,” 2005.

Ph.D. preliminary examination in Economic Sociology passed with distinction, University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology, 2005.

Grant from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology Small Grants Award Committee, to pre-test a survey experiment questionnaire, 2004.

Global Studies Program Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001-2002 and 2004.

Graduate School Enhanced Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 1999-2000.

Ph.D. Fellowship (supplement), National Autonomous University of Mexico, 1997-1999.

Ph. D. Fellowship, Government of Mexico MUTIS program, 1996-1999.

Master's thesis in Sociosemiotics approved with honors and recommended for publication, National University of Cordoba, 1996.

Research fellowship, Cordoba State Scientific and Technological Research Council, Argentina, 1990-1994.

Research fellowship, National Scientific and Technical Research Council, Argentina, 1989-1990.

University Prize to students with highest grade point averages in each discipline (Social Communication), National University of Cordoba, 1989.

PUBLICATIONS

- Mitnik, Pablo, Erin Cumberworth and David Grusky. 2016. "Social Mobility in a High Inequality Regime," *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 663(1):140-184
- Mitnik, Pablo and David Grusky. 2015. *Economic Mobility in the United States*. New York: The Pew Charitable Trusts and the Russell Sage Foundation.
- Mitnik, Pablo, Victoria Bryant, Michael Weber, and David Grusky. 2015. *New Estimates of Intergenerational Economic Mobility Using Administrative Data*. SOI Working Papers. Washington D.C.: Statistics of Income Division, Internal Revenue Service.
- Mitnik, Pablo. 2013. "New Properties of the Kumaraswamy Distribution," *Communications and Statistics – Theory and Methods* 42(5):741-755.
- Mitnik, Pablo and Sunyoung Baek. 2013. "The Kumaraswamy Distribution: Median-Dispersion Re-parameterizations for Regression Modeling and Simulation-Based Estimation," *Statistical Papers* 54(1):177-192.
- Mitnik, Pablo and Jessica Halpern-Finnerty. 2010. "Immigration and Local Governments: Inclusionary Local Policies in the Era of State Rescaling," in Monica Varsanyi (Ed.): *Taking Local Control: Immigration Policy Activism in the U.S. Cities and States*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2010.
- Mitnik, Pablo. 2009. "Low-Wage Work in the United States: Basic Facts, Welfare Consequences, and Intra-generational Upward Mobility." Stanford Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality Working Paper.
- Mitnik, Pablo, Jessica Halpern-Finnerty and Mathew Vidal. 2008. "Cities and Immigration: Local Policies for Immigrant-Friendly Cities," Madison, WI, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Mitnik, Pablo. 2007. "Cities and Jobs: Local Strategies for Improving Job Quality and Access," Madison, WI, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Mitnik, Pablo and Matthew Zeidenberg. 2007. "From Bad to Good Jobs? An Analysis of the Prospects for Career Ladders in the Service Industries," Madison, WI, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- Mitnik, Pablo. 2002. Review of *Forms of Power*, by Gianfranco Poggi (Cambridge: Polity Press, 2001), *Acta Sociologica* 45(4):332-335.
- Mitnik, Pablo. 1999. "Teorías, métodos y valores. Algunos problemas y limitaciones en el naturalismo normativo de Laudan" ["Theories, Methods and Values. Some Problems and Limitations in Laudan's Normative Naturalism"], in Ambrosio Velasco Gómez (ed.): *Progreso, Pluralismo y Racionalidad. Homenaje a Larry Laudan*. México, UNAM.

Mitnik, Pablo. 1997. "Relativismo y culturas populares: tres (anti)tesis epistemológicas" [Relativism and popular cultures: Three epistemological (anti)theses], in *Estudios sobre las Culturas Contemporáneas*, Ep. II 3(5):151-167.

PRESENTATIONS AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2016. "The Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Rank in the United States," Berkeley-Stanford Annual Conference on Inequality, Stanford, April 15, 2016. Coauthor: David Grusky.

2015. "The Transmission of Economic Advantage Across Generations: U.S. Trends After the Great U-Turn," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 22, 2015.

2015. "New Estimates of Economic Mobility in the U.S. Using Administrative Data," Conference on Social Mobility in the Americas organized by the Espinosa Yglesias Research Centre and the Stanford Center on Poverty and Inequality, Stanford, April 24, 2015. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2015. "New Estimates of Intergenerational Income Mobility Using Administrative Data," Federal Reserve System Community Development Research Conference on Economic Mobility, April 2, 2015. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2014. "Social Mobility in a High Inequality Regime," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 19, 2014. Coauthors: David Grusky and Erin Cumberborth.

2014. "New Estimates of Intergenerational Income Mobility Using Administrative Data," Conference in Social Mobility organized by the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group, Chicago, November 4, 2014. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2014. "Is There Much Economic Mobility in the United States? New Answers from a New Administrative Source," Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 19, 2014. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, Yujia Liu, and Michael Weber.

2014. "New Estimates of Intergenerational Economic Mobility Using Tax-Return Data," 44th Annual Spring Symposium of the National Tax Association, Washington D.C., May 15, 2014. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2014. "New Estimates of Intergenerational Economic Mobility Using Administrative Records," Public Economics meeting of the National Bureau of Economic Research, April 10, 2014. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2014. "New Estimates of Intergenerational Income Elasticities Using Administrative Records," Office of Tax Analysis of the Department of the Treasury, March 14, 2014. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2013. “New Estimates of Intergenerational Mobility Using Tax-Return Data,” 106th Annual Conference on Taxation of the National Tax Association, Tampa, November 22, 2013. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber.

2011. “Estimating Intergenerational Economic Mobility using a Panel of Tax Returns,” National Tax Association Conference, New Orleans, November 17, 2011. Coauthors: Victoria Bryant, David Grusky and Michael Weber.

2011. “The Incidence of Low-Wage Work in the United States, 1949-2007: A Structuralist-Regulationist Analysis.” Section on Economic Sociology Paper Session “Inequality and the Crisis of American Capitalism,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, August 2011.

2011. “Social Mobility in a High-inequality Regime.” Conference “Living in a High-Inequality Regime: Papers inspired by the work of Robert M. and Taissa S. Hauser,” University of Wisconsin-Madison, May 2011. Coauthors: Erin Cumberworth and David Grusky.

2010. “The Incidence of Low-Wage Jobs in the United States, 1949-2007: A Structuralist-Regulationist Analysis.” Conference “Poverty and Inequality in the 21st Century,” organized by the Center for the Study of Social Stratification and Inequality, Tohoku University, and the Center for the Study of Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University; Palo Alto, California, July 2010.

2010. “The Incidence of Low-Wage Jobs in the United States, 1949-2007: A Structuralist-Regulationist Analysis.” Spring meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association, Haifa, Israel, May 2010.

2008. “Structuralism and the Matching of People and Jobs.” Summer meeting of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility of the International Sociological Association, Palo Alto, California, August 2008.

2008. “Cities and Immigration: Local Policies for Immigrant-Friendly Cities.” State & Local Immigration Policy Workshop, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego, May 2008. Coauthor: Jessie Halpern-Finnerty.

2002. “Can Career Ladders Really Be a Way Out of Dead-End Jobs?” Annual Research Conference of the Association of Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM), Dallas, Texas, November 2002. Coauthors: Laura Dresser and Matthew Zeidenberg.

WORK IN PROGRESS

“The Intergenerational Transmission of Economic Rank in the United States” (with David Grusky).

“The Intergenerational Elasticity of What? A Call for Redefining the Workhorse Measure of Economic Mobility” (with David Grusky)

“A Very Uneven Playing Field: New Benchmark Estimates of Economic Mobility Based on Administrative Data” (with Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber)

“One Half, not One Third: Accounting for Conflicting Tax-Data Estimates of the Persistence of Economic Advantage Across Generations” (with Victoria Bryant, David Grusky, and Michael Weber)

“Selection Bias and the Underestimation of Intergenerational Economic Persistence” (with David Grusky)

“Gender Inequality, Assortative Mating, and the Transmission of Economic Advantage Across Generations” (with David Grusky)

“New Mobility Policies, Intragenerational Mobility and Distributive Justice.”

“Measuring Social Class Trends with Changing Occupational Classifications: Reliability, Competing Measurement Strategies and the 1970-1980 U.S. Classification Divide” (with Erin Cumberworth).

“Unemployment, Keynesian Scarcity and the Matching of People and Jobs in the United States, 1923-2013.”

“The Incidence of Low-Wage Jobs in the United States, 1949-2007: A Structuralist-Regulationist Analysis.”

“Low-Wage Work after the Crisis of Fordism: A State-Level Structuralist-Regulationist Analysis”

“Structuralism, Statistical Modeling, and the Matching of People and Jobs.”

“Labor-Market Queuing in the United States, 1979-2009: A Two-Sided Model.”

“What Do Human-Capital Policies Do?”

“Low-Wage Work and Intra-generational Mobility.”

“K-Regression. A Median-Dispersion Model for Double Bounded Variables.”

“Material Interests and Framing Effects. A Survey Experiment.”

ACADEMIC TRANSLATIONS

Spanish translation of: Mayo, Deborah. “Making Progress with Laudan’s Problems: 1987-1997.” Published as “Progresando con los problemas de Laudan: 1977-1997,” in Ambrosio Velasco Gómez (ed.). *Progreso, Pluralismo y Racionalidad. Homenaje a Larry Laudan*. Mexico, UNAM, 1999.

Spanish translation of: Mouffe, Chantal. “On the Articulation between Liberalism and Democracy.” Published as “En torno a la articulación entre liberalismo y democracia,” in Rosa Nidia Buenfil (ed.). *Debates Políticos Contemporáneos. En los Márgenes de la Modernidad*. Mexico, Plaza y Valdez, 1998.

CURRENT POSITION

Research Associate, Center on Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University, May 2012 – present.

RESEARCH POSITIONS HELD

Postdoctoral Scholar, Center on Poverty and Inequality, Stanford University, November 2009-April 2012.

Research Assistant, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2001-2008.

Researcher of the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1991-1994.

TEACHING POSITIONS HELD

Teaching Assistant of the undergraduate course “Contemporary American Society,” Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2000.

Lecturer [best translation of “Maestro de Asignatura”] of the undergraduate course “Philosophy of Science,” in the Program of High Academic Performance, Faculty of Psychology, National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico, 1998.

Lecturer [best translation of “Maestro de Asignatura”] of the undergraduate course “Social Policy and Mass Communication,” School of Communications, Latin American University, Mexico, 1995.

Assistant Professor [best translation of “Profesor Adjunto”], School of Media, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1994.

Teaching Assistant [best translation of “Jefe de Trabajos Prácticos”] of the undergraduate course “Philosophy of Science,” School of Media, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1991-1992.

Teaching Assistant [best translation of “Jefe de Trabajos Prácticos”] of the undergraduate course “Sociology of Mass Media,” School of Media, National University of Cordoba, Argentina, 1989-1990.

CONSULTING

Consultant by contract to the Education Research Department, Center of Advanced Research and Studies (CINVESTAV), Polytechnic National Institute, Mexico, in the area of education and migratory processes in rural areas of Mexico 1996.

Consultant by contract to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), Mexico office, in the areas of rural development and communication for development, 1995-1996.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member of the American Sociological Association.

Member of the Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification and Mobility (RC28) of the International Sociological Association.

Member of the Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Working Group, Research Network on Inequality: Measurement, Interpretation and Policy.

Reviewer for Social Forces, Sociological Focus, and for Time-sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences (survey experiment proposals).

REFERENCES

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