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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS AND AFFILIATIONS

University of Wisconsin-Madison	2025—	Assistant Professor; Department of Sociology
	2025—	Faculty Affiliate; Center for Demography and Ecology
	2025—	Faculty Affiliate; Center for Law, Society, and Justice
	2025—	Faculty Affiliate; Robert F. and Jean E. Holtz Center for Science & Technology Studies
	2025—	Faculty Affiliate; Institute for Research on Poverty
	2025—	Faculty Affiliate; Research, Innovation and Scholarly Excellence Initiative on Artificial Intelligence (RISE AI)
National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN)	2024—	Senior Research Associate
	2023—2024	Research Associate
Duke University	2025—	Research Affiliate; Department of Sociology
	2022—2025	Postdoctoral Fellow; Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

University of California at Berkeley	2022	Ph.D. (Sociology) <i>Dissertation committee:</i> Mara Loveman, Marion Fourcade, Christopher Muller, Dennis Feehan
	2016	M.A. (Sociology)
London School of Economics and Political Science	2013	M.Sc. (Human Rights Studies)
Harvard University	2010	B.A. (History; minor in Political Theory)

BOOK

2025	Eiermann, Martin. <i>The Limiting Principle: How Privacy Became a Public Issue</i> . New York: Columbia University Press.
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ARTICLES (for co-authored articles: * denotes equal co-authorship; + denotes corresponding author)

2026	Eiermann, Martin+, Maria Fitzpatrick, Katharine Sadowski, and Christopher Wildeman. "How Do (Human) Child Welfare Workers Respond to Machine-Generated Risk Scores?" <i>Sociological Science</i> 13: 1-21.
2025	Eiermann, Martin, Christopher Wildeman, Mikkeline Munk Nielsen, and Peter Fallesen+. "Out-of-home-care rates among indigenous and non-indigenous children in countries with histories of settler colonialism." <i>Child Maltreatment</i> 0 (0): 1-11.

- Eiermann, Martin⁺, Garrett Baker, and Christopher Wildeman. "Discordant Patterns and Adulthood Consequences of Childhood Maltreatment and Foster Care Placement." *Social Forces*: soaf077.
- Eiermann, Martin⁺, and Sarah Sernaker. "The Impact of Data Suppression on Re-Identification Risk and Data Access in the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System." *Child Maltreatment* 31 (1): 3-8.
- Eiermann, Martin. "The Impact of Data Suppression Rules on Data Access and Re-Identification Risk in Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System Annual Files." *Child Maltreatment* 30 (3): 512-524.
- 2024 Eiermann, Martin. "Algorithmic Risk Scoring and Welfare State Contact Among US Children." *Sociological Science* 11: 707-742.
- Eiermann, Martin. "The Process of Legal Institutionalization: How Privacy Jurisprudence Turned towards the US Constitution and the American State." *Law & Social Inquiry* 49 (1): 537-568.
- 2022 Eiermann, Martin⁺, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field^{*}, James J. Feigenbaum, Jonas Helgertz, Elaine Hernandez, and Courtney E. Boen. "Racial Disparities in Mortality During the 1918 Pandemic in U.S. Cities." *Demography* 59 (5): 1953–1979.
- Winner, 2023 Best Article Award, ASA Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society
- 2018 Eiermann, Martin. "A Topology of Privacy." *European Journal of Sociology* 59 (3): 435–441.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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- "Cumulative Incidence of Child Protection Service Contact Among Indigenous and Nonindigenous Children" (Revise and resubmit, with Alexander Roehrkasse, Brielle Bryan, and Peter Fallesen)
- "Health of Adults Exposed to Maltreatment During Childhood" (Revise and resubmit, with Christopher Wildeman, Garrett Baker, and Hedwig Lee)
- "Measures of welfare state contact among ethno-racial minorities can be highly sensitive to definitions of group membership" (Under review)

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- "Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Re-assessing Algorithms in Public Administration." (Manuscript in preparation)
- "From probabilistic reasoning to narrative judgment: How do large reasoning models explore and communicate the limits of knowledge?" (Manuscript in preparation)
- "The Life Course Consequences of Childhood Adversity" (Manuscript in preparation, with Garrett Baker and Christopher Wildeman)
- "Ethnoracial Inequality in Cumulative Exposure to Child Protective Services" (Manuscript in preparation, with Alexander Roehrkasse)
- "Incarceration and Occupation Sorting in a Time of Labor Market Transformations" (Research in progress, with Robert Apel, Christopher Wildeman, Alexandra Gibbons)

“Differentiating the Cumulative Risk of Prison and Jail Incarceration in an Early Millennial Birth Cohort” (Research in progress, with Robert Apel, Christopher Wildeman, Alexandra Gibbons)

“Incapacitation vs Selection: The Impact of Jail and Prison Incarceration On Family Structures” (Research in progress, with Robert Apel, Christopher Wildeman, Alexandra Gibbons)

HONORS AND AWARDS

2023	Theda Skocpol Dissertation Award; ASA Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology
2023	Best Article Award; ASA Section on Evolution, Biology, and Society
2023	Best Graduate Student Paper Award; ASA Section on Morality and Social Solidarity
2018	Herbert Blumer Prize; U.C. Berkeley Department of Sociology
2017	Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, U.C. Berkeley
2017	Teaching Effectiveness Award, U.C. Berkeley
2015	Public Sociology Prize, U.C. Berkeley Department of Sociology
2010	Francis Burr Award (finalist), Harvard University
2010	Dudley House Dean’s Award, Harvard University

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025—2027	NIH grant R21HD118539: The Health Consequences of Childhood Maltreatment and Foster Care From Adolescence Into Mid-Life (with C. Wildeman and H. Lee)
2024-2025	Presidential Research Grant, Russell Sage Foundation (with C. Wildeman)
2024	Duke University Population Research Institute pilot grant (with C. Wildeman)
2023	Duke Social Science Research Institute developmental grant (with C. Wildeman)
2018—2019	Allan Sharlin Memorial Fellowship; U.C. Berkeley Institute of International Studies
2018—2019	U.C. Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship; Center for the Study of Law and Society
2017—2018	Lowenthal Fellowship; U.C. Berkeley Department of Sociology
2013—2015	Berkeley Graduate Fellowship, U.C. Berkeley
2009	Research Fellowship, Harvard University Center for European Studies

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED TALKS

2025	Center for Demography and Ecology, UW-Madison (methods workshop): “Web-Scraping and APIs for Demographic Research”
2025	1014: Space for Ideas <i>Let’s Talk Democracy</i> Speaker Series (invited talk): “Privacy Under Threat? Historical Context and Contemporary Challenges”
2024	Northwestern University Dept. of Sociology (invited talk): “Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Algorithmic Governance and Inequality in the Child Welfare System”
2024	University of Wisconsin-Madison Dept. of Sociology (invited talk): “Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Algorithmic Governance and Inequality in the Child Welfare System”
2024	Johns Hopkins University Dept. of Sociology (invited talk): “Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Algorithmic Governance and Inequality in the Child Welfare System”

- 2024 Notre Dame University Dept. of Sociology (invited talk): "Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Algorithmic Governance and Inequality in the Child Welfare System"
- 2024 U.C. Davis Dept. of Sociology (invited talk): "Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Algorithmic Governance and Inequality in the Child Welfare System"
- 2024 University of Georgia Dept. of Sociology (invited talk): "Technologies of the Governmental Frontier: Algorithmic Governance and Inequality in the Child Welfare System"
- 2024 Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (conference talk): "Algorithmic Risk Scoring and Welfare State Contact Among US Children"
- 2023 Duke/UNC Ninth Annual Demography Daze Workshop (invited talk): "Four Worlds of Foster Care Placement and Child Maltreatment"
- 2023 Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (conference talk): "Four Worlds of Foster Care Placement and Child Maltreatment"
- 2023 Population Association of America Annual Conference (conference talk): "Four Worlds of Foster Care Placement and Child Maltreatment"
- 2023 U.C. Berkeley Dept. of Demography Brown Bag Series (invited talk): "What Explains Low Black/White Disparities in Infectious Disease Mortality During the 1918 Pandemic?"
- 2022 U.C. Berkeley Computational Text Analysis Working Group (virtual talk): "Privacy Between the Civil War and the Great Depression: Word Meaning and Application in Historical Text"
- 2021 Berkeley Institute for Data Science; University of California Berkeley (invited talk): "Using Historical Newspaper Data to Study the Evolution of US Privacy Discourse"
- 2021 Centre for Research on Pandemics and Society; Oslo Metropolitan University (invited talk): "What Explains Low Black/White Disparities in Infectious Disease Mortality During the 1918 Pandemic?"
- 2021 Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (virtual talk): "Privacy as a State-Centric Right: Periods of Legal Institutionalization, 1890-1930"
- 2021 Population Association of America Annual Conference (virtual talk): "Racial Disparities During the 1918 Flu Pandemic in US Cities"
- 2021 Law and Society Association Annual Conference (virtual talk): "Privacy as a State-Centric Right: Periods of Legal Institutionalization, 1890-1930"
- 2020 Law and Society Association Annual Conference (virtual talk): "US Privacy Jurisprudence in the Wake of World War I and During the Prohibition Era"
- 2019 U.C. Berkeley Office of Resources for International and Area Studies (invited talk): "Varieties of Populism: Commonalities and Differences Across Countries"
- 2019 Social Science History Association Annual Conference (conference talk): "Privacy and Tenement Reform: The Progressive Era Politics of Urban Space in New York City"
- 2018 U.C. Berkeley Department of Sociology (invited discussant for M. Desmond): "Do the Poor Pay More for Housing?"
- 2017 New York University Neil Postman Graduate Conference (invited talk): "Mediated Populisms: Politics and Social Media Ecosystems"

2016	Georgia State University (invited talk): "Global Populisms: Origins, Practices, and Counter-Strategies"
2016	U.C. Berkeley Department of Demography (invited talk): "Social Networks and Social Movement Studies"
2015	U.C. Irvine: 10th Annual Graduate Student Conference (conference talk): "The Structures of Structurelessness: Transformation and Contestation Within a Decentralized Social Movement"
2015	Annual Conference of the American Sociological Association (round table): "The Structures of Structurelessness: Transformation and Contestation Within a Decentralized Social Movement"
2012	London School of Economics Summer School (invited talk): "Protest, Publishing, and Political Participation"

COURSES TAUGHT

Surveillance Cultures	This course investigates how people are tracked, analyzed, and governed through personal data. We analyze the historical origins, political motivations, legal bases, cultural norms, and social consequences of surveillance—from what it means to "see" like a state or market in the Information Age to how informational visibility shapes freedom, personal identity, and social inequality. We do this by combining empirical case studies with theoretical texts and by asking: What, if anything, is distinct about surveillance in (post-)modern and digitally native societies?
Methods of Sociological Inquiry	What does it mean to do research that is social- <i>scientific</i> ? This course introduces students to the epistemic logics and applied methodologies that underpin rigorous sociological research. You will learn about things like: designing research projects; collecting empirical data through qualitative and quantitative methods; evaluating the quality and (internal and external) validity of such data; reasoning from evidence; combining data with theory; and considering the ethical considerations of research that involves living, breathing human subjects.
Algorithms and Society	In the "ordinal society" of the twenty-first century, algorithmic tools that process behavioral, economic, or demographic data are widely used to compute credit scores, calculate recidivism risk, determine eligibility for welfare services, allocate police resources, curate news, personalize shopping recommendations and prices, or select matches on dating websites. Studying those tools sociologically can illuminate the intricate links between technological innovation and social organization.

COURSES TA'ED (AS GRADUATE TEACHING ASSISTANT)

Ethics and Engineering	upper-level course on the social impact and ethical implications of technology (graduate student instructor for Prof. Raluca Scarlat, 2021)
Social Theory	upper-level undergraduate course on sociological theory (graduate student instructor for Prof. Christopher Muller and Prof. Michael Burawoy; 2015, 2016, and 2017)
Economic Sociology	upper-level undergraduate course on the sociology of markets, financialization, and globalization (graduate student instructor for Prof. Neil Fligstein, 2016 and 2018)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Ad-hoc reviewer	<i>American Journal of Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, American Journal of Human Biology, PLOS Global Public Health, Child Maltreatment, SSM-Population Health, SSM-Mental Health, Sociological Forum, Berkeley Journal of Sociology</i>
Departmental committees	Professional Development & Job Search Committee (2025–2026)
Awards committees	ASA Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, Dissertation Award (2024) ASA Section on Altruism, Morality, and Social Solidarity, Outstanding Paper Award (2024) NDACAN Outstanding Paper Award (2025)
Editor	<i>Berkeley Journal of Sociology</i> (2014–2016)
Dataset maintenance	National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (2025–)
Workshop convener	Workshop on the Study of the State; U.C. Berkeley Dept. of Sociology (2016-2017)
Referee and discussant	Undergraduate Research Symposium; U.C. Berkeley Dept. of Sociology (2016–2018)
Alumni interviewer	Harvard University Office of Undergraduate Admissions (2011–2015, 2025–)

NON-ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Institute for Global Change (London, UK)	2019	Policy Fellow
The European Magazine (Berlin, GER)	2011–2015 2010–2011 2010	Editor-at-Large Managing Editor Editor

NON-ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

2017	Eiermann, Martin, Yascha Mounk, and Limor Gultchin. <i>European populism: Trends, threats and future prospects</i> . London, UK: Institute for Global Change.
2016	Eiermann, Martin. "How Donald Trump Fits Into the History of American Populism." <i>New Perspectives Quarterly</i> 33 (2): 29-34.
2013	Eiermann, Martin. <i>An Illustrated History of the European Union</i> . Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
2012	Eiermann, Martin, and Steven Maclean. "Indymedia and Collective Action." Pp. 214-222 in: <i>From Cairo to Wall Street: Voices from the Global Spring</i> , edited by Anya Schiffrin. New York City: The New Press. Eiermann, Martin. <i>Wachstum ohne Ende: Themenblätter im Unterricht Nr. 92</i> . Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
2011	Eiermann, Martin. <i>Sprache und Politik: Themenblätter im Unterricht Nr. 91</i> . Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.
2008	Eiermann, Martin. <i>Klimagerechtigkeit: Themenblätter im Unterricht Nr. 73</i> . Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung.

Eiermann, Martin. *US-Präsidentschaftswahl 2008: Themenblätter im Unterricht Nr. 70*. Bonn: Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung,

Essays, interviews, and op-eds: *The Wall Street Journal*, *The BBC*, *Foreign Policy*, *Foreign Affairs*, *The New Statesman*, *Open Democracy*, *Persuasion*, *The Huffington Post*, *The Conversation*, *The European*, *Der Standard*, and others.

ATHLETICS

2010	U.S. Rowing Collegiate National Championships, 2nd place (Harvard University, LM8+) Team captain, Harvard University lightweight rowing
2009	Rowing World Championships, 6th place (German national team, LM8+) U.S. Rowing Collegiate National Championships, 3rd place (Harvard University, LM8+)
2006	German National Championships, 2nd place (Mainzer Ruderverein, LM4x)
2005	German Club National Championships, 1st place (Mainzer Ruderverein, LM4x) German Youth National Championships, 1st place (Mainzer Ruderverein, LM2x) German Youth National Championships, 2nd place (Mainzer Ruderverein, LM4x)