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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 2014- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Utah
- 2014- Senior Research Associate, Center for Social Change, University of Johannesburg
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Center for Social Change, University of Johannesburg

EDUCATION

- 2013 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California-Berkeley.
- 2004 M.A., Sociology, University of California-Berkeley.
- 2000 B.A., Sociology and Math, Wesleyan University. Honors in Sociology.

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Labor and labor movements, political sociology, development, protest and social movements, race, migration, urban sociology, social theory, South Africa.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Paret, Marcel, Carin Runciman, and Luke Sinwell (eds). 2017. *Southern Resistance in Critical Perspective: The Politics of Protest in South Africa's Contentious Democracy*. New York: Routledge, The Mobilization Series on Social Movements, Protest, and Culture.

Paret, Marcel, and Shannon Gleeson (eds). 2017. *Building Citizenship From Below: Precarity, Migration, and Agency*. New York: Routledge.

Journal articles

Paret, Marcel. Forthcoming. "The Community Strike: From Precarity to Militant Organizing." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*.

Paret, Marcel. Forthcoming. "Building Labor Solidarity in Precarious Times: The Danger of Union Paternalism." *Labor Studies Journal*.

Paret, Marcel. 2018. "Critical Nostalgias in Democratic South Africa." *The Sociological Quarterly* 59(4): 678-696.

Paret, Marcel. 2018. "Beyond Post-Apartheid Politics? Cleavages, Protest, and Elections in South Africa." *Journal of Modern African Studies* 56(3): 471-496.

Paret, Marcel. 2018. "Citizenship and Work in Global Capitalism: From Domination to Aspiration." *Sociology Compass* 12(8): 1-13.

Paret, Marcel. 2018. "The Politics of Local Resistance in Urban South Africa: Evidence from Three Informal Settlements." *International Sociology* 33(3): 337-356.

Paret, Marcel. 2018. "Migration Politics: Mobilizing Against Economic Insecurity in the United States and South Africa." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 59(1): 3-24.

Paret, Marcel. 2017. "Working Class Fragmentation, Party Politics, and the Complexities of Solidarity in South Africa's United Front." *The Sociological Review* 65(2): 267-284.

Paret, Marcel. 2017. "South Africa's Divided Working-Class Movements." *Current History* 116(790): 176-182.

Reprinted as: Paret, Marcel. 2017. "South Africa's Divided Working-Class Movements," Pp. 46-52 in *Labor Shifts: A Current History Anthology*, edited by Joshua Lustig. Philadelphia: Current History.

Paret, Marcel, and Carin Runciman. 2016. "The 2009+ South African Protest Wave." *Journal of Labor and Society* 19(3): 301-319.

Paret, Marcel. 2016. "Contested ANC Hegemony in the Urban Townships: Evidence from the 2014 South African Election." *African Affairs* 115(460): 419-442.

- Paret, Marcel. 2016. "Towards a Precarity Agenda." *Global Labor Journal* 7(2): 111-122.
- Paret, Marcel. 2016. "Politics of Solidarity and Agency in an Age of Precarity." *Global Labor Journal* 7(2): 174-188.
- Paret, Marcel. 2016. "Precarious Class Formations in the United States and South Africa." *International Labor and Working-Class History* 89(Spring): 84-106.
- Paret, Marcel, and Shannon Gleeson. 2016. "Precarity and Agency through a Migration Lens." *Citizenship Studies* 20(3-4): 277-294.
- Reprinted as: Paret, Marcel, and Shannon Gleeson. 2017. "Precarity and Agency through a Migration Lens," Pp. 1-18 in *Building Citizenship From Below: Precarity, Migration, and Agency*, edited by Marcel Paret and Shannon Gleeson. New York: Routledge.
- Paret, Marcel, and Guadalupe Aguilera. 2016. "Golden State Uprising: Migrant Protest in California, 1990-2010." *Citizenship Studies* 20(3-4): 359-378.
- Reprinted as: Paret, Marcel, and Guadalupe Aguilera. 2017. "Golden State Uprising: Migrant Protest in California, 1990-2010," Pp. 83-102 in *Building Citizenship From Below: Precarity, Migration, and Agency*, edited by Marcel Paret and Shannon Gleeson. New York: Routledge.
- Paret, Marcel. 2015. "Failed Redistribution or Failed Administration? Official Union Narratives of Community Protest in South Africa." *Politikon: South African Journal of Political Studies* 42(3): 345-366.
- Paret, Marcel. 2015. "Apartheid Policing: Examining the US Migrant Labor System Through a South African Lens." *Citizenship Studies*. 19(3-4):317-334.
- Paret, Marcel. 2015. "Precarious Labor Politics: Unions and the Struggles of the Insecure Working Class in the United States and South Africa." *Critical Sociology* 41(4-5): 757-784.
- Paret, Marcel. 2015. "Violence and Democracy in South Africa's Community Protests." *Review of African Political Economy* 42(143): 107-123.
- Paret, Marcel. 2014. "Legality and Exploitation: Immigration Enforcement and the US Migrant Labor System." *Latino Studies* 12(4): 503-526.
- Levien, Michael, and Marcel Paret. 2012. "A Second Double Movement? Polanyi and Shifting Global Opinions on Neoliberalism." *International Sociology* 27(6): 724-744.
- Winner, 2013 Best Graduate Student Article, Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association.*
- Winner, 2012 Best Graduate Student Paper, Pacific Association of Public Opinion Research.*
- Paret, Marcel. 2011. "Borders and Exploitation: Migrant Labor Systems in California and South Africa." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 55:57-96.
- Penner, Andrew and Marcel Paret. 2008. "Gender Differences in Mathematics Achievement: Exploring the Early Grades and the Extremes." *Social Science Research* 37: 239-253.

Paret, Marcel, and Shannon Gleeson. 2006. "International Migration in Macro-Stratification Perspective: Bringing Power Back In." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology* 50: 120-146.

Lucas, Samuel R., and Marcel Paret. 2005. "Law, Race, and Education in the United States." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 1: 203-231.

Editor of special journal issues

"Politics of Precarity: Critical Engagements with Guy Standing." *Global Labor Journal* 7(2), 2016.

"Building Citizenship From Below: Precarity, Migration, Agency." *Citizenship Studies* 29(3-4), 2016. Co-edited with Shannon Gleeson.

Book chapters

Paret, Marcel. 2017. "Southern Resistance in Critical Perspective," Pp. 1-15 in *Southern Resistance in Critical Perspective: The Politics of Protest in South Africa's Contentious Democracy*, edited by Marcel Paret, Carin Runciman, and Luke Sinwell. New York: Routledge.

Paret, Marcel. 2017. "Postcolonial Politics: Theorizing Protest from Spaces of Exclusion," Pp. 55-70 in *Southern Resistance in Critical Perspective: The Politics of Protest in South Africa's Contentious Democracy*, edited by Marcel Paret, Carin Runciman, and Luke Sinwell. New York: Routledge.

Paret, Marcel. 2015. "COSATU and Community Struggles: Assessing the Prospects for Solidarity," Pp. 54-82 in *COSATU in Crisis: The Fragmentation of an African Trade Union Federation*, edited by Vishwas Satgar and Roger Southall. Sandton: KMM Review.

Paret, Marcel. 2015. "Labor and Community Struggles, 1994-2014," Pp. 34-47 in *New South African Review 5: Beyond Marikana*, edited by Gilbert M. Khadiagala, Prishani Naidoo, Devan Pillay, Roger Southall. Johannesburg: Wits University Press.

Book reviews

Paret, Marcel. Forthcoming. *Mobilization*. (Review of Jerome Tournadre, *A Turbulent South Africa: Post-Apartheid Social Protest*, SUNY Press, 2018).

Paret, Marcel. Forthcoming. "What is the National Question?" *Global Labor Journal* (Review of Edward Webster and Karin Pampallis, *The Unresolved National Question: Left Thought Under Apartheid*, Wits University Press, 2017).

Paret, Marcel. 2015. "Is Global Governance the Solution for Labor?" *New Labor Forum* 24(2): 125-128. (Review of Jamie K. McCallum, *Global Unions, Local Power: The New Spirit of Transnational Labor Organizing*, Cornell University Press, 2013).

Peer-reviewed reports

Paret, Marcel. 2006. *Language Background and Early Academic Achievement: Disentangling Language-Minority Status, Social Background, and Academic Engagement*. CSE Technical Report 679. National Center for Research on Evaluation, Standards, and Student Testing. Los Angeles: University of California.

Popular media and reports

Paret, Marcel. 2016. "Looking Beneath the 2016 Election Results." *South African Labor Bulletin* 40(5): 40-42.

Paret, Marcel. 2016. *Local Government Elections 2016: Some Preliminary Findings from an Exit Poll of Voters*. Center for Social Change, University of Johannesburg.

Paret, Marcel. 2014. "NUMSA Strike and the United Front." *South African Labor Bulletin* 38 (May/June): 23-26.

Paret, Marcel, Luke Sinwell, and Bridget Ndibongo. 2014. "Are the Red Berets the Calm Before a Real Leftist Storm?" *Mail & Guardian*, May 16-22, p. 12.

Paret, Marcel. 2011. "Answering the Call." *Berkeley Review of Latin American Studies* Spring-Summer: 62-63. Review of research on Brazilian labor relations.

Paret, Marcel. 2010. "California Activists Set March 4th for Day of Action to Defend Public Education." *Labor Notes* 372 (March).

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW AND IN PROGRESS

Paret, Marcel. *Fractured Militancy: Precarious Resistance in Democratic South Africa*. Book manuscript. (under review)

Paret, Marcel. "Apartheid, migrant labor and precarity in comparative perspective." (under review)

Paret, Marcel. "Localizing the Protest Cycle: Evidence from South Africa." (in progress)

Paret, Marcel. "Fragmenting the Right to the City: Urban Movements in Post-Apartheid South Africa." (in progress)

Paret, Marcel and Michael Levien. "From Crisis to Redistribution? Global Attitudes Towards Equality, Welfare, and State Ownership." (in progress)

AWARDS, HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS

- 2018 Global Learning Across the Disciplines Award, Office for Global Engagement, University of Utah (with Claudia Geist, Lazarus Adua, Theresa Martina, and Megan Reynolds)
- 2018 Nominee, Early Career Teaching Award, University Teaching Committee, University of Utah.
- 2017 Winner, Superior Teaching Award, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah.
- 2017 Faculty Remarks, Undergraduate Convocation, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah.
- 2016 Finalist, Superior Teaching Award, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah.
- 2016 Faculty Research and Creative Grant, University Research Committee, University of Utah. Project: "Class Formations in Post-Apartheid South Africa."
- 2016 Junior Faculty Leave Award, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah.
- 2015 Semi-finalist, Superior Teaching Award, College of Social and Behavioral Science, University of Utah.
- 2015 Travel Grant, Law and Society Association.
- 2013 Best Graduate Student Article, Sociology of Development Section of the American Sociological Association (with Michael Levien).
- 2013-2014 Postdoctoral Research Fellowship, South African Research Chair in Social Change, University of Johannesburg.
- 2012 Runner-up, Graduate Student Paper Award, Labor/Labor Movements Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2012 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Pacific Association of Public Opinion Research (with Michael Levien).
- 2011-2012 Herbert Blumer Teaching Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley Sociology Department.
- 2011-2012 Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley Boalt Law School.
- 2010, 2012 Leo Lowenthal Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley Sociology Department.

- 2009-2010 Rocca Dissertation Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley Center for African Studies.
- 2009 Research Grant, University of California-Berkeley Sociology Department.
- 2007-2008 Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, University of California-Berkeley.
- 2007 Summer Grant, University of California-Berkeley Graduate Division.
- 2007 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of California-Berkeley.
- 2004-2005 Research Grant, Language Minority Children Analysis Project, National Center for Education Statistics.

PRESENTATIONS

"From Crisis to Redistribution? Global Attitudes Towards Equality, Welfare, and State Ownership" (with Michael Levien). The Great Polarization Conference, University of Utah, September 28, 2018.

"Fragmenting the Right to the City: Urban Movements in Post-Apartheid South Africa." Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 12, 2018.

"From Passive Revolution to Fractured Militancy in Democratic South Africa," The Crisis of History and the History of Crisis, Mini-conference of the Comparative-Historical Section of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA, August 10, 2018.

"Exclusive Nationalism From Below in Post-Apartheid South Africa," International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, July 18, 2018.

"From Passive Revolution to Fractured Militancy in South Africa," International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Toronto, Canada, July 17, 2018.

"Salvaging Labor in a Sea of Unemployment: Dangers of Union Paternalism," Conference on Labor Informality in Comparative Perspective: Toward a More Just Future for Workers, Center for Global Workers' Rights, Penn State University, April 19-20, 2018.

"Localized Resistance in Urban South Africa," Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, August 14, 2017.

"Engaging Precarity." Non-citizenship seminar series, Mellon Foundation John E. Sawyer Seminar on the Comparative Study of Culture, University of California-Santa Cruz, December 2, 2016.

"Surplus Populations and Localized Resistance in Urban South Africa," Sociology of Development Conference, Cornell University, October 8, 2016.

“Cellular Protest: Community Organizing and Party Politics in Post-Apartheid South Africa,” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, August 21, 2016.

“Resistance in an Era of Precarity: The Community Strike in South Africa,” Precarious Work: Domination and Resistance in the US, China, and the World, Seattle, August 19, 2016.

“Apartheid Nostalgia: Trends and Articulations of Economic Insecurity,” Invited presentation to the South African Research Chair in Social Change, University of Johannesburg, May 27, 2016.

“Apartheid and Precarity in Comparative Perspective,” Rethinking Migration Conference, University of California-Santa Cruz, May 6-7, 2016

“The Dark Side of Post-Apartheid Nationalism,” Emerging Immigration Scholars Conference, University of California-Los Angeles, Los Angeles, February 26-27, 2016.

“From Fractured Militancy to Social Movement Unionism?” Invited presentation to the Labor Relations/International and Comparative Labor Workshop Series, ILR School, Cornell University, October 27, 2015.

“Apartheid Nostalgia: The Politics of Longing and Frustration in Contemporary South Africa.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, August 22-25, 2015.

“The Community Strike in Gauteng Province,” Pushing Back the Boundaries, Annual Conference of the South African Research Chair in Social Change, Limpopo, South Africa, June 24-26, 2015.

“Xenophobic Antagonism in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Annual Meetings of the Law and Society Association, Seattle, May 28-31, 2015.

“Revitalizing the South African Labor Movement? NUMSA and the United Front.” Annual Sociology of Development Conference, Providence, March 13-15, 2015.

“Immigrant Rights Protests Versus Xenophobic Attacks? Divergent Working Class Struggles in a Context of National Exclusion.” Annual Meetings of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, August 16-19, 2014.

“Postcolonial Politics: Developing a Theory of Protest for South Africa.” Invited Presentation to the Center for Indian Studies in Africa, University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, July 30, 2014.

“Critical Reflections on Guy Standing’s *A Precariat Charter*.” International Sociological Association World Congress of Sociology, Yokohama, Japan, July 12-19, 2014.

“Post-Liberation Electoral Politics: Results From an Exit Poll of Voters in the 2014 South African Elections.” Putting Politics into Social Change and Social Change into Politics, Annual Conference of the South African Research Chair in Social Change, Johannesburg, South Africa, July 2-4, 2014.

“From Political Opportunity to Political Society: Postcolonial Politics in Post-Apartheid South Africa.” Conference on Contentious Politics, Capitalism, and Social Movement Theory, Johannesburg, May 22, 2014.

“Precarious Politics: Working Class Struggles in an Era of Insecurity.” Comparative Historical and Political Sociology Mini-Conference on Capitalism, the Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change. New York, August 14, 2013.

“Precarious Politics and the Labor Movement in the United States and South Africa.” Meetings of the American Sociological Association. New York, August 10-13, 2013.

“Precarious Labor Politics: Unions and the Struggles of the Insecure Working Class.” Annual Meetings of the South African Sociological Association. Pretoria, South Africa, June 30-July 2, 2013.

“Narratives of Community Protest: A Preliminary Assessment of NUMSA and SAMWU.” Social Change in South Africa, Perspectives from Within and Beyond, Annual Conference of the South African Research Chair in Social Change, Johannesburg, South Africa, June 26-28, 2013.

“Immigrant Rights Protests or Xenophobic Attacks? Working Class Struggles in California, United States and Gauteng, South Africa.” Taming the Demons? Comparative Perspectives on Xenophobia and Social Cohesion in Contemporary South Africa. University of Witwatersrand, South Africa, May 10, 2013.

“Precarious Politics: Citizenship-Based Class Struggles in the United States and South Africa,” Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Denver, August 17-20, 2012.

“Politics of the Marginalized in the United States and South Africa.” International Sociological Forum on Sociology. Buenos Aires, August 1-4, 2012.

“Labor and Precarious Classes in the United States and South Africa.” International Sociological Forum on Sociology. Buenos Aires, August 1-4, 2012.

“What is the Occupy Movement All About?” Public Sociology Forum. University of California-Berkeley, November 17, 2011.

“The Illegality State: Contemporary U.S. Migration Policy and the Possibilities for Social Change.” States of Emergency Conference. University of California-Berkeley, May 6, 2011.

“Borders, Legality, and Exploitation: A Historical Comparison of Migrant Labor Systems in South Africa and California.” Invited presentation to the Sociology Department, University of Witwatersrand. Johannesburg, South Africa, August 12, 2010.

“From Legalized Exclusion to ‘Illegalized’ Inclusion: California Migration in Historical Perspective.” Conference on Undocumented Hispanic Migration. Connecticut College, October 16-18, 2009.

“From Legalized Exclusion to ‘Illegalized’ Inclusion: Constituting California’s Cheap Migrant Labor.” Conference on Work and Inequality in the Global Economy. Los Angeles, October 8-10, 2009.

“A Second Double Movement? Polanyian Insights on Global Responses to Neoliberalism” (with Michael Levien). Meetings of the Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics. San Jose, Costa Rica, July 21-23, 2008.

“Gender Differences in Kindergartners Mathematics Achievement! Evidence from a Nationally Representative Sample” (with Andrew Penner). Meetings of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, August 11, 2006.

“Inheriting Race: The Classification of U.S. Newborns in the Early Childhood Longitudinal Study, Birth Cohort” (with Aliya Saperstein). Meetings of the Population Association of America. Los Angeles, March 30-April 1, 2006.

“Early Academic Experiences Among Language-Minority Students: Disentangling the Effects of Social Background and Academic Engagement.” Conference on the Early Educational Experiences of Language Minority Children. Sacramento, January 27, 2006.

“Early Structures of Educational Opportunity: Social Background, Education Transitions, and Equality Among a Cohort of American Kindergartners.” Meetings of the International Sociological Association Research Committee 28 on Social Stratification. Los Angeles, August 18-21, 2005.

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

Dissertation projects, University of Utah

Daniel Auerbach (Sociology, PhD, in progress)

John Stevens (Sociology, PhD, completed 2017)

Pre-dissertation projects, University of Utah

Emilee Cooke (Master’s in Public Administration, completed 2017)

Guadalupe Aguilera (Sociology, Third Year Paper, completed 2016)

Eric Sales (Sociology, Third Year Paper, completed 2016)

External examinations

Nyawasha Tawanda Sydesky, University of Hong Kong (PhD, 2017)

Boikanyo Rose Moloto, University of Johannesburg (MA, 2018)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION AND SERVICE

Membership

American Sociological Association

International Sociological Association

Conferences

Session organizer, “Non-union Class Struggles from Below.” International Sociological Association World Congress, Toronto, Canada, July 15-21, 2018.

Session co-coordinator, Four paper sessions for Labor/Labor Movements section, American Sociological Association meetings, Chicago, August 22-25, 2015.

Session co-organizer, “Precarity, Immigrant Labor, and Organizing,” Law and Society Association meetings, Seattle, May 28-31, 2015 (with Shannon Gleeson).

Session organizer, “The Politics of the Precariat: A Dialogue with Guy Standing.” International Sociological Association World Congress, Yokohama, Japan, July 12-19, 2014.

Conference co-organizer, *Contentious Politics, Capitalism, and Social Movement Theory: South Africa in Global Perspective*, Johannesburg, May 22, 2014 (with Carin Runciman and Luke Sinwell).

Session organizer, “Labor Unrest and Countermovements in the Global South,” Labor and Global Solidarity – The US, China and Beyond, New York, August 12, 2013.

Peer review

Peer reviewer for the following journals:

African Affairs, American Behavioral Scientist, American Journal of Sociology, Citizenship Studies, Critical Sociology, Environment and Planning C: Politics & Space, Global Labor Journal, ILR Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Migration Review, Labor Studies Journal, Latino Studies, Regulation and Governance, Review of African Political Economy, Social Forces, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems, Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Perspectives, Sociology of Development, Sociology of Education, The Sociological Quarterly, Urban Studies.

Peer reviewer for the following funding agencies:

Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada)

TEACHING

Courses taught at the University of Utah

Globalization and Inequality: Precarious Lives in Utah (Fall 2018, Spring 2019)

Sociology of Development (Fall 2017)

Race in Global Perspective, graduate level (Spring 2016, Spring 2019)

Social Theory (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017, Spring 2018)

Political Sociology (Spring 2015, Fall 2015)

Courses taught at the University of California-Berkeley

Social Inequalities (Summer 2012)

Class, Race, and Apartheid in South Africa and California (Spring 2011)

Training Seminar for Graduate Student Instructors, with Laura Enriquez (Fall 2011)

Discussion section instructor at the University of California-Berkeley

Classical Theories of Political Economy (Fall 2009)

Sociology of Work (Spring 2008)

Development and Globalization (Spring 2007, Spring 2009)

Social Statistics (Fall 2006)

Social Theory (Fall 2005, Spring 2006)