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Appointments

- 2012- Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego
2012- 2015 Faculty Associate, Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University

Education

- 2012 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
2008 M.A., Sociology, Harvard University
2005 B.A., Sociology and Philosophy with Mathematics Minor, University of California, San Diego (*Summa Cum Laude*)

Publications

- Lewis, Kevin. 2016. "Preferences in the early stages of mate choice." *Social Forces* 95:283-320.
- McFarland, Daniel A., Kevin Lewis, and Amir Goldberg. 2016. "Sociology in the era of big data: The ascent of forensic social science." *American Sociologist* 47:12-35.
- Lewis, Kevin. 2015. "Three fallacies of digital footprints." *Big Data & Society* 2.
- Lewis, Kevin. 2015. "How networks form: Homophily, opportunity, and balance." In *Emerging Trends in the Social and Behavioral Sciences*, edited by R. Scott and S. Kosslyn. Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.
- Lewis, Kevin. 2015. "Studying online behavior: Comment on Anderson et al. 2014." *Sociological Science* 2:20-31.
- Pachucki, Mark C. and Kevin Lewis. 2014. "Networks at Harvard University Sociology." Pp. 1113-1122 in *Encyclopedia of Social Network Analysis and Mining*, edited by R. Alhajj and J. Rokne. New York: Springer.

Gray, Kurt, David G. Rand, Eyal Ert, Kevin Lewis, Steve Hershman, and Michael I. Norton. 2014. "The emergence of 'us and them' in 80 lines of code: Modeling group genesis in homogeneous populations." *Psychological Science* 25:982-990.

Lewis, Kevin, Kurt Gray, and Jens Meierhenrich. 2014. "The structure of online activism." *Sociological Science* 1:1-9.

Lewis, Kevin. 2013. "The limits of racial prejudice." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 110:18814-18819.

Lewis, Kevin, Marco Gonzalez, and Jason Kaufman. 2012. "Social selection and peer influence in an online social network." *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America* 109:68-72.

Lewis, Kevin. 2011. "The co-evolution of social network ties and online privacy behavior." Pp. 91-109 in *Privacy Online: Perspectives on Privacy and Self-Disclosure in the Social Web*, edited by S. Trepte and L. Reinecke. Heidelberg: Springer.

Wimmer, Andreas and Kevin Lewis. 2010. "Beyond and below racial homophily: ERG models of a friendship network documented on Facebook." *American Journal of Sociology* 116:583-642.

Lewis, Kevin, Jason Kaufman, and Nicholas Christakis. 2008. "The taste for privacy: An analysis of college student privacy settings in an online social network." *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* 14:79-100.

Lewis, Kevin, Jason Kaufman, Marco Gonzalez, Andreas Wimmer, and Nicholas Christakis. 2008. "Tastes, ties, and time: A new social network dataset using Facebook.com." *Social Networks* 30:330-342.

Grants and fellowships

2015- 2017 "Creativity and the quantification of free thought." Imagination Institute (\$198,769; Kurt Gray, PI).

2014- 2016 "Development of a novel online visual survey data analysis tool and assessment of its capabilities to enhance learning of quantitative research methods." National Science Foundation (\$299,999; Ilya Zaslavsky, PI; Akos Rona-Tas, Co-PI).

2014- 2015 "On the shoulders of giants: Informal networks and scientific production." UCSD Hellman Fellowship (\$35,000).

2014- 2015 "Collaboration and acknowledgment in a scientific community." UCSD Academic Senate General Campus Research Grant (\$7,500).

- 2013- 2015 “Who leaves and who arrives? Mapping the connections between universities and the science and engineering workforce.” National Science Foundation (\$102,387; John Skrentny, PI).
- 2013 “Falling behind, moving up or moving out? Worker training in science and engineering.” Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (\$113,940; John Skrentny, PI).
- 2011- 2012 Fellowship at the Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University.
- 2011- 2012 Graduate Society Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Harvard University (\$29,112).
- 2008- 2010 “Social networks and online spaces: A cohort study of American college students.” National Science Foundation (\$170,129; Jason Kaufman, PI; Andreas Wimmer and Nicholas Christakis, Co-PIs).
- 2007 Travel Grant. Institute for Quantitative Social Science, Harvard University (\$2,000).

Honors and awards

- 2015 *Paper Award (Honorable Mention)* for “The limits of racial prejudice.” Communication and Information Technologies Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2014 *Best Social Cognition Paper Award* for “The emergence of ‘us and them’ in 80 lines of code: Modeling group genesis in homogeneous populations.” International Social Cognition Network.
- 2012 *Outstanding Article Award* for “Beyond and below racial homophily: ERG models of a friendship network documented on Facebook.” Mathematical Sociology Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2012 *Paper Award (Honorable Mention)* for “Social selection and peer influence in an online social network.” Communication and Information Technologies Section, American Sociological Association.
- 2012 *Best Student Paper Award* for “Social selection and peer influence in an online social network.” International Network for Social Network Analysis (\$2,500).
- 2011 *Best Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention)* for “An ecological approach to cultural tastes and social network evolution.” International Network for Social Network Analysis.

- 2010, 2011 Nominee for *John R. Marquand Award for Exceptional Advising and Counseling*. Harvard University.
- 2008, 2010 Nominee for *Joseph R. Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize*. Harvard University.
- 2008, 2009 *Undergraduate Teaching Award*. Harvard University.
- 2005 *Top Graduating Sociology Major*. University of California, San Diego.
- 2005 *Sociology Honors with Highest Distinction*. University of California, San Diego

Presentations

*Invited

- 2016 Author, Theory Section Author Meets Critics Session: “Big data/big theory,” with Julia Potter Adams, Hannah Brueckner, Amir Goldberg, Timothy Hannigan, Monica Lee, Daniel A. McFarland, and John Levi Martin. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.*
- 2016 “Disentangling religious homophily in adolescent friendship networks,” with Harrison Carter.
- International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Newport Beach, CA.
 - Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 “The conversion of cultural tastes into social network ties,” with Jason Kaufman. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Collaboration and acknowledgment in a scientific community.” International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Brighton, UK.
- 2014- 2015 “The genesis of homogeneity in mating patterns.”
- MORS Colloquium, Haas School of Business.*
 - Organizations and Management Seminar Series, Yale School of Management.*
 - Wednesdays@NICO Seminar, Northwestern Institute on Complex Systems.*
 - Organizational Behavior Seminar, Stanford Graduate School of Business.*
- 2015 “Ethnic dating and mate selection,” with Cynthia Feliciano. Spring Seminar Series, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies, University of California, San Diego.*

- 2014- 2015 “The structure of online activism,” with Kurt Gray and Jens Meierhenrich.
- International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL.
 - Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, Long Beach, CA.
- 2014 “Determinants of training in STEM careers,” with John Skrentny. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2014 “Big data and big ERGMs: The dangers of computational social network analysis.” New Computational Sociology Conference, Stanford University.*
- 2014 “Social psychology and social networks.” Organizational Research Group, Department of Psychology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.*
- 2013 “Online and offline social networks.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.*
- 2013 “The limits of racial prejudice.”
- Social Psychology Brown Bag Series, Department of Psychology, University of Southern California.*
 - Family Working Group, Department of Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles.*
 - Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2013 “The technology of the timeless: How online dating is changing mate selection.” Annual Meeting of the Society for Personality and Social Psychology, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011- 2012 “Social selection and peer influence in an online social network,” with Marco Gonzalez and Jason Kaufman.
- Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
 - Conference on Quantifying Social Fields, University of California, Berkeley.*
- 2012 “Strategy and opportunity in online dating.” International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, Redondo Beach, CA.
- 2011- 2012 “Mate choice in an online dating site.”
- International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL.
 - Berkman Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University.*

- 2011- 2012 “Stratification in the early stages of mate choice.”
- Digital Seminar Series, Harvard Business School.*
 - Computational Social Science Initiative Seminar Series, University of Massachusetts, Amherst.*
 - Department of Sociology, University of California, San Diego.*
 - Department of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley.*
 - Department of Sociology, Cornell University.*
- 2011 “Inequality in a romantic market.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2011 “Rules of the game: Generalized exchange and dominance hierarchies in a gang homicide network,” with Andrew Papachristos. International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL.
- 2009 “How cultural tastes shape personal networks II: An ecological approach to social network evolution,” with Jason Kaufman. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 “Explaining hetero-phily and -phobia: ERG models of a friendship network based on Facebook.com,” with Andreas Wimmer. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 “Narcissism and social networks: An empirical study of loops.” International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2009 “Heterophily in network dynamics,” with Andreas Wimmer. International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, San Diego, CA.
- 2008 “Beyond racial homophily: An analysis of social network formation among college students,” with Andreas Wimmer. International Sunbelt Social Network Conference, St. Pete Beach, FL.
- 2007 “Tastes, ties, and time: New data using social network Internet sites,” with Jason Kaufman. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.

Teaching

University of California, San Diego

2015- Sociology 70: General Sociology for Pre-Medical Students

2014- Sociology 102: Network Data and Methods

2014- Sociology 209: Social Networks
 2013- Sociology 122: Social Networks
 2012- Sociology 205: Quantitative Methods I
 2013- 2014 Sociology 108: Survey Research Design

Harvard University

2009- 2011 Sociology 97: Tutorial in Sociological Theory (Head Teaching Fellow)
 2007- 2009 Sociology 97: Tutorial in Sociological Theory
 2008 Sociology 153: Media and the American Mind (Teaching Fellow)
 2007 Sociology 67: Visualizing Social Problems (Teaching Fellow)

Advising

Doctoral Committee Member, University of California, San Diego

Ongoing Harrison Carter
 Ongoing Cat Crowder
 Ongoing Daniel Davis
 Ongoing Natalie Novick
 Ongoing Hannah Smith (Anthropology)
 2016 Ayal Chen-Zion, "Networks in labor markets and information" (Economics)
 2014 Travis Brayak, "Effects of matching in economics: Social networks and the marriage market" (Economics)

Field Exam Committee Member, University of California, San Diego

*Field Papers

Ongoing Cory Caswell
 Ongoing Cat Crowder
 2016 Angela McClean, Social Movements
 2015 Harrison Carter, Field Theory and Relational Sociology/Sociology of Religion*
 2015 Daniel Davis, Social Movements/Sociology of Education*

M.A. Thesis Committee Member, University of California, San Diego

2014 Hillary Kosnac, "One step in and one step out: The lived experience of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program" (Latin American Studies)

Honors Thesis Advisor, University of California, San Diego

Ongoing Megan Finch
 2016 Jenny Woo, "Meanings of masturbation: A comparison of male and female college students' attitudes about self-pleasure" (*Sociology Department Paper Prize*)
 2015 Kelsey Carrier, "Primary prevention for sexual violence: Why strong ties, social networks, and safe spaces are essential"

- 2015 Emma Schlueter, "Implementing Common Core in a Title I school district: Inequality, systemic strategies, and the conditions for successful education reform"
- 2015 Cierra Sorin, "Talking about sex: The importance of sexual discussion networks and education for college students' sexual attitudes and behaviors"
- 2014 Nicole Horton, "Parenting practices affecting toddler peer tie formation"
- 2013 Arash Najibfard, "Patient internet use: Benefits, disadvantages, and effects on the doctor-patient relationship"
- 2013 Jesse North, "National and sexual conflict in e-sports"

Senior Thesis Advisor, Harvard University

- 2011 Lauren Brown, "The presentation of self in digital life" (*James A. Davis Prize* for an exemplary thesis in sociology; *Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize*)
- 2011 George Zisiadis, "A community of strangers: How CouchSurfing represents a new model for scalable giving"
- 2010 Stephanie Miller, "Controlling creativity: Organizational forms of charter schools"

Senior Thesis First Reader, Harvard University

- 2009 Blake Johnson, "Gauging the gay gaze: Gaydar as a sociological dramaturgy of sexual orientation"
- 2009 Kindra Mason, "Facebook stalkers and their friends: The impact of online social network sites on face-to-face interaction (*Albert M. Fulton Prize* for the best thesis in the field of sociology)

Service

...to the public

- 2015 Radio Guest: "It's all academic: Social networks," RN Drive, Australian Broadcasting Corporation
- 2013 "Subject Matters" Guest: *The Few*, The Old Globe Theatre
- 2013 TV (Evening Edition) and Radio (Midday Edition, Radio News) Guest: "How to make online dating less segregated, in one easy step," KPBS

...to the department

- 2016 Junior Faculty Search Committee
- 2015- 2016 Website Design Committee
- 2013- 2016 Colloquium Committee (Coordinator 2014- 2015)
- 2013- 2015 Graduate Program Committee
- 2013 Graduate Admissions Committee
- 2009- 2012 Concentration Advisor (Harvard University)
- 2009 Junior Faculty Search Committee (Harvard University)
- 2008- 2009 Departmental Writing Fellow (Harvard University)
- 2008 Graduate Admissions Committee (Harvard University)

...to the university

- 2012- Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Comparative Immigration Studies
- 2014- 2016 Panelist, Transfer Connect and Success Program
- 2016 Speaker, Muir College Faculty Quarterly Program: "How networks form"
- 2016 Alumnus Speaker, Muir College Caledonian Banquet
- 2015 Speaker, Family Weekend: "The social science of online dating"
- 2015 Faculty Guest, Teatime with Faculty, UCSD BioScholars Program
- 2012- 2014 Guest Speaker, Muir College Freshman Honors Seminar
- 2014 Discussant, Social Sciences Supper Club: "Big data and the next ten years"
- 2014 Speaker, TEDxUCSD: "People worth listening to (and what they talk about)"
- 2014 Panelist, Muir College event on romance, dating, and technology
- 2014 Guest Speaker, Music 205: Focus on Integrative Studies
- 2013 Speaker, Scholars Society Overnight Stay Program
- 2013 Keynote Speaker, Muir College New Leaders Conference
- 2012 Panelist, AVID visit to Muir College
- 2009- 2012 Resident Tutor, Currier House (Harvard University)

...to the profession

- 2016- 2018 Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*

Reviewer for: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Computer Communications*; *European Sociological Review*; *Information, Communication and Society*; *Information Systems Research*; *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*; *Journal of Research on Adolescence*; *Management Science*; National Science Foundation; *Poetics*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*; *Qualitative Sociology*; SAGE; *Science*; *Social Networks*; *Social Psychological and Personality Science*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; *Social Science and Medicine*; *Social Science Research*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Methods and Research*; *Sociological Theory*; *The Sociological Quarterly*; Time-Sharing Experiments for the Social Sciences.

Professional affiliations

American Sociological Association

- Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Section
- Culture Section
- Family Section
- Mathematical Sociology Section
- Social Psychology Section

International Network for Social Network Analysis

Society for Sociological Science