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EDUCATION

- 2018 **Ph.D. Sociology**, The University of Texas at Austin (Expected)
Dissertation: “Workplace Equality in Argentine Worker-Recuperated Businesses”
Committee: Javier Auyero (chair), George Cheney, Jennifer Glass, Christine Williams,
and Michael Young
- 2012 **M.A. Sociology**, The University of Texas at Austin
- 2009 **B.A. Plan II Honors Program** with Special Honors
B.B.A. International Business with High Honors, The University of Texas at Austin
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, Beta Gamma Sigma

ACADEMIC INTERESTS

Inequality; Work and Organizations; Social Change; Political Sociology; Qualitative Methods;
Ethnography

EXTERNAL GRANTS

- 2015-2016 National Science Foundation Dissertation Research Improvement Grant
- 2014-2015 Fulbright U.S. Student Award to Argentina

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Articles

- Auyero, J. and Sobering, K. 2017. “Violence, the State, and the Poor. A View from the South.”
Sociological Forum. 32 SI.
- Sobering, K. 2016. “Producing and Reducing Gender Inequality in a Worker-Recovered
Cooperative.” *The Sociological Quarterly* 57(1):129-151.
- Sobering, K. 2015. “Teaching and Learning Guide for ‘Gender In/equality in Worker-Owned
Businesses.’” *Sociology Compass* 9(5):412-421
- Sobering, K., J. Thomas and C. Williams. 2014. “Gender In/equality in Worker-Owned
Businesses.” *Sociology Compass* 8(22):1242-1255.

Book Chapters

- Sobering, K. 2015. “Ethan: A Product of the Service Industry.” Pp. 162-183 in *Invisible in Austin:
Life and Labor in an American City*. Edited by Javier Auyero. Austin, TX: UT Press.
Reprinted in: “[Challenging Austin Exceptionalism](#).” *Texas Observer*, September 2015.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Sobering, K. "Watercooler Democracy: Rumors and Transparency in a Cooperative Workplace." Revised and resubmitted.

Sobering, K. and Auyero, J. "Unpacking Collusion: Drugs, Violence, and the Ambivalent State." Under review.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sobering, K. *The People's Hotel: Workplace Inequality and Activism in Argentina*. In preparation.

Sobering, K. "Redefining Work in Worker-Recuperated Business." Revising for submission.

Sobering, K. "Fighting for Expropriation: Policy Change, Organizational Interpretation and Institutionalized Activism in a Worker-Recuperated Business." Revising for submission.

Sobering, K. "From Worker to Worker-Owner: Service Work as a Site of Social Change." In preparation.

Auyero, J. and Sobering, K. *The Ambivalent State: Police-Criminal Collusion at the Urban Margins*. In preparation.

Sobering, K. and Lapegna, P. "Workplace Recuperation and Organizational Survival: A Comparison of Two Worker-Recuperated Businesses in Buenos Aires, Argentina." In preparation.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Sobering, K. 2014. "[Longitudinal Ethnography and the Changing Face of Ethnographic Research.](#)" *UT Austin SOC Blog*.

Sobering, K. 2014. "['With Dignity, We Will Fight!' Worker Self-Managed Hotel BAUEN Once Again Under Threat.](#)" *Grassroots Economic Organizing Newsletter*.

Sobering, K. 2014. Review of *Securing the City: Neoliberalism, Space and Insecurity in Postwar Guatemala*, edited by Kevin Lewis O'Neill and Kendron Thomas. *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* 38(4):1547-1548.

INTERNAL HONORS & AWARDS

2016-2017 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship

2015 Excellence Award, Department of Sociology

2014 Graduate Dean's Prestigious Fellowship Supplement

Argentine Studies Grant, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies

2013 Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Department of Sociology

2013 Honors received for comprehensive exams in political sociology & social movements

INTERNAL HONORS & AWARDS (cont.)

- 2012 International Education Fund Scholarship, International Office
Research Grant, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies
- 2009 Plan II Model Thesis Award Recipient

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

- 2017 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, UT Austin
Readings in Ethnography (graduate course)
- 2016 Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology, UT Austin
SOC 308K: Social Change and the Future (Enrollment = 30)
*Certification from Practicing Allyship Workshop (Part I & Part II)
- 2013-2014 Methods Lab Instructor, Department of Sociology, UT Austin
Social Research Methods (3 semesters)
- 2010-2013 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, UT Austin
Introduction to Sociology (3 semesters)
Social Statistics
Social Movements
Sociology of Criminal Justice
Politics and Society in Latin America
Crime and Violence in Latin America

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “Survival Finance and the Politics of Equal Pay in a Worker-Recuperated Business.”
Taller UNSAM-UT: Argentina en Perspectiva Sociológica. Austin, TX. October 26-27.
- 2017 “‘*Rumores de pasillo*’: Democratizing Information in a Transparent Organization.”
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) Mini-Conference: Seeking a
More Just and Egalitarian Economy. Lyon, France. June 30.
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montréal, QC. August 15.
- 2017 “Workplace Recuperation and Organizational Survival: A Comparison of Two Worker-
Recuperated Businesses.” Latin American Studies Association. Lima, Peru. April 30.
- 2016 “Constructing Organizational Equality in a Worker-Recovered Cooperative.” American
Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 22.
- 2016 “From the Threat of Eviction to the Promise of Expropriation: State Practices in a
Recuperated Hotel.” ILASSA Graduate Student Conference. Teresa Lozano Long
Institute of Latin American Studies, UT Austin. March 4.
- 2014 “Are Worker-Owned Cooperatives ‘Gendered Organizations’?” American Sociological
Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 17.
- 2012 “From Worker to Worker-Owner: Service Work as a Site of Social Change.” At:
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Denver, CO. August 18.

Second Forum of Sociology, International Sociological Association. Buenos Aires, Argentina. August 4.

ILASSA Graduate Student Conference. Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, UT Austin. February 4.

Graduate Student Conference. Stone Center for Latin American Studies, Tulane University. January 19.

2011 “Networks of Innovation: Hotel B.A.U.E.N. and the Solidarity Economy in Argentina.” SIT Human Development Conference. University of Notre Dame. February 12.

INVITED LECTURES

2016-2017 Invited speaker on *Invisible in Austin: Life and Labor in an American City*
AP Macroeconomics class, McCallum High School, May 17, 2017
“The Politics of Poverty” course, UT Austin, February 13, 2017
Austin Community College, May 4, 2016
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, UT Austin, April 21, 2016
Free Minds Speaker Series, Foundation Communities, April 9, 2016
Austin Area League of Women Voters, February 28, 2016
Institute for Urban Policy and Research, UT Austin, February 11, 2016
Austin Neighborhood Council Meeting, January 27, 2016

2016 Invited speaker on worker-recuperated businesses in Argentina. “Essential Themes in Latin American History for Teaching World History,” Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. July 8

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2016 Research Assistant (PI: Harel Shapira), “Justifiable Homicides in the U.S.,” UT Austin
2012- Graduate Fellow, Urban Ethnography Lab, UT Austin
2012 Researcher on environmental contamination, Human Rights Clinic, UT School of Law
2010- Proofreader, *Soybeans and Power* (2016); *In Harm’s Way* (2015); and other articles

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2012-2017 Lab manager for the Urban Ethnography Lab, UT Austin
2017 Discussant, Section of Organizations, Occupations, and Work, ASA Annual Meeting
2017 Discussant, Mini-Conference: Seeking a More Just and Egalitarian Economy, SASE
2017 Panel organizer, LASA International Congress
2016 Discussant, Austin Queer Methods Symposium, UT Austin
2015 Student organizer for the “Craft of Ethnography Workshop,” UT Austin
2011-2013 Editorial Committee Chairperson, Working Paper Series for the Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center for Human Rights and Justice, UT Austin
2011-2013 Reviewer for *Sur: International Journal on Human Rights*; ASA Annual Meeting

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association
International Sociological Association

Latin American Studies Association
Society for Advanced Socio-Economics

LANGUAGE SKILLS

Spanish: Advanced proficiency (reading, writing and speaking)

REFERENCES

Javier Auyero
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