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**EDUCATION**

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2007 Ph.D. Sociology, Princeton University  
2004 M.A. Sociology, Princeton University  
2000 B.A. Sociology, Haverford College

**PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

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Professor of Sociology, Washington University – St. Louis, 2020-  
Associate Professor of Sociology, Washington University – St. Louis, 2015 – 2020  
Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, 2012 – 2015  
Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Washington, 2007 – 2012

**RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Work and organizations, stratification, race and ethnicity, economic sociology

**PUBLICATIONS**

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*Books:*

Rosenfeld, Jake. Forthcoming. *You're Paid What You're Worth and Other Myths of the Modern Economy*.  
Harvard University Press.

Rosenfeld, Jake. 2014. *What Unions No Longer Do*. Harvard University Press.

\*Selected media coverage: *The New Yorker*, *New York Times*, *MSNBC*, *Wall Street Journal*

\**Choice* Outstanding Academic Title, 2014

\*Reviewed in *American Journal of Sociology*, *Perspectives on Politics*, *Contemporary Sociology*, *ILR Review*, *City Journal*, *Perspectives on Work*, *Social Service Review*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *Labor Studies Journal*, *Labour/Le Travail*

\*Honorable mention: 2015 Distinguished Scholarly Book Award from the Labor and Labor Movements section of the ASA

\*Author-meets-critics: 2015 ASA, 2015 PSA, 2015 SSHA

*Journal Articles:*

Rosenfeld, Jake. 2019. "U.S. Labor Studies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Understanding 'Laborism' Without Labor." *Annual Review of Sociology* 45: 449-465.

- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Patrick Denice. 2019. "What Do Government Unions Do? Public Sector Unions and Nonunion Wages, 1977-2015." *Social Science Research* 78: 41-56.
- Denice, Patrick, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2018. "Unions and Nonunion Pay in the U.S., 1977-2015." *Sociological Science* 5: 541-561.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2017. "Don't Ask or Tell: Pay Secrecy Policies in U.S. Workplaces." *Social Science Research* 65: 1-16.  
\*Media coverage: *Boston Globe*
- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Patrick Denice. 2015. "The Power of Transparency: Evidence from a British Workplace Survey." *American Sociological Review* 80: 1045-1068.  
\*Media coverage: *New York Times*
- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Meredith Kleykamp. 2013. "Reply to Catron: Immigration, Organization, and the Great Recession: Structural Change or Continuity?" *American Sociological Review* 78: 333-338.
- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Meredith Kleykamp. 2012. "Organized Labor and Racial Wage Inequality in the United States." *American Journal of Sociology* 117: 1460-1502.  
\*Media coverage: *Los Angeles Times*  
\*Winner of the 2013 Distinguished Scholarly Article Award from the Labor and Labor Movements section of the ASA
- Western, Bruce, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2011. "Unions, Norms, and the Rise in American Earnings Inequality." *American Sociological Review* 76: 513-537.  
\*Media coverage: *Washington Post*, *Miller-McCune*, *New York Times*' Economix Blog, *Economist*  
\*Honorable mention: 2012 Outstanding Article Award from the Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility section of the ASA
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2010. "Economic Determinants of Voting in an Era of Union Decline." *Social Science Quarterly* 91: 379-398.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2010. "The 'Meaning of Poverty' and Contemporary Quantitative Poverty Research." *British Journal of Sociology* 61: 103-110.
- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Meredith Kleykamp. 2009. "Hispanics and Organized Labor in the United States, 1973-2007." *American Sociological Review* 74: 916-937.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2006. "Desperate Measures: Strikes and Wages in Post-Accord America." *Social Forces* 85: 235-265.  
\*Winner of the 2006 James D. Thompson Award from the Organizations, Occupations, and Work section of the ASA
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2006. "Widening the Gap: The Effect of Declining Unionization on Managerial and Worker Pay, 1983-2000." *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility* 24: 223-238.
- Western, Bruce, Meredith Kleykamp and Jake Rosenfeld. 2006. "Did Falling Wages and Employment Increase U.S. Imprisonment?" *Social Forces* 84: 2291-2311.

*Reviews, Reports, and Book Chapters:*

- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2020. "The Consequences of Union Decline." Pp. 12-22 in Richard Bales and Charlotte Garden (eds.) *Reviving American Labor: Labor Law for a Twenty-First Century Economy*. Cambridge University Press.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2019. Review of Alexander Hertel-Fernandez's *Politics at Work: How Companies Turn Workers into Lobbyists*. *ILR Review* 72: 514-515.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2017. "Unequal Pay, Unequal Work." *Dissent*. Winter: 41-45.
- Rosenfeld, Jake, Patrick Denice, and Jennifer Laird. 2016. "Union Decline Lowers Wages of Nonunion Workers." Economic Policy Institute Report.  
\*Selected media coverage: *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, *Huffington Post*, *The Week*
- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Jennifer Laird. 2016. "Unions and Poverty." Ch. 35 in David Brady and Linda Burton (eds.), *The Oxford Handbook of Poverty and Society*. Oxford University Press.
- Rosenfeld, Sam, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2015. "Should Liberals Back Public Employee Unions?" *The American Prospect* 26: 87-89.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2015. Review of Kathleen Thelen's *Varieties of Liberalization and the New Politics of Social Solidarity*. *Perspectives on Politics* 13: 157-58.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2012. Review of Edward S. Greenberg, Leon Grunberg, Sarah Moore, and Patricia B. Sikora's *Turbulence: Boeing and the State of American Workers and Managers*. *Contemporary Sociology* 41: 341-43.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2010. "Little Labor: How Union Decline is Changing the American Landscape." Invited submission for *Pathways: A Magazine on Poverty, Inequality, and Social Policy*.  
\*Reprinted in David Grusky and Szonja Szelenyi (eds.) *The Inequality Reader: Contemporary and Foundational Readings in Race, Class, and Gender*, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Westview Press.
- Kleykamp, Meredith, Jake Rosenfeld, and Roseanne Scotti. 2008. "Wasting Money, Wasting Lives: Calculating the Hidden Costs of Incarceration in New Jersey." Drug Policy Alliance Report.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2006. Review of David Stoesz's *Quixote's Ghost: The Right, the Liberati, and the Future of Social Policy*. *Contemporary Sociology* 35: 404-05.
- Western, Bruce, Meredith Kleykamp and Jake Rosenfeld. 2004. "Crime, Punishment, and American Inequality." In Kathryn M. Neckerman (ed.) *Social Inequality*. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.
- Selected Other Writing:*
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2020. "There's Still a Taboo on Discussing Salaries. But Millennials are Breaking It." *Washington Post*, September 6.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2020. "Welcome to the Jungle, Again." *The American Prospect*, May 17.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2018. "The Meaning of Labor's Win in Missouri." *The American Prospect*, August 13.

- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2017. "The Democrats: Unmoored, and Unable to Compete." *OnLabor*, October 24.
- Rosenfeld, Jake, and Patrick Denice. 2017. "The Union Household Vote Revisited." *OnLabor*, April 11.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2016. "Salary Transparency Is Key to Narrowing Gender Pay Disparities." *The New York Times*' Room for Debate, August 15.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2016. "Labor and Politics: Learning the Right Lessons from 2016." *OnLabor*, November 23.
- Rosenfeld, Jake. 2014. "The Supreme Court Did Not Just Kill Public Sector Unions." *Politico Magazine*, June 30.
- Kleykamp, Meredith, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2013. "Lost Unions and Lost Ground." *Los Angeles Times*, September 9.
- Western, Bruce, and Jake Rosenfeld. 2012. "Workers of the World Divide: The Decline of Labor and the Future of the Middle Class." *Foreign Affairs* 91: 88-99.

#### RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

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- Rosenfeld, Jake, Patrick Denice, and Shengwei Sun. "I'll Show You Mine if You Show Me Yours: Salary Taboos in the Contemporary Workplace." (Under review)
- Rosenfeld, Jake, Shengwei Sun, and Patrick Denice. "'Determinants and Effectiveness of Pay Secrecy Policies.'" (In progress)
- Denice, Patrick, Jake Rosenfeld, and Shengwei Sun. "Pay Transparency and Gender Pay Gaps: What's the Connection?" (In progress)

#### SELECTED GRANTS, PRIZES, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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| 2017-2019 | National Science Foundation (NSF) Award #1727350, "Pay Secrecy Policies and Pay in U.S. Workplaces" (\$259,475) |
| 2013      | John T. Dunlop Outstanding Scholar Award, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA)                     |
| 2011-2012 | National Science Foundation (NSF) Award #1122619, "Wage Inequality in the US, UK, and Canada" (\$84,002)        |
| 2011      | Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE) Seed Grant, (\$15,000)                                      |
| 2009-2010 | West Coast Poverty Center (WCPC) Grant (\$15,000)   |
| 2009-2010 | Royalty Research Fund Scholar Fellowship (\$38,824)   |
| 2009      | Institute for Ethnic Studies in the United States (IESUS) Grant (\$9,645)                                       |
| 2006-2007 | Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars   |
| 2006-2007 | National Science Foundation (NSF) Dissertation Improvement Grant  |
| 2006      | Marvin Bressler Graduate Student Teaching Award   |
| 2005-2006 | Quin Morton Writing Fellow  |
| 2005      | European Network on Inequality Travel Grant   |

## COURSES TAUGHT

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Washington University-St. Louis,  
Sociology 2010: Understanding Racial Inequality in the U.S., Sociology 3310: The New  
Inequality, Sociology 3320: Getting Paid, Sociology 5310: Stratification

University of Washington,  
Sociology 589: Politics and the Welfare State, Sociology 518: Social Stratification  
Sociology 401B: Globalization and the Labor Movement, Sociology 401C: The New  
Inequality, Sociology 360: Introduction to Social Stratification

## SELECTED RECENT CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS

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“The Salary Taboo in U.S. Workplaces: Prevalence and Potential Consequences.” Versions of the paper presented at the Economic Policy Institute (EPI), March 6, 2020, and the University of Pennsylvania, December 4, 2019.

“The U.S. Labor Movement: Past, Present, and Why Its Future Matters for You.” Address to the Center on Work and Democracy, Arizona State University, November 18, 2019.

“Protecting Workers’ Right to Organize: The Need for Labor Law Reform.” Witness testimony provided to the Subcommittee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the House of Representatives, Washington D.C., March 26, 2019.

“Pay Secrecy and Gender Inequality in the Workplace.” Paper presented (with Patrick Denice and Shengwei Sun) at the August 2019 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), New York, New York.

“The Power of Transparency: Workplace Information Sharing and Inequality.” Versions of the paper presented at MIT, May 2, 2017, the University of Illinois, April 28, 2017, the University of Texas-Austin, February 2, 2015, the University of California-Berkeley, April 7, 2015, and Cornell University, April 21, 2015.

“Union Decline and the Wages of Nonunion Workers.” Paper presented (with Patrick Denice) at the January 2017 Annual Meeting of the Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), Chicago, IL.

“The Obama Presidency.” Special session of the August 2016 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA), Seattle, WA.

“Confronting Challenges to U.S. Labor’s Legitimacy.” Session of the November 2016 Annual Meeting of the Social Science History Association (SSHA), Chicago, IL.

“One Movement, Not Two: Why Public Sector Collective Bargaining Depends on Private Sector Unions.” Keynote address, Public Sector Labor Relations Law Conference, IIT Chicago-Kent School of Law, December 5, 2014.

*What Unions No Longer Do.* Book presentations at Loyola University, January 21, 2014, AFL-CIO Headquarters, February 6, 2014, SEIU Headquarters, February 6, 2014, Georgia State

University, March 25, 2014, University of California Santa Barbara, April 25, 2014, Seattle Town Hall, April 21, 2014, and the SPEEA Leadership Conference, June 7, 2014.

#### SELECTED SERVICE AND OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITY

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Editorial Board Member, *American Sociological Review*, 2020-2022  
Executive Board Member, Labor and Employment Relations Association (LERA), 2019-2022  
Advisory Group Member, “Rebalancing Economic and Political Power: A Clean Slate for the Future of Labor Law,” Harvard Law School Labor and Worklife Program, 2018-2020  
Regional Affiliate, Center for Studies in Demography and Ecology (CSDE), 2018-  
Consulting Editor, *Sociological Science*, 2017-  
Editorial Board Member, *ILR Review*, 2015-  
Senior Contributor, OnLabor.org, 2015-  
Editorial Board Member, *Social Science Research*, 2015-2017  
Executive Committee member, West Coast Poverty Center (WCPC), 2014-2015  
Co-director, Scholars Strategy Network Northwest (SSN-NW), 2012-2015  
Member, Scholars Strategy Network (SSN), 2012-2020  
Consulting Editor, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2012-2014  
Member, American Sociological Association Public Understanding of Sociology Award Committee, 2009-2011  
\*Committee Chair, 2010-2011  
Council Member, Organizations, Occupations, and Work (OOW) section of the American Sociological Association, 2006-2007  
Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Political Science*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *British Journal of Industrial Relations*, *British Journal of Sociology*, *ILR Review*, *Socio-Economic Review*