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EDUCATION

Ph.D. in Sociology Harvard University Dissertation: <i>The Rise of Christian Right Broadcasting: From Resisting Brown to Overturning Roe</i> Committee: Jocelyn Viterna (Chair), Theda Skocpol, Anthony Chen, Bart Bonikowski	2026 (expected)
A.M. in Sociology Harvard University	2020
B.A. in Latin American Studies Oberlin College	2006

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Comparative historical sociology, US politics, race, political sociology, social movements, communications and media, mixed methods, American political economy

UNDER REVIEW

Brooke, Matthew. "How the Belated Democratization of the American South Explains the Community Reach of Conservative Media Today"

- Winner of Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, ASA, 2024

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Viterna, Jocelyn and Matthew Brooke, "Abortion Politics and Democratic Backsliding: Lessons from Latin America," invited submission at the *Annual Review of Sociology*

Brooke, Matthew. "The Overlooked Organizational Basis of the Christian Right's Power: How Media, Advocacy Groups, and Churches Work Together to Shape Culture and Public Policy" (*Article in progress*)

Brooke, Matthew. *Jesus is With Us: Christian Right Broadcasting Companies and the Rise of the Antidemocratic Right* (Preparing prospectus for book project)

Brooke, Matthew, Kenny Kusiak, and Benjy Brooke. *Kingdom of Influence*. (Preparing Podcast Proposal)

- *Link to Podcast Teaser:*
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s05Mfpipv532sHGS2SMtntxx6gtRVQhW/view?usp=sharing>

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant (\$15,806)	2022-2024
Harvard University GSAS Merit Fellowship	Spring 2023
Harvard University Center for American Political Studies (CAPS) Study of the American Republic Fellowship	Fall 2022
Center for American Political Studies Seed Grant	Fall 2021
Josefina Cintron Tiryakian and Edward A. Tiryakian Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship Fund (does not provide additional financial support)	AY 2021-2022
Stone Ph.D. Scholar in Inequality and Wealth Concentration	2018-Present

HONORS AND AWARDS

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award, Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, ASA	2024
Accepted into Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research Open Pool Competition	Summer 2022
Distinction in Teaching Award	Fall 2019-Spring 2021 (No awards granted Spring 2020)

PRESENTATIONS

“The Origins of Christian Right Broadcasting Companies in the US South, 1948-1973” <ul style="list-style-type: none">American Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver	September 2025
“The Overlooked Organizational Basis of the Christian Right’s Power: How Media, Advocacy Groups, and Churches Work Together to Shape Culture and Public Policy” <ul style="list-style-type: none">Young Scholars in Social Movements Mini-Conference at Notre DameNortheastern Political Science Association, Philadelphia	October 2024 November 2025
“How Democracy’s Resisters Forge Organizational Change: Insights from the Emergence of Christian Right Broadcasting Companies” <ul style="list-style-type: none">Social Science History Association, TorontoAmerican Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal	October 2024 August 2024
“How the Anti-Abortion Movement Inoculated the Salvadoran Judicial System Against a Rights Revolution” (<i>with Jocelyn Viterna</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none">American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal	August 2024

- “The Rise of Christian Right Broadcasting Companies: From Resisting Brown to Overturning Roe”
- Future of Rightwing Studies Symposium, NYU (invited presentation) February 2024
- “We Feel Honored to Sponsor a Rally Such as That: The Emergence of Christian Right Broadcasting Companies Amid Massive Resistance to Desegregation”
- Politics and Social Change Workshop, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA October 2023
- "The Rise of Christian Nationalist Media Elites: How Postwar Radio Helped Christian Nationalists Build Power"
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles August 2023
- “The Long, Slow Rise of the Radical Right: How Radio Stations Helped the Radical Right Build Institutional Power”
- Center for an Informed Public, University of Washington (Virtual) January 2023
- "A Case of Twins: How Conservative Media Developed During the Golden Age of Media Objectivity,"
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles August 2022
- "A Case of Twins: The Birth of Conservative Media During the Golden Age of Media Objectivity”
- The Workshop in History, Culture, and Society, Harvard University April 2022
- “Seeing (and Acting) Like a Political Campaign: How Social Practice and Technology Influence Campaign Contact”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (Virtual) August 2020

TEACHING

Instructor at Temple University

Lead instructor for seminar course on social theory & political philosophy; designed syllabus; graded assignments

- Intellectual Heritage Fall 2025

Teaching Fellow at Harvard University

Taught sections & led discussion; met with students for advising; graded assignments

- Models of Social Science Research Spring 2021
Distinction in Teaching Award
- War, Revolution, and Organized Crime Fall 2020
Distinction in Teaching Award
- Refugees in Global Perspective Spring 2020
- Sociology in the Age of Big Data Fall 2019
Distinction in Teaching Award

AFFILIATIONS

American Sociological Association

Center for American Political Studies, Harvard University

SERVICE

Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Selection Committee,
Comparative and Historical Sociology Section, ASA 2024-2025

Politics and Social Change Workshop Coordinator 2018-2019

WORK EXPERIENCE (Selected)

Families Forward Philadelphia 2010-2017

- Social Worker, adult educator, grant writer, policy analyst
- Successfully applied for \$200 thousand grant from William Penn Foundation

Central America Report (Guatemala-based weekly magazine) 2007-2009

- Journalist and Editor
- Wrote and edited weekly magazine articles on Central American politics