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Bremen International Graduate School of Social Sciences	2009-2013	PhD, Sociology
University of Nevada, Reno	2007-2008	MA, Sociology
Bates College, Lewiston, Maine	1997-2002	BA, Sociology & African-American Studies

**EMPLOYMENT**

Postdoctoral Fellow	2015-	Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)
Postdoctoral Fellow	2013-2015	BIGSSS / University of Bremen Department of Sociology
Visiting Research Fellow	Apr.-Mar.2015	German Institute for Japanese Studies
Lecturer	Spring 2012	University of Bremen, Germany Department of Sociology
Temporary Faculty Researcher	Summer 2009	University of Nevada, Reno Department of Resource Economics
Lecturer	Fall 2009	University of Nevada, Reno Department of Sociology
Research Assistant	2007-2009	University of Nevada, Reno Department of Resource Economics
Lecturer	Fall 2008	University of Nevada, Reno Department of Statistics

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

public opinion/attitudes; social policy; welfare states; immigration; institutions

**COURSES/WORKSHOPS TAUGHT**

Winter 2016/17	“Social Capital and Immigration: Lessons from PIAAC Survey Data”. Master’s Seminar, University of Mannheim, MA/PhD
Recurring	“Liberalization and Increasing Inequalities in Rich Democracies: A Focus on Germany, Japan & the US”, University of Mannheim, BA
Spring 2016	“Is the Welfare State so Popular and Why? Comparing Public Attitudes toward Social Policies”, University of Mannheim, Master/PhD
Winter 2014/15	“Introduction to Social Thought: German and American Perspectives” Department of Sociology, University of Bremen, BA
Fall 2014	“The Use of Online Surveys: Design, Implementation and Analysis” Demand Tailored PhD Seminar, BIGSSS
Winter 2013/14	“Statistics with Stata: Introduction to Comparative Survey Data Analysis”, Department of Sociology, University of Bremen, Germany
Spring 2012	“An Introduction to Social Structure and Social Change” Department of Sociology, University of Bremen, Germany
Spring 2009	“Principles of Society” (SOC 101) Department of Sociology, University of Nevada, Reno
Fall 2009	“Introduction to Statistical Methods” (SOC 210) Department of Sociology, University of Nevada, Reno
Spring 2008	“Introduction to Statistics” (STAT 152) Department of Statistics, University of Nevada, Reno
Recurring	“Multilevel and Longitudinal Modeling Techniques” using Stata and SPSS
Recurring	“An Introduction to Structural Equation Modeling” using Mplus.

**VOLUNTARY/ELECTED POSITIONS**

Editorial Board Member ( <a href="#">link</a> )	2015-	Statistical Associates Publishing
Methods Center Instructor ( <a href="#">link to website</a> )	2014-2015	BIGSSS
Student Advisory Board Elected Representative	2012-2014	American Soc. Association
Lecture Series Coordinator	2010-2012	BIGSSS
Equal Opportunities Officer	2010-2012	BIGSSS

**PUBLICATIONS**

Maureen A. Eger and Nate Breznau. forthcoming. "Immigration and the Welfare State: A Cross-Regional Analysis of European Welfare Attitudes." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology*. [DOI](#)

Breznau, Nate. forthcoming. "Positive Returns and Equilibrium: Simultaneous Feedback between Public Opinion and Social Policy." *Policy Studies Journal*. [DOI](#)

Breznau, Nate and Maureen A. Eger. 2016. "Immigrant Presence, Group Boundaries and Support for the Welfare State in Western European Societies." *Acta Sociologica*, 59(3): 195-214. [DOI](#)

Breznau, Nate. 2016. "Secondary Observer Effects: Idiosyncratic Errors in Small-N Secondary Data Analysis." *International Journal of Social Research Methodology*, 19(3): 301-18. [DOI](#)

Breznau, Nate. 2015. "The Missing Main Effect of Welfare State Regimes: A Replication of 'Social Policy Responsiveness in Developed Democracies' by Brooks and Manza." *Sociological Science*. 2: 420-441. [DOI](#)

Breznau, Nate, Valerie A. Lykes, M.D.R Evans and Jonathan Kelley. 2011. "A Clash of Civilizations? Preferences for Religious Political Leaders in 86 Nations." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, 50(4):671-691. [DOI](#)

Breznau, Nate. 2010. "Economic Equality and Social Welfare: Policy Preferences in Five Nations." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research*, 22(4):458-484. [DOI](#)

Duina, Francesco and Nate Breznau. 2002. "Constructing Common Cultures: The Ontological and Normative Dimensions of Law in the European Union and Mercosur." *European Law Journal* 8:574-95. [DOI](#)

**OP-ED**

2016. "[What is the Role of Government? Depends on Cultural Context.](#)" [WORKING PAPER](#)

2016. "[More Than Water Under the Bridge in Flint: The Michigan Emergency Management Crisis.](#)" *Electablog*. March 25th.

2015. "[The Replication Road - Scientific Detour or Destination?](#)" *Political Science Replication Blog*. July, 15th.

2015. A Wikipedia Page [to raise awareness of Viola Klein](#) initiated with students from my 'History of Social Thought' seminar.

2015. "[Crowd Sourcing Data to Improve Macro-Comparative Research.](#)" *Policy & Politics Blog*. March, 26th.

2014. "[High School Participation in the Association.](#)" *Footnotes* (of the American Sociological Association). February Issue.

2013. "[Student Paper Award Winner Roscoe C. Scarborough](#)". *Student Sociologist* 6(5):2.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

2012. "Review of *Welfare States and Public Opinion: Perceptions of Healthcare Systems, Family Policy and Benefits for the Unemployed and Poor in Europe* by Claus Wendt, Monika Mischke and Michaela Pfeifer." *European Sociological Review* 29(2):402-3.

2011. "Review of *Welfare* by Mary Daly." *Sociological Research Online*,

2010. "Review of *Family and the Welfare State in Europe: Intergenerational Relations in Ageing Societies* by Agnes Blome, Wolfgang Keck and Jens Alber." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 22(3):412-414.

2010. "Review of *Barometers of quality of life around the globe: How are we doing?* by Valerie Møller, Denis Huschka and Alex C. Michalos (Eds.)" *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 22(1):132-134.

2009. "Review of *Well-Being: In Search of a Good Life?* by Beverley A. Searle." *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 21(1):251-54.

**INVITED TALKS**

"Policy Feedback, Path Dependency, & Political Behavior", invited Panel discussant. American Political Science Association's Annual Meeting, 2016. Philadelphia, PA.

"Simultaneous Feedback between Public Opinion and Social Policy", invited Colloquium presenter. Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, Department AB-B 'European Political Systems and Their Integration'. April 11th, 2016, 12:00pm. [Slides](#).

"From Solidaristic to Neoliberal Values? Responses to Income Inequality in Japan, Germany, Sweden and the United States". Deutsches Institut für Japanstudien, Social Science Study Group, April 15th, 2015, 6:30pm.

"The Relationship of Public Opinion and Social Policy in Advanced Industrial Democracies: Seeking Evidence of Reciprocal Causality with ISSP and OECD Data using SEM". Lecture in the SOCLIFE Research Seminar at the University of Cologne; Nov. 6th, 2013, 6:00-7:30pm.

"Immigration and Welfare Attitudes in Western Europe". With Maureen A. Eger at the Center for Comparative Studies in Race and Ethnicity, Stanford University, May 30th, 2012.

**CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

2016. Co-organizer. "Immigration and Integration in Cross-National Comparison". Postdoc Conference funded by the MZES. November 17th and 18th, 2016.

2015. Stream Convener. "The Links Between Public Opinion and Welfare State Policy". ESPAnet Annual Conference, *The Lost and the New Worlds of Welfare*, Odense, Denmark, Sept. 3-5th.

2014 & 2015. BIGSSS International Conference. 2015. "from POVERTY to PARTIES & INSTITUTIONS to INEQUALITY: Linking Structural Inequalities to Social Policy-Making

2013. Workshop Organizer. "Welcome to Graduate School: Coping with Stress at the Graduate Level". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. Sat, Aug. 10th 4:30pm.

2013. Workshop Organizer. "From Academia to Industry: Navigating a Sociology Degree Beyond the Classroom". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, NY, NY. Aug. 11th, 6:30pm.

## CONFERENCE PAPERS

2017. "What's Universal about Books in the Home? Cultural Capital, Immigration and Adolescent Abilities in Four Countries". Paper accepted for presentation at the RC28 Meetings in Cologne, Germany and Columbia, New York.

2016. "Simultaneous Feedback between Public Opinion and Social Policy". Paper presented at the American Political Science Association's Annual Conference in Philadelphia, PA. Regular Session, "Last of the Big Time Spenders: The Attitudinal Effects of SES and Inequality".

2016. "Social Institutions and the Cold War: The Role of Culture in Welfare State Attitudes". Paper accepted for presentation at the RC28/ISA Annual Meeting in Singapore.

2015. "The (Non)Politics of Urban Crisis Management in Michigan." Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Conference in Chicago, IL. Regular Session, "The Politics of Race, Ethnicity and Religion", August 24th, 4:30pm; with L. Owen Kirkpatrick.

2015. "From Solidaristic to Neoliberal Values? Responses to Income Inequality in Japan, Germany, Sweden, and the US." Paper presented at the German Institute for Japanese Studies (DIJ), Tokyo, Japan. April 15th, 6:30pm; with Carola Hommerich.

2014. "Public Opinion and Social Welfare Policy: Reciprocal Effects and Societal Values. Presented at the University of Mannheim and SFB 884 workshop "Public attitudes towards and socio-political actors' positions on labour market policies in Europe", December 4/5, 2014. Also: 2013. "Alignment or Feedback? The Relationship of Public Opinion and Social Policy in Advanced Democracies". Paper presented at the ASA's Annual Conference in NYC, August 10-13th, 2013; Regular Panel 'Public Opinion, Social Policy and Markets'; Tuesday Aug. 13th 10:30am.

2014. "Eat the Rich, Ignore the Poor. The Meaning of Support for Reducing Income Inequality". Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Meeting in Yokohama, Japan in the Comparative Sociology Section, July 16th, 10:30am; with M.D.R. Evans and Jonathan Kelley.

2014. "Legitimate Earnings and Institutionalized Redistribution: Public Opinion toward Income and Inequality in 45 Countries". Paper presented at the RC28 Social Stratification and Mobility committee's Annual Meeting in Budapest, Hungary in the "Inequalities, welfare state, social policy" session, May 8th, 11am; with M.D.R. Evans and Jonathan Kelley.

2014. "Immigration, Social Identity and Welfare Attitudes in Multiethnic Europe". Paper presented at the Council for European Studies annual Conference of Europeanists. Washington, D.C. Omni Shoreham Embassy. Session, "How Migration Changes Political Economies", Saturday, March 15th, 11am; also at ASA in San Francisco, 2014; with Maureen A. Eger.

2014. "Public Opinion and Social Policy in Advanced Democracies." Paper presented at the EDAC/ESPAnet Winter School, Leuven, Belgium. Feb. 2nd-7th.

2012. "Immigration and Welfare Attitudes in Western Europe". Paper presented in the Welfare Policy panel at the American Sociological Association's Annual Conference in Denver, Colorado. August 17-22.

2010. "Does the Influence of Public Opinion Exist? A Further Look at the Claims of Brooks and Manza". Paper presented at the NordWel/REASSESS Summer School Conference; 'State, Society and Citizen'. Odense/Svendborg, Denmark. Aug 15-20 th. Senior commentator Olli Kangas.

2009. "Economic Equality and Social Welfare: Policy Preferences in Five Nations." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Saturday, Aug. 8, 10:30am, Panel on Cross-National Public Opinion, Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, CA.

2009. "Heaven Knows Whom: Attitudes Toward Religious Politicians in 80 Nations." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Tuesday, Aug. 11, 10:30am, Table 8. Religious Influence on Political Attitudes and Participation, Hilton San Francisco, San Francisco, CA; with Lykes, Valerie A., M.D.R. Evans, and Jonathan Kelley.

## DISSERTATIONAL RESEARCH

*Public Opinion and Social Policy*. Monograph based on three research projects. Supervisors: Prof. Dr. Steffen Mau (BIGSSS), Prof. Dr. Jonathan Kelley (UNR/International Survey Center), Prof. Dr. Olaf Groh-Samberg (BIGSSS/DIW); Committee Members: Dr. Katja Hanke (Jacobs University/BIGSSS), Dr. Maureen A. Eger (Umeå University), Dr. Mandy Boehnke (BIGSSS), Maike Schulz (BIGSSS). Defended May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

## MASTER'S THESIS

"Economic Equality and Social Welfare Policy: An Analysis of Preferences in Five Nations." Under M.D.R. Evans, University of Nevada, Reno. December, 2008.

## PEER REVIEW

*Soc. Forum, The Soc. Quarterly, European Soc. Rev., Jour. of European Social Policy, American Jour. of Political Science, Jour. for the Scientific Study of Religion, International Jour. of Public Opinion Research, Czech Sociological Rev., Health Policy, American Sociological Review, Jour. of Conflict Resolution, Contemporary Japan, Social Science Research and Population Studies, Policy Studies Jour., American Pol. Science Review, British Jour. of Pol. Science, Social Forces.*

## ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association (2008-present) \*Political Sociology & Methods Sections  
International Sociological Association (2014-present)  
RC28 Research Committee on Social Stratification and Mobility (2013-present)  
American Political Science Association

## METHODOLOGICAL COMPETENCIES

multilevel modeling; path analysis/structural equation modeling; Stata; MPlus; SPSS