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EDUCATION

- In progress **Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Department of Sociology
Minor: Political Science
Preliminary Exams: Political Sociology, Ethnography
- 2019 **M.S., University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Department of Sociology
Thesis: “No Blue, No Red”: Movement-Party Dynamics, Populism, and Collective Identity Formation
- 2014 **B.A., University of Wisconsin-Madison**, Department of Sociology and
Department of Gender and Women’s Studies

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Political Sociology; Democracy; Civil Society; Social Movements; Political Communication;
Ethnography and Qualitative Research Methods; Mixed-Methods Research

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Dempsey, Sadie, Jiyoun Suk, Katherine J. Cramer, Lewis A. Friedland, Michael W. Wagner, and Dhavan V. Shah. 2020. “Understanding Trump Supporters’ News Use: Beyond the Fox News Bubble.” *The Forum* 18(3): 319-346.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Dempsey, Sadie and Jianing Li. *Forthcoming 2023*. “The Local Roots of January 6th: A Mixed-Methods, Multi-Level Approach to Political Communication” in *The Media and January 6th*. Eds. Kadijah Costley White, Daniel Kreiss, Shannon C. McGregor, and Rebekah Tromble. Oxford University Press.

Friedland, Lewis A., Dhavan V. Shah, Michael W. Wagner, Chris Wells, Katherine J. Cramer, and John C. Pevehouse. 2022. *Battleground: Asymmetric Communication Ecologies and the Erosion of Civil Society in Wisconsin*. Cambridge University Press. **Co-author on four chapters.**

UNDER REVIEW

Besbris, Max, **Sadie Dempsey**, Eva Rosen, and Brian McCabe. "Housing Insecurity during the COVID-19 Pandemic." (Under review for Russell Sage Foundation's Issue on "Building an Open Qualitative Social Science").

IN PREPARATION

Dempsey, Sadie. "The Mirage of Democracy: How the Political Process Undermines Democratic Values, Erodes Political Trust, and Nurtures Critical Citizens."

Dempsey, Sadie, Jianing Li, Benny Witkovsky, Yiming Wang, Lewis A. Friedland, Michael W. Wagner, and Dhavan V. Shah. "Election Fraud Claims on Local GOP Facebook Pages Across Six States."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2018 - **Knight Fellow and Research Assistant**, Center for Communication and Civic Renewal, University of Wisconsin – Madison. PIs: Katherine Cramer, Lewis A. Friedland, Dhavan V. Shah, and Mike W. Wagner.
- 2022 - **Research Assistant**, Building and Open Qualitative Social Science: COVID-19 and Housing. PIs: Max Besbris, Brian Cole, and Eva Rosen.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2016-2018 (4 semesters) **Teaching Assistant**, Criminal Justice in America (Soc 131), University of Wisconsin – Madison.

AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND GRANTS

- 2023-24 Mellon Public Humanities Fellowship
- 2023 Russell Sage Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000)
- 2022 UW Madison Department of Sociology Graduate Student Service Award
- 2022 UW Madison Department of Sociology Small Grant
- 2019 UW Madison Exceptional Service TA Award (nominated)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 "The Mirage of Democracy: How the Political Process Undermines Democratic Values, Erodes Political Trust, and Nurtures Critical Citizens." The Chicago Ethnography Conference at Loyola University. April 15.

- 2022 “The Local Roots of January 6th: Election Fraud Claims on Local GOP Facebook Pages Across Six States.” Communication and Civic Life Amid Contention at University of Wisconsin – Madison.
- 2021 “Narratives of Mistrust: The Intertwining of Political Trust and Media Trust.” The Great Mediation Conference at University of Chicago. May 6. Virtual.
- 2019 “‘No Red, No Blue’: Populism, Partisanship and Collective Identity.” Chicago Ethnography Conference. March 16. Northwestern University.
- 2018 “Negotiated Politics: Navigating Ideology, Political Opportunities, and Strategies in Social Movement Organizations.” Chicago Ethnography Conference. March 17. University of Chicago; Minnesota Political Methodology Conference. May 5. University of Minnesota.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 Discussant, Qualitative Methods Working Group, School of Journalism and Mass Communication at University of Wisconsin – Madison. February 24.
- 2022 Panelist, “New Research Questions” at The Capitol Coup One Year Later hosted by George Washington University. January 6. Virtual.

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018- **Founder and Graduate Student Coordinator**, Qualitative Methods Workshop.
- 2020-2022 **Lead Organizer**, Chicago Ethnography Conference 2022 at University of Wisconsin – Madison.
- 2020- **Leadership Committee**, Sociology Graduate Student Association Mentorship Committee
- 2022-2023 **Search Committee**, University of Wisconsin – Madison, Department of Sociology