

# Devin Wiggs

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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Cornell University | ILR School.  
Assistant Professor of Labor Relations. 2024.  
Department of Global Labor and Work.

## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University. 2024.

M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University. 2020.

B.A., *summa cum laude* with Honors in Sociology, Augsburg University. 2017.

## **Areas of Expertise**

Financialization; Labor & Unions; Pensions; Welfare States; Global Capitalism; Social Movements; Inequality

## PUBLICATIONS

### **Refereed Journal Articles**

Wiggs, Devin. 2022. "[City of Standards: London and the Rise of LIBOR in Global Finance.](#)" *Economy & Society* 51(3): 398-421.

### **Book Chapters**

Wiggs, Devin and Beth Redbird. 2021. "[Monopolization and Rent-Seeking](#)," pgs. 33-42 in *Inequality in America: Causes and Consequences of the Rich-Poor Divide*. Santa Barbara, CA; ABC-CLIO.

## FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

### **Fellowships**

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (NSF GRFP), 2019.

### **Grants**

Alumnae Grant, Alumnae of Northwestern University (\$2,000), 2022.

Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School at Northwestern University (\$3,000), 2022.

Alumni Funds Grant, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University (\$500), 2018.

URGO Summer Research Grant, Augsburg University (\$2,000), 2015.

### **Awards**

Robert F. Winch Award for Outstanding Graduate Student Teaching, 2019.

Alpha Kappa Delta, International Sociology Honors Society, 2017.

Ronald E. McNair Scholar, Baccalaureate Scholarship, 2016.

Excellence in Sociology, Augsburg University, 2016.

Christensen Scholar, Augsburg University, 2016.

Interfaith Scholar, Augsburg University, 2015.

American Sociological Association Honors Program Student, 2015.

Augsburg University Dean's List, 2013-17.

## MEDIA COVERAGE OF RESEARCH

Phenomenal World. Aug. 22, 2022. "New Researchers Feature."

<https://www.phenomenalworld.org/sources/sun-and-lavender/>

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### **Instructor of Record**

“The Welfare State and Its Contradictions for Workers” (ILRGL 3815/5815). Cornell University ILR School, Fall 2024, Upper-Division Undergraduate and Graduate Course.

“Welfare, Inequality, and Labor in America” (SOC 376). Northwestern Prison Education Program, Stateville Correctional Center, Summer 2023, Upper-Division Undergraduate Course

“Second-Year Paper Seminar: From a Draft to Publication in Sociology” (SOC 499). Northwestern University, Fall 2022, Graduate Seminar

### **Teaching Assistant**

Social Inequalities: Power, Class, and Race. Northwestern University. 2019.

Sociological Theory. Northwestern University. 2019.

Law and Society. Northwestern University, 2018 (weekly discussion section).

Introduction to Sociology. Northwestern University, 2018 (weekly discussion section).

Statistical Analysis. Augsburg University, 2015.

### **Teaching Service and Mentorship**

Northwestern’s Prison Education Program (tutor), 2020-21.

Undergraduate Mentoring Committee (mentor), Northwestern University, 2019.

Undergraduate Affairs Committee, (member), Northwestern University, 2019.

## RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS

### **Invited Speaker**

University of Chicago, Society for Social Research. 2024.

“Seeing Finance Like a Union: Property, Rights and Activism.”

Cornell University School of Industrial and Labor Relations. 2023.

“Seeing Finance Like a Union: Property, Rights, and Activism.”

MIT Sloan School of Management, Economic Sociology Job Market Showcase (virtual). 2023.  
“Labor’s Assets: Unions, Pensions, and Capital Strategies.”

Northwestern University, Economy and Society Conference. 2023.  
“Labor Unions and Financial Activism on Asset Managers: A Mobilization Model.”

Northwestern University, Graduate Investment Club. 2022.  
“Pensions: A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Your Retirement Income.”

Northwestern University, Buffet Center for International Studies. 2020.  
“What do you mean, Empire?”

Northwestern University, Problem Solving Sociology Dissertation Development. 2020.  
“Unpacking the Developmental State: Intermodal Shipping from East Asia to U.S. Imperialism”

Augsburg University, Community Panel. 2016.  
“Cosmopolitan Café: A Third Place for those without a First Place.”

### **Panel**

Social Science History Association Annual Conference, Toronto, Canada. 2024.  
“The Capital-Funded Pension System: Towards a New Theoretical Agenda for the Welfare State.”

### **Roundtable**

American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Montreal, Canada. 2024.  
“Worker Voice in Capital: Unite Here, CalSTRS, and the Pullman Hotel Campaign.”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Philadelphia, PA. 2023.  
“Labor Unions and Financial Activism on Asset Managers: A Mobilization Model.”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Los Angeles, CA. 2022.  
“Labor’s Capital as a Shareholder Activist: Pensions and their Demands in Corporate America.”

American Sociological Association Annual Conference. Chicago, IL. 2021.  
“Hiding Imperialism within the Sociology of Development.”

## **Workshop**

Problem-Solving Sociology at Northwestern University. 2023.  
“Labor Unions and their Capital Strategies in Real Estate”

Urban Sociology at Northwestern University. 2023.  
“Labor Unions and their Capital Strategies in Real Estate”

Problem-Solving Sociology Virtual Coffee Hour. 2021.  
“Labor’s Capital as a Shareholder Activist: Pensions and their Proxies in Corporate America.”

Problem-Solving Sociology at Northwestern University. 2021.  
“How Labor Beats Finance: An Essay.”

Problem-Solving Sociology at Northwestern University. 2019.  
“Understanding Insecurity in the ‘World’s Most Important Number.’”

Science in Human Culture at Northwestern University. 2018.  
“Understanding Insecurity in the ‘World’s Most Important Number.’”

## **Poster Presentation**

Augsburg University, Zyzzogeton Research Fair. 2017.  
“Cosmopolitan Café: A Third Place for those without a First Place.”

Minnesota State Capitol, Private College Council. 2017.  
“Cosmopolitan Café: A Third Place for those without a First Place.”

University of California-Berkeley. Ronald E. McNair Research Symposium. 2016.  
“Cosmopolitan Café: A Third Place for those without a First Place.”

Augsburg University, Zyzzogeton Research Fair. 2016.  
“Sex Scandal of the Catholic Church: A Stigmatized Structure”

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

### **Referee for Journals**

American Journal of Sociology  
Labor Studies Journal

## **American Sociological Association**

Economic Sociology Section Elected Student Representative. 2023-24.

## **Cornell University**

Sociology of Organizations, Labor, and the Economy (SOLE) Workshop Co-Founder. 2024-Present.

## **Northwestern University**

Graduate Admissions Committee (member). 2023.

Problem Solving Sociology Workshop (coordinator). 2018-2024.

Applied Quantitative Methods Workshop (coordinator). 2022.

Graduate Student Association (elected president), Department of Sociology. 2020.

Comparative-Historical Social Science Workshop (coordinator). 2020

## **Augsburg University**

Environmental Action Committee (trustee). 2015-2017.

Saint Stephen's Homeless Shelter (volunteer). 2014-2016.

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

American Sociology Association  
Social Science History Association  
Problem Solving Sociologists Network  
National Science Foundation Graduate Fellows  
Buffet Institute for Global Studies  
Alpha Kappa Delta