



CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
**Institute for the Social Sciences**



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# THE INSTITUTE

## OVERVIEW

The Institute for the Social Sciences nurtures the careers of Cornell's social science faculty members by encouraging scholars to delve into interdisciplinary research collaborations addressing some of the world's most complex challenges and disciplinary concerns. Through three signature programs—Collaborative Projects, Faculty Fellows, and Small Grants—the ISS encourages research, including quantitative, qualitative, and computational social science studies. We also advance interdisciplinary collaborations through forums, such as workshops and informal lunches, where research findings and methods are discussed and new research projects are cultivated.

### MISSION

The ISS fosters systematic, evidence-based, and collaborative research studies addressing important disciplinary and public policy concerns. The organization recognizes the critical value of basic research in the social sciences and strives to cultivate world-class scholarship that contributes to our fundamental understanding of the social world. Consistent with Cornell's mission as a land-grant-institution, the ISS disseminates knowledge in service to the public good.

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**DANIEL T. LICHTER** 

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# ISS DIRECTOR

Daniel T. Lichter is the Robert S. Harrison Director of the Institute for the Social Sciences at Cornell. He took the helm of the ISS during summer 2015.

The Ferris Family Professor of Life Course Studies in policy analysis and management in the College of Human Ecology, Lichter also holds a faculty appointment in sociology in the College of Arts and Sciences. Lichter publishes widely on population and public policy, including studies of concentrated poverty and inequality, intermarriage, immigrant incorporation in American society, rural sociology, and American racial and ethnic transformation.

Prior to coming to Cornell in 2005, he was on the faculty at Ohio State University and Pennsylvania State University. He received his Ph.D. in sociology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Many of his publications are listed on Google Scholar.

# | A MESSAGE

## ... FROM THE DIRECTOR

These are challenging but exciting times for the social sciences at Cornell University – and for the Institute for the Social Sciences. In Spring 2017, the university conducted an external review of the social sciences, inviting prominent scholars from around the country to interview Cornell’s social science faculty, identify our strengths and weaknesses, and provide recommendations for the future. At the same time, the Provost challenged the faculty to consider new research and training that embraces the idea of “radical collaboration.” This involves cross-disciplinary collaboration in the social sciences, which is part of ISS’s mission, but also means engaging more widely with Cornell’s faculty in the natural and physical sciences.

Indeed, some of the most pressing problems—both domestically and globally—have large social and behavioral dimensions that will require more than a technical fix. Global climate change, for example, portends new behavioral responses, including population responses to rising sea levels and record temperatures, unavoidable commercial adaptations to declining crop yields and pestilence, and the prospect of new regional conflicts involving scarce resources or refugees. New developments in cognitive neuroscience and genetics also require expertise on health behaviors, including smoking, diet, and risky behaviors (e.g., sexually-transmitted diseases). Even fields like engineering recognize the social dimensions involved in adapting to new innovations, such as the autonomous car.

The ISS has embraced the need for new research at the boundaries between traditional academic disciplines, both within and outside the social sciences. How can the social sciences build on traditional strengths at Cornell? How can the ISS promote new developments in basic social science research, but also serve the public good by addressing society’s most pressing social problems? Cornell’s unique strength is in combining the best of an elite liberal arts tradition and the service orientation of a premier land grant university.

This annual report describes some of the recent activities of the ISS and its investments in Cornell’s future of multidisciplinary social science research. One investment comes in the form of a small grant program aimed at providing pilot monies for innovative social science research. ISS’s faculty fellows program also continues to invest in Cornell’s talented early-career social science faculty, who often need the support and time to finish a book, start a new project, or write an external grant application. And the ISS is committed to its current multidisciplinary collaborative projects on the topics of Mass Incarceration, Deportation Relief, and China’s Cities.

In AY 2018, two new collaborative—and timely—projects will get underway at the ISS. One addresses the implications of new social media and its consequences (e.g., prosocial behavior, cyberbullying, and fake news), and the other deals with the rise in “big data” and computer algorithms (e.g., machine learning) that affects hiring and promotion decisions that benefit some groups at the expense of others.

With your continuing support, the ISS is well positioned to contribute to Cornell’s diverse and evolving program of research and training in the social sciences.

Sincerely,



Daniel T. Lichter  
Robert S. Harrison Director

# BUILDING BRIDGES

On September 1, 2017, the ISS kicked off the 2017-18 academic year at a reception hosted by CPC with CSI that welcome the social science community back to campus. This also was an opportunity to meet and greet Cornell's newest social science faculty members and graduate students. The holiday reception on December 14, 2017, provided another opportunity to bring together new Cornell faculty as well as introduce them to the ISS's funding opportunities and previous faculty awardees. Throughout the year, the ISS, CSI, and CPC cosponsored several working lunches giving postdoctoral research associates opportunities to present research informally. These events are designed to build an intellectual community across social science units – a major ISS objective.

In November, the ISS hosted the second Annual ISS Public Lecture. Dr. Dorothy Roberts, professor of law, Africana studies and sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, spoke on "Racism and the New Racial Science" to a capacity audience of faculty, students, and residents from the community. The lecture aimed at debunking research and public opinion that inequality and poverty is rooted in biology or genetics. Roberts provided a cautionary note on the "new racial science," which has seemingly resulted from technological advances in fields as far ranging as biotechnology and genomics to sociology and psychology. This public lecture was co-sponsored by Cornell's Law School and the Africana Studies and Research Center.



This interest in biosocial explanations of behavior is also reflected in a Cornell conference supported in part by an ISS small grant. Gary Evans, professor of design and environmental analysis and human development, organized an international conference on "Childhood Poverty, Health and Behavior: Biological and Psychosocial Pathways." The event was hosted by the Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Research, June 16-17, 2017, at Cornell. Another successful conference held this year that provided many opportunities for faculty and student participation was "Kings and Dictators: Asia's New Authoritarians and the Legacy of Monarchy (organized by anthropology professor Magnus Fiskesjö and historian Kaja McGowan).

A central mission of the ISS is to promote synergistic relationships and promote productive cross-department, cross-college, and interdisciplinary collaborations among Cornell's social scientists. The ISS contributes financial or administrative support for events organized by units with allied goals, including the Center for the Study of Inequality (CSI), the Cornell Population Center (CPC), the Africana Studies and Research Center, and the Law School.

The ISS hosts lectures, workshops, and other public events aimed at building intellectual bridges across the social sciences, while reaching out to a broader public audience.

An additional ISS-supported conference to be held later this year is “Thinking Big: Workshop on Macro-Development Policy” (organized by Cornell economists Kaushik Basu and Julieta Caunedo). “Thinking Big” addresses the role of government in generating economic growth in the developing world.

ISS Director Daniel Lichter co-edited a special volume, entitled “The New Rural-Urban Interface, for the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science,” in July 2017. The volume was the result of a conference cosponsored by the ISS, the American Academy of Political and Social Science, University of Kentucky’s Center for Poverty Research, and the Finger Lakes branch of Scholars Strategy Network. Lichter, along with Cornell faculty members Erin York Cornwell, Matthew Hall, Christopher Wildeman, and David Brown, and faculty from other institutions contributed papers to the special volume, which was followed up with a media event in November and a public seminar at the American Enterprise Institute.

The ISS is also working to build a stronger national and international portfolio of externally funded research among Cornell’s social science faculty. In February, ISS co-hosted a faculty event with the Office of Faculty



Development and Diversity, which brought the President of the Russell Sage Foundation, Sheldon Danziger, to campus to talk about “Working with Foundations.” The discussion provided an opportunity for Cornell’s faculty to learn more about the research interests and policy concerns in the world of foundations. This event builds on previous workshops with Cornell’s Office of Sponsored Programs (OSP) to educate the faculty about funding opportunities in the social sciences and highlight the many benefits of external funding from government agencies and nonprofits. In 2017, for example, ISS sponsored “Social Science Grant Opportunities: Where to Turn When Federal Funds are Scarce.”



YEARS AT  
CORNELL



COLLABORATIVE  
PROJECTS



FACULTY  
FELLOWS



SMALL GRANTS  
AWARDED

# CURRENT COLLABORATIVE PROJECTS

## WHAT ARE THEY ALL ABOUT?

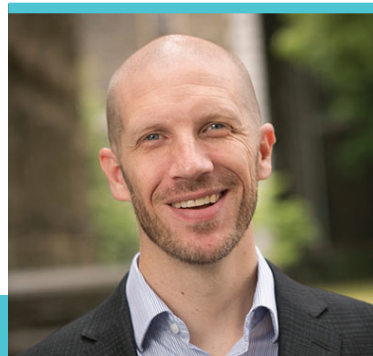
Comprised of five Cornell social science faculty members, collaborative projects conduct research on cutting-edge and significant social science issues or topics. Priority is given to “shovel ready” projects that build bridges between researchers across the university.

### DEPORTATION RELIEF 2015 - 2018



**SHANNON GLEESON**  
**Co-Leader**  
Labor Relations, Law, & History

### THE CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, AND FUTURE OF MASS INCARCERATION IN THE UNITED STATES 2015 - 2018



**PETER ENNS**  
**Project Leader**  
Government

### CHINA'S CITIES: DIVISIONS AND PLANS 2016 - 2019



**JEREMY WALLACE**  
**Project Leader**  
Government



**MATTHEW HALL**  
**Co-Leader**  
Policy Analysis & Management

### FACULTY FELLOWS

**Steven Alvarado**, Sociology  
**Kate Griffith**, Labor Relations, Law, & History  
**Jordan Matsudaira**, Policy Analysis & Management

### FACULTY FELLOWS

**Maria Fitzpatrick**, Policy Analysis & Management  
**Anna Haskins**, Sociology  
**Christopher Wildeman**, Policy Analysis & Management

### FACULTY FELLOWS

**Panle Barwick**, Economics  
**Eli Friedman**, International & Comparative Labor  
**Shanjun Li**, Applied Economics & Management  
**Jessica Chen Weiss**, Government



# DEPORTATION RELIEF

2015 - 2018

2017-2018 is the final year of the Deportation Relief Project, co-led by Shannon Gleeson (Labor Relations, Law, and History) and Matthew Hall (Policy Analysis and Management). This project seeks to understand the patterns and impacts of temporary legal status for vulnerable immigrant populations in the U.S. The multi-disciplinary team is focused on using a range of methodological tools to evaluate how immigrant well-being, particularly in their educational and work lives, is shaped by the liminality of holding temporary relief from deportation.

This year, Gleeson and Kate Griffith in labor relations, law, and history published an article in the *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal*, which argues that different immigration status categories produce differing experiences within the criminal, employment, and administrative law regimes. In turn, these distinct legal institutional contexts affect how immigrants weigh the prospect of coming forward with a workplace law claim against their employers. In March 2018, Gleeson and Griffith also presented their work at a symposium at the UC Davis Law School, which will appear in an edited volume (in progress). In Spring 2018, this research on the work experiences of Temporary Protected Status-holders was awarded a grant from the Russell Sage Foundation (\$30,242). A larger proposal to the National Science Foundation, which would fund interviews with comparative samples of undocumented and legal permanent resident respondents, is currently under review. (This work grew out of a proposal development grant Gleeson, Griffith and Hall received from the Cornell Population Center).

Hall and Steven Alvarado (Sociology) continued work with graduate student Alex Currit on developing plausibly-causal estimates of the impact of TPS on adolescent educational success by leveraging variation between siblings in the same families in TPS eligibility. The estimates point to modest educational benefits of TPS for Salvadoran youth. These findings were presented by Alvarado at the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society and by Hall at Pennsylvania State University, the University of Colorado, and the University of Wisconsin.

Hall's efforts were also directed at understanding the local impacts of immigration and assessing how legality shapes family formation and child well-being. One project, with Frank Edwards (BCTR Postdoc), received funding from Project 2Gen to explore the connection between local enforcement policies and contact with child welfare systems.

Jordan Matsudaira (Policy Analysis & Management), and Hall, engaged with graduate student Julia Zhu on a study examining the relationship between immigration enforcement activities and employer hiring.



## KEY PUBLICATIONS

Gleeson and Griffith published a paper on "Precarity of Temporality" in *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal*. Together Gleeson and Griffith have also (along with ILR colleagues Maria Cook and Larry Kahn) co-edited a forthcoming special issue of the *ILR Review* on "The Impact of Immigrant Legalization Initiatives: International Perspectives" and have co-authored an introduction to this special issue. Gleeson's edited volume (with Xóchitl Bada) on *Enforcing Rights Across Borders* is forthcoming with University of Texas Press. Griffith also published in the *UC Davis Law Review* (2017) and the *Cornell Law Review* (forthcoming). Relevant work by Hall appeared in *Social Problems*, *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*, and *Social Science Research*. Alvarado's new research on neighborhood inequality was also published in *Social Science Research*, and work by Matsudaira appeared in *Economics of Education Review*.

## EVENTS

Together with Filiz Garip (Sociology), Gleeson and Hall organized a conference, sponsored by CSI, on the criminalization of immigrants that brought together a multidisciplinary group of researchers. The proceedings will appear in an upcoming issue of the *American Behavioral Scientist*. Gleeson and Griffith also participated in a conference on "21st Century Coolies?: Migrant Labor and the Law" at U.C. Davis School of Law, 3/15/18. Hall discussed the impacts of immigration at CaRDI's Community Development Institute conference in September 2017 and the Program for Research on Youth Development and Engagement in May 2018.

In its third and final year, the Mass Incarceration Project continued to support Cornell University's reputation as a premier location for the study of the causes and consequences of mass incarceration. During the project, team members published three books *When Parents Are Incarcerated* (Wildeman, Haskins, and Poehlmann-Tynan), *Getting Tough: Welfare and Imprisonment in the 1970s America* (Kohler-Hausmann), *Incarceration Nation* (Enns) and dozens of articles on the criminal justice system. Recent articles include "Parental Incarceration and Child Outcomes" (Haskins, Amorim, and Mingo), "Parental Incarceration and Child Health in the United States" (Wildeman, Goldman, and Turney), "How Alternatives to Imprisonment Could Affect Child Well-Being" (Andersen, Andersen, Fitzpatrick, and Wildeman), and "Privatizing Punishment: Testing Theories of Public Support of Private Prison and Immigration Detention Facilities" (Enns). Kohler-Hausmann also received the prestigious Fellowship at the Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History at Harvard University.

## THE CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES, AND FUTURE OF MASS INCARCERATION IN THE UNITED STATES | 2015 -2018

ISS' Mass Incarceration project examines the factors that cause mass imprisonment and the consequences of imprisonment on individuals, families, and society.

Of particular note in 2018 is a \$450,000 grant from FWD.US to support four team members' research on a new project to understand the level and extent to which incarceration affects families. Chris Wildeman is the Principal Investigator on the grant with Enns, Fitzpatrick, and Haskins as co-investigators. In addition to producing the first estimates of family-level contact with prisons and jails (at the national-level, state-level, and by demographic group), this research will consider criminal justice contact beyond incarceration, current as well as historical family incarceration, and types or levels of family incarceration. The findings will further be broken down by demographic group, including race, gender, and family income, and may include sub-estimates for municipalities. The data will provide a much more nuanced and detailed understanding of how incarceration impacts American society.

The project has also scheduled a campus-wide event for October 4, 2018, which will feature James Forman, Jr., who recently won a Pulitzer Prize for *Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America*. Dr. Forman's talk will represent the capstone event for this theme project. The talk will also be the inaugural talk in an annual lecture series on the causes and consequences of mass incarceration. This lecture series, which represents an important legacy of the project, will be co-sponsored with Cornell's Center for the Study of Inequality.



# CHINA'S CITIES: DIVISIONS AND PLANS

2016 - 2019

The China's Cities Project team conducted new studies, published research, and engaged the public in their second, very productive year.

Problems of China's urbanization received substantial attention around the globe this year. This collaborative project analyzed these "big city diseases" from multiple perspectives. Air pollution remains a critical concern for China's urban denizens, as it takes away not just the blue sky but years off of lifespans as detailed in research by Barwick and Li covered in VoxChina. Li also researched the source of much of that pollution, traffic congestion, with his paper on road pricing in Beijing using big data, covered in the People's Daily.

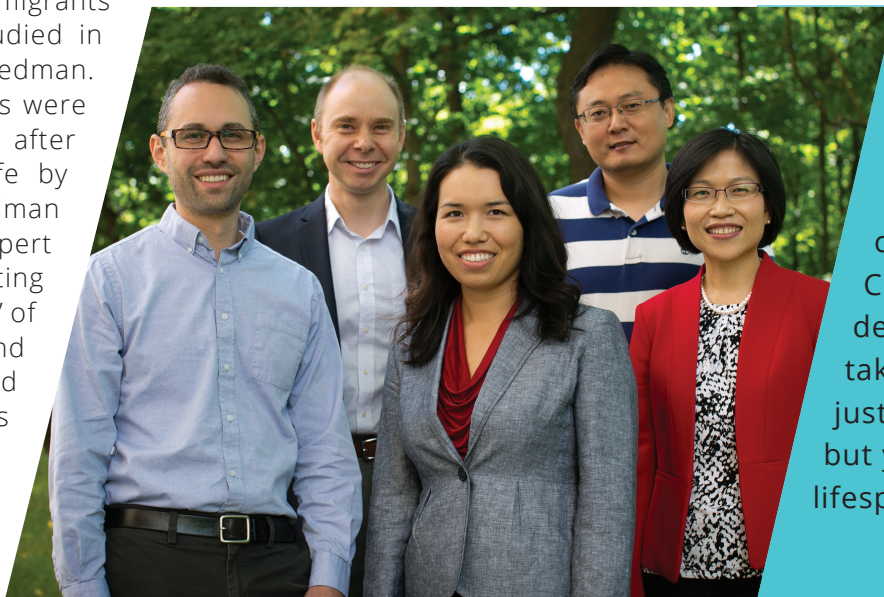
The ways that the government has tried to address these problems range from authoritarian to technocratic. The most precarious residents

of China's cities are migrants working informally, as studied in multiple papers by Friedman. Many migrant communities were demolished this past year after they were deemed unsafe by local authorities. Friedman and Wallace provided expert commentary on this targeting of the "low-end population" of China's cities in Jacobin and ChinaFile. At the other end of the spectrum are China's massive infrastructure and industrial investments, such as its growing High Speed Rail system and its subsidization

of shipbuilding, analyzed in multiple papers by Barwick and Li and Barwick, respectively. Beijing and Shanghai's vehicle purchase restrictions are another anti-congestion policy examined by Li and covered in the media.

The collaborative project also explored the international connections of China's cities. Popular animosity with Japan led to a wave of anti-Japanese protests and boycotts in 2012, analyzed in two papers by Weiss and Wallace as well as Barwick, Li, Wallace, and Weiss. The ways that Chinese nationalism interacts with attitudes towards China's internal others is another topic investigated by Weiss and Wallace, using a large scale survey of urban China.

On campus, the research team worked with more than a dozen graduate students from ILR, Arts and Sciences, SC Johnson School of Business, and Art, Architecture, and Planning on the various projects. They continued developing infrastructure for future investigations on China's urbanization as well as finding external funding. Project members were awarded grants supporting additional research on "Infrastructure Investment and Community Health" (Barwick and Li, CTECH Grant, \$60,000) and "Using Big Data to Evaluate the Impacts of Transportation Infrastructure Investment: The Case of Subway Systems in Beijing, China," (Li, 3ie Impact Evaluation, \$340,000). Li and Barwick's Cornell Institute for China Economic Research (CICER) is flourishing. Friedman is leading a new collaborative initiative with Hong Kong University to build a joint Labor and Migration Program. Faculty and student affiliates presented research at conferences around the United States and China.



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Looking ahead to the third and final year of the term, the project will continue to research questions central to China's cities, using interviews, surveys, and big data. Further, it will seek to build deeper roots on campus and in China and to find partners to support related research efforts.

# PRIOR PROJECTS: RESULTS

Running for three years, ISS collaborative projects (formerly called theme projects) encouraged interdisciplinary research collaborations on timely social science topics. In 2017-2018, past theme project members secured grants, published research findings, and earned recognition — all seeded with initial ISS support.



2004-2016

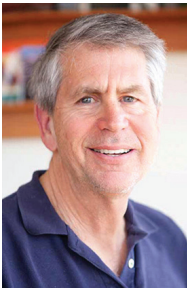
## The Evolving Family: Family Processes, Contexts, and the Life Course of Children: 2004-07



**Lindy Williams'** project, "Perceptions of Climate Change-Associated Risk and Resulting Migration Impacts in New York State," was awarded \$82,700 from Hatch, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, and \$52,800 from Smith-Lever. **Maureen Waller** received a \$47,183 Family Strengthens Scholars Grant, in addition to \$20,000 from the Cornell 2-Gen Project and \$5,000 from Engaged Cornell. **Elaine Wethington** is part of the research team that will study improved treatments for older adults suffering from depression as part of the new NIMH-funded Weill Cornell Alacrity Center. Wethington also published pieces on chronic pain and weight loss in high-risk populations.

**Michael Goldstein** received an \$80,000 Community Engaged Curriculum Development Grant from the Engaged Cornell Initiative. With **Elizabeth Adkins-Regan**, Goldstein co-authored "Early life manipulations of vasopressin-family peptides alter vocal learning." Adkins-Regan also published on parental and sexual behavior in birds.

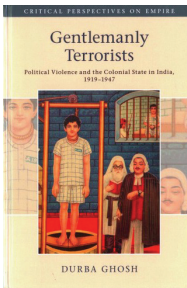
## Getting Connected: Social Science in the Age of Networks: 2005-08



**Michael Macy** was co-principal investigator on an \$800,000 DARPA Ground Truth Program award. Macy also presented papers at the International Conference on Computational Social Science and NetSci. **Jon Kleinberg** presented papers at conferences, such as the AAAI Conference on Artificial Intelligence, the Conference on Innovations in Theoretical Computer Science, and the International World Wide Web Conference, among others.

Earnings inequality and mobility trends, assertive matching, and statistics, were topics in pieces published by **John Abowd**, while **Kathleen O'Connor's** research highlighted the connection between beauty and social networks. Work by **David Easley** was published in *Critical Finance Review*. **Geri Gay** published in the *Journal for the Association for Information Science and Technology*, and **David Strang's** co-authored work was featured in *Administrative Science Quarterly*.

## Contentious Knowledge: Science, Social Science and Social Movements: 2006-09



Cited as one of 2017's best history books, **Durba Ghosh's** *Gentlemanly Terrorists: Political Violence and the Colonial State in India, 1919-1947*, was published by Cambridge University Press. She contributed chapters in *Itinerario* and *New Directions in Social and Cultural History*.

The National Science Foundation awarded **Stephen Hilgartner** a \$197,536 grant for "Making Knowledge about Risk." Hilgartner also co-edited the *Handbook on Genomics, Health and Society* and published additional articles. **Ron Herring** and **Kenneth Roberts** are organizing a fall 2018 conference on "Democracy in the Post-Truth Condition? Expertise, Populism, and Contentious Knowledge," with support from Cornell's Government Department and the ISS. Roberts received a Fulbright Visiting Scholar Fellowship in Madrid, Spain, for the summer of 2018, and his research on social movements and party politics in Latin America and Europe was featured in book chapters and publications. **Jason Frank** published pieces on democracy and populism.

## Persistent Poverty and Upward Mobility: 2008-11



**Chris Barrett** was a recipient of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future-CARE Innovation for Impact Fund for "Developing a Robust Toolkit of Empowerment and Resilience Measures." Barrett also received an award from the International Food Policy Research Institute for "Structural Transformation of African Agriculture and Rural Spaces." In addition, he published in *World Development*, *Food Policy*, *Agricultural Economics*, and other journals.

This year **Dan Lichter** published on demographics, racially diverse cities and neighborhoods, and the new rural-urban interface. **Christine Olson's** research focused on gestational weight gain, while **David Sahn** wrote about child health and education improvements. Education was also a theme for **Jordan Matsudaira's** work on topics like teachers' unions and ways to improve higher education.

## Judgment, Decision Making, and Social Behavior: 2009-12



Based on their NSF grant "Quantitative Judgments in Law: Studies of Damage Award Decision Making," which grew out of the ISS collaborative project, **Valerie Reyna** and **Valerie Hans** published "Trial by Numbers" in the *Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy* and "From meaning to money: Translating injury into dollars," in *Law and Human Behavior*. In addition, Reyna received a National Institute of Health grant in the amount of \$72,232 to fund a project on "Testing a Decision Support Intervention to Enhance Genetic Risk Assessment in Underserved Blacks and Latinas at Risk of Hereditary Breast Cancer." She also published articles on topics including numeracy, fuzzy-trace theory, and risk perception. Hans published work on juries, tort law, and procedural justice theory and public policy in journals and an edited book, including "Do Jurors Hear the Oven Bird's Song?"

This year **Peter Enns** won the American Political Science Association's Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Emerging Scholar Award and was awarded \$20,000 from the Pew Charitable Trusts to produce an archive of Andrew Kohut's Public Opinion Materials." Enns published articles on presidential polling, public perceptions of the term "global warming," and time series methodology.

**Ori Heffetz** co-authored articles on nonresponse bias in surveys and on survey-based well-being indexes, and Robert Frank wrote an article titled, "Why You Should Admit You Didn't Create Your Success on Your Own." In 2018, **Jeffrey Rachlinski** published "The Politics of Legal Empirics: Do Political Attitudes Predict the Results of Empirical Legal Scholarship?" in the *Journal of Institutional and Theoretical Economics*. Rachlinski also co-authored several articles on judges in 2017, as well as solely authored a piece on government in the age of behavioral science.

## Immigration: Settlement, Integration and Membership: 2010-13

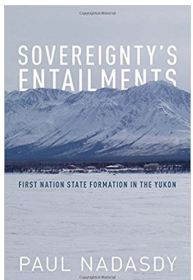


**Maria Lorena Cook** was awarded an \$80,000 Development Grant from the Cornell Office of Engagement Initiatives, as well as two Internationalizing the Curriculum Grants from the Vice-Provost for International Affairs, one for \$15,000 and the other for \$22,000 (co-principal investigator). All three awards focus on Latin American migrant workers in upstate New York.

*The Refugee Challenge in Post-Cold War America*, the third book by **María Cristina Garcia**, focuses on a study of US refugee policy in recent eras.

In three co-authored articles, **Douglas Gurak** examined dispersed settlement places, ethno-racial and nativity differences, and international student mobility.

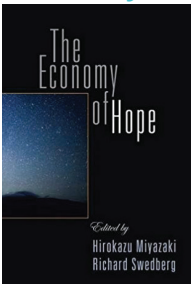
## Contested Global Landscapes: Property Governance, Economy and Livelihoods on the Ground: 2012-15



**Paul Nadasdy** wrote a book titled *Sovereignty's Entailments: First Nation State Formation in the Yukon*. The book *Other Geographies: The Influences of Michael Watts*, was co-edited by **Wendy Wolford**. In the *Journal of Peasant Studies*, Wolford co-wrote "Emancipatory Rural Politics: Confronting Authoritarian Populism."

In addition to contributing to *Defining Landscape Democracy: A Path to Spatial Justice*, **Charles Geisler** also co-edited the book *The Jackals of Westphalia? Non-state Challenges in a Re-ordered World*. **Raymond Craib's** chapter, "Decolonization and Cartography," was included in *Decolonizing the Map: Cartography from Colony to Nation*. **Steven Wolf** was awarded \$40,000 from the Engaged Cornell Research Grant to continue his research titled "Community-Engaged Research in the Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve." Wolf also co-authored an article on emergent knowledge and monarch butterfly conservation, in addition to co-editing the book *Resistance to the Neoliberal Agri-Food Regime: A Critical Analysis*.

## Creativity, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship: 2013-16



Hirokazu Miyazaki and **Richard Swedberg** edited the new book *The Economy of Hope*. Swedberg also wrote several articles on sociological theory.

**Diane Burton** published several articles, such as "Do Startups Pay Less" and "Prizes, Patents, and the Search for Longitude." **Melissa Ferguson** and Thomas Mann, graduate student in psychology, co-authored paper in the *Advances in Social Psychology* and *Journal of Personality and Social Psychology*.

**Aija Leiponen** co-authored a piece on information and communication technologies, while **David Strang** focused on theory and method in a co-authored article. **Wesley Sine** co-wrote "Manu Militari: The Institutional Contingencies of Stakeholder Relationships on Entrepreneurial Performance" in *Organizational Science*. **Trevor Pinch** received the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S) 2018 John Desmond Bernal Prize. He also had a book chapter included in *Relationship Planning: Tracing Artifacts, Agency, and Practices*.

# ISS FACULTY FELLOWS

# OUTCOMES

## 2015-2016 Cohort

**Nathan Spreng** was awarded C\$539,325 from the Canadian Institute of Health Research for “Brain Networks and Neurocognitive Aging,” and C\$169,952 from the Canada First Research Excellence Fund for “*In Vivo* Cholinergic Markers of Preclinical Alzheimer’s Disease Progression.” Spreng also received the Mentorship Award from the Scientific Research Network on Decision Neuroscience and Aging, in addition to the Vincent Di Lollo Early Career Award from the Canadian Society for Brain, Behaviour and Cognitive Science.

**Natalie Bazarova** was co-principal investigator on a \$225,010 National Science Foundation grant for “NSF II-New: Laboratory for Studying Next Generation Computer-Mediated Teamwork.” She also received a Top Four Paper Award from the Human Communication and Technology Division of National Communication Association and was hailed as being in the “top 1% most prolific scholars in central communication journals,” based on a bibliometric study of scholarly productivity in communication studies by Griffin et al. (2017).



**Erin York Cornwell** published on networking and legal expertise in *Law & Society Review* and on smartphone tracking of urban seniors in *Journals of Gerontology: Social Sciences*.

**Ernesto Bassi** received a Maury A. Bromsen Memorial Fellowship as well as an honorable mention for the Bryce Wood Book Award from the Latin American Studies Association. He also published in a volume of *The Latin Americanist*.



**Eli Friedman’s** “Evicting the Underclass,” was featured in *Jacobin*. The article details China’s campaign to expel migrant workers from Beijing. Another piece on urbanization in China was featured in *Critical Sociology*. **Kurt Jordan** published a piece in the Archaeologies of Labor in Plural Sites and Landscapes of the Northeast thematic issue of *Historical Archaeology*.



**Adam Levine** co-authored journal contributions on topics, such as gender, climate change, and worker demographics.

**Jane Mendle** co-wrote “Age at Menarche, Depression, and Antisocial Behavior in Adulthood” in *Pediatrics*. **Y. Connie Yuan** was co-principal investigator on an \$18,000 grant from Global Cornell. With **Natalie Bazarova**, she co-authored a piece on the social relations model in the *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*.



**Laura Tach** contributed to publications on research spanning anti-poverty initiatives, public housing, violent neighborhoods, and urban inequality.

Since its inception in 2004, the ISS has sponsored three Faculty Fellow cohorts. Designed to nurture Cornell's most promising social science faculty early in their career, the program gives faculty time to devote to their research and professional training and development. Fellows receive funding for research and partial relief from teaching and major administrative responsibilities in their departments. Following their stints at the ISS, Cornell faculty members have secured grants, published their research, and received promotions.

## 2012-2013 Cohort

As part of a collaborative effort, **Tom Pepinsky** was a recipient of a \$345,000 grant from the Henry R. Luce Foundation. Under the leadership of **Kim Weeden**, the Center for the Study of Inequality has entered into a new partnership with the What We Know Project, which provides an online research portal for policymakers, journalists, researchers and the general public.



In her latest book, *The Qualified Self: Social Media and the Accounting of Everyday Life*, **Lee Humphreys** puts our mobile and social media use into a historical context. A recipient of the Robert and Helen Appel Fellowship for Humanists and Social Scientists, **Saida Hodžić** also received the Rosenthal Advancement of College of Arts and Science Women Faculty from Cornell. In addition, she was the recipient of the Michelle Rosaldo award for her 2016 book, *The Twilight of Cutting: African Activism and Life after NGOs*.

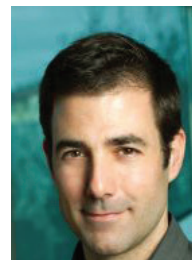


**Benjamin Cornwell** received the Leo Goodman Award for Mid-Career Sociological Methodologist. Cornwell also published on a number of topics, such as social networks, sequence structures, sex market range, HIV risk and prevention, and disparities in health service utilization. **Dan Cosley** co-wrote "Psychological distress and emotional expression on Facebook." **Raymond Craib** contributed a chapter to *Decolonizing the Map: Cartography from Colony to Nation*, while early development and behaviors in young children was the focus of several pieces published by **Tamar Kushnir**.



## 2008-2009 Cohort

Recently elected Association for Computational Linguistics Fellow, **Lillian Lee**, was co-principal investigator on a \$983,479 NSF grant "Harnessing Language and Interaction Dynamics at Multiple Scales to Maximize the Benefits of Group Interaction." Lee also received the 2018 Test-of-Time award for the collaborative paper "Thumbs up? Sentiment Classification using Machine Learning Techniques," from the North American Chapter of the Association for Computational Linguistics.



**Tarleton Gillespie** is principal researcher at Microsoft Research New England while retaining his position as affiliate associate professor in the Department of Communication. Gillespie wrote *Custodians of the Internet: Platforms, Content Moderation, and the Hidden Decisions that Shape Social Media*, published this year by Yale University Press.

**Michael Goldstein** contributed to pieces on maternal responsiveness and family peptides in *Developmental Science* and *Proceedings of the Royal Society B*. **Wesley Sine** published "Institutional Theory and Entrepreneurship" in the SAGE Handbook of Organizational Institutionalism.



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## Fall Small Grant Recipients

2017

Twice yearly, the ISS small grants program supports Cornell faculty research and conferences. In the fall 2017, the ISS funded 12 research projects and two conferences. The average award was \$6,598.

### [Thinking Big: Workshop on Macro-Development Policy \(Conference\):](#)

**Kaushik Basu**, Economics

**Julieta Caunedo**, Economics

### [Are Trump Supporters Increasing in Prejudice? Assessments and Mechanisms from Psychological, Sociological, and Political Science Perspectives](#)

**Melissa Ferguson**, Psychology

### [Kings and Dictators: Asia's New Authoritarians and the Legacy of Monarchy \(Conference\)](#)

**Magnus Fiskesjö**, Anthropology

**Kaja McGowan**, History of Art and Visual Studies

### [Is Colombia Ready for a Sustainable Cocoa Boom? Developing a Baseline Knowledge on the Productive Practices, Biodiversity Conditions and Environmental Performance of Cocoa Production in a Post-Conflict Context](#)

**Miguel I. Gómez**, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management

**Ximena Fajardo**, Management, University of the Andes

### [Endline Survey for Election Violence Project in Liberia](#)

**Sabrina Karim**, Government

### [Ottoman-Ethiopian Relations and the Geopolitics of Colonialism in East Africa](#)

**Mostafa Minawi**, History

### [Polarized Beliefs and Discrimination](#)

**Eleonora Patacchini**, Economics

**Jorgen Harris**, Economics

### [The Effects of Employee Ownership on Executive Compensation](#)

**Michael T. Paz**, SC Johnson College of Business

**Christopher Boone**, SC Johnson College of Business

**Sean Rogers**, SC Johnson College of Business

### [Articulating South Asian Feminist Visions for Technology](#)

**Phoebe Sengers**, Information Science and Science & Technology Studies

**Nicola Dell**, Information Science

**Palashi Vaghela**, Information Science

### [Reasoning and Trust](#)

**Jed Stiglitz**, Law School

### [Can the Attentional Boost Effect Mitigate Racial Bias?](#)

**Khena Swallow**, Psychology

**Amy Krosch**, Psychology

**Bohan Li**, Psychology

### [How Housing and Labor Market Conditions Influence the Progression of Romantic Relationships](#)

**Laura Tach**, Policy Analysis and Management

**Sharon Sassler**, Policy Analysis and Management

### [Embodying Social Inequality During a Time of War: A Bioarchaeological Study of Childhood Health in the Late Prehispanic Andes](#)

**Matthew Velasco**, Anthropology

### [Restoring Credit: How People Understand and Interact with Credit Scoring Systems](#)

**Malte Ziewitz**, Science and Technology Studies

**Ranjit Singh**, Science and Technology Studies



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## Spring Small Grant Recipients

### 2018

In the Spring 2018, the ISS funded 18 research projects and two conferences. The average award was \$5,550.

#### “Too-big-to-fail” and Historical Banking Crises

**Matt Baron**, SC Johnson College of Business

#### Estimating Risk Preferences with Limited Consideration

**Levon Barseghyan**, Economics

**Francesca Molinari**, Economics

#### Revolutionizing Assessment of Children’s Early Numerical Abilities with Portable EEG

**Daniel Cassanto**, Human Development

#### Libertarian Noir: Unsettled Histories of Exit and Enclosure

**Raymond Craib**, History

#### Work that Kills: The Social Life of a Bosnian Weapons Factory

**Saida Hodžić**, Anthropology; Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies

#### How Car Donation Programs Change the Lives of Poor Families

**Nicholas Klein**, City and Regional Planning

#### Ecological Learning Collaboratory for Food, Healing, and Spatial Justice (Conference)

**Neema Kudva**, City and Regional Planning

**Rachel Bezner-Kerr**, Development Sociology

**Stacey Langwick**, Anthropology

#### Water Conservation and Management: Agricultural Water Use, Climate Change, and Government Policy

**C.-Y. Cynthia Lin Lawell**, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management

#### A Critical Examination of After School Programming at Racially Diverse, Title I Middle Schools in Urban Communities

**Tashara M. Leak**, Division of Nutritional Sciences

#### Paying for Privacy While Selling your Data?

**Aija Leiponen**, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management

#### Gender, Qualifications, and Preferential Hiring: Who Gets Hired, and Under Which Conditions?

**Neil Lewis**, Communication

#### Minority Hiring Quotas and Worker/Firm Match Quality: Evidence from Brazil

**Evan Riehl**, Economics

#### Authoritative and Contentious Knowledge: Democracy in the Era of “Fake News” (Conference)

**Kenneth Roberts**, Government

#### Collaborative Documentation of the Endangered Language Bororo

**Mats Rooth**, Linguistics

**Pedro Rabelo Erber**, Romance Studies

#### Cross-cultural Public Opinion on Climate Change Amid Global Energy Transitions

**Jonathon Schuldt**, Communication

#### Cascades and Fluctuations in an Economy with an Endogenous Production Network

**Mathieu Taschereau-Dumouchel**, Economics

#### Status and the Politics of National Decline

**Steven Ward**, Government

#### China’s Tree Crop Explosion: Impacts on Rural Development, Livelihoods, and Environmental Change

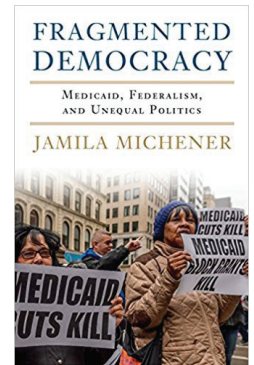
**John Zinda**, Development Sociology

This program seeds research projects that then receive larger grants from government agencies and private foundations and result in publications.

# SMALL GRANTS: RESULTS

## 2014 ISS SMALL GRANT AWARDEES

**Jamila Michener** (Government) completed her first book in 2018, *Fragmented Democracy: Medicaid, Federalism, and Unequal Politics* (Cambridge UP) based on qualitative interviews and quantitative data she collected and analyzed with the help of a 2015 small grant. Michener received the 2018 Early Career Award from the Midwest Political Science Association's Women Caucus for her achievements in research and her contributions to political science. Michener also received the 2018 Nancy Weiss Malkiel scholars award from the Woodrow Wilson Foundation for research excellence as well as commitment to student mentoring and campus service.



## 2015 ISS SMALL GRANT AWARDEES

**Nicolas Ziebarth** (Policy Analysis and Management) received a \$200,000 award in 2017 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to continue research seeded by the ISS in 2015 on "The Impact of US Sick Pay Mandates on Coverage Rates, Absence Behavior, and the Spread of Diseases." Ziebarth's recently published work on the topic includes "The Pros and Cons of Sick Pay Schemes: Testing for Contagious Presenteeism and Noncontagious Absenteeism Behavior," in *Journal of Public Economics*, which received a 2018 German Health Economics Science Award.

Fair Trade USA awarded **Miguel Gomez** (Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management) \$50,000 so he can further develop his research on "Developing a Sustainable Coffee Cost of Production Calculation Tool for Smallholder Farmers in Latin America," that was funded in 2015. He contributed articles resulting from his project in *Ecological Economics* and *Business Strategy and the Environment*.

Engaged Cornell provided subsequent grant support to **Rebecca Seguin** (Nutritional Sciences) to include another cohort of 133 study participants in her project on "Program and Participant Evaluation of a Farmers' Market Incentive Program for SNAP Participants."

**Matthew Baron** (Johnson School of Management) published "Credit Expansion and Neglected Crash Risk" in the *Quarterly Journal of Economics*. This paper is based on a project funded by the ISS titled, "The Causes and Consequences of Financial Crises Evidence from New Historical Data, 1900-2015."

## 2016 ISS SMALL GRANT AWARDEES

**John Sipple** (Development Sociology) received a federal Formula Fund grant of \$150,000 to extend the work of his ISS 2016 small grant project from 2017-2020. His current project is titled "Enhancing the Community Impact of School-Based Health Centers in Rural New York via Parenting Education: A Pilot Study."

Using her ISS small grant, **Camille Robcis** (History) spent two weeks in France at the National Archives in 2016 examining the legislative debates surrounding the constitution of the Fourth Republic. A resulting article on "The Biopolitics of Dignity" was published in *South Atlantic Quarterly*, and additional work will inform her forthcoming book on the Catholic origins of secular law. Robcis is currently a Faculty Fellow at the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable working on a related project focused on gay marriage and human ecology.

**Valerie Reyna** (Human Development) and **Valerie Hans** (Law)'s project on "Gist in Criminal Adjudication" led to two coauthored articles in 2018 analyzing how juries decide on monetary damages in civil cases, as well as multiple publications on logical but incompetent plea decisions, Fuzzy-trace Theory, and adolescent risky decision-making.





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