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# Academic Appointments

## Northern Illinois University

* Professor, Department of Sociology, 2021 – present
* Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, 2014 – 2021
* Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, 2009 – 2014

## University of California, San Diego

* Lecturer, Department of Sociology, 2009

# Education

* Ph.D., Sociology, *University of California, San Diego, 2009*
* M.A., Sociology *University of Georgia*, 2004
* B.A., Sociology *University of North Carolina at Greensboro*, 1999

# Areas of Specialization

* Culture
* Qualitative methods

# Publications

## Books

* Binder, Amy J. and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2022. *The Channels of Student Activism: How the Left and Right are Winning (and Losing) in Campus Politics Today*. Chicago: [University of Chicago Press](https://press.uchicago.edu/ucp/books/book/chicago/C/bo156715802.html).
  + [*The New Republic*](https://newrepublic.com/article/173403/rights-campus-culture-war-machine), “The Right’s Campus Culture War Machine” (June 28, 2023); [*The Chronicle of Higher Education*](https://www.chronicle.com/article/red-scare), “Red Scare” (September 28, 2022)
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2017. *Parkour and the City: Risk, Masculinity, and Meaning in a Postmodern Sport*. New Brunswick, NJ: [Rutgers University Press](https://www.rutgersuniversitypress.org/parkour-and-the-city/9780813571959).
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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2011. *Urban Flow: Bike Messengers and the City*. Ithaca, NY: [Cornell University Press](https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501713590/urban-flow/#bookTabs=1).
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## Peer-Reviewed Articles

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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2022. “Reconsidering Edgework Theory: Practices, Experiences, and Structures.” [*International Review for the Sociology of Sport*](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/10126902211009448?journalCode=irsb) 57 (2): 183-200.
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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2018. “Civil and Uncivil Places: The Moral Geography of College Republicans.” [*American Journal of Cultural Sociology*](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1057/s41290-016-0023-5) 6 (1): 161-188.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2016. “Hollywood, Bike Messengers, and the New Economy.” [*Critical Sociology*](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0896920513516024) 42 (2): 307-322.
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  + Co-winner of the David R. Maines Narrative Research Award, Carl Couch Center (2012)
  + [*Huffington Post*](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/study-middle-class-americans-taxes_n_1540772), “Middle Class Americans Find Current Tax Morally Objectionable: Report” (May 24, 2012)
* Ng, Kwai Hang and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2010. “Towards a Theory of Emotive Performance: With Lessons from How Politicians Do Anger.” [*Sociological Theory*](https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1467-9558.2010.01373.x) 28 (2): 193-214.
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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2006. “It's the Job I love:’ Bike Messengers and Edgework*,”* [*Sociological Forum*](https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11206-006-9002-x) 21 (1): 31-54.
  + *Contexts*, “Discoveries: New and Noteworthy Research” (winter 2007)
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2005. “Style and Action: A Decoding of Bike Messenger Symbols.” [*Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*](https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/0891241605274734) 34 (3): 344-367.

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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2019. “Risk in Lifestyle Sports: The Case of Parkour.” Pp. 39-54 in *The Suffering Body in Sports: Shifting Thresholds of Pain, Risk, and Injury*, edited by Kevin Young. Bradford, UK: [Emerald Press](https://books.emeraldinsight.com/page/detail/The-Suffering-Body-in-Sport/?k=9781787560697).
* Sharp, Shane and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2013. “Emotions.” Pp. 341-367 in *Handbook of Social Psychology* (2nd Edition), edited by John DeLamater and Amanda Ward. New York: [Springer](https://www.springer.com/gp/book/9789400767713).
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## Book Reviews

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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2019. “Skateboarding LA: Inside Professional Street Skateboarding, by Gregory J. Snyder.” [*American Journal of Sociology*](https://www.journals.uchicago.edu/doi/abs/10.1086/701695?mobileUi=0) 124 (5): 1596-1598.
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## Other Writings

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* Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2022. “Higher Education for American Democracy and the Channels of Student Activism.” [*Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning*](https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/00091383.2022.2006566) 54 (1): 33-40.
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* Binder, Amy and Jeffrey Kidder. 2018. “If You Think Campus Speech is All Angry Confrontation, You’re Looking in the Wrong Places.” [Monkey Cage](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2018/10/30/if-you-think-campus-speech-is-all-angry-confrontation-youre-looking-in-the-wrong-places/?utm_term=.ef20bfd7c07a), *The Washington Post*, October 30.
* Kidder, Jeffrey. 2017. “Jeff Sessions Just Criticized University Safe Spaces. But Conservatives Want Their Own Safe Spaces Too.” [Monkey Cage](https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/monkey-cage/wp/2017/09/26/campus-conservatives-provoke-liberals-for-a-reason-they-want-their-own-safe-spaces/?utm_term=.13313a9e75ab)*, The Washington Post*, September 26.
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# Presentations

## Invited Talks (select list)

* Binder, Amy J. and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2023. “The Progressive Channel of Student Activism and Its Implications.” Field Leaders Research Network, September 19, Boston, MA (virtual).
* Binder, Amy J. and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2021. “The Channels of Student Activism: How the Left and Right Are Winning (and Losing) in Campus Politics Today.” [#SpeechMatters: Safeguarding Democracy](https://freespeechcenter.universityofcalifornia.edu/speechmatters2022/), University of California’s National Center for Free Speech and Civic Engagement, April 6, Irvine, CA (virtual).
* Binder, Amy J. and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2021. “The Conservative and Progressive Channels of Student Activism.” [Reitman-DeGrange Colloquium Series](https://dartmouth.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=e9d30e60-7fda-457c-ba77-ad1201525870), Department of Sociology, Dartmouth College, April 22, Hanover, NH (virtual).
* Binder, Amy J. and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2018. “The New Era of Campus Politics: Struggles Over Ideology and Identity in Four Battleground States.” Panel with presenters at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, March 29, Long Beach, CA.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2017. “Parkour and Reimaging Urban Possibilities.” Keynote address for the Culture Matters Symposium at Uppsala University, May 15, Uppsala, Sweden.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2017. “Sociological Perspectives on the Significance of Space and Place in Performance Art.” Paper presented for the (Re)Presenting Guatemala exhibitions at Northern Illinois University, January 25, DeKalb, IL.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2016. “Civil and Uncivil Places: The Moral Geography of College Republicans.” Paper presented at the Center for Cultural Studies Workshop at Yale University, September 9, New Haven, CT.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2015. “Ethnography and Truth.” Paper presented at the Politics of Ethnography Symposium at Northwestern University, November 14, Evanston, IL.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2013. “Parkour, Masculinity, and the City.” Plenary address for the Chicago Ethnography Conference at the University of Chicago, March 2, Chicago, IL.

## Conference Papers (select list)

* Kidder, Jeffrey L., Amy J. Binder, and Zosia Cooper. 2024. “Symbolic Ideological Boundary Work and Libertarian Scholars.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, September 7, Philadelphia, PA.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2019. “Trumpism on College Campuses: True Believers, Satisficed Partisans, and Principled Rejecters.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 10, New York, NY.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2017. “Civil and Uncivil Places: The Moral Geography of College Republicans.” Paper presented at the Couch-Stone Symposium (Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction), April 2, Milwaukee, WI.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2016. “From Edgework to Hedgework: Neoliberal Discourse and the Social World of Parkour.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 22, Seattle, WA.
* Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2015. “College Republicans and the Moral Order.” Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 24 Chicago, IL.

## Invited Discussant (select list)

* “Semi-Structured Interviewing” (with Amy J. Binder). Research Methods, Dartmouth College, April 27, 2021 (virtual).
* “Navigating Free Speech, Student Politics, and Faculty Harassment: Sociological Reflections and Tips for Professional Practice” (with Amy J. Binder). Professional development workshop, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 13, 2019.
* “Embodied Ethnography.” Culture Matters panel discussion, Uppsala University, May 16, 2017.

# Research Grants

* “The New Era of Campus Politics: Struggles Over Identity in Four Battleground States” (co-PI with Amy J. Binder), Spencer Foundation, 2018 – $49,343

# Recent Courses

* Cities, Suburbs, and Social Inequality
* Contemporary Sociological Theory
* Foundations of Sociology
* Sociological Inquiry: Qualitative Methods

# Institutional Service

* Northern Illinois University
  + United Faculty Alliance, Grievance Officer, 2022 – present
  + Faculty Senate Personnel Committee, 2021 – 2022
  + Faculty Salary Study Task Force, 2016 – 2017
  + Faculty Senate (substitute), 2015 – 2016
* College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
  + College Council, 2018 – present
* Department of Sociology (current)
  + Assessment Committee
  + Curriculum Committee
  + Recruitment Committee

# Professional Service

* Associate Editor, *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, 2022 – present
* Ad Hoc Reviewer (select list)
  + Academic journals: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, City & Community, International Journal of Sport Policy & Politics, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Psychology Quarterly*, *Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Spectrum, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Sport Journal, Urban Studies, Work & Occupations*
  + Academic presses: Oxford University Press, University of Chicago Press
  + Grant review: Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada
* Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, 2019
* Mentor Excellence Award Committee, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2015

# Recent Media Commentary

* “Kyle Rittenhouse Campus Appearances Spark Outrage,” by Johanna Alonso in [*Inside Higher Ed*](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/students/free-speech/2024/03/27/kyle-rittenhouse-campus-talks-spark-outrage), March 24, 2024.
* “La guerre au Proche-Orient Ravive les tensions sur les Campus Américains,” by Patricia Neves in [*Mediapart*](https://www.mediapart.fr/journal/international/181223/la-guerre-au-proche-orient-ravive-les-tensions-sur-les-campus-americains), December 18, 2023.
* “Shouting Down Speakers Who Offend,” by Johanna Alonso in [*Inside Higher Ed*](https://www.insidehighered.com/news/students/free-speech/2023/04/13/shouting-down-speakers-who-offend), April 13, 2023.
* “Les Universités au Coeur des Élections de Mi-mandat,” by Léa Carrier in [*La Presse*](https://www.lapresse.ca/international/etats-unis/2022-10-29/la-presse-aux-etats-unis/les-universites-au-coeur-des-elections-de-mi-mandat.php), October 29, 2022.
* “Complaints of Muzzled Conservatives Are Behind New Laws. But Liberals Feel Stifled, Too” by Oyin Adedoyin in [*The Chronicle of Higher Education*](https://www.chronicle.com/article/complaints-of-muzzled-conservatives-are-behind-new-laws-but-liberals-feel-stifled-too), August 30, 2021
* “Nationalist ‘Antics’ or the Future of the GOP? College Republicans are at War” by Chris Quintana in [*USA Today*](https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/education/2020/01/17/college-republicans-crnc-trump-republican-party-gop-turning-point-usa/4476649002/), January 17, 2020
* “Partisan Divide Reaches into Views of Higher Education” by Caroline Simon in [*CQ Roll Call*](https://www.rollcall.com/news/partisan-divide-reaches-into-higher-education), October 22, 2019
* “Degenerate and Murderous’: California Campus Republicans’ Platform Attacks College Culture” by Chris Quintana in [*The Chronicle of Higher Education*](https://www.chronicle.com/article/Degenerate-and/244871), October 21, 2018
* “After Charlottesville, What Will the College Republicans Stand For?” by Chris Quintana in [*The Chronicle of Higher Education*](https://www.chronicle.com/article/After-Charlottesville-What/241045), August 29, 2017

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