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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

University of California, San Diego

- Ph.D., Sociology, 2009

University of Georgia

- M.A., Sociology, 2004

University of North Carolina at Greensboro

- B.A., Sociology, 1999

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: Culture and 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](http://University of Chicago Press).

- \* [The New Republic](http://The New Republic), “The Right’s Campus Culture War Machine” (June 28, 2023); [The Chronicle of Higher Education](http://The Chronicle of Higher Education), “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](http://Rutgers University Press).

- \* Japanese translation published by [Minerva Shobo](http://Minerva Shobo) (2022)

Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2011. *Urban Flow: Bike Messengers and the City*. Ithaca, NY: [Cornell University Press](http://Cornell University Press).

- \* [The Chronicle of Higher Education](http://The Chronicle of Higher Education), “Nota Bene: Insider Views of the Metropolis” (September 4, 2011); [The New York Times](http://The New York Times), “Brief Encounters, Messengers, and Guides” (October 7, 2011)

Peer-Reviewed Articles

Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2022. “Reconsidering Edgework Theory: Practices, Experiences, and Structures.” [International Review for the Sociology of Sport 57 \(2\): 183-200](http://International Review for the Sociology of Sport 57 (2): 183-200).

Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2021. “The Politics of Speech on Campus.” [Sociological Forum 36 \(2\): 338-358](http://Sociological Forum 36 (2): 338-358).

Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2020. “Trumpism on College Campuses.” [Qualitative Sociology 43 \(2\): 145-163](http://Qualitative Sociology 43 (2): 145-163).

- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2018. "Civil and Uncivil Places: The Moral Geography of College Republicans." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology* 6 (1): 161-188.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2016. "Hollywood, Bike Messengers, and the New Economy." *Critical Sociology* 42 (2): 307-322.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2016. "College Republicans and Conservative Social Identity." *Sociological Perspectives* 59 (1): 177-200.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2013. "Parkour: Adventure, Risk, and Safety in the Urban Environment." *Qualitative Sociology* 36 (3): 231-251.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2013. "Parkour, Masculinity, and the City." *Sociology of Sport Journal* 30 (1): 1-23.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2012. "Parkour, the Affective Appropriation of Urban Space, and the Real/Virtual Dialectic." *City & Community* 11 (3): 229-253.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Isaac William Martin. 2012. "What We Talk About When We Talk About Taxes." *Symbolic Interaction* 35 (2): 123-145.
- \* Co-winner of the David R. Maines Narrative Research Award, Carl Couch Center (2012)
  - \* *Huffington Post*, "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* 28 (2): 193-214.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2009. "Appropriating the City: Space, Theory, and Bike Messengers." *Theory & Society* 38 (3): 307-328.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2006. "Bike Messengers and the Really Real: Effervescence, Reflexivity, and Postmodern Identity." *Symbolic Interaction* 29 (3): 349-371.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2006. "It's the Job I love: Bike Messengers and Edgework." *Sociological Forum* 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* 34 (3): 344-367.

#### Book Chapters

- 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](#).
- Sharp, Shane and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2013. "Emotions." Pp. 341-367 in *Handbook of Social Psychology (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition)*, edited by John DeLamater and Amanda Ward. New York: [Springer](#).
- William, J. Patrick and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2011. "Style." Pp. 65-86 in *Subcultural Theory: Traditions and Concepts* by J. Patrick Williams. Malden, MA: [Polity](#).
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2009. "Mobility as Strategy, Mobility as Tactic: Post-Industrialism and Bike Messengers." Pp. 177-191 in *The Cultures of Alternative Mobilities: Routes Less Travelled*, edited by Phillip Vannini. Burlington, VT: [Ashgate](#).

#### Book Reviews

- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2022. "Review of 'Dangerous Fun: The Social Lives of Big Wave Surfers.'" *Social Forces* 101 (4): e11
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2019. "Skateboarding LA: Inside Professional Street Skateboarding, by Gregory J. Snyder." *American Journal of Sociology* 124 (5): 1596-1598.

- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2018. "The Sociology of Speed, edited by Judy Wajcman and Nigel Dodd." *Contemporary Sociology* 47 (2): 234-236.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2017. "Punk Rock and the Politics of Place, by Jeffrey S. Debies-Carl." *Contemporary Sociology* 46 (5): 549-551.

#### Other Writings

- Amy J. Binder and Jeffrey L. Kidder. 2022. "The Channels of Student Activism." [Next Big Idea Club](#), July 7.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2022. "The Channeling of the American Mind." [Heterodox: The Blog](#), May 18.
- 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](#) 54 (1): 33-40.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2020. "In the Trump Era, Campus Conservative Groups are Fighting One Another." [Monkey Cage](#), *The Washington Post*, February 19.
- Binder, Amy and Jeffrey Kidder. 2019. "Student Activism is Often Uncivil. We Can Change That." [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), September 27.
- Binder, Amy and Jeffrey Kidder. 2018. "If You Think Campus Speech is All Angry Confrontation, You're Looking in the Wrong Places." [Monkey Cage](#), *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](#), *The Washington Post*, September 26.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2015. "Regina José Galindo and the Social Significance of Space." Pp. 22-29 in *Regina José Galindo: Bearing Witness*. Van Every/Smith Galleries, Davidson College.
- Kidder, Jeffrey. 2012. "America's Middle-Class Tax Morality." [The Guardian](#), May 23.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2011. "Edgework and the Workplace." [Work in Progress](#) (ASA), November 16.
- Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2011. "Lessons from Bike Messengers." [Berfrois](#), September 27.

#### PRESENTATIONS

##### Invited Talks

- 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](#), 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](#), 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 Reimagining 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. 2015. "College Republicans and Conservative Social Identity." Paper presented at the Lifelong Learning Institute at Northern Illinois University, April 28, DeKalb, 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 (most recent 10 years)

Kidder, Jeffrey L. and Amy J. Binder. 2019. "Trumpism on College Campuses: True Believers, Satisfied 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.

Kidder, Jeffrey L. 2014. "College Republicans and Conservative Social Identity." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, August 17, San Francisco, CA.

#### Invited Discussant (most recent 10 years)

- "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

### Funded 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

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

### Recent Courses

- Contemporary Sociological Theory
- Foundations of Sociology
- Qualitative Research Methods (graduate-level)
- Sociological Inquiry: Qualitative Methods
- Urban Community

## INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

### Northern Illinois University

- 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)

- Awards Committee
- Curriculum Committee (chair)
- DEI Committee

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Associate Editor

- *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*, 2022 – present

### Committee Memberships

- Undergraduate Paper Award Committee, Midwest Sociological Society, 2019
- Mentor Excellence Award Committee, Society for the Study of Symbolic Interaction, 2015

### Ad Hoc Reviewer (most recent 10 years)

- Academic journals: *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*; *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Annals of Leisure Research*; *Applied Mobilities*; *Cambridge Journal of Regions, Economy & Society*; *Canadian Journal of Sociology*; *City & Community*; *City & Society*; *Communications and Critical/Cultural Studies*; *Culture & Organization*; *International Journal of Sport Policy & Politics*; *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*; *Qualitative Research in Sport, Exercise & Health*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social Forces*; *Social Psychology Quarterly*; *Social Justice Research*; *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

## MEDIA COMMENTARY

### Print Interviews (select list)

- "Shouting Down Speakers Who Offend," by Johanna Alonso in [Inside Higher Ed](#), April 13, 2023.
- "Les Universités au Coeur des Élections de Mi-mandat," by Léa Carrier in [La Presse](#), 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](#), August 30, 2021
- "Nationalist 'Antics' or the Future of the GOP? College Republicans are at War" by Chris Quintana in [USA Today](#), January 17, 2020
- "Partisan Divide Reaches into Views of Higher Education" by Caroline Simon in [CQ Roll Call](#), October 22, 2019
- "Degenerate and Murderous': California Campus Republicans' Platform Attacks College Culture" by Chris Quintana in [The Chronicle of Higher Education](#), October 21, 2018

- “After Charlottesville, What Will the College Republicans Stand For?” by Chris Quintana in *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, August 29, 2017
- Interview in *Bicycle Print: Bicycle Life and the City* (South Korea), 2013
- “For Many, It’s More Than Simply a Job,” by Frank Main in *Chicago Sun-Times*, July 21, 2013
- “60 Seconds with Jeffrey L. Kidder.” *New York Post*, October 24, 2011

Radio Interviews (select list)

- “Hostility to Tax” on *Thinking Allowed*, BBC Radio 4, June 20, 2012
- Interview about morality and taxes with Bill Moller, WGN Radio, August 11, 2012
- “Bike Messengers and the City” on *The Brian Lehrer Show*, WNYC, August 11, 2011
- “Die ‘Fakenger” on *Oel Diagonal*, Austrian Broadcasting Corporation, ORF, September 3, 2011
- “Bike Courier Rage” on *The Current*, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, Radio 1, September 3, 2009

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