

# Steven Foertsch

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## **Education**

Baylor University, Waco, TX Doctor of Philosophy Sociology of Religion	Expected: May 2025
The New School for Social Research, New York City, NY Master of Arts Major in Sociology Magna Cum Laude	May 2020
Assumption College (now University), Worcester, MA Bachelor of Arts Majors in Sociology and History Minors in Psychology & Medieval and Early Modern Studies Dean's List	May 2017

## **Achievements and Awards**

2022	Don Lavoie Fellowship, Mercatus Center at George Mason University
2021	United Nations Conference on Trade and Development Young Scholars Initiative Participant
2021	Data Scholar, Baylor University
2021	Finalist, Three Minute Thesis Challenge, Baylor University
2020-Present	Full Tuition and Stipend, Baylor University
2017-Present	Member, Alpha Kappa Delta (National Honor Society of Sociology)
2015-Present	Member, Phi Alpha Theta (National Honor Society of History)
2015-Present	Member, Eta Sigma Phi (National Honor Society of Classics)
2019	Recognized for Outstanding Work in Political Sociology, The New School for Social Research
2019	Finalist, Three Minute Thesis Challenge, The New School for Social Research
2018-2020	Awarded New School for Social Research Merit Scholarship
2017-2018	Segal AmeriCorps Education Award
2015-2017	Awarded Christopher R Caron Scholarship
2013-2017	Awarded D'Alzon Scholarship
2016	Awarded Manafort Construction's Benefactors Scholarship
2016	Awarded "Moggio Essay Prize" for Best Short History Essay, Assumption College

## **Selected Experience**

Summer 2020- Present	Doctoral Student, Research Assistant, and Teaching Assistant, Baylor University, Waco, TX <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Focus on the sociology of religion, political sociology, international relations/political theory, subjective aspect of belief/agency, and policy. TA duties for around 450 students over 7 courses in the first academic year. RA duties on multiple projects.</li></ul>
Spring- Winter 2020	Jurisdictional Rapporteur for North America, the Association for the Promotion of Political Economy and Law (APPEAL), Various Locations <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analyzed, wrote, and peer reviewed three informative policy reports on COVID-19 responses in North America focusing on the American Northeast. Covered topics ranging from non-democratic procedure, state surveillance and wealth distribution to local protests and economic stimulus.</li></ul>
Summer 2019	Consultant, The United Nations Human Settlement Programme, New York, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Served as a consultant for UNHSP (under Economic and Social development, or ECOSOC). Researched, designed, published, and presented fact sheets on global youth homelessness, housing affordability, climate displacement, and short-term rental city data for Habitat's 2019 Housing Report during the summer semester through the New School's United Nations Summer Study Practicum. The UN-Habitat Housing Report is a study of global housing issues published every ten years to assess challenges and make recommendations for promoting inclusive and affordable housing.</li></ul>

Fall 2017-Summer 2018	<p>AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps Member / Construction Crew Leader, Hartford County Habitat for Humanity, Hartford, CT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built houses throughout Hartford County for needy families without homes</li> <li>• Educated and oversaw volunteers on various construction projects as a crew leader and site host</li> <li>• Ran logistics for fellow construction leaders</li> <li>• Recognized for service during National Service Day by Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin</li> <li>• Helped run the HAHFH's 1st Annual Youth Advocacy and Engagement Conference</li> <li>• Participated in AmeriCorps Build-A-Thon in Wake County, North Carolina</li> </ul>
Spring 2017- Summer 2017	<p>Educator, The Old North Foundation, Boston, MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gave tours and informational lectures to visitors at Old North Church, a historical (revolutionary war era) and religious site which sees around 500,000 visitors a year</li> </ul>
Winter 2017-Summer 2017	<p>Research Assistant, Assumption College, Worcester, MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assisted theology Professor Matthew Briel with editing and performing background research for his monographs on Greek Orthodox doctrine and its synthesis with western scholastic theologians (such as Aquinas), and figures Gennadios Scholarios, Gemistus Plethon, and Photios</li> </ul>
Spring 2017	<p>Vice President and Secretary, Eta Sigma Phi , Assumption College, Worcester, MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Initiated new members into Eta Sigma Phi (Assumption's Classics Honors Society) and assisted President with executive tasks</li> </ul>
Fall 2013-Spring 2017	<p>Executive Editor and Author, MUSE Literary Magazine, Assumption College, Worcester, MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrote 17 published pieces of literature</li> <li>• Reviewed and decided on which of the 450 short stories and poems were to be published in the magazine; edited 120 of them</li> </ul>
Fall 2016	<p>Interviewer and Transcriber, Worcester Women's Oral History Project, Worcester, MA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interviewed a notable Worcester woman on behalf of the WWOHP, and transcribed the interview for the Project's use</li> </ul>
Summer 2016	<p>Intern and Member, Connecticut Historical Society, Hartford, CT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Co-developed the "Sole of Connecticut" exhibit, a history of footwear in Connecticut; researched, obtained (occasionally through loan requests to other museums), and labeled artifacts</li> <li>• Catalogued over 300 artifacts and manuscripts</li> <li>• Conducted public tours and developed lesson plans for educational purposes</li> <li>• Performed research for related work by pulling research materials from archives (using The Museum System) and searching internet archives</li> </ul>

**Selected Publications**

2021	<p>Author, "An Organizational Analysis of the Schismatic Church of Satan". <i>The Review of Religious Research</i>.</p>
2021	<p>Author, "A Book Review of Adler, Gary: <i>Empathy Beyond US Borders—The Challenges of Transnational Civic Engagement</i>". <i>Review of Religious Research</i> 63. 159–160. 2021.</p>
2020	<p>Author, "Surveillance and Compliance", "State of Exception", and "Legal-Financial Architecture" for Northeast Jurisdiction of the United States. <i>The Global Response to COVID-19 Series</i>. The Young Scholars Initiative of the Institute for New Economic Thinking, the Association for Promotion of Political Economy and Law, the International University College of Turin and Bocconi University.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lead author on "Surveillance and Compliance", second author on "State of Exception" and "Legal Financial Architecture". Publications can be found on an interactive map here, use Chrome browser for compatibility: <a href="http://globalresponsescovid19.com/">http://globalresponsescovid19.com/</a></li> </ul>
2019	<p>Author, "The State of Housing 2019 Factsheet Series: Youth Homelessness Fact Sheet", The United Nations Human Settlements Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published on the UN-Habitat website a fact sheet overviewing global youth homelessness, holistic quantitative surveys of causes and effects (purchasing, affordability, etc), qualitative case studies, and policy recommendations</li> </ul>

2014-2019	Contributing Poet, Multiple Publishers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Under a penname published thirty-four poems under eight publishers in print anthologies and online magazines, including one chapbook and seven collection books</li> </ul>
Winter 2016	Interviewer and Transcriber, Worcester Women's Oral History Project
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wrote interview transcript titled "Kristen Hartness-Law" that is held in the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University's Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library of Women in America</li> </ul>
<b><u>Presentations</u></b>	
Fall 2021	Presenter, "A Social History of Christofascism"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted to present findings of recent historical comparative work into Christofascism to the Association for Humanist Sociology conference to be held on Nov. 4-6<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, Mississippi.</li> </ul>
Fall 2021	Co-Presenter (Accepted for Presentation), "A Social History of Christofascism"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted to present findings of recent historical comparative work into Christofascism to the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion conference to be held on October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> in Portland, Oregon.</li> </ul>
Fall 2021	Invited Lecturer, "Sustainable Development Goals and the United Nations"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For Universidad Viña del Mar, Chile (over Zoom). Discussed the plausibility of realizing the SDGs, and the barriers facing the United Nations when implementing supranational goals in a world determined by nation-state actors.</li> </ul>
Summer 2021	Presenter and Convener, "An Organizational Analysis of the Schismatic Church of Satan"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented and convened findings of recent qualitative inquiry into the Church of Satan and its schismatic organizations in the "Understanding Religious Minorities Better" section of the Association for the Sociology of Religion's conference on August 9<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
Summer 2021	Co-Presenter, "Intersections in Chilean Universities: Effects of the 2015 Education Reform on Class and Gender Equality" and "Migrations and Race in America: The Importance of Occupational Prestige in Moderating Xenophobia"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented findings of the effect of education policy reform in Chile in a roundtable discussion in the Access to Higher Education section and research into occupational prestige and its effect on xenophobia in the Dubois student forum special topic session during the American Sociological Association's Conference on August 7<sup>th</sup>.</li> </ul>
Summer 2021	Presenter, "Indefinite Revolution, Black Lives Matter, and Extreme Accountability"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented findings of political economy research into late-stage capitalism during the Society for the Study of Social Problem's Conference on August 6<sup>th</sup> online in the section "Theorizing Revolution: Liberation, Populism, and Charismatic Mobilization"</li> </ul>
Summer 2020	Presenter (Accepted for Presentation), "Shifting Spheres of Influence: The Case of the U.S., Russia, China, and the Important Role of Christianity"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accepted to present findings of IR research into U.S. hegemony and the role of Christianity internationally for the Association for the Sociology of Religion's Conference on August 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Hotel Nikko in San Francisco, CA, which was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic</li> </ul>
Summer 2019	Presenter, "Catholicism, Cathars, Templars, and You"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented findings of recent master's qualitative and historical comparative research into Papal hegemony and its regulation of European narrativity and identity to an international panel of academic peers in the "Masculine Spiritualities" section at the Association for the Sociology of Religion Conference on August 13<sup>th</sup> at the Park Central Hotel in New York, NY</li> </ul>
Summer 2019	Co-Presenter, "Housing Report 2019"
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented quantitative and qualitative data findings of recent consultancy research/publication into global youth homelessness and housing affordability relating to the UN Habitat 2019 Housing Report to a panel of UN- Habitat officials on July 23<sup>rd</sup></li> </ul>

and to a panel of academic peers on behalf of the United Nations Human Settlement Programme at the New School Campus Center on July 18<sup>th</sup> in New York, NY

Spring 2019

Presenter and Finalist, "A Sociological Inquest into 'Free Will'"

- Presented findings of recent master's qualitative and historical comparative research into subjective perceptions of agency and "Free Will" to a panel of academic peers and the public at the New School for Social Research in New York, NY, during the NSSR's inaugural "Three Minute Thesis Challenge"

Spring 2017

Invited Presenter, "Chaplains, Prisoners, and CO's- Oh My!: Investigating Prison Chaplains and their work in the Age of Mass Incarceration"

- Presented findings of my qualitative research into prison chaplain work to the Massachusetts Department of Corrections in Milford, MA and to an Undergraduate Symposium at Assumption College in Worcester, MA

**Language Capabilities, Skills, and Certifications**

Latin - Reading skills developed over three courses

French – Moderate competency

Italian, Portuguese, and Spanish- Reading with dictionary

Mandarin Chinese- Basic competency

Certified in Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Natural Language Processing

Proficient in SAS and STATA Statistical Software Packages

Baylor Data Scholar: Training in Microsoft Power BI, NVivo, Gephi, SimplyAnalytics, and ReferenceUSA