

Chalem Bolton

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Education

Exp. 2025 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Michigan

Dissertation: Three Essays on Economic Inequality and Insecurity in the United States

Co-Chairs: Greta Krippner & Robert Manduca

2020 M.A. Sociology, University of Michigan

2016 B.A. Sociology, University of Michigan
Summa Cum Laude

2014 A.A. Liberal Arts, Oakland Community College
Magna Cum Laude

Research & Teaching Interests

Social Stratification, Economic Sociology, American Politics, Demography, Gender Inequality, Quantitative Methods

Publications

Kirkpatrick, Lucas and **Chalem Bolton**. 2018. "Urban Austerity, the Spectacle of Sport, and the De-democratization of Downtown Detroit." In *Cities under Austerity: Restructuring the U.S. Metropolis*, edited by Mark Davidson and Kevin Ward. Albany: SUNY Press.

Under Review & Working Papers

Bolton, Chalem. "American State Governments and Mechanisms of Inequality, 1998-2017" (resubmitted to *Socio-Economic Review*)

O'Brien, Rourke, Robert Manduca, Manuel Schechtel, Sandra Okonofua, and **Chalem Bolton**. "Fiscal Regimes and Inequality: Toward a Sociology of Place-based Public Finance" (under review at *Theory and Social Inquiry*)

Bolton, Chalem. "Employment Insecurity in the U.S. 1978-2019" (*working paper*)

Works in Progress

Bolton, Chalem. "Centralized Inequality: Federal Financial Support for State Governments Since 1960"

Bolton, Chalem. "Reversing Regressivity: The Unlikely Success of Progressive Income Taxation in American States"

Bolton, Chalem. "Health Penalties of Employment Loss for Older Workers: Financial or Social Stress?"

Fellowships & Awards

- 2024 Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics Emerging Inequality Scholar Fellowship
- 2023 Population Studies Center Predoctoral Student Training Fellowship (NICHD)
Rackham Graduate School Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award
Sociology Department Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award

Conference Presentations

- 2024 American State Governments and Mechanisms of Inequality, 1998-2017
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April
- 2023 Who's Losing Security? Employment Loss in the U.S. 1978-2019
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August
Population Association of America Annual Meeting, April
- 2020 Taxation and the Many American Welfare States 1996-2015
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics Conference, July

Teaching Experience

Instructor of Record, University of Michigan

- 2022 SOC 335 Urban Inequality
2021 SOC 210 Introductory Statistics

Teaching Assistant, ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods

- 2023 Panel Data and Longitudinal Analysis

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

- 2022-23 SOC 610 Graduate Statistical Methods II (2 semesters)
2021-22 SOC 510 Graduate Statistical Methods I (2 semesters)
2021 SOC 210 Introductory Statistics
2018 SOC 315 Economic Sociology
2017-19 SOC 310 Research Methods (3 semesters)

Service

- 2022-24 Sociology Department First-Generation Students' Affinity Group Organizer
- 2021-22 Economic Sociology and Organizations Workshop Coordinator
- 2020-21 Sociology Department Graduate Student Professionalization Co-Chair
- 2020-23 Problem-Solving Sociology Reading Group on Economic Equity Organizer
- 2020 Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics Commemorative Virtual Book Club Organizer
- 2020 Sociology Opportunities for Undergraduate Leaders Mentor
- 2016-18 UROP Community College Summer Fellowship Program Mentor

**Dissertation
Committee**

- Co-Chair Greta Krippner
Professor of Sociology
University of Michigan
- Co-Chair Robert Manduca
Assistant Professor of Sociology
University of Michigan
- Fabian Pfeffer
Professor of Sociology
Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich
- Charles Shipan
J. Ira and Nicki Harris Professor of Political Science
University of Michigan