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EDUCATION

- 2007 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Indiana University (Criminal Justice minor)
2001 Master of Arts, Sociology, Indiana University
1997 Bachelor of Arts, Sociology, George Mason University (High Distinction)

PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT

- 2024 – present Department Chair, Sociology, University of California-Riverside
2021 – 2024 Undergraduate Advisor, Sociology, University of California-Riverside
2022 – present Professor, Sociology, University of California-Riverside
2020 – 2022 Associate Professor, Sociology, University of California-Riverside
2019 – 2020 Professor, Sociology, University of Oklahoma
2013 – 2019 Associate Professor, Sociology, University of Oklahoma
2007 – 2013 Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Oklahoma

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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| International Development | Democracy and Human Rights |
| Stratification and Inequality | Culture and Diffusion |
| Health and Welfare | Formal Organizations |
| Globalization | Quantitative Methods |

PUBLICATIONS

- Clark, Rob and Jeffrey Kentor. 2025. "Foreign Direct Investment and Democracy: A Global Network Analysis, 2001 – 2017." *Global Networks* 25: e70026 [Lead Article].
- Clark, Rob and Amy Kroska. 2024. "Free to Represent You and Me: Gender Attitudes and Women's Share of Parliament, 1995 – 2021." *Social Science Research* 122: 103051 [Lead Article].
- Clark, Rob. 2023. "Within, Between, and Beyond: A New Approach to Examining World Income Inequality." *Social Forces* 102: 403 – 429 [Lead Article].
- Kentor, Jeffrey, Rob Clark, and Andrew Jorgenson. 2023. "The Hidden Cost of Global Economic Integration: How Foreign Investment Drives Military Expenditures." *World Development* 161: 106105.
- Jorgenson, Andrew, Rob Clark, Jeffrey Kentor, and Annika Rieger. 2022. "Networks, Stocks, and Climate Change: A New Approach to the Study of Foreign Investment and the Environment." *Energy Research and Social Science* 87: 102461.
- Clark, Rob and Jeffrey Kentor. 2022. "Foreign Capital and Economic Growth: A Social Network Analysis, 2001 – 2017." *Sociological Perspectives* 65: 580 – 607.
- Clark, Rob and Chancey Herbolsheimer. 2021. "The Iron Cage of Development: A Cross-National Analysis of Incarceration, 2000 – 2015." *Sociological Forum* 36: 381 – 404.
- Clark, Rob. 2020. "Income Inequality in the Post-2000 Era: Development, Globalization, and the State." *International Sociology* 35: 260 – 283.

- Clark, Rob and Kara Snawder. 2020. "A Cross-National Analysis of Lifespan Inequality, 1950 – 2015: Examining the Distribution of Mortality Within Countries." *Social Indicators Research* 148: 705 – 732.
- Piotrowski, Martin, Rob Clark, Yuying Tong, Wyatt Schmitz, and Kumiko Shibuya. 2019. "Attitudes Towards Women's Paid Labor and Children in East Asia: A Cross-National Analysis." *Comparative Sociology* 18: 620 – 657.
- Clark, Rob. 2019. "The Goldilocks Effect: Convergence in National Income Distributions, 1990 – 2015." *Social Science Research* 79: 141 – 159.
- Clark, Rob and Roy Kwon. 2018. "Taking Stock of Flow: Revisiting the Link Between FDI and Human Rights." *Sociology of Development* 4: 346 – 373.
- Clark, Rob. 2017. "Who Says Human Rights Are Not Respected? Assessing Local and Third Party Ratings." *Societies Without Borders* 12: 1 – 16.
- Clark, Rob. 2017. "Quotas Operandi: Examining the Distribution of Voting Power at the IMF and World Bank." *Sociological Quarterly* 58: 595 – 621.
- Clark, Rob. 2016. "Examining Mobility in International Development." *Social Problems* 63: 329 – 350.
- Clark, Rob and Trent Cason. 2015. "Getting on Good Terms: Examining Cross-National Variation in the Terms of Trade, 1990 – 2012." *Sociology of Development* 1: 374 – 399.
- Clark, Rob. 2015. "Revisiting Convergence: A Research Note." *Social Science Research* 53: 231 – 238.
- Clark, Rob. 2014. "A Tale of Two Trends: Democracy and Human Rights, 1981 – 2010." *Journal of Human Rights* 13: 395 – 413.
- Clark, Rob. 2013. "Convergence in National Income Distributions." *Social Forces* 92: 413 – 436.
- Clark, Rob and Matthew Mahutga (equal authorship). 2013. "Explaining the Trade-Growth Link: Assessing Diffusion-Based and Structure-Based Models of Exchange." *Social Science Research* 42: 401 – 417.
- Clark, Rob. 2012. "World-System Position and Democracy, 1972 – 2008." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 53: 367 – 399.
- Clark, Rob. 2012. "Bringing the Media In: Newspaper Readership and Human Rights." *Sociological Inquiry* 82: 532 – 556.
- Clark, Rob and B. Mitchell Peck. 2012. "Examining the Gender Gap in Life Expectancy: A Cross-National Analysis, 1980 – 2005." *Social Science Quarterly* 93: 820 – 837.
- Clark, Rob and Jason Hall. 2011. "Migration, International Telecommunications, and Human Rights." *Sociological Forum* 26: 870 – 896.
- Clark, Rob. 2011. "World Income Inequality in the Global Era: New Estimates, 1990 – 2008." *Social Problems* 58: 565 – 592.
- Clark, Rob. 2011. "Child Labor in the World Polity: Decline and Persistence, 1980 – 2000." *Social Forces* 89: 1033 – 1055.

- Clark, Rob. 2011. "World Health Inequality: Convergence, Divergence, and Development." *Social Science and Medicine* 72: 617 – 624.
- Clark, Rob. 2010. "Technical and Institutional States: Loose Coupling in the Human Rights Sector of the World Polity." *Sociological Quarterly* 51: 65 – 95.
- Clark, Rob. 2010. "World-System Mobility and Economic Growth, 1980 – 2000." *Social Forces* 88: 1123 – 1152.
- Clark, Rob and Jason Beckfield. 2009. "A New Trichotomous Measure of World-System Position Using the International Trade Network." *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* 50: 5 – 38.
- Clark, Rob. 2008. "Dependency, Network Integration, and Development." *Sociological Perspectives* 51: 629 – 648.
- Kalof, Linda, Kimberly Eby, Jennifer Matheson, and Rob Clark. 2001. "The Influence of Race and Gender on Student Self-Reports of Sexual Harassment by College Professors." *Gender and Society* 15: 282 – 302.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Kentor, Jeffrey and Rob Clark. 2024. "Is the World Economy 'Deglobalizing'? The Shifting Economic Geography of Foreign Investment (FDI) Networks and Its Impact on Economic Growth, 2009 – 2017." *After Globalization: The Future of World Society*, edited by Christian Suter and Patrick Ziltener.
- Clark, Rob. 2024. "Global Inequalities." Annotated bibliography for *Oxford Bibliographies*.
- Mahutga, Matthew and Rob Clark. 2021. "Theory and Method in Macro-Comparative Social Network Analysis." *Handbook of Cities and Networks*, edited by Zachary Neal and Celine Rozenblat.
- Clark, Rob. 2019. "Dependency from World-Systems Approaches." *Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*, edited by George Ritzer and Chris Rojek.
- Clark, Rob. 2015. "World Income Inequality." Research summary for *Gulen Institute*.
- Clark, Rob. 2013. Book review of *The World Health Organization Between North and South* by Nitsan Chorev. *American Journal of Sociology* 118: 1701 – 1703.
- Clark, Rob. 2006. "International NGOs." *Encyclopedia of World Poverty*, edited by Mehmet Odekon.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- 2024 "FDI Network Centrality and Democracy." Presented at the Global Political Economy Workshop, Vancouver.
- 2023 "Free to Represent You and Me: Gender Attitudes and Women's Share of Parliament, 1995 – 2021." Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2022 "The Shifting Economic Geography of Foreign Investment Networks and Its Impact on Economic Development: 2009 – 2017." Presented at the World Society Foundation International Conference.
- 2021 "The Iron Cage of Development: A Cross-National Analysis of Incarceration, 2000 – 2015." Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting.

- 2020 “Foreign Capital and Economic Growth.” Presented at the University of California-Riverside [Invited].
- 2019 “Constructing the Global FDI Network, 2001 – 2017.” Presented at the Sociology of Development Conference, South Bend.
- 2019 “Income Inequality in the Post-2000 Era: Development, Globalization, and the State.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2019 “The Great Reversal: Income Inequality in the Post-2000 Era.” Presented at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign [Invited].
- 2019 “Quotas Operandi: Voting Power at the IMF and World Bank.” Presented at the University of California-Riverside [Invited].
- 2018 “Taking Stock of Flow: Revisiting the Link Between FDI and Human Rights.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2017 “World Health Inequality: The Distribution of Mortality Within and Between Countries.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2016 “The Goldilocks Effect: Explaining Convergence in National Income Distributions.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle.
- 2016 “Convergence in National Income Distributions.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle [Invited].
- 2015 “Revisiting Convergence.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2014 “Examining Mobility in International Development.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2013 “A Tale of Two Trends: Democracy and Human Rights, 1981 – 2010.” Presented at the Sociology of Development Conference, Salt Lake City [Invited].
- 2013 “A Tale of Two Trends: Democracy and Human Rights, 1981 – 2010.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2013 “World-System Position and Democracy, 1972 – 2008.” Presented at the International Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco [Invited].
- 2012 “Convergence in National Income Distributions.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver.
- 2011 “World Income Inequality: New Estimates, 1990 – 2008.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas.
- 2010 “Bringing the Media In: Newspaper Circulation and Human Rights.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 2009 “The International Telecommunications Network and Human Rights.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

- 2007 “Technical and Institutional States.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2007 “Explaining the Global Reduction in Child Labor.” Presented at the Global Studies Association Annual Meeting, Irvine.
- 2006 “Reconciling World-System and World Society Paradigms.” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal.
- 2004 “The World as System or Society?” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.

NATIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Boards	<i>Journal of World-Systems Research</i> (2010 – present) <i>Sociology of Development</i> (2015 – present) <i>Sociological Quarterly</i> (2020 – 2024) <i>Social Problems</i> (2025 – present)
External Review	Tenure and Promotion (2017, 2020, 2022, 2022, 2023, 2023)
Council Member	Political Economy of the World-System (2014 – 2017)
Conference Discussant	Cross-National Sociology (2022)
Conference Organizer	Sociology of Development Conference (2021)
Roundtable Organizer	Political Economy of the World-System (2015)
Subsection Organizer	International Political Economy (2019 – present)
Research Cluster Organizer	Global and Transnational Sociology (2017)
Article Award Committees	Human Rights (Chair) (2015), Political Economy of the World-System (2016), Sociology of Development (Chair) (2017)
Book Award Committee	Political Economy of the World-System (2017)
Nominations Committee	Political Economy of the World-System (2015)
Survey Committee	Political Economy of the World-System (2016 – 2019)
Faculty Mentor	Sociology of Development (2020 – 2021)
Logo Designer	Sociology of Development (2018)
Manuscript Reviews	
2025	<i>Global Networks</i> , <i>Social Problems</i> (3), <i>Sociology of Development</i>
2024	<i>NPJ Climate Action</i> , <i>Social Forces</i> (6), <i>Sociological Quarterly</i> , <i>Sociology of Development</i> (2)
2023	<i>American Journal of Sociology</i> (2), <i>Social Forces</i> (3), <i>Social Science Research</i> (2), <i>Socio-Economic Review</i> , <i>Sociological Forum</i> , <i>Sociological Quarterly</i> (2), <i>Sociology of Development</i> (2)

- 2022 *American Sociological Review, Global Networks* (2), *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (2), *Social Forces* (3), *Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Quarterly* (2), *Sociology of Development*
- 2021 *Cross-Cultural Research* (2), *International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Population Review, Social Networks* (3), *Social Science Journal, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives* (2), *Sociological Quarterly* (4)
- 2020 *American Sociological Review* (2), *Current Sociology, Social Forces* (2), *Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Quarterly* (3), *Sociology of Development*
- 2019 *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review* (2), *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (3), *International Sociology, Social Forces* (3), *Social Science Research, Sociological Inquiry* (2), *Sociological Perspectives, Sociology of Development* (5)
- 2018 *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of Human Rights, Social Forces* (3), *Socio-Economic Review, Sociological Inquiry, Sociology of Development*
- 2017 *American Journal of Sociology* (2), *American Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Social Forces* (3), *Social Indicators Research* (2), *Sociology of Development* (3)
- 2016 *American Sociological Review* (2), *International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of Human Rights, Social Forces* (4), *Social Problems, Social Science Research, Sociology of Development*
- 2015 *International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Sociology, Journal of World-Systems Research, Social Forces* (5), *Social Science Research* (2), *Sociological Forum* (2), *Sociological Perspectives, Sociology of Development* (3)
- 2014 *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review* (3), *European Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, Journal of World-Systems Research* (2), *Social Forces* (2), *Social Problems, Social Science Quarterly, Social Science Research, Sociological Forum, Sociological Perspectives* (2), *Sociology of Development*
- 2013 *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review* (2), *International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (4), *Journal of World-Systems Research* (2), *Social Forces* (4), *Social Problems* (2), *Social Science Research, Sociological Perspectives*
- 2012 *American Sociological Review* (3), *European Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology* (4), *International Studies Quarterly, Social Forces, Social Science Research* (2), *Sociological Forum, Sociological Inquiry* (2), *Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Quarterly* (2)
- 2011 *American Journal of Sociology* (2), *American Sociological Review, International Journal of Comparative Sociology, International Sociology, Journal of World-Systems Research, Social Forces* (2), *Social Science Research* (2), *Sociological Forum* (3), *Sociological Perspectives* (3)
- 2010 *International Sociology, Journal of World-Systems Research, Qualitative Sociology* (2), *Social Forces, Social Problems* (2), *Social Science Research, Sociological Inquiry* (2), *Sociological Perspectives* (2), *Sociological Quarterly, Sociological Studies of Children and Youth, Urban Studies*
- 2009 *Journal of Politics, Journal of World-Systems Research, Social Forces, Sociological Perspectives, Urban Studies*
- 2008 *American Journal of Sociology, Journal of World-Systems Research* (2), *Social Forces, Sociological Quarterly* (2)
- 2007 *Sociological Perspectives*
- 2006 *American Sociological Review, Sociological Focus*

DEPARTMENT SERVICE (UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA)

Committee A (Chair Advisory Committee) (2017 – 2019)
Emerging Scholars Series (Invited Speaker Series) (2015 – 2017)
Faculty Search Committee (2014 – 2015)
Library Liaison (2008 – 2020)
Graduate Committee (2008 – 2020)
Undergraduate Committee (2007 – 2008)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA)

Academic Appeals Committee (2015 – 2016)
Faculty Advisor (Sooners Against Sweatshops) (2013 – 2015)
Faculty Mentor (McNair Scholars Program) (2011 – 2012)
Academic Misconduct Committee (2010 – 2011)
Faculty Advisor (Wakeboard Team) (2008 – 2010)
Pullin-Drake Scholarship Committee (2007 – 2009)

Dissertation Committees Jason Hall (**Chair**) (2011), Aimei Yang (2012), Lu Chao (2016), Burle Steelman (2016), Erik Bond (2017)

Thesis Committees Jason Hall (2008), Brenda Wiebe (**Chair**) (2011), Morgan Richards (**Chair**) (2012), Samee Shirazi (**Chair**) (2012), Shawn Hadwiger (2014), Trent Cason (**Chair**) (2015), Kara Snawder (2017) (**Chair**)

DEPARTMENT SERVICE (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE)

Department Chair (2024 – present)
Dissertation Prospectus Committee (2022, 2024, 2024, 2025)
Undergraduate Advisor (2021 – 2024)
Qualifying Exam (Evaluation) (2021, 2021, 2023, 2023, 2023, 2024, 2024, 2024, 2025)
Panel Speaker (Writing a Dissertation Prospectus) (2021)
Class Visitation (2020, 2024, 2024, 2025)
Advocacy Committee (Merit and Promotion) (2020, 2021, 2022)
Primary Mentor (First Year Student) (2020 – 2021, 2021 – 2022)
Guest Speaker (Graduate Seminar) (2020, 2021)
Political Economy Workshop (Organizer) (2020 – 2021)
Awards Committee (Chair) (2020 – 2021)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE (UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA-RIVERSIDE)

Labor Studies Affiliate (2022 – present)
Institute for Research on World-Systems (Director) (2021 – present)
Global Studies Class Visitation (2021, 2023, 2023, 2025)
Global Studies Departmentalization Committee (2021 – 2022)
Global Studies Speaker Series (2021 – 2022)
Global Studies Search Committee (2021)
Global Studies Steering Committee (2020 – present)

Dissertation Committees Peyman Hekmatpour (2022), Samee Shirazi (2022)

Thesis Committees Armond Hardwick (2021), Tyler Cohen (**Chair**) (2022), Shayda Hami (2023)

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

2011 Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship (\$7000), University of Oklahoma
2008 Junior Faculty Summer Fellowship (\$6000), University of Oklahoma
2001 Graduate and Professional Student Organization Research Grant, Indiana University

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Formal Organizations

Global Inequality

Globalization

Introduction to Sociology

Research Methods

Sports, Competition, and Society

Stratification and Inequality

Classical Theory (graduate)

Global Inequality (graduate)

Historical and Comparative Sociology (graduate)