

MICHAEL BIGGS

Employment

- 2006- Associate Professor (formerly Lecturer), Department of Sociology, University of Oxford; Fellow of St Cross College
- 2005-06 Lecturer, School of Sociology and Social Policy, Queen's University Belfast
- 2003-05 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
- 2000-02 Junior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford

Education

- 2000 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology, Harvard University: 'The Rise and Decline of a Mass Movement: American Workers and the Strike Wave of 1886' (Chair: Theda Skocpol)
- 1991 Bachelor of Arts—First Class Honours, History and Economic History, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Publications

- 'The Dutch Protocol for Juvenile Transsexuals: Origins and Evidence', *Journal of Sex and Marital Therapy*, 2022; DOI: 10.1080/0092623X.2022.2121238 (Stata program provided as DOI 10.7910/DVN/QPRCR1)
- 'Suicide by Clinic-Referred Transgender Adolescents in the United Kingdom', *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 2022; DOI 10.1007/s10508-022-02287-7 (supplement provides data)
- 'Queer Theory and the Transition from Sex to Gender in English Prisons', *Journal of Controversial Ideas*, vol. 2, 2022; DOI 10.35995/jci02010002
- 'Revisiting the Effect of GnRH Analogue Treatment on Bone Mineral Density in Young Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria'. *Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism*, vol. 34, 2021, pp. 937–939; DOI 10.1515/jpem-2021-0180 (Stata program provided as DOI 10.7910/DVN/FSOMME)
- 'Gender Dysphoria and Psychological Functioning in Adolescents Treated with GnRHs: Comparing Dutch and English Prospective Studies', *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, vol. 49, 2020, pp. 2231–2236; DOI 10.1007/s10508-020-01764-1 (Stata program provided as DOI 10.7910/DVN/CB1IUH)
- 'Puberty Blockers and Suicidality in Adolescents Suffering from Gender Dysphoria', *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, vol. 49, 2020, pp. 2227–29; DOI 10.1007/s10508-020-01743-6
- 'A Letter to the Editor Regarding the Original Article by Costa et al: Psychological Support, Puberty Suppression, and Psychosocial Functioning in Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria', *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, vol. 16, 2019, p. 2043; DOI 10.1016/j.jsxm.2019.09.002
- 'Britain's Experiment with Puberty Blockers', *Inventing Transgender Children and Young People*, ed. Michele Moore and Heather Brunskell-Evans, Newcastle: Cambridge Scholars Publishing, 2019, pp. 40–55

‘Did Local Civil Rights Protest Liberalize Whites’ Racial Attitudes?’ (with Christopher Barrie and Kenneth T. Andrews), *Research and Politics*, vol. 7, 2020, pp. 1–8; DOI 10.1177/2053168020914757 (data and Stata programs provided as DOI 10.7910/DVN/UIRLFC)

‘Size Matters: Quantifying Protest by Counting Participants’, *Sociological Methods and Research*, vol. 47, 2018, pp. 351–83; DOI 10.1177/0049124116629166 (supplement provides data and Stata programs)

(with Neil F. Ketchley) ‘The Educational Contexts of Islamist Activism: Elite Students and Religious Institutions in Egypt’, *Mobilization*, vol. 22, no. 1, 2017, pp. 57–76; DOI 10.17813/1086-671X-22-1-57

(with Jutta Kawalerowicz) ‘Anarchy in the U.K.: Economic Deprivation, Social Disorganization, and Political Grievances in the London Riot of 2011’, *Social Forces*, vol. 94, no. 2, 2015, pp. 673–98; DOI 10.1093/sf/sov052

‘Protest Campaigns and Movement Success: Desegregating the U.S. South in the Early 1960s’ (with Kenneth T. Andrews), *American Sociological Review*, vol. 80, no. 2, 2015, pp. 416-43; DOI 10.1177/0003122415574328 (data provided as ICPSR 35630)

‘Has Protest Increased Since the 1970s? How a Survey Question Can Construct a Spurious Trend’, *British Journal of Sociology*, vol. 66, no. 1, 2015, pp. 141-62; DOI 10.1111/1468-4446.12099 (supplement provides data and Stata programs)

‘How Repertoires Evolve: The Diffusion of Suicide Protest in the Twentieth Century’, *Mobilization*, vol. 18, no. 4 (Frontiers in Social Movement Methodology), 2013, pp. 407-28

(with Raheel Dhattiwala) ‘The Political Logic of Ethnic Violence: The Anti-Muslim Pogrom in Gujarat, 2002’, *Politics and Society*, vol. 40, no. 4, 2012, pp. 481-514

‘Explaining Membership in the British National Party: A Multilevel Analysis of Contact and Threat’ (with Steven Knauss), *European Sociological Review*, vol. 28, no. 5, 2012, pp. 633-46

‘From Protest to Organization: The Impact of the 1960 Sit-Ins on Movement Organizations in the American South’ (with Kenneth T. Andrews), *The Diffusion of Social Movements: Actors, Frames, and Political Effects*, ed. Rebecca Kolins Givan, Sarah A. Soule, and Kenneth M. Roberts, Cambridge University Press, 2010, pp. 187-203 (data provided as ICPSR 35630)

‘Self-Fulfilling Prophecies’, *The Oxford Handbook of Analytical Sociology*, ed. Peter Bearman and Peter Hedström, Oxford University Press, 2009, pp. 294-314

‘Who Joined the Sit-ins and Why: Southern Black Students in the Early 1960s’, *Mobilization*, vol. 11, no. 3, 2006, pp. 241-56

(with Kenneth T. Andrews) ‘The Dynamics of Protest Diffusion: Movement Organizations, Social Networks, and News Media in the 1960 Sit-Ins’, *American Sociological Review*, vol. 71, no. 5, 2006, pp. 752-77 (data provided as ICPSR 35630)

‘Dying without Killing: Self-Immolations, 1963-2002’, *Making Sense of Suicide Missions*, ed. Diego Gambetta, Oxford University Press, 2005 (revised paperback ed. 2006), pp. 173-208, 320-24; Spanish translation: ‘Morir sin matar: las autoinmolaciones, 1963-2002’, *El sentido de las misiones suicidas*, Mexico City: Fondo de Cultura Económica, 2009

‘Strikes as Forest Fires: Chicago and Paris in the Late 19th Century’, *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 110, no. 6, 2005, pp. 1684-1714

‘Positive Feedback in Collective Mobilization: The American Strike Wave of 1886’, *Theory and Society*, vol. 32, no. 2, 2003, pp. 217-54

‘Strikes as Sequences of Interaction: The American Strike Wave of 1886’, *Social Science History*, vol. 26, no. 3, 2002, pp. 583-617—awarded biennial prize for the best article by a graduate student published in *Social Science History*

‘Putting the State on the Map: Cartography, Territory, and European State Formation’, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, vol. 41, no. 2, 1999, pp. 374-411

Under review

‘Gender Identity in the 2021 Census of England and Wales: Implausible Results’

‘The Technology of Puberty Suppression’, *Sex and Gender Identity: A Reader*, ed. Alice Sullivan and Selina Todd, under contract with Routledge, manuscript submitted August 2022

‘How Protesting Depends on Peers: U.S. Students in the 1960s’, revise and resubmit

Conference presentations

Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, 1995, 1997, 1999, 2002, 2003, 2005, 2006 (invited, thematic session), 2007, 2009, 2010 (presented by coauthor), 2011 (invited, thematic session), 2012 (presented by coauthor), 2013 (roundtable), 2016

Annual conference of the British Sociological Association, 2011, 2013, 2018

Annual meeting of the Social Science History Association, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2004 (also organized panel), 2013, 2016

Sexual Identities Conference, London Society of the New Lacanian School, 2023

1968-2018: Fifty Years After, Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, 2018

Generational Experience / Transformational Experience of 1968, European Solidarity Centre, Gdańsk, 2018

Cultural Transmission and Social Norms, University of East Anglia, 2017

Conference of the European Consortium for Sociological Research (keynote), 2016

Annual conference of the Political Studies Association, 2014

Conference of the Political Studies Association’s Methodology Group, 2017

Social Movements and Protest, University of Brighton, 2016

‘Alternative Futures and Social Protest’, Manchester Metropolitan University, 2001, 2014, 2016, 2017

Annual workshop on Analytical Sociology / Conference of the International Network of Analytical Sociologists, 2008, 2010, 2016

Annual conference of the Social History Society, 2009

Annual meeting of the Irish Conference of Historians, 2009

Annual conference of the Women's History Network, 2009
'Imprisonment and the Irish', Mater Dei Institute of Education, City University of Dublin, 2009
'Crossing Borders', Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung, 2006
'Power Laws in the Social Sciences', George Mason University, 2003

Invited seminars

University of Technology Sydney, 2022
Victoria University of Wellington, 2022
Chinese University of Hong Kong, 2021
Charles University, Prague, 2018
Centre for Human and Social Sciences, Superior Council for Scientific Research, Madrid, 2018
Department of Social Sciences, Carlos III University, Madrid, 2018
Department of Sociology, University of Edinburgh, 2017
School of Sociology, University College Dublin, 2016
School of Social Sciences, Education and Social Work, Queen's University Belfast, 2016
'Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Modelling Conflict', University of Essex, 2016 (keynote)
Auro University, Surat, India, 2016
'Urban Insecurity and Civil Conflict', Nuffield College, Oxford, 2015
Institute for Analytical Sociology, Linköping University, 2015
Forum for Civil Society and Social Movement Research, University of Gothenburg, 2015
Department of Sociology, University of Cambridge, 2015
Department of History, Victoria University of Wellington, 2015
'The Power of the People: The Dynamics and Limits of Social Mobilization in South Eastern Europe', St Antony's College, Oxford, 2015 (keynote)
'Hunger Striking and Medical Ethics: Historical and Modern Perspectives', Centre for History of Medicine in Ireland, University of Ulster, 2015
'Political Engagement and Political Alternatives in the Age of Austerity in Europe', University of Birmingham, 2015
Contentious Politics Research Seminar, London School of Economics, 2013, 2015
Department of Sociology, University of Essex, 2013
'Suicide Protest: Normative Intrusions', Amherst College, 2013
Faculty of Sociology, Higher School of Economics Moscow, 2013
Summer School, University of Essex, 2012
'Tibet is Burning: Self-immolations, Ritual or Political Protest', Collège de France, 2012
Collegio Carlo Alberto, Turin, 2011
Centro Dondena, Università Bocconi, Milan, 2011

Institute for Social Change, University of Manchester, 2009
European Studies Center, University of Washington, 2009
Juan March Institute, Madrid, 2009
Social and Political Theory Group, Australian National University, 2008
Department of History, Victoria University of Wellington, 2008
Department of Sociology, University of Surrey, 2008
Department of Sociology, University of Kent at Canterbury, 2008
Complexity Seminar, Brunel University, 2007
ESRC Social Capital Seminar, University of Nottingham, 2006
Department of Political and Social Sciences, Universidad Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, 2004
Department of Sociology, Illinois State University, 2004
Comparative Politics Workshop, University of Chicago, 2003

Other publications

[‘Research evidence: Gender-Atypical Tots Likely to Become Gay or Lesbian’](#), 4thWaveNow, 7 August 2018

[‘The Open Society Foundations and the Transgender Movement’](#), 4thWaveNow, 25 May 2018

Review of Emily Beaulieu’s *Electoral Protest and Democracy in the Developing World*, in *Mobilization*, vol. 21, no. 1, 2016, pp. 137-8

(with Kenneth T. Andrews) ‘Sit-ins and Desegregation in the U.S. South in the Early 1960s’, ICPSR 35630, Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research, 2015

(with Neil Ketchley) [‘Who Actually Died in Egypt’s Rabaa Massacre’](#), *Washington Post* Monkey Cage Blog, 14 August 2015

(with Neil Ketchley) [‘What Is the Egyptian Anti-Coup Movement Protesting for?’](#), *Washington Post* Monkey Cage Blog, 4 April 2014

Review of Matthew Lange’s *Educations in Ethnic Violence: Identity, Educational Bubbles, and Resource Mobilization*, in *British Journal of Sociology*, vol. 64, no. 1, 2013, pp. 184-85

‘Prophecy, Self-Fulfilling/Self-Defeating’, *Encyclopedia of Philosophy and the Social Sciences*, ed. Byron Kaldis, Thousand Oaks, Calif.: Sage Publications, 2013, vol. 2, pp. 765-6

‘Self-Immolation in Context, 1963-2012’, *Revue d’Etudes Tibétaines*, no. 25, 2012, pp. 143-50

‘Storm in a Teacup? A Comment on Ullmann-Margalit’, *Norms and Values: The Role of Social Norms as Instruments of Value Realisation*, ed. Michael Baurmann, Geoffrey Brennan, Bob Goodin, and Nicholas Southwood, Baden-Baden: Nomos Verlagsgesellschaft, 2010, pp. 143-48

‘Dying for a Cause—Alone?’, *Contexts*, vol. 7, no. 2, 2008, pp. 22-27

Review of Matthias Reiss (ed.), *The Street as Stage: Protest Marches and Public Rallies since the Nineteenth Century*, in *Cultural and Social History*, vol. 6, no. 2, 2009, pp. 250-52

Review of Stathis N. Kalyvas, *The Logic of Violence in Civil War*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 113, no. 2, 2007, pp. 558-60

Review of Marek M. Kaminski, *Games Prisoners Play: The Tragicomic Worlds of Polish Prison*, in *American Journal of Sociology*, vol. 110, no. 6, 2005, pp. 1820-22

Review of Maryjane Osa, *Solidarity and Contention: Networks of Polish Opposition*, in *Social Forces*, vol. 83, no. 1, 2004, pp. 447-49

Review of Beverly J. Silver, *Forces of Labor: Workers' Movements and Globalization since 1870*, *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 33, no. 4, 2004, pp. 467-69

'A Century of American Exceptionalism: Review Essay on Seymour Martin Lipset and Gary Marks, *It Didn't Happen Here: Why Socialism Failed in The United States*', *Thesis 11*, no. 68, 2002, pp. 110-21

Review of James C. Scott, *Seeing Like a State: How Certain Schemes to Improve the Human Condition Have Failed*, *Comparative Studies in Society and History*, vol. 44, no. 4, 2002, pp. 852-54

Review of Stephen K. Sanderson, *Social Transformations: A General Theory of Historical Development*, *Contemporary Sociology*, vol. 26, no. 1, 1997, pp. 47-48

Contributor to *New Zealand Historical Atlas*, ed. Malcolm McKinnon, Wellington: David Bateman in association with Historical Branch, Department of Internal Affairs, 1997

Kevin Hince, with Kerry Taylor, Jacqui Peace, and Michael Biggs, *Opening Hours: History of the Wellington Shop Employees Union*, Wellington: Wellington Shop Employees Union, 1990

Research grants

'Social Contexts of Islamist Activism in the United Kingdom', £2,483 awarded by the Economic and Social Research Council's Knowledge Exchange Dialogues Scheme, 2015

'Student Protest and Digital Media: The Campaign Against Tuition Fees', £6,914 awarded by the John Fell OUP Research Fund (102/671), 2011

'Protest Demonstrations in London over Two Centuries', £25,315 awarded by the John Fell OUP Research Fund (072/616), 2008-09

'Hunger Strikes by Suffragettes and Irish Republicans, 1909-1923: Compiling a Database of Individuals and Events', £71,873 awarded by the British Academy (LRG-45549), 2007-09

'Hunger Strikes Against British Rule, 1909-1933: Campaigns for Women's Suffrage, Irish Independence, and Indian Independence', \$12,335 awarded by the University of Illinois Research Board, 2004-05

'Self-immolation: A Global Dataset, 1963-2002', £4,216, awarded by the Economic and Social Research Council (000-22-033), 2002

Expert witness

Keira Bell and Mrs A. v. Tavistock NHS Trust, High Court of England and Wales, 2020; [2020] EWHC 3274 (Admin)

Australian Family Court, confidential, 2022

Dekker et al. v. Weida et al., U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida, 2023

Media

Online and newswire: BBC World News online; BBC News magazine; Associated Press; France 24 online; France TV; Inter Press Service news agency; Al Jazeera; *Foreign Policy*; *Washington Post's* Monkey Cage

Radio: Outlook and Newshour on BBC World Service; Today on BBC Radio 4; Archive Hour on BBC Radio 4; All Things Considered, Talk of the Nation, The Takeaway, and Interfaith Voices on National Public Radio; Public Radio International; Voice of America; CBC Radio; The Wide Angle on Newstalk Radio Ireland; Rear Vision, Australian Broadcasting Corporation; The Wire, Australia

Television: BBC Newsnight; BBC London TV

Newspaper: *Daily Telegraph*; *Sunday Times*; *Toronto Star*; *Times of India*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board of *Mobilization* (from 2007), *Social Forces* (from 2012), *Irish Journal of Sociology* (from 2018); consulting editor for *American Journal of Sociology* (2012-14)

Reviewer for *American Journal of Sociology* (35), *Social Forces* (29), *Mobilization* (19), *American Sociological Review* (16), *British Journal of Sociology* (9), *Social Movement Studies* (9), *European Sociological Review* (5), *Social Science History* (5), *Sociological Methods and Research* (4), *Sociological Forum* (4), *Social Problems* (3), *Comparative Political Studies* (3), *Social Science Research* (3), *International Review for the Sociology of Sport* (3), *Sociological Theory* (2), *World Politics* (2), *Political Studies* (2), *Journal of Peace Research* (2), *Journal of Comparative Politics* (2), *Theory and Society* (2), *Ethnic and Racial Studies* (2), *Acta Sociologica* (2), *Environmental Science and Policy* (2), *Politics, Religion and Ideology* (2), *Archives of Sexual Behavior* (2), *Journal of Early Adolescence* (2), *American Political Science Review*, *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, *British Journal of Political Science*, *Sociology*, *PLOS One*, *American Journal of Physics*, *Nature Climate Change*, *Organization Studies*, *Political Behavior*, *British Politics*, *Journal of Policy History*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Urban Studies*, *Journal of Historical Sociology*, *International Labor and Working-Class History*, *Sociological Compass*, *Social Currents*, *Sexuality and Culture*, *American Journal of Physics*, *Journal of Political Philosophy*, *Research in Social Movements*, *Conflicts and Change*, *Poetics*, *Research and Politics*, *European Societies*, *Security Studies*, *Policy and Politics*, *Journal of Women, Politics and Policy*, *Journal of Controversial Ideas*, *Journal of Medical Ethics*, *Transcultural Psychology*, Oxford Bibliographies

Reviewer for ESRC First Grant Scheme; Volkswagen Stiftung; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research; Wellcome Trust, Medical History and Humanities Fellowship; Swiss National Science Foundation; Israel Science Foundation; Irish Research Council

Reviewer for Routledge (2), Polity, Sage's Quantitative Applications in the Social Sciences, Zed Books

External member of committee to appoint Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Konstanz, 2020

Organizer, Sessions on Collective Behavior, annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2005 and 2013

Michael Biggs

TEACHING

Completed doctoral students

Sandra Gonzalez-Bailon, 'Mapping Civil Society on the Web: Networks, Alliances and Informational Landscapes' (2007); Associate Professor of Communication, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania

Thomas Grund, 'Antecedents and Consequences of Social Networks: Macro-Implications of Micro-Dynamics' (2010, jointly with Peter Hedström); Professor of the Chair of Methods of Empirical Social Research, RWTH Aachen University

Christina Fuhr, 'The Construction and Perpetuation of Jewish Identity in Contemporary Britain' (2013, jointly with Gabriella Elgenius)

Samina Luthfa, 'Confronting the Juggernaut of Extraction: Local, National, and Transnational Mobilization against the Phulbari Coal Mine in Bangladesh' (2013); Associate Professor of Sociology, University of Dhaka

Rebeca Ibarra Olivares, 'Social Mechanisms of Tax Behaviour' (2013)

Raheel Dhattiwala, 'Hindu-Muslim Violence in Gujarat, 2002: Political Logic, Spatial Configuration, and Communal Cooperation' (2013)

Fei Yan, 'The Politics of Factional Conflict and Collective Violence: The Cultural Revolution in Guangzhou, 1966-1968' (2014); Associate Professor of Sociology, Tsinghua University

Juta Kawalerowicz, 'How Social Context Influences Political Participation in 21st-Century Britain, from Rioting to Voting' (2016); Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Human Geography, Stockholm University, Sweden

Rima Majed, 'The Shifting Salience of Sectarianism in Lebanon, 2000-2010' (2016); Assistant Professor of Sociology, American University of Beirut

Effrosyni Charitopoulou, 'The European Refugee Crisis in Greece: Understanding Host Communities' (2020); Postdoctoral Researcher, Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford

Christopher Barrie, 'Dynamics of Conflict and Revolution in Iraq and Tunisia' (2020); Lecturer in Computational Sociology, University of Edinburgh

Adam Brodie, 'Why Parades Are Peaceful: A Study of Mobilisation, Segregation, and Authority in Northern Ireland, 2006-2006' (2020, jointly with Dr Robin Harding)

Nicholas Martindale, 'The Impact of Outsourcing on State School Systems: The Case of the Academies Programme in England' (2021); Postdoctoral Prize Research Fellow, Nuffield College, Oxford

Arun Frey, 'Them Against Us: Assessing the Causes and Consequences of Anti-Immigrant Violence During the German Refugee Crisis', 2021; Postdoctoral Fellow, Leverhulme Centre for Demographic Science, Department of Sociology, University of Oxford

Courses designed and taught

Social Movements: Illinois, undergraduate; Oxford, graduate

Introduction to Social Statistics: Illinois and Queen's, undergraduate

Classical Sociological Theory: Illinois, graduate (*ranked excellent, fall 2004*); Queen's, undergraduate

Analytical Sociological Theory: Oxford, graduate and undergraduate

Social Dynamics—Theories, Models, Methods: Illinois, graduate

Sociological Analysis: Oxford, graduate

Introduction to Sociology: Illinois, undergraduate

Explaining Knowledge: Harvard, undergraduate

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