

Keenan Wilder
Curriculum vitae

Brown University - Department of Sociology
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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Brown University, 2025 (expected)

Dissertation: *Autocrats and Agitators: The Making of Union Politics in Tunisia*
Committee: Nitsan Chorev (chair), Patrick Heller, Josh Pacewicz, Jennifer Johnson,
Charles Kurzman (University of North Carolina)

Preliminary Exams: Political Sociology, and Social Inequality

M.A. Near Eastern Studies, New York University, 2015

B.A. History and Political Science, University of New Mexico, 2012
Summa cum laude

RESEARCH

Areas of Interest

Political, Economic, and Historical Sociology, Labor and Labor Movements, Social Movements, Social Inequality, Hiring Processes, The Middle East and North Africa, Archival and Mixed Methods

Publications

2023: "Getting a Worker: Recruiters, Culture, and On-the-Job Skilling." *Sociological Forum* 38(2):532-52.

2015: "The origins of labour autonomy in authoritarian Tunisia." *Contemporary Social Science* 10(4):349-63.

Under Review

"Workers, Oil, and Autocracy in Bahrain" under review at *Socio-Economic Review*.

"Colony and Class Struggle: Unionization and Empire in Egypt and Tunisia" under review at *American Journal of Sociology*.

Work in Progress

“Springboards or Wedges: Communal and Union Solidarity in Colonial Tunisia”

“Money Talks: The Impact of New Deal Unionization on Stock Prices” (with Subadevan Boyd-Devan and Ailish Burns)

Presentations

2024: “Nationalism and Communism in the Colonial Tunisian Labor Movement” Middle East Studies Association, remote.

2024: “Workers, Oil, and Autocracy in Bahrain” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec (Special Session on Power Structures and Marginalities in the Middle East)

2024: “Money Talks: The Impact of New Deal Unionization on Stock Prices” (with Subadevan Boyd-Devan and Ailish Burns), Society for the Advancement of Socioeconomics, Limerick, Ireland

2023: “Labor Autonomy and Resilience in Bahrain,” Social Science History Association, Washington, DC

2023: “Labor Autonomy and Resilience in Bahrain,” Middle East Studies Association, Montreal, Quebec

2023: “Building the Base” American Institute of Maghreb Studies Writing Workshop 2023, College Park, MD

2023: “Colony and Class Struggle: Unionization and Empire in Egypt and Tunisia” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA (Special Session on Middle East and Muslim Societies and Comparative Historical Sociology Section Mini-Conference)

2023: “Colony and Class Struggle: Unionization and Empire in Egypt and Tunisia” Annual Summer Conference on Economy, Politics, and Society 2023, hosted by Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

2022: “Transnational Origins of Colonial Labor Policy in Tunisia and Egypt,” Middle East Studies Association, Denver, CO

2020: “Historical Origins of Tunisian Unionism” Decolonization, Development, and State Building in North Africa, Providence, RI

2020: “Getting a Worker: Explaining the Uses of Fit in the Recruitment Industry,” American Sociological Association San Francisco, CA Organizations, Occupations and Work Roundtable

2020: “Getting a Worker: Explaining the Uses of Fit in the Recruitment Industry.” Eastern Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA

2019: “Historical Origins of Worker Power in Tunisia.” Middle Eastern Studies Association, New Orleans, LA

2019: “Employer Agency and Cultural Matching in the Recruitment Industry,” Eastern Sociological Association, Boston, MA

2018: “Authoritarian Labor Regimes: Tunisia and the limits of repression 1970-1993” Northeast Middle East Politics Working Group, Cambridge, MA.

2015: "Representative and Policeman?: Explaining Labor Autonomy in Tunisia." Historical Materialism, New York, NY

AWARDS

2023: Brown Department of Sociology, Beatrice and Joseph Fienberg Memorial Award (\$479.00)

2022: Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship (\$13,200.00)

2021: Brown Graduate School, Global Mobility Research Fellowship (\$14,300.00)

2020: American Institute for Maghrib Studies, Long-Term Research Grant (\$15,000.00)

2020: Watson Institute (Brown), Summer Research Funding

2019: Brown Center for Middle East Studies, Summer Research Funding

2019: Watson Institute (Brown), Summer Research Funding

2018: Watson Institute (Brown), Graduate Program in Development NSF IGERT Fellow

2018: Watson Institute (Brown), Summer Research Funding

2017: Watson Institute (Brown), Summer Research Funding

2015: New York University Kevorkian Center, Master’s Thesis Research Grant

2014: New York University Foreign Language Area Studies Fellow

2014: New York University Foreign Language Area Studies Summer Funding

2014: Qalam wa Lawh Center for Arabic Studies in Rabat, Ibn Battuta Merit Scholarship for Peace and Diplomacy (~\$1,500.00)

2011: University of New Mexico, Phi Beta Kappa

TEACHING

Brown University

2025: Social Inequality (*Instructor of Record*)
2025: Foundations of Development (*Grader*)
2024: Foundations of Development (*Grader*)
2024: Work, Inequality, and Social Change (*Instructor of Record*)
2023: Criminal Courts and the Law in an Era of Mass Incarceration (*TA*)
2021: Social Forces, Introduction to Sociology (*TA*)
2020: History of American Intervention (*TA*)
2020: Introductory Statistics for Social Research (*TA*)
2018: Globalization and Social Conflict (*TA*)

Amideast Tunisia

2015-17: General and Business English

Teaching House New York

2015: Cambridge Certificate in English Language Teaching to Speakers of Other Languages

Albuquerque Public Schools

2012-13: Substitute Teacher

SERVICE

2023-25: Advisory Committee on University Resources Management, Brown University

2022: Panel Organizer, "Labor Organizations, Leverage, and Capacity" Middle East Studies Association

2020-22: Treasurer, Graduate Labor Organization (American Federation of Teachers 6516)

2018-19: Sociology Department Representative, Brown Graduate Student Council

Occasional reviewer for: *British Journal of Sociology*, *Socio-Economic Review*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Sociological Association
Social Science History Association
Middle East Studies Association
American Institute of Maghreb Studies
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics

SKILLS

Languages: Research fluency in Arabic and French

Software: R, ATLAS.ti, Nvivo, Stata