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### **EDUCATION**

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
PhD student in Sociology, anticipated graduation in 2019

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC  
M.S. in Sociology, 2015

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA  
B.A. in Anthropology, 2011 (Summa Cum Laude)

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### **MASTER'S THESIS**

Thesis Title: "Industrial Change and Community Well-Being in New Latino Destinations."  
*Committee: Martha Crowley (Chair), Kim Ebert, Sarah Bowen*

Using difference-in-difference regression on county-level data from the US Census and other sources for the years of 1990, 2000, and 2010, this project examines the role of industrial change in shaping civic engagement and social cohesion in new Latino destinations in rural America compared to other nonmetropolitan places.

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### **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Work & the Global Economy, Inequality, Community Sociology

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### **HONORS & AWARDS**

Graduate Student Mentor Award, NC State University, 2015  
Benjamin J. Rothberg Memorial Fund Award, Drexel University, 2011  
First Honors in Major, 2011  
Dean's List, Drexel University, 2007-2011

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## PUBLICATIONS

- Knepper, Pete, and Martha Crowley. "Fraying Social Fabric?: Community Engagement in New Rural Destinations," Under Review.
- McDonald, Steve, Lindsay Hamm, James R. Elliott, and Pete Knepper. 2016. "Race, Place, and Unsolicited Job Leads: How the Ethnoracial Structure of Local Labor Markets Shapes Employment Opportunities." *Social Currents* 3:118-137.

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## ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

### *Research Appointments – North Carolina State University*

- 2018            *Research Assistant at the Office of Institutional Research and Planning*  
Managing, analyzing, and writing reports on survey data from the 2017-2018 Employee Engagement Survey administered by the UNC system to gauge the state of employee satisfaction and commitment as well as university efficiency
- 2017            *Research Assistant to Martha Crowley and Dan Lichter*  
Compiling 2011-2015 ACS data to (1) create a classification system to determine which rural counties can be designated as the white underclass, and (2) assess and compare community-level outcomes in these locations to other rural places
- 2016-2017      *Research Assistant to Martha Crowley, Sociology*  
Gathering decennial US Census data from 1970-2010 to test the effects of big-box retailers on rural communities across the United States
- 2015            *Research Assistant to Akram Khater, Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies*  
Managing and analyzing decennial US Census data using text analysis in Stata in order to document the number of Lebanese, Syrian, and Palestinian immigrants from 1900-1940, and then creating visualizations in Tableau to track immigration rates over time by state, gender, marital status, etc.

## *Teaching Appointments*

### Teaching Experience

SOCI 131 Social Relations in the Workplace: Fall 2018 (UNC Chapel Hill)

SOC 203 Current Social Problems: Fall 2018, Spring 2018, and Fall 2017 (NCSU)

SOC 202 Principles of Sociology: Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 (NCSU)

SOC 711 Research Methods in Sociology (lab instructor): Spring 2015 and Spring 2016 (NCSU)

SOC 713 Applied Research (lab instructor): Fall 2014 and Fall 2015 (NCSU)

### Teaching Assistant Experience

ANTH 261 Technology in Society and Culture: Summer 2014, Summer 2016, and Summer 2017

SOC 204 Sociology of Family: Fall 2014 and Summer 2015

SOC 418 Sociology of Education: Spring 2014

SOC 457 Corporate Power in America: Fall 2013

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## **PRESENTATIONS**

Knepper, Pete. "Insecure and Angry?: The Effects of Precarious Work on Social Trust and Civic Engagement." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, 2018.

Crowley, Martha, Pete Knepper and Daniel T. Lichter. "Left Behind in the New Economy? The Making of the Rural White Underclass." Annual Meetings of the Rural Sociological Society, Columbus, OH, 2017.

Knepper, Pete and Martha Crowley. "Fraying Social Fabric? Community Engagement in New Rural Latino Destinations." Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC, 2017.

Knepper, Pete. "Neoliberalism and Xenophobia: The Effects of Precarious Work on Civic Engagement and Social Cohesion." Southern Sociological Society, Greenville, SC, 2017.

Knepper, Pete. "Fractured Ties?: The Effects of Precarious Work on Social Trust in American Cities." North Carolina Sociological Association, High Point, NC, 2017.

Knepper, Pete. "Industrial Change and Community Well-being in New Latino Destinations." North Carolina Sociological Association, Winston-Salem, NC, 2016.

Knepper, Pete. "Testing the Goldschmidt Hypothesis in New Latino Destinations." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, 2015.

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### **ACADEMIC SERVICE**

2017-2018      Lead Peer Mentor Program, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, North Carolina State University

2016-2018      GSAB Representative, Sociology, North Carolina State University

2015-2016      Secretary for Sociology Graduate Student Association, North Carolina State University