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POSITIONS

- 2024- Assistant Professor | Department of Engineering & Society, University of Virginia
- 2023-24 Rising Scholar | School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, University of Virginia
- 2023-24 Postdoctoral Fellow | Digital Civil Society Lab, Stanford University
- 2021-23 Postdoctoral Researcher | Social Media Collective at Microsoft Research New England
- 2019 Visiting Student | Science & Justice Research Center, UC Santa Cruz

EDUCATION

- 2021 PhD (Sociology). Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario.
Dissertation: "Volunteering the Valley: Designing Technology for the Common Good in the San Francisco Bay Area."
- 2016 MA (Sociology). University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.
Thesis: "The Privacy Paradox."
- 2014 MA (Sociology). San Diego State University, San Diego, California
Thesis: "The Surveillance Network."
- 2012 BA (Sociology). San Jose State University, San Jose, California.
Magna Cum Laude

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Rider, Karina. Under advance contract with MIT Press' Labor and Technology Series.
Volunteers in the Valley: The Vocational Politics of Civic Technology.

Peer-reviewed articles

Rider, Karina. In preparation for *Big Data & Society*. "Tech for Good? A Genealogy and Research Agenda."

Rider, Karina. 2022. "Building Ideal Workplaces: Labor, Affect, and Identity in Tech for Good Projects." *International Journal of Communication* 16: 1-18.

Rider, Karina and David Murakami Wood. 2019. "Condemned to Connection? Network Communitarianism in Mark Zuckerberg's 'Facebook Manifesto.'" *New Media & Society* 21(3): 639-654.

Esbenshade, Jill, Elizabeta Shifrin, and **Karina Rider.** 2019. "Leveraging Liminality: How San Diego Taxi Drivers Used their Precarious Status to Win Reform." *Labor History* 60(2): 79-95.

Rider, Karina. 2018. "The Privacy Paradox: How Market Privacy Facilitates Government Surveillance." *Information, Communication, & Society* 21(10): 1369-1385.

Book chapters

Rider, Karina and S.L. Revoy. 2022. "Centering Race in Analyses and Practices of Countersurveillance Advocacy: Mythologies of the Racialized Other in the Crypto Wars." In *Privacy: Algorithms and Society* (ed. M. Filimowicz). New York: Routledge.

Book reviews

Rider, Karina. 2025. "Labor Organizing Under Digital Capitalism." *Contexts Magazine*.

Non-refereed publications

Rosemary Steup and **Karina Rider.** 2023. "The Ethics of Conference Site Selection." *Blog for the Labor Tech Research Network*. [[Link](#)]

Rider, Karina, Ope Akanbi, and Winifred R. Poster. 2022. "Labor Tech Research Network: A Community Dedicated to Scholarship and Activism." *Backchannels: A Blog of the Society for the Social Studies of Science*. [[Link](#)]

Rider, Karina. 2022. "Working through Disillusionment with the High-Tech Sector." *Backchannels: A Blog of the Society for the Social Studies of Science*. [[Link](#)]

Rider, Karina. 2014. "The Impact of Increasing Class Sizes on University Teaching Practices." Policy Report, San Diego State University.

Jill Esbenshade, Muna Aden, Andy Anderson, Amy Ash, Linzi Berkowitz, Roberto Danipour, Lea Marzo, Janelle Perez, Andrew Quinn, Rebecca Quinn, **Karina Rider**, Helga Staalhane, and Carolina Valdivia. 2013. "Driven to Despair: A Survey of San Diego Taxi Drivers." Policy Report. San Diego, CA: Center on Policy Initiatives. [[Link](#)]

AWARDS

2022	Honorable Mention The Association of Internet Researchers' Best Dissertation Award
2021	Recipient Canadian Sociological Association's Outstanding Graduating Student Award. Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2019	Nominee Teaching Assistant of the Year, College of Arts and Science. Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2018	Nominee Teaching Assistant of the Year, College of Arts and Science. Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2016	Recipient Teaching Assistant of the Year Award, Department of Sociology. University of Washington, Seattle, WA.

FUNDING AND FELLOWSHIPS

2025	Award, <i>Hammer and Keyboard: Crisis Moments in Labor and Technology</i> Albert Lepage Center for History in the Public Interest. \$5,000
2020	Thesis Completion Grant Department of Sociology, Queen's University. \$5,000
2019	Travel Grant Department of Sociology, Queen's University. \$820
2019	Dissertation Field Travel Grant Queen's University. \$3,000
2018	Travel Grant Department of Sociology, Queen's University. \$300
2018	Big Data Surveillance Travel Grant Surveillance Studies Center, Queen's University. \$500

2018	Cogeco Graduate Scholarship Queen's University. \$4,551
2017	Cogeco Graduate Scholarship Queen's University. \$2,872
2017	Trudeau Foundation Scholarship Nominee Queen's University.
2016-20	International Tuition Award Queen's University. \$5,000 per year, 4 years
2016-20	Principal's International Doctoral Award Queen's University: \$7,000 per year, 4 years
2016	Graduate and Professional Student Senate Travel Grant University of Washington. \$250
2016	Department of Sociology Research Travel Grant University of Washington. \$300
2013	Sociology Graduate Student Senate Travel Grant San Diego State University. \$200

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2020	Researcher Macdonald Hall Building Name Consultation Advisory Committee to the Dean (chair Dr. Gail Henderson). Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2020	Research Assistant Dr. Norma Möllers, "The Virus and the Parasite." Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2017-19	Research Assistant Dr. Norma Möllers, "Cybersecurity and the Making of 'Digital Territory.'" Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2013	Research Assistant Dr. Jill Esbenshade. "The Leased Among Us: Taxi Drivers in San Diego." San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.
2013	Research Assistant Dr. Doreen Mattingly. "The Effects of Increased Class Sizes on University Teaching Practices." San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

TEACHING

- 2024- **University of Virginia. Charlottesville, Virginia.**
Instructor | STS and Engineering Practice
Instructor | The Engineer, Ethics, and Professional Responsibility
- 2024 **Stanford University. Palo Alto, California.**
Instructor | Digital Civil Society
- 2016-2021 **Queen's University. Kingston, Ontario.**
Instructor | SOCY 427: Justice in the Digital Age
Instructor | SOCY 309: Surveillance and Visibility
Teaching Assistant | SOCY 284: Information & Communication Technology
Teaching Assistant | SOCY 306: Consumer Culture
Teaching Assistant | SOCY 363: Science, Technology, & Society
- 2014-16 **University of Washington. Seattle, Washington.**
Instructor | SOC 110: Introduction to Sociology
Teaching Assistant | SOC 270: Social Problems
Teaching Assistant | SOC 360: Social Stratification
Teaching Assistant | SOC 212: Comparative Social Change
Teaching Assistant | SOC 201: Science in Modern Society
Teaching Assistant | SOC 316: Sociological Theory
- 2012-14 **San Diego State University. San Diego, California.**
Teaching Assistant | SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology
Graduate Assistant | SOC 284: Immigration and Refugees
Graduate Assistant | SOC 255: Qualitative Research Methods
Graduate Assistant | SOC 300: Classical Social Theory

PRESENTATIONS AND PANELS

- 2025 Presenter | "Resisting the Network State: The Billionaires Building a New City in California and the Unlikely Coalition Fighting Back."
Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA.
- 2025 Panel organizer | "Silicon Valley Sovereignty: The Tech Billionaires Building New Cities and the Locals Fighting Back." Annual Meeting for the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Seattle, WA.

- 2024 Presenter | "Do Over! The Tech Billionaires Building a New City and the Unlikely Coalition Fighting Back." Speaker Series, Labor Tech Research Network
- 2024 Conference Organizer | End-of-Year Showcase, Labor Tech Research Network
- 2024 Panel organizer | Award Ceremony, Labor Tech Research Network
- 2023 Invited panelist | "The Post-Pandemic Job Market: Prepping for Careers Beyond Academia." Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023 Presenter | "Resisting and Insisting on De-Naming: Interrogating (De)constructions of Settler Colonial Commemoration in Academic Spaces." Canadian Sociological Association. Toronto, ON, Canada.
- 2022 Panel organizer | Labor Tech Research Network Unconference. Society for the Social Studies of Science. Cholula, Mexico.
- 2022 Panel organizer | Labor Tech Research Network's Launch. Society for the Social Studies of Science. Cholula, Mexico.
- 2022 Invited talk | Responsible Data Science and AI Speaker Series at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign's School of Information Sciences
- 2022 Workshop organizer | "Tech for Good." Digital Sociology Unconference, hosted by the Center for Information, Technology, and Public Life at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill.
- 2022 Presenter | "Affect, Labor, and Tech for Good." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Los Angeles, CA.
- 2021 Presenter | "Volunteering the Valley." Data Justice 2021: Civic Participation in the Datafied Society, hosted by the Data Justice Lab, Cardiff University. Online.
- 2020 Presenter | "Is Tech Really Saving the World? Working through Disenchantment with Skills-Based Volunteering." Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Online.
- 2019 Presenter | "Material Politics after the Internet." Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). New Orleans, LA.
- 2019 Moderator | "Forward March." Panel at Theorizing the Web. New York, NY.

- 2018 Presenter | "Digital Justice in the Bay." Annual Meeting of the Association of Internet Researchers (AOIR). Montreal, QC.
- 2017 Presenter | "The Privacy Paradox: How Market Privacy Facilitates Government Surveillance." Annual Meeting of the Society for Social Studies of Science (4S). Boston, MA.
- 2016 Presenter | "I'm a Huge Believer in the Rule of Law, But..." Roundtable for the Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA). Seattle, WA.
- 2016 Presenter | "On Being Warrant-Proof." Theorizing the Web. New York, NY.
- 2014 Presenter | "The Leased Among Us: Taxi Drivers in San Diego." Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association (PSA). Portland, Oregon.
- 2013 Presenter | "Immigrant and Refugee Labor in the U.S.: A Case Study of San Diego Taxi Drivers." Annual Meeting of the California Sociological Association (CSA). Berkeley, California.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2025 Participant | Center for Teaching Excellence IGNITE Program. University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.
- 2018 Participant | Oxford Internet Institute's Summer Doctoral Program. Oxford Internet Institute, University of Oxford, Oxford, UK.
- 2018 Participant | Doctoral Colloquium. Association of Internet Researchers, Annual Meeting. Montreal, QC.

ACADEMIC SERVICE

- 2024-25 Committee Member | Curriculum Committee. Department of Engineering and Society, University of Virginia.
- 2024-25 Committee Member | Committee for Inclusive Excellence. Department of Engineering and Society, University of Virginia.

2021-	Lead Organizer Labor Tech Research Network
2023-	Editor Blog of the Labor Tech Research Network
2023-26	Member & International Advisor Platform Work Inclusion Living Lab
2024	Member American Sociological Association's Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology: Student Paper Award Committee
2022-24	Co-chair Labor Tech Research Network's Graduate Student Paper Award
2021-24	Team lead Labor Tech Research Network's Communications Working Group
2019-20	Member Appointments and Renewal, Tenure, and Promotion Committee. Department of Sociology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2017-20	Graduate Student Mentor Department of Sociology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2017-19	Co-editor <i>Transmissions: A Companion Blog to the Social Studies of Science</i> .
2017-19	Member Graduate Studies Committee. Department of Sociology, Queen's University, Kingston, ON.
2018	Member Adjudication Committee for the Queen's University Award for Excellence in Graduate Student Supervision.
2016-17	Senator Graduate and Professional Student Senate. University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
2013-14	President Sociology Graduate Student Committee, Department of Sociology. San Diego State University, San Diego, CA.

REVIEWING

Journals	Big Data & Society British Journal of Sociology Computer Supported Cooperative Work Information, Communication, & Society Journal of Political Power New Media & Society
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Socio-Economic Review

Book proposals MIT Press
Temple University Press

Conferences Association of Internet Researchers
Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency in Algorithms

OUTREACH

2021 Interviewee | Civic Tech Chat Podcast (<https://civictech.cat>)

2019 Workshop organizer | #OnCivilSociety, an event hosted by the Toronto Public Library at the Word on the Street Festival. Toronto, ON.

2019 Speaker, public lecture | "The New Spirit of Capitalism and Anti-Capitalist Struggle." AKA Autonomous Social Centre. Kingston, ON.

2013 Speaker, press conference | "Study Finds Unfair, Unsafe Working Conditions for San Diego Taxi Drivers." *San Diego Reader* <https://www.sandiegoreader.com/weblogs/news-ticker/2013/may/23/study-finds-unfair-unsafe-working-conditions-for-s/>

2013 Panelist | "Activism Among College Students: San Jose State University and the Fight for Minimum Wage." Panel for Student Debt hosted by Students for Global Justice. San Diego, California.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Association for Computing Machinery

Eastern Sociological Society

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Social Studies of Science