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**EDUCATION**

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- 2021 (exp)     PhD, Sociology, Columbia University  
*Dissertation:* Identity Theft and the Production of Economic Insecurity  
*Committee:* Shamus Khan (Chair), Gil Eyal, Alondra Nelson
- 2017             MA, Sociology, Columbia University
- 2013             MIA, Urban and Social Policy, Columbia University
- 2010             Certificate, Middle East Cultures and Religions, Jerusalem University College
- 2007             BA, Mathematics and Spanish, Messiah College (magna cum laude)  
*Honors Thesis:* La condición política de la comunidad latina en los Estados Unidos

**HONORS, AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

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- 2019-2021     Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation (\$32,356)
- 2019             Global Fraud Scholarship, Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (\$1,600)
- 2018-2021     Harvey Fellow, Mustard Seed Foundation (\$48,000)
- 2018             Graduate Student Research Grant, Columbia University
- 2016             ASA Student Travel Grant, American Sociological Association (\$225)
- 2016             Travel Grant, Columbia University Graduate Student Advisory Council (\$400)
- 2015-2020     Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellow, Columbia University
- 2015             Travel Grant, American Educational Research Association, Division J (\$400)
- 2015             Travel Grant, Columbia University
- 2014-2015     Jinny M. Goldstein Scholar in Sociology and Education, Columbia University
- 2013-2015     Doctoral Fellow, Columbia University
- 2012-2013     Alice Stetton Fellow, Columbia University
- 2012             Comparative International Education Society Student Paper Prize for “Beneath the Hype: The Labor Market, International Organizations, and the Future of Egyptian Higher Education After the Arab Spring”
- 2011             Alpha Kappa Alpha Graduate Merit Scholarship
- 2010             G. Douglas Young Scholarship, Jerusalem University College
- 2006-2007     Ernest L. Boyer Scholar, Messiah College
- 2006             Sider Institute Fellowship, Messiah College

2004-2007     Sigma Zeta Honor Society  
 2004-2007     Provost Scholarship, Messiah College  
 2003-2007     Dean's List, Messiah College

## **PUBLICATIONS**

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Belyavina, Raisa and **Jordan Brensinger**. 2013. "Building Knowledge-Based Economies in Latin America: The Role of National Study-Abroad Scholarship Programs." Pp. 39-53 in *Latin America's New Knowledge Economy: Higher Education, Government, and International Collaboration*, edited by J. Balán. New York: Institute of International Education.

**Brensinger, Jordan**. 2012. "The Contextual Crisis of the Asian University." *APAC Journal* 2(Spring): 7, 14.

## **UNDER REVIEW**

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**Brensinger, Jordan**. "Becoming 'Open-Minded': Dominant Prototypes as a Resource for Muslim Identity at an Elite University." Revise & Resubmit.

## **WORK IN PROGRESS**

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**Brensinger, Jordan**. "Openness to Diversity and the Maintenance of Distinction in Elite Higher Education: The Case of Muslim Students."

**Brensinger, Jordan** and Ramina Sotoudeh. "Investigating Group Attitude Polarization in the Age of Trump."

**Brensinger, Jordan** and Gil Eyal. "The Sociology of Identification Processes."

## **PRESENTATIONS (SELECTED)**

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2018     "Openness to Diversity and the Maintenance of Distinction in Elite Higher Education." American Sociological Association Meeting, Philadelphia, PA.

2018     "Openness' as Distinction: Moral Discourse and the Reproduction of Inequality. Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY.

2018     "Open and Shut: Revisiting the Paradox of Elite Distinction." Eastern Sociological Society Mini-conference on Class and Culture, Baltimore, MD.

- 2016 “Under Surveillance: Higher Education and the Construction of Muslim Cultural Citizenship.” Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2016 “Under Surveillance: Higher Education and the Construction of Muslim Cultural Citizenship.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Embodied Boundaries: Modesty and Superiority in Zionist Religious Girls Schools.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2016 “Embodied Boundaries: The Institutional Transmission of Social Hierarchy.” Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Stockholm, Sweden.
- 2015 “Habitus, Reflexivity, and the Cognitive Foundations of Social Mobility.” American Sociological Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 “Narrative Bridges: Muslim Students, Reflexivity, and the Transition to an Elite University.” American Educational Research Association Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2014 “Narrative Bridges: Muslim Students, Reflexivity, and the Transition to an Elite University.” Workshop on Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2014 “Learning my Place, “Earning” my Place: Muslim Students’ Encounter with Knowledge and Culture at an Elite University.” Diversity in Research and Practice Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- 2013 “Balancing Equality and Heterogeneity: Human Capital Theory and Postmodernism in the Service of Higher Education Development.” Graduate Student Conference on Philosophy and Education, Columbia University.
- 2013 “Beneath the Hype: The Labor Market, International Organizations, and the Future of Egyptian Higher Education After the Arab Spring.” International Education Conference, New York University.

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- 2014-2015 Research Assistant, Aaron Pallas and Douglas Ready, Columbia University, New York, NY
- 2013 Research Consultant, Columbia University and Tisch Illumination Fund, New York, NY
- 2013 Research Consultant, New Classrooms Innovation Partners, New York, NY
- 2012 Research Intern, Institute of International Education (IIE), New York, NY
- 2009 Operations and Research, Jones Lang LaSalle (JLL), Philadelphia, PA
- 2007-09 Operations and Research, NAI CIR, Harrisburg, PA

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** [\*= WITH SECTIONS; §=SENIOR TEACHING ASSISTANT]

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*Undergraduate Courses*

2017-18	Senior Thesis Seminar (for Van Tran)
2017	Methods for Social Research (for Jacob Boersema)
2016	The Social World* (for Gil Eyal)
2006	Calculus I (for Douglas Phillippy)

*Graduate Courses*

2014	Evaluation of Educational and Social Programs (for Aaron Pallas)
2014	Data Analysis for Policy and Decisionmaking II (for Douglas Ready)
2013	Data Analysis for Policy and Decisionmaking I (for Douglas Ready)
2012-13	Quantitative Analysis*§ (for Paul Thurman)

**UNDERGRADUATE THESIS ADVISEES**

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<i>Year</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Topic</i>
2017-18	Trendha Hunter	Gender Performance in Sexual Health Education
2017-18	Cindy Liu	Gendered Occupational Barriers in Classical Music
2017-18	Amber Officer-Narvasa	Race and Neighborhood Change in a NYC Coop
2017-18	Julius Wilson	The Transformation of Journalistic Norms

**DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

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2016-2017	PhD Student Representative (nominated), Department of Sociology, Columbia University
2013	Peer Advisor (appointed), Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
2012-2013	Academic and Orientation Chair (elected), Student Association, Columbia University School of International and Public Affairs
2005-2006	Honor Code Committee Member (appointed), Department of Mathematics, Engineering, and Business, Messiah College
2006	Student Forum Representative (elected), Student Government Association, Messiah College
2006	Student Representative (appointed), Messiah College Subcommittee on Gender Relations
2006	Student Representative (appointed), Messiah College Subcommittee on Student Activities

## **MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS**

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American Sociological Association (Sections: Culture; Inequality and Social Mobility; Science, Knowledge, and Technology)  
Eastern Sociological Society  
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (NYC Chapter)  
ISACA (NYC Chapter)

## **TECHNICAL SKILLS**

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Programming: R  
Software: Microsoft Excel, NVivo, Stata

## **LANGUAGE SKILLS**

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English (Native), Spanish (Advanced), Arabic (Beginner), French (Beginner)

## **ADVOCACY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**

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2015-Pres.	Co-founder and Director of Program Evaluation, Pathways Mentorship Program, Viva Uptown
2013	Teacher, Columbia Philosophy Outreach Program, Harlem Fortune Society
2011-2013	Co-founder and Outreach Chair, Education Collaborative
2008-2009	Director of Student Relations, Forgotten Voices International
2006	Peacebuilding Trainee, Summer Peacebuilding Institute, Eastern Mennonite University