Kate Pride Brown

Curriculum Vitae: June 2026

The School of History and Sociology
The Georgia Institute of Technology
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EMPLOYMENT
Associate Professor of Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2022-present
Assistant Professor of Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2016-2022
Postdoctoral Fellow, Vanderbilt Institute for Energy and Environment, 2015-2016

EDUCATION
Ph.D. Sociology, Vanderbilt University, 2015
M.A. Sociology, Vanderbilt University, 2009
B.A. Social Sciences, Sarah Lawrence College, 2003

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Environmental Sociology	Globalization/Transnationalism	Social Theory
Political Economy	Civil Society/Social Movements	Post-Soviet Societies

PUBLICATIONS
BOOK
Brown, Kate Pride. 2018. *Saving the Sacred Sea: The Power of Civil Society in an Age of Authoritarianism and Globalization*. New York: Oxford University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES
Brown, Kate Pride. (Forthcoming) "Teaching Sociology with *The Autobiography of Malcolm X*." *Teaching Sociology.*

Brown, Kate Pride. 2023. "Rumor Has It: Strategies for Ethnographic Analysis in Authoritarian Regimes." *Ethnography* 24(1): 132–153.

Brown, Kate Pride, Alina Gerber, Daria Bedulina, and Maxim Timofeyev. 2021. "Human Impact and Ecosystemic Health at Lake Baikal." *WIREs Water* 8(4): e1528 [36 pgs.].

Mohr, Rachel* and Kate Pride Brown. 2021. “Generational and Geographic Effects on Collective Memory of the USSR.” *Communist and Post-Communist Studies* 54(I-2): 156-175.
**denotes undergraduate student collaborator*

Brown, Kate Pride. 2018. “Multilevel Governance and Minimum Flow: The Varying Conservation Outcomes of Water Conflict Resolution.” *Research in Political Sociology* 25 (Special Issue: “Environment, Politics, and Society”): 25-44.

Hess, David J. and Kate Pride Brown. 2018. "Water and the Politics of Sustainability Transitions: From Regime Actor Conflicts to System Governance Organizations.” *Journal of Environmental Policy and Planning* 20(2): 128-142.

Brown, Kate Pride. 2017. “Water, Water Everywhere (or, Seeing Is Believing): The Visibility of Water Supply and the Public Will for Conservation.” *Nature + Culture* 12(3): 219–245.

Brown, Kate Pride and David Hess. 2017. “The Politics of Water Conservation: Identifying and Overcoming Barriers to Successful Policies.” *Water Policy* 19: 304-321.

Hess, David and Kate Pride Brown. 2017. “Green Tea: Clean Energy Conservatism as a Counter-Countermovement.” *Environmental Sociology* 3(1): 64-75.

Brown, Kate Pride. 2016. “In the Pocket: Regulatory Commissions, Industry Capture, and Campaign Spending.” *Sustainability: Science, Practice and Policy* 12(2): 1-15.

Brown, Kate Pride. 2016. “The Prospectus of Activism: Discerning and Delimiting Imagined Possibility.” *Social Movement Studies* 15(6): 547-560.
(2016 Best Article Prize, *Social Movement Studies*)

Brown, Kate Pride and David J. Hess. 2016. “Pathways to Policy: Partisanship and Bipartisanship in Green Energy Legislation.” *Environmental Politics* 25(6): 971-990.

Hess, David J., Quan Mai and Kate Pride Brown. 2016. “Red States, Green Laws: Ideology and Renewable Energy Legislation in the United States.” *Energy Research & Social Science* 11: 19-28.

Brown, Kate Pride. 2015. “Guarding the Memory of the National Guard: Strategies of Avoidance in Official Historiography.” *Memory Studies* 8(3): 313-327.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS
Brown, Kate Pride. (forthcoming) “*Flexible authoritarianism: Cultivating Ambition and Loyalty in Russia,* by Anna Schwenck. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.” (Book Review). *American Journal of Sociology.*

Brown, Kate. 2022. “*The everyday lives of sovereignty: political imagination beyond the state,* ed. by Rebecca Bryant and Madeleine Reeves. Ithaca, NY: Cornell University Press, 2021.” (Book Review). *Contemporary Sociology* 51(5): 372-374.

Brown, Kate Pride. 2021. “"Tourism and Climate Change Threaten Lake Baikal, a Unique Global Treasure," *Advanced Science News,* April 27, 2021: https://www.advancedsciencenews.com/tourism-and-climate-change-threaten-lake-baikal-a-unique-global-treasure/

Brown, Kate Pride and Larry Isaac. “Civil Rights Movement Inspiration and Influence on Other Reform Movements.” In *Encyclopedia of American Reform Movements*, ed. by John R. McKivigan and Heather L. Kaufman. New York: Infobase.

Brown, Kate Pride. 2012. “Russia’s Unexpected Uprising,” *Critical Mass Bulletin* 37(1): 20-22.

AWARDS AND HONORS (for Scholarship)

Selected Participant, Mid-Career Academy, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech, 2025-2026
Fellow, Brook Byers Institute for Sustainable Systems, Georgia Tech 2018-present.
Fellow, Serve-Learn-Sustain: Energy Systems for Sustainable Communities Fellowship Program, Georgia Tech, 2017-2018
2016 Best Article Prize, awarded to “The Prospectus of Activism: Discerning and Delimiting Imagined Possibility,” as the best article published that year in *Social Movement Studies*
Passed with Distinction: “Theories of Modernity,” Qualifying Examination, 2011
Passed with Distinction: “Social Memory Studies,” Qualifying Examination, 2011
Marion T. Loftin Graduate Research Prize, Vanderbilt University, Dept. of Sociology, 2010
University Fellowship, Vanderbilt’s highest honorary graduate award, 2007-2012 ($50,000)

GRANTS AND RESEARCH FUNDING

Principal Investigator - awarded

Grant to Enhance and Advance Research and Scholarship (GEARS), Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech, 2026 ($5,000)
International Travel Grant, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech, 2024 ($2,150)
Ivan Allen College Small Research Grant-A, Georgia Tech, 2024 ($10,600)
Sustainability Next, Undergraduate Sustainability Education Innovation Grant, 2023 ($9,000)
American Councils, Academic Fellowship in Russia (virtual), 2022 ($8,700)
National Research Award, National Council for Eurasian and East European Research ($20,000)
Serve-Learn-Sustain: Teaching Toolkit Grant, Georgia Tech, 2019 ($500); 2023 ($1,000)
International Travel Grant, Ivan Allen College, Georgia Tech, 2018, 2023 ($3,000)
Serve-Learn-Sustain: Summer Teaching & Research Fund, Georgia Tech, 2017 ($4,800)
Research Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy, 2014 ($7,500)
Dissertation Enhancement Grant, Vanderbilt University, 2013 ($2,000)
U.S. Student Fulbright Fellowship, Institute of International Education, 2012 ($23,000)
Small Research Grant, Vanderbilt University Department of Sociology, 2012 ($600)
College of Arts & Science Summer Research Award, Vanderbilt University, 2010 ($4,500)
Small Research Grant, Vanderbilt University Department of Sociology, 2008-2010 ($900)
Critical Language Scholarship, U.S. Department of State, 2008

Values and the Environment Research Award, Vanderbilt Center for Ethics, 2008 ($4,000)

Principal Investigator – alternate/finalist

IIE Fulbright Scholar Award – Mongolia, 2025 (nominated for an award, but US State Department under Donald Trump declined virtually all Fulbright awards in 2025)

Aleksanteri Institute Visiting Research Fellows, 2022 (first finalist)

SSRC Eurasia Program Dissertation Development Award, 2013 (finalist)

David L. Boren Graduate Fellowship, Institute of International Education, 2012 (alternate)

International Research and Exchanges Board (IREX), Individual Advanced Research Opportunities Program (IARO), 2010 (alternate)

Graduate Research Assistant/Postdoctoral Fellow

"Water Conservation and Hydrological Transitions in American Cities," Hydrological Sciences, National Science Foundation EAR-1416964, 2014-2017 ($231,314)

"Conditions Favoring Consensus in State-Level Energy Policy," STS Program, National Science Foundation, SES-1329310, 2013-2015 ($208,763)

INVITED TALKS

"Academic Freedom in the Field of Power," Academic Freedom and Human Rights Symposium, Georgia Tech, October 2025

"Empowering students to take action on the SDGs" Georgia Community of Practice on Teaching (virtual), March 2024

"Culture Connection: Environmental Studies in the U.S. and Russia," US Embassy in Moscow (virtual), February 2024

"The Power of Civil Society, Reflected in Siberia's Lake Baikal," The Russian and Sociology Departments, the John Sloan Dickey Center, and the Leslie Center, Dartmouth College, May 11, 2023

"Russia Today: Historical and Personal Perspectives," Sam Nunn School of International Affairs, Georgia Tech, September 22, 2022

"Paying the Price for a Nuclear Renaissance: How Financialization Undermined Effective Energy Regulation in the Southeastern U.S." The Department of Sociology, University of Illinois. Urbana-Champaign, February 25, 2022

"Saving the Sacred Sea: The Power Dynamics surrounding Baikal Environmental Activism," The Department of Russian Studies & the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, The College of Wooster, March 2021

"Environmental Activism and Power Dynamics in Russia," Russian Area Studies and Environmental Studies Program, Wellesley College, April 2019

"Environmentalism: from Nuclear Disaster in Chernobyl to Environmental Activism at Lake Baikal," Revolutions and Post-Communisms Speaker Series, Vanderbilt University, January 2019

"The Bully and the Bear: How Donald Trump and Vladimir Putin Exercise Power, and Why It Matters," HSOC Speakers Series, Georgia Tech, October 2018

"Saving the Sacred Sea: Encouraging Imaginative Solutions to Environmental Problems," 2nd Baikal Ecological Water Forum, Irkutsk, Russia, September 2018

"Protest, Accommodation, and Collusion in a Neoliberal Age," The Inter-Campus Seminar on 'The Practice of Democracy,' November 2017

"Branding Baikal: Corporate and Environmentalist Cooperation as a Power Exchange," Professor Perspectives, Georgia Tech, April 2017

"Baikal Environmentalism in a Global Field of Power," Tepper Speaker Series, The College of William and Mary, March 2017

"The Future of the Energy Transition," Georgia Tech Energy Club, 4th Annual Energy Expo, February 2017

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"The Cultural Consequences of the Inverse Gender Gap in Mongolia," at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, August 2025

"Teaching Sociology Using the Autobiography of Malcolm X," at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal Canada, August 2024

"Culture as Toolkit in Selling Russia's War," Genocides and Memories: Russia's War Against Ukraine in Comparative Perspective Conference, Atlanta & Virtual, 2023

"The Field of Power: A New Analytic Strategy for Political Sociology," International Sociological Association XX World Congress, Melbourne, Australia, 2023

"The Rise and Fall of the Nuclear Renaissance." Social Science History Association, Pittsburgh, PA, 2021

"Rumor Has It: Strategies for Ethnographic Analysis in Authoritarian Regimes." American Sociological Association, New York, NY, 2019

"Financialization for Low-Carbon Energy." Southern Sociological Society (SSS), Atlanta, GA, 2019

"The Bully and the Bear: Multi-Level Power Exercises in the Trump and Putin Regimes." Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, 2018

"Pathways to Policy: Partisanship and Bipartisanship in Green Energy Legislation." American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, 2016

"Political Polarization and the Renewable Energy Transition in the U.S." Society for the Social Study of Science, Denver, CO, 2015

"The Reverse Boomerang of Transnational Activism," American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, 2014

"Globalization as Inspiration: The Cognitive Effect of Transnational Activism," Chicago Graduate Ethnography Conference, Evanston, IL, 2014

"'Foreign Agents ♥ USA': State Suppression of Baikal Environmentalism," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, Boston, MA, 2013

"Corporate Social Responsibility as Hegemonic Practice," Political Sociology/Comparative-Historical Sociology mini-conference, New York, NY, 2013

"Soviet Memories among Russian Young Adults," American Sociological Association, New York, NY, 2013

"Societal Predictability and the Social Movement Society," Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, 2012

"'What Is Enlightenment?" in Post-Soviet Russia: Using Kant to Explore How Russians are Remembering the Soviet Union," East European Memory Studies Graduate Research Triangle, Cambridge, UK, 2011

"Fatalism and Social Movement Decline: the Case of Russian Environmentalism," American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA, 2010

"Cultural Threats: Discursive Hostility toward Social Movements," International Sociological Association, Gothenburg, Sweden, 2010

"Historical Materialism and Memory Content," New School for Social Research Memory Conference, New York, NY, 2010
"Ecological Culture against Corruption: The Russian Environmental Movement in Abeyance," Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, 2009
"Blaming the Victim: Framing Theory Applied to Russian Environmentalism," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, Charlottesville, VA, 2009

TEACHING EXPERIENCE
Graduate Courses at Georgia Tech
Social Theory

Undergraduate Courses at Georgia Tech
Social Theory and Structure
Environmental Sociology
Globalization in the Modern Era
Introduction to Sociology
The Sociological Imagination
Theories of Power
Modern Russian History and Society

Undergraduate Courses at Belmont University
Introduction to Sociology

Guest Lecturer at Georgia Tech for the following courses:
Foundations of Socio-Historical Analysis; Research Methods; Environmental Politics

Teaching Assistant and Periodic Lecturer at Vanderbilt University for the following courses:
Sociological Perspectives (Theory); Climate Change and Society; Health and the Environment; Social Issues in Globalization; U.S. Social Movements; American Society; Social Problems; Introduction to Sociology; Socio-Political and Cultural Developments in Post-Soviet Regions; Russia: The USSR and Afterward

Advising
Dissertation Committee Member:
- Rebecca Watts Hull (Ph.D. 2018)
- Katie O'Connell [School of City and Regional Planning] (Ph.D. 2021)
- Kristy Anantharajah [Australian National University, School of Regulation and Global Governance] (Ph.D. 2023)
- Jennifer Nicholas [ABD 2025]
- Olanike Olaomo [ABD 2026]

Comprehensive Exam Chair:
- (Race & Ethnicity) Shazia Ali (2023)
- (Social Theory) Olanike Olaomo (2025)
- (Social Theory) Jen Nicholas (2025)

- (Social Theory) Errika Moore (2025)
- (Social Theory) Royce Collins (2025)
- (Environmental Sociology) Sharon Rachel (2026)

Master's Committee Chair
- Olanike Olaomo (M.S. 2024)

Master's Committee Member
- Shazia Ali (M.S. 2021)
- Arina Govorina [Central European University] (M.A. 2021)
- Jennifer Nicholas (M.S. 2023)
- Emma Menardi (M.S. [Public Policy], 2025)

Minor Exam Chair
- Katie O'Connell [School of City and Regional Planning] (2019)

Graduate Research Supervisor
- Katie O'Connell

Undergraduate Research Supervisor:
- Anna Iyengar
- Kayleigh Haskin
- Rachel Mohr
- Emma Menardi
- Harshi Brahmbhatt

AWARDS AND HONORS (for Teaching)
"Thank a Teacher Award," Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2025
"Thank a Teacher Award," Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2024
Reflective Teacher Badge (2020-2021)
Student Recognition of Excellence in Teaching: Class of 1934 CIOS Award, Fall 2020
"Thank a Techer Award," Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2020
Class of '69 Teaching Fellow, Center for Teaching & Learning, Georgia Tech, 2020
BP/CTL Junior Faculty Teaching Excellence Award, Georgia Tech, 2020
"Thank a Techer Award," Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2019
"Thank a Teacher Award," Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2017

TEACHING TRAININGS AND CERTIFICATIONS
School of History and Sociology Workshop, "Teaching Controversial Topics in Polarizing Times," with Dr. Laura Pipe
Georgia Tech Retreat Exploring Effective Teaching (GREET) participant, "Transformative Teaching and Learning with HIPs and CUREs," 2024
Panel Discussion, ChatGPT: How Are Georgia Tech Faculty Responding?, Center for Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2023
Liam's Legacy: Inclusive Teaching Symposium, a full-day symposium on diversity, equity and inclusion in the college classroom, Serve-Learn-Sustain, Georgia Tech, 2021

Class of ’69 Teaching Fellow, a competitively selected year-long professional development seminar/project series, Georgia Tech, 2020-2021
Course Design Month, a series of professional development activities in the sphere of teaching service & sustainability, Serve-Learn Sustain, Georgia Tech, 2018
Pedagogy Reading Group, discussion of *Life Beyond Grades,* Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia Tech, 2018
Teaching Large Courses, a workshop/discussion, Georgia Tech Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, 2016
Graduate Teaching Certificate, a three-phased certification program, Vanderbilt University Center for Teaching, 2012
Teaching Workshop, a semester course on teaching sociology, 2009
Teaching Assistant Orientation and Training, Vanderbilt University, 2007

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO TEACHING AND PEDAGOGY
“Power and Social Change,” Video Teaching Tool on the nuts and bolts of activism and social movements, available through Georgia Tech’s Center for Teaching and Learning and Serve-Learn-Sustain
“Orientation to Graduate Writing,” Presentation at Orientation for new graduate students in the School of History and Sociology at Georgia Tech, presented annually since 2022
“The Sociological Imagination as History and Biography,” Poster Presentation, Celebrating Teaching Day, Georgia Tech, 2021

SERVICE
University Service at Georgia Tech
Organizer, “Academic Freedom and Human Rights Symposium,” 2025
BBISS/SustainabilityNext Grant Reviewer, 2025
INTA/HSOC Lecturer Search Committee Member, 2024
EPICenter Search Committee Member, 2024
HSOC Search Committee Member, 2023
Institute Honorary Degree and Commencement Speaker Committee, 2023-2026
Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2023
Chair, HSOC Search Committee, 2022-2023
Institute Graduate Curriculum Committee, 2022-2025
HSOC Executive Committee Member, 2022-2024
HSOC Graduate Committee, 2021-2022, 2024-present
Panelist, “Mother of the Earth,” Iranian Women Change-Makers Series, Urban Media Fest 2021
HSOC Search Committee Member 2020-2021
IAC Handbook Committee, 2020-2021
Faculty Sponsor, History and Sociology Club & Phi Alpha Kappa, 2020-2022
HSOC Executive Committee Member, 2018-2020
HSOC Search Committee Member, 2018-2019
Judge, Undergraduate Research Symposium, 2017
HSOC Search Committee Member, 2016-2017
Discussant, “An Inconvenient Truth,” at *DOC FEST*, GT Department of Housing, 2017

University Service at Vanderbilt University
Sociology Search Committee Graduate Representative, 2010-2011
Vice President of the Sociology Graduate Student Body, 2007-2008
Graduate Student Council Sociology Representative, 2007-2008

Professional Conference Service
Discussant, "The Politics of the Environment and Climate Change across Eurasia," ASEEES, 2025
Discussant and Chair, "Nature and Politics," ASEEES, 2024
Discussant and Chair, "The Aral Sea: Beyond Narratives of Catastrophe," ASEEES, 2023
Discussant and Chair, "Environment and Energy in the Post-Soviet World," Southern Conference on Slavic Studies, 2023
Discussant, "Unstable Triangle: Modern Tensions Among Lithuania, Belarus, and Poland," ASEEES, 2022
Panel Organizer, Discussant, and Chair, "Borderlands and Cultural Boundaries in Imperial and Contemporary Russia," ASEEES, 2022
Panel Organizer, "Borderlands and Cultural Boundaries in Historical and Literary Text," ASEEES, 2022
Table Presider, Theory Roundtable, American Sociological Association, 2021
Table Presider, Theory Roundtable, American Sociological Association, 2018
Table Presider, Global/Transnational Roundtable, American Sociological Association, 2018
Discussant, "Forming Global Families: Romance Tourism and Transnational Adoption from Post-Soviet States," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies, 2016
Table Presider, Political Sociology Roundtable, American Sociological Association, 2016
Table Presider, Sociology of Law Roundtable, American Sociological Association, 2014
Table Presider, Sociology of Culture Roundtable, American Sociological Association, 2013
Panel Co-Organizer, "Nature Protection in the Greater Baikal Ecosystem Past and Present," Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES), 2013

Service to the Discipline
Member, Book Award Committee, ASA Section on Political Sociology, 2026
Member, Outstanding Publication Award Committee, ASA Section on Environmental Sociology, 2025
Member, Board of Directors, Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies 2020-2022

Occasional Peer Reviewer for:
American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Discover Water, Energy Research and Social Science, Environmental Innovation and Societal Transitions, Environmental Policy and Governance, Environmental Politics, Environmental Science and Policy, Irish Journal of Sociology, Land Use Policy, Mobilization, Nature and Culture, Nature Sustainability, Post-Soviet Affairs, Social Currents, Social Forces, Social Movement Studies, Social Problems, The Sociological Quarterly, Urban Forestry and Urban Greening, Work and Occupations

Service to the Community

Member, Farm Working Group, East Lake Commons (2025-2026)
Member, Board of Directors, East Lake Commons (2021-2024)
Chapter Co-Leader, Scholars Strategy Network – Georgia (2018-2021)
Member, Scholars Strategy Network (2017-present)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Editorial Experience

Editorial Board Member, *The Sociological Quarterly,* 2024-2028
Editorial Board Member, *Journal of World-Systems Research*, 2019-2023
Editorial Associate, *American Sociological Review*, 2009-2012
Associate Editor, *Work and Occupations*, 2010-2011
Intern, *Dissent*, 2003

Professional Memberships

American Sociological Association
Southern Sociological Society
Social Science History Association
Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies
Southern Conference on Slavic Studies
Society for the Social Study of Science

Languages

English (native); Russian (advanced); Mongolian (beginner); Spanish (reading)