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## **EDUCATION**

**CUNY Graduate Center, Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology** 1995  
Dissertation: The Sanctity of Work  
Chair: Francis Fox Piven, PhD

**Columbia University, Master of Social Welfare** 1990  
Concentration: Practice, Programming, and Supervision

**McDaniel College, Bachelor of Arts** 1987  
Graduation: Cum Laude  
Major: Psychology  
Minors: Religious Studies

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

Recipient of Teaching Award from Stony Brook Class of 2001 MSW Students Placed at The Administration for Children's Services

Certificate of Recognition from the Hunter College School of Social Work Anti-Racist Collective (ARCH)

Recipient of Fulbright Specialist Grant

Recipient of Mid-Career Exemplary Social Work Leader Award of the National Association of Social Workers

Award for Most Promising Young Researcher in Quantitative Methods Area from Journal of Applied Quantitative Methods

*Economics for Social Workers* made it to MSWONLINEPROGRAMS.org list of 100 Great Books for the Social Worker's Library

*Mathematics and the Hunger Games* article was mentioned as a notable article in *The Best Writing on Mathematics 2013*, published by Princeton University Press and edited by Mircea Pitici ([http://www.academia.edu/36943112/BWM\\_2013\\_-\\_Notable\\_writings\\_M.\\_Pitici\\_.pdf](http://www.academia.edu/36943112/BWM_2013_-_Notable_writings_M._Pitici_.pdf))

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Professor, Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College, CUNY	2018-Present
Associate Professor, Silberman Social of Social Work, CUNY	2009-2018
Associate Professor, CUNY Graduate Center Present	2012-
Associate Professor, Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare, SUNY	1995-2008

## PUBLICATIONS

### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Ringland, Valerie; Lewis, Michael A.; Dunleavy, Daniel. "Beyond the P-Value: Bayesian Statistics and Causation." *Journal of Evidence Based Social Work*, (In Press).

Lewis, Michael A. "COVID-19 and Quantitative Literacy: Focusing on Probability." *Numeracy*, (In Press).

Lewis, Michael A. "Are Math and Logic Relevant to Social Debates?" *Journal of Humanistic Mathematics* vol. 10, issue 1, (January, 2020).

Lewis, Michael A. "Comments on Frameworks for Causal Inference." *Journal of Family Violence*, (March, 2019).

Caputo, Richard and Lewis, Michael A (guest editors of symposium on basic income). *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, vol. 43, no. 3, (October, 2016)

Caputo, Richard and Lewis, Michael A. "Introduction to Symposium on Basic Income Guarantee." *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, vol. 43, no. 3, (October, 2016)

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Lewis, Michael A. "Econometrics of Estimating Causal Effects: An Overview for Social Work Researchers." *Research on Social Work Practice* (June, 2015).

Lewis, Michael A. and Ferguson-Colvin, Kristin. "Comparison of Decision Rules and Logistic Regression Classification Algorithms to Predict Methamphetamine use among Homeless Youths who attend High School." *Journal of the Society for Social Work and Research*, vol. 5, issue 2, (March, 2014).

Lewis, Michael A. (guest editor of special issue on the right to income and the right to employment). *Basic Income Studies*, vol. 7, issue 2, (December 2012).

Lewis, Michael A. "Introduction to the Special Issue on the Right to Work and Basic Income." *Basic Income Studies*, vol. 7, issue 2, (December, 2012).

Lewis, Michael A. "Cost, Compensation, Freedom, and the Basic Income – Guaranteed Jobs Debate." *Basic Income Studies*, vol. 7, issue 2, (December, 2012).

Lewis, Michael A. "Mathematics and the Hunger Games." *The Journal of Humanistic Mathematics*, vol. 2, issue 2, (July, 2012).

Lewis, Michael A. "The Spending Explosion: Positional Externalities and Exponential Consumption Growth." *Journal of Applied Quantitative Methods*, vol. 7, issue 1, (March 2012).

Lewis, Michael A. "What to do if the Gold Standard Can't be Realized? Propensity Scoring to Adjust for Attrition in Random Experiments." *Sociology Study*, vol. 1, number 1, (June 2011).

Lewis, Michael A. "The Physics of Inflation: Newton's Law of Cooling and the Consumer Price Index." *Journal of Applied Quantitative Methods*, vol. 5, issue 1, (March 2010) 106-11.

Lewis, Michael A. and Noguchi, Eri. "Logistic Regression to Describe How the Relationship Between Social Connection and Self-Rated Health Varies by Gender." *Journal of Applied Quantitative Methods*, vol. 14, issue 2, June (2009), 166-174.

Lewis, Michael A. and Noguchi, Eri. "My Neighbors Made Me Do It: An Exploration of a Neighborhood Network Model of Activism." *Journal of Statistical Mechanics: Theory and Experiment*, no. 8 (August 2008).

Lewis, Michael A. and Noguchi, Eri. "The Female Corp of Volunteers: How Gender and Labor Supply Interact to Affect Civic Participation." *Race, Class, and Gender*, vol 13, no.3-4 (2007), 255-267.

Widerquist, Karl and Lewis, Michael A. "An Efficiency Argument for the Basic Income Guarantee." *International Journal of Environment, Workplace, and Employment*, vol. 2, no. 1 (2006), pp. 21-43.

Lewis, Michael A.; Pressman, Steven; and Widerquist, Karl (guest editors). *Review of Social Economy*, vol. 63 (December, 2005).

Lewis, Michael A.; Pressman, Steven; and Widerquist, Karl. "The Basic Income Guarantee and Social Economics," *Review of Social Economy*, vol. 63 (December, 2005), pp. 587-593.

Lewis, Michael A. "Some Questions about Harvey's Discussion of the Relative Merits of the Basic Income and the Right to Work." *Rutgers School of Law Journal of Law and Urban Policy*, vol. 2, issue 1, (2005).

Lewis, Michael A. "Perhaps there can be too Much Freedom." *The Journal of Socio-Economics*, vol. 34, issue 1, (2005), pp. 17-26.

Berger, Candyce S.; Robbins, Charles; Lewis, Michael A.; Mizrahi, Terry; and Fleit, Shelly. "The Impact of Organizational Change on Social Work Staffing in a Hospital Setting: A National Longitudinal Study of Social Work in Hospitals," *Social Work in Health Care*, vol. 37, (2003), pp. 1-18.

Battle, Juan and Lewis, Michael A. "The Increasing Significance of Class: The Relative Effect of Race and Socioeconomic Status on Academic Achievement," *Journal of Poverty*, vol. 6, (2002), pp. 21-35.

Lewis, Michael A. "A Time Series Analysis of the Effect of Welfare on Earnings," *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, vol. 28, (December 2001), pp. 161-171.

Lewis, Michael A. "A Path Analysis of the Effect of Welfare on Infant Mortality," *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, vol. 24, (September 1999), pp. 125-136.

Lewis, Michael A. "A Few Contributions of Economic Theory to Social Welfare Policy Analysis," *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, vol. 24, (December 1998), pp. 145-156.

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### Books

Lewis, Michael A. *Social Workers Count: Numbers and Social Issues*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.

Lewis, Michael A., Pressman Steve, and Widerquist, Karl (editors). *The Economics and Ethics of the Basic Income*. England: Ashgate, 2005.

Lewis, Michael A. and Widerquist, Karl. *Economics for Social Workers*, New York: Columbia University Press, New York: Columbia University Press, 2002.

## NON PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

### Book Chapters

Lewis, Michael A. "Risk and the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend in *Alaska's Permanent Fund Dividend: Examining its Suitability as a Model*." Widerquist, Karl and Howard, Michael W. New York, Palgrave Macmillan (2012).

Wheeler, D.P.; Hadden, B.; Lewis, M.A.; Van Sluytman, L.G.; and Parchment, T.M.; "HIV and Black and African American Communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" in *Handbook of HIV and Social Work*. New Jersey: John Wiley and Sons (2010).

Widerquist, Karl and Lewis, Michael A. "The Basic Income Guarantee and the Goals of Equality, Efficiency, and Environmentalism" in *Environment and Employment: A Reconciliation*. Lawn, Philip (editor). New York: Routledge (2009).

Lewis, Michael A. "Time Series Analysis" in *Handbook of Probability: Theory and Applications*. Rudas, Tamas (editor). California: Sage Publications (2008).

Lewis, Michael A. "Economics and Social Welfare," in *The Social Work Encyclopedia*. Mizrahi, Terry (editor). New York: Oxford University Press (2008).

Lewis, Michael A. (with Steven Pressman and Karl Widerquist), "An Introduction to the Basic Income Guarantee," Widerquist, Karl; Lewis, Michael Anthony; and Pressman Steven (editors), *The Ethics and Economics of the Basic Income Guarantee*. England: Ashgate, 2005.

Lewis, Michael A. "Perhaps There can be too Much Freedom?" (reprint). Widerquist, Karl; Lewis, Michael Anthony; and Pressman Steven (editors), *The Ethics and Economics of the Basic Income Guarantee*. England: Ashgate, 2005.

Lewis, Michael A. "A Justification of the Right to Welfare," Aronowitz, Stanley and Cutler, Jonathan (editors), *Post Work*, New York: Routledge, 1998.

### Online Platforms

Lewis, Michael A. "Immigration, the U.S. Census, and Political Power." *Oxford University Press Blog*, (November (2018), <https://blog.oup.com/2018/11/immigration-us-census-political-power/>).

Lewis, Michael A. "Should Affirmative Action be replaced with Random Selection?" *Significance*, (May 2014), <http://www.statslife.org.uk/social-sciences/1395-should-affirmative-action-be-replaced-with-random-selection>.

Lewis, Michael A. "The Search for 'Divergents' and Measurement Error" *Significance*, (April, 2014), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/6058321/The-search-for-Divergents-and-measurement-error.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Do Guns or People Kill People?" *Significance*, (September 2013), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/5283451/Do-guns-or-people-kill-people.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Deciding abortions by the toss of a coin?" *Significance*, (July 2013), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/4981111/Deciding-abortion-by-the-toss-of-a-coin.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Syrian Chemical Warfare and Obama Welfare Cuts: Measurement, Retirement and War," *Significance*, (April 2013) <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/4580631/Syrian-chemical-warfare-and-Obama-welfare-cuts-measurement-retirement-and-war.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "The Silver Linings Chi-Square Playbook," *Significance*, (February 2013), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/4355261/The-Silver-Linings-Chi-Square-Playbook.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Genetics, the Deserving Poor, and the Undeserving Poor," *Basic Income News*, (June 2011), [binews.org/2011/06/opinion-genetics-the-deserving-and-the-underserving-poor/](http://binews.org/2011/06/opinion-genetics-the-deserving-and-the-underserving-poor/).

Lewis, Michael A. "Is Unemployment Really 7.9%?" *Significance*, (November, 2012), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/3032211/Is-US-unemployment-really-7-9.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Climate Change and the Assurance Game: do we Need a World Government." *Significance*, (November 2012), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/3618461/Climate-change-and-the-assurance-game-Do-we-need-a-world-government.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Probability and Game Theory in the Hunger Games" *Wired.com The Social Dimension Series*, (April, 2012), <http://www.wired.com/wiredscience/2012/04/probability-and-game-theory-in-the-hunger-games/>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Spain's Banks in Trouble---the Statistics of Default," *Significance*, (June, 2012), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/2069687/Spains-banks-in-trouble--The-statistics-of-default.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "Health Care Reform Law Upheld By U.S. Supreme Court: An Economic and Statistical Look," *Significance*, (July, 2012), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/2103051/Healthcare-reform-law-upheld-by-US-Supreme-Court---An-economic-and-statistical-l.html>.

Lewis, Michael A. "A Randomized Trial of Free Market Capitalism," *Significance*, (October, 2012), <http://www.significancemagazine.org/details/webexclusive/2695751/A-randomized-trial-of-free-market-capitalism.html>

### Magazines

Lewis, Michael A. "Civic Arithmetic." *Significance (print edition)*, (November 2018).

Lewis, Michael A. "Misgivings about Smart Giving: Some complications of the Robin Hood Model of Philanthropy" *Significance (print edition)*, (August 2013), volume 10, issue 4.

### Conference Proceedings

Lewis, Michael A. "A Libertarian Case for the Guaranteed Income" in *Proceedings of the Pennsylvania Economics Association Annual Meetings* (1998).

### INVITED PUBLICATIONS

Lewis, Michael A. "How *Social Workers Count* Came to Be." *Journal of Humanistic Mathematics*, (In Press).

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Lewis, Michael A. "A Justification of the Right to Welfare," Aronowitz, Stanley and Cutler, Jonathan (editors), *Post Work*, New York: Routledge, 1998.

### PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

Rodriguez, Maria; Bates-Pappas, G.; Hoyos-Torres, S; Lewis, Michael A. "Machine Learning Applications in Social Work," *Families in Society*.

## PROFESSIONAL REPORTS

## **RESEARCH & TRAINING GRANTS**

### FUNDED RESEARCH

International Psychoanalytical Association-Co-PI of

Study to Develop a Measure of an Aspect of Cognitive Functioning \$3,000

Wal-Mart-Program on Grant to Evaluate Intervention to

Increase Retention and Graduation of Veteran Students at CUNY-Program Evaluator  
\$100,000

New York City Department of Health and Human Hygiene

Grant to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Family  
Preservation Intervention-Co Investigator \$10,000

Robin Hood Foundation Grant to Evaluate Effectiveness of FFT

Intervention \$30,000

CDC Grant to Evaluate "Home Grown" HIV and Aids

Prevention  
Intervention-Co Investigator \$2,000,000

International Psychoanalytical Association-Co-PI of Study to Develop a Measure of an Aspect of Cognitive  
Functioning \$4300

Partner with STRIVE on U.S. Department of Justice funded

Initiative to Evaluate Efficacy of a Re-Entry Program-Applied Econometrician \$300,000

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Parameters of Health and Social Welfare Policy (Masters Level)

Social Work Research I (Masters Level)

Social Work Research II (Masters Level)

Social Welfare Policy II (Doctoral Level))

The Political Economy of the Welfare State (Masters Level)

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Statistics II (Doctoral Level)

Quantitative Methods in Policy Research (Doctoral Level)

Poverty and Inequality (Masters Level)

Applied Econometrics (Doctoral Level)

## DISSERTATION EXAM COMMITTEES

### **Inga Saitadze, PhD Candidate**

Dissertation Committee, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Fall 2016-Present

### **Khudodod Khudododov, PhD Candidate**

Dissertation Committee, Graduate Center, City University of New York

Fall 2016-Present

## PRESENTATIONS

### PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

Genetics, the Eastern Economics Association New York,  
Deserving, and the NY  
Undeserving poor  
Comparison of Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans,  
Decision Rules and LA  
Logistic Regression  
Classification  
Algorithms to  
Predict  
Methamphetamine  
use among Homeless  
Youths who attend  
High School

Cost, Compensation, Eastern Economics Association, New York, NY  
and Freedom

When the Gold Society for Social Work Research, San Francisco,  
Standard CA  
Can't be Realized

What to do About Eastern Economics Association, New York, NY  
Work: NY  
Compensate or  
Facilitate?

The Cost of Caring Basic Income Earth Network, Cape Town, South  
Africa

Unconditional Basic Eastern Economics Association, New York, NY

Care



Income

In Defense of Lazy Class Based Inequities in Civic Participation Basic Income Earth Network, Barcelona, Spain

In Defense of Lazy Class Based Inequities in Civic Participation Eastern Economics Association, New York, NY

A Critique of Phelps' Welfare Economic Justification of Wage Subsidies Eastern Economics Association, New York, NY

A Cost-Benefit Society for the Advancement of Perspective on the Work Ethic Socio-Economics, Madison, Wisconsin

An Efficiency Argument for the Guaranteed Income Society for the Study of Social Problems, Toronto, Canada

An Argument for the Right to Subsistence Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY

The Sanctity of Work American Sociological Association, Washington, D.C.

### **INVITED PRESENTATIONS**

Invited Panelist on Basic Income at Civic Hall in New York City

Presentation on methods of causal inference at Practice Research Conference held in June 2014 at Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College

Member of panel on the Basic Income and climate change organized by New York Climate Convergence

Keynote Address at Tel Hai College Conference on Poverty and the Basic Income\*Presentation to Students at

Hebrew University on the Economic Context of the Occupy Wall Street Movement

Presentation to Faculty at Ben Gurion University on the Economic Context of the Occupy Wall Street Movement

Presentation to Students at Ben Gurion University on Community Organizing/Community Work

Presentation on the Economic Context of Social Work Practice at Hunter College School of Social Work Student Common Day

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Presentation on Social Work and the Economy at Social Work Students' UN Day Conference

Invited Panelist on the Financial Crisis/Great Recession of 2008-2009 at Hunter College School of Social Work Student Common Day

Presentation on the Impact of Immigration on Wages at Conference on Immigration Organized by Latino Social Worker's Organization

Presentation on the Basic Income as Part of the Stony Brook School of Social Welfare's Social Justice Center Speaker Series

WBAI Radio Appearance to Discuss the Basic Income

Presentation on Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Health Care to First Year Stony Brook Medical Students Presentation on the Economic Aspects of Child Welfare to Administration for Children's Services Staff and Students

Presentation on Benefit-Cost Analysis to Group of New York State Social Workers in Health Care Administration

Presentation to New York City Chapter of the NAACP on the Impact of Welfare Reform on People of Color

Presentation to the United Community Centers, Brooklyn, NY, on the Impact of Welfare Reform in New York City

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Community Organizer	Brooklyn, NY	United Community Centers, Inc.
Program Manager	Brooklyn, NY	The Center for Family Life
Case Manager	Bronx, NY	The National Puerto Rican Forum

## **SERVICE TO ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS**

### **University Service**

Hunter College Task Force on Assessment

Hunter College Search Committee for the Provost

Hunter College Faculty Promotion and Budget Committee

Hunter College Search Committee for Director of Public Policy Program

### **School Service**

Promotion and Budget Committee

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Curriculum and Assessment Committee

Search Committee

## **PROFESSIONAL & CIVIC ACTIVITIES**

Vice President of the Board of The Association to Benefit Children (ABC)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Life time member of Basic Income Earth Network

Co-Founder and current board member of United States Basic Income Guarantee, Inc.