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EDUCATION

- PhD Sociology, Temple University, expected completion 2026
Preliminary exam: Sociology of Work & Urban Sociology
Dissertation: “Disrupting the Recipe: Crisis and Opportunity in the Pandemic-Era Restaurant”
Dissertation committee: Judith Levine (chair), Lu Zhang, and Laura Orrico
- MA Sociology, Temple University, 2020
- BA Biology (Major), Peace and Conflict Studies (Minor), Colgate University, 2015
Phi Beta Kappa, *Summa Cum Laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Low-wage work, labor precarity, shocks, crisis, service work, organizations, social inequality, immigration and legality, urban sociology, public policy

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

BOOK/BOOK CHAPTER

Moss, Geoffrey, Keith McIntosh, and **Ewa Protasiuk**. 2023. *Barista in the City: Subcultural Lives, Paid Employment, and the Urban Context*. Routledge.
<https://doi.org/10.4324/9781003291787>.

**Sole author of Chapter 5: “A Taste for Inclusion? Racial and Gender Inequality in a Hip, Low-Wage Service Job.”*

ARTICLES

Protasiuk, Ewa. 2024. “Unsettled Times: The Contestation and Reproduction of Flexible Scheduling in Pandemic-Era Restaurant Work.” *Work and Occupations* 52(3): 319-357. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07308884241265477>

Protasiuk, Ewa, Alicia Chatterjee, and Melissa E. Dichter. 2023. “The Power of a Look: Tracing Webs of Power in Intimate Partner Violence through an Everyday Act.” *Current Sociology* 72(7): 1360-1377. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00113921231194095>.

**The first and second authors contributed equally to this paper.*

Dichter, Melissa E., Alicia Chatterjee, **Ewa Protasiuk**, and Bernie S. Newman. 2021. "I'd Go from a Mountain Top and Tell My Story": Perspectives of Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence on Storytelling for Social Change. *Violence Against Women* 28 (6-7): 1708-1720.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012211024267>.

Protasiuk, Ewa. 2015. "Narratives of Vietnamese Polish People: Racialized Inflexibilities in Globalized Warsaw." *Proceedings of the National Conference of Undergraduate Research 2015* (2015): 923-932.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Job Loss in Precarious Times: The Foundational Role of Legal Status Categories in Stratifying Outcomes." (Revise and Resubmit)

**2025 Winner of the Society for the Study of Social Problems' Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division's Student Paper Award*

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Protasiuk, Ewa. *Working Through Disruption: Restaurants, the Pandemic, and How Shocks Shape Landscapes of Contention*. (Book manuscript.)

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Disruption and Inequality: The Narrowing of Pay Gaps through Situational Advantage in Disrupted Environments."

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Paid Sick Leave Mandates in Practice: Access/Use Barriers in Low-Wage Work, Special Challenges for Immigrant Workers."

ADDITIONAL RESEARCH OUTPUTS

2024 *Understanding Precarious Labor During and Beyond the COVID-19 Pandemic*. [Interview] London, SAGE Publications, Ltd.,
<https://sk.sagepub.com/video/skpromo/yx1Xli/understanding-precarious-labor-during-and-beyond-the-covid-19-pandemic>.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

2025	Society for the Study of Social Problems, Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division's Student Paper Award, \$200
Summer 2024	Public Policy Lab Grant, Temple University, \$1,000
Spring 2024	Department Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Temple University, \$1,000
2022	Dissertation Research Grant, Russell Sage Foundation, \$10,000

2022	Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation via American Sociological Association, \$15,988
2022 – 2023	University Fellowship, Temple University, \$29,000 + tuition
2021 – 2022	Public Policy Lab Research Team Fellowship, Temple University, \$10,032 + tuition
2021	Solidarity Grant, Temple University Graduate Students' Association, Temple University, \$300
Fall 2021	Department Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Temple University, \$1,000
Spring 2021	Department Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Temple University, \$1,000
2020	Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award, College of Liberal Arts, Temple University, \$750
2018 – 2019	University Fellowship, Temple University, \$29,000 + tuition
2015	Davis Projects for Peace Grant, \$10,000
2011 – 2015	Alumni Memorial Scholar, Colgate University

INVITED TALKS

Protasiuk, Ewa and Carly Pourzand, "Infusing Language Justice into Research & Practice with Multilingual Communities." Penn State Center Philadelphia Summer Speaker Series. Virtual presentation, June 4, 2025.

SELECTED REFEREED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Protasiuk, Ewa. "When the Stars Align: Disruption and the Emergence of Situational Advantage for Socially Disadvantaged Workers." 2025 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, August 12, 2025 (forthcoming).

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Job Loss and Unemployment Relief in Precarious Times: The Foundational Role of Legal Status in Producing Inequality" (in session "Critical Dialogue: Precarity, Contingency, and Non-Standard Relations of Labor"). 2025 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, August 9, 2025 (forthcoming).

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Risk Mitigation and Inequalities in the Age of Precarious Work." 2025 Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Boston, MA, March 8, 2025.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Cashing in on Competition? The Labor Process, Tight Labor Markets, and Wages." 2024 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Montreal, ON, Canada, August 12, 2024.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "If We at the Bottom Stop Functioning, Then Those at the Top Die': Undocumented Workers and the Relational Generation of Inequality in Pandemic Restaurant Work." 2024 Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Washington, DC, March 1, 2024.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Contestations Over Work Time: Meaning-Making and Social Action in Precarious Work Following Pandemic-Related Shocks" (in Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Session on Unstable and Precarious Work). 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, August 18, 2023.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Unsettled Times: The Contestation of the Flexible Time Paradigm in Pandemic Restaurant Work." 2023 Philadelphia Graduate Student Mini-Conference. Philadelphia, PA, May 16, 2023.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Benefits for Restaurant Jobs: An Upgrade for Precarious Work?" 2023 Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society. Baltimore, MD, February 25, 2023.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Just Not Worth It: Threats to Dignity and Well-Being in Restaurant Job Exits during COVID-19." 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA, August 6, 2022.

Protasiuk, Ewa (presenter), Keith McIntosh, and Geoffrey Moss. "A Taste for Inclusion? Racial and Gender Inequality in a Hipster, Low-Wage Service Job." 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual presentation, August 9, 2021.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Do Race, Gender, and Education Affect Employment in Precarious Work? A Comparison of Asian American and White Outcomes." Pennsylvania Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Virtual presentation, November 7, 2020.

Protasiuk, Ewa (presenter), Keith McIntosh, and Geoffrey Moss. "Trans and Nonbinary Baristas: Gender in the World of Coffee." 2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Virtual presentation, August 8, 2020.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Overview of Data Collection and Perspectives from Advisors." Temple University General Education Summer 2024 Summer Institute. Philadelphia, PA, May 14, 2024.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Faculty Perspectives." Temple University General Education Summer 2024 Summer Institute. Philadelphia, PA, May 14, 2024.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Restaurant Wages in a Tight Labor Market: The Mediating Role of the Labor Process." Work in Progress Presentation. Department of Sociology, Temple University, February 7, 2024.

Protasiuk, Ewa. "La Crisis de Los Campamentos de Verano / The Summer Camp Crisis." Presentation during event ¿Es Real la Escasez de Mano de Obra? / Is There Really a Labor Shortage? El Comité de Trabajadorxs, virtual event, June 30, 2021.

Hitchcock, Shannon, Kendall LaParo, Keith McIntosh and Ewa Protasiuk. "Applied Sociology Panel."

Department of Sociology, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA, February 26, 2020.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

UNIVERSITY

Instructor of Record or Teaching Assistant

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| Spring 2020 | Teaching Assistant, MGMT 198/799, Epidemics, Natural Disasters, and Geopolitics: Managing Global Business and Financial Uncertainty, Mauro F. Guillén, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania |
| Spring 2020 | Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant, SOC 3201, Statistical Methods in Sociology, Geoffrey Moss, Department of Sociology, Temple University |
| | <i>*Received 2020 Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award</i> |
| Fall 2019 | Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant, SOC 3201 Statistical Methods in Sociology, Joshua Klugman, Department of Sociology, Temple University |

Guest Lecturer

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| Spring 2025 | SOCL B382-001 Sociology of Work, Jack Thornton, Bryn Mawr College, March 31, 2025 |
| Spring 2025 | SOC 3240 Work in the Global Economy, Lu Zhang, Temple University, March 13, 2025 |
| Fall 2024 | "Inside the Restaurant: The Work Behind a Culinary Site of Cultural Meaning," SPAN 0937 Honors Eating Cultures, Camila Franco Rodriguez, Temple University, December 3, 2024 |
| Fall 2024 | "Debrief the Election with a Sociologist," ENG 0802 Analytical Reading and Writing, Sam Heaps, Temple University, November 18 & 20, 2024 |
| Spring 2022 | "Researching Restaurant Work in a Pandemic," SOC 2545 Sociology of Food, Geoffrey Moss, Temple University, April 8, 2022 |

COMMUNITY

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| Summer 2024 | Instructor and Facilitator, Summer Research Camp, El Comité de Trabajadorxs Inmigrantes, Philadelphia, PA |
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RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

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| 2023 – Present | <i>Research Assistant and Project Manager, General Education Program, Temple University</i>
Supervisor: Dustin Kidd, PhD |
| 2021 – 2022 | <i>Research Team Fellow, Public Policy Lab, Temple University</i> |

P.I.: Laura Orrico, PhD

2020 – 2022 *Research Assistant, School of Social Work, Temple University*
P.I.: Melissa Dichter, PhD, MSW

2019 – 2020 *Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Temple University*
P.I.: Geoffrey Moss, PhD

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Eastern Sociological Society
Society for the Study of Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024 – Present *Elected Student Representative, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, American Sociological Association*

2024 – Present *Membership and Mentoring Committee, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, American Sociological Association*

**Co-organizer and co-host of “Grad-to-Grad Networking for Scholars of Organizations, Occupations, and Work,” virtual event, February 14, 2025*

2023 *Presider, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Open Refereed Roundtables, Table 19: The Pandemic and Inequality, 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.*

2023 *Co-Organizer, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Reception at 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.*

2022 *Presider, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Open Refereed Roundtables, Table 13: Precarity & Job Quality, 2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.*

2021 *Presider, Open Refereed Roundtables, Table 7: Labor Practices and Social Inequities, 2021 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.*

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

2024 – Present Temple University General Education Program
General Education Reform Task Force, Assessment Subcommittee
General Education Executive Committee Reform, Communications Subcommittee
Online Learning vs. Face-to-Face Assessment Committee

2018 – Present Temple University Sociology Graduate Student Association
Graduate Committee (2019-2020; 2023 – present)

Executive Committee (2022 – 2023)
Co-President (2021 – 2022)
Treasurer (2019 – 2021)
Faculty Meeting Student Representative (2018-2019)
Research & Development Committee (2018-2019)

JOURNAL REFEREE SERVICE

Work and Occupations
Maneto (Temple undergraduate student journal)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2019 – Present	<i>Research Advisor, Coalition for Restaurant Safety and Health, Philadelphia, PA</i>
2019	<i>Spring Policy Intern, Managing Director's Office, Health and Human Services Department, City of Philadelphia, PA</i>
2019	<i>Facilitator, Winter Immersion Program - El Paso, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia, PA</i>
2018	<i>Summer Volunteer, Su Casa Catholic Worker, Chicago, IL</i>
2018	<i>Volunteer High School Tutor, Philadelphia, PA</i>
2017	<i>Tutor, City of Philadelphia Office of Adult Education</i>
2016 – 2018	<i>Paralegal (Immigration and Family Law), Spear Wilderman, P.C., Philadelphia, PA</i>
2016 – 2018	<i>Assistant Catholic Community Organizer, POWER Interfaith, Philadelphia, PA</i>
2015 – 2016	<i>Employment and Legal Services Organizer, Workers Defense Project, Austin, TX</i>
Summer 2013	<i>Upstate Institute Summer Field School Fellow, Mohawk Valley Resource Center for Refugees, Utica, NY</i>

REFERENCES

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 Director, Public Policy Lab
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