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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

Work and labor	Social inequality
Immigration and legality	Public policy
Social disruption and disasters	Urban sociology

TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to Sociology	Work and Labor: US and Global
Qualitative Methods	Stratification/Social Inequality
Quantitative Methods	Immigration and Immigrant Communities
Social Theory	Organizations
Social Problems	Urban Sociology
Social Policy	

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

ARTICLES

- Protasiuk, Ewa.** Forthcoming. “Job Loss in Precarious Times: The Foundational Role of Legal Status Categories in Stratifying Outcomes.” *Social Problems*.
 (Note: 2025 Winner of the Student Paper Award for the Poverty, Class, and Inequality Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems')
- 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>.
 (Note: 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.

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>.
 (Note: Sole author of Chapter 5: "A Taste for Inclusion? Racial and Gender Inequality in a Hip, Low-Wage Service Job.")

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Protasiuk, Ewa. "Paid Sick Leave Mandates and Immigrant, Latinx Low-Wage Workers: Racialized Legal Status as a Driver of Health Inequality in the Workplace." (Available upon request)
 Protasiuk, Ewa. *Working Through Disruption: Restaurants, the Pandemic, and How Shocks Shape Landscapes of Contention.* (Book manuscript)

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/yx1XIi/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

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.
- 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.
- 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.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record/Instructor of Record and Teaching Assistant

Spring 2026	Adjunct Instructor for INT 151 Inequality in America, St. Joseph's University
Fall 2025	Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant for SOC 0825 Quantitative Methods in Social Science, Shanyang Zhao, Department of Sociology, Temple University
Summer 2024	Instructor for Summer Research Camp for El Comité de Trabajadorxs Inmigrantes, Penn State Center Philadelphia
Spring 2020	Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant for SOC 3201 Statistical Methods in Sociology, Geoffrey Moss, Department of Sociology, Temple University <i>*Received 2020 Graduate Student Teaching Assistant Award for the College of Liberal Arts at Temple University</i>
Fall 2019	Lab Instructor and Teaching Assistant for SOC 3201 Statistical Methods in Sociology, Department of Sociology, Joshua Klugman, Temple University

Teaching Assistant

Spring 2020 Teaching Assistant for MGMT 198/799 Epidemics, Natural Disasters, and Geopolitics: Managing Global Business and Financial Uncertainty, Mauro F. Guillén, Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania

Guest Lecturer

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

RESEARCH EMPLOYMENT

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	<i>Research Assistant, School of Social Work, Temple University</i> P.I.: Melissa Dichter, PhD, MSW
2019 – 2020	<i>Research Assistant, Department of Sociology, Temple University</i> P.I.: Geoffrey Moss, PhD

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2024 – Present	<i>Elected Student Representative, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, American Sociological Association</i>
2024 – Present	<i>Membership and Mentoring Committee, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work, American Sociological Association</i> <i>*Co-organizer and co-host of “Grad-to-Grad Networking for Scholars of Organizations, Occupations, and Work,” virtual event, February 14, 2025</i>
2023	<i>Presider, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Open Refereed Roundtables, Table 19: The Pandemic and Inequality, 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.</i>
2023	<i>Co-Organizer, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Reception at 2023 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.</i>
2022	<i>Presider, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work Open Refereed</i>

- 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 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 University undergraduate student journal)

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

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