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EMPLOYMENT

University of Arizona — Tucson, AZ
Associate Professor of Sociology — 2020-

Michigan State University — East Lansing, MI
Associate Professor of Sociology — 2019-2020
Assistant Professor of Sociology — 2013-2019

EDUCATION

University of Chicago — Chicago, IL
PhD in Sociology — Dec 2012
Recipient of the 2013 American Sociological Association Outstanding Dissertation Award
MA in Sociology — 2003-2005

University of Cambridge — Cambridge, UK
MPhil in Sociology, First Class Honours — 2002

University of Wisconsin-Madison — Madison, WI
BA in Political Science with Honors — 1999
JBA in Journalism

BOOK

Menchik, Daniel. 2021. *Managing Medical Authority*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.
Translation into Chinese underway (forthcoming 2026)
Reviewed in: *American Journal of Sociology, Bulletin of the History of Medicine, Contemporary Sociology, Contexts, Journal of the History of Medicine, Social Forces, Work and Occupations.*

EDITED SPECIAL ISSUE

Menchik, Daniel, Peter Ore, Geng Tian, and Liping Wang. 2026. "Chicago Sociology and its Others."
Thematic collection of articles in *The American Sociologist*

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

** Denotes co-authorship with undergraduate student mentee*
***Denotes co-authorship with graduate student mentee*

Menchik, Daniel. (In Press) "Sociology of Medicine: Orderly Heterogeneity Among Once-settled Categories"
Annual Review of Sociology

Ore, Peter and Daniel Menchik.** 2026. "The Global Chicago School: Cases and Currents"
The American Sociologist

Menchik, Daniel, and Maya Giaquinta.* 2024. "The Words We Die By."
Social Science and Medicine.
https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277953623008274

Menchik, Daniel. 2023. "Automating Expert Labor in Medicine: What are the Questions?"
American Behavioral Scientist. 67: 1672-1692.

Lehpamer, Nicole, and Daniel Menchik.** 2022. "Learning to See Like a Medical Sociologist: Comparing One- Vs. Two-Semester Fieldwork-Based Courses." *Teaching Sociology*. 51: 41-56.

Menchik, Daniel. 2021. "Authority Beyond Institutions: The Expert's Multivocal Process of Gaining and Sustaining Authoritativeness." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology.* 9: 490–517.

Menchik, Daniel. 2020. "Moving from Adoption to Use: Physicians' Mixed Commitments in Deciding to Use Robotic Technologies." *Work and Occupations*, 47: 314–347.

Menchik, Daniel. 2019. "Tethered Venues: Discerning Distant Influences on a Fieldsite."
Sociological Methods and Research, 48: 850-76.

Menchik, Daniel. 2017. "Interdependent Career Types and Divergent Standpoints on the Use of Advanced Technology in Medicine" *Journal of Health and Social Behavior,* 58: 488-502.

Tian, Xiaoli, and Daniel Menchik. 2016. "On Violating One's Own Privacy: *N*-adic Utterances and Inadvertent Disclosures in Online Venues" *Studies in Media and Communications*, 11: 3-31.

Menchik, Daniel. 2014. "Decisions About Knowledge in Medical Practice: The Effect of Temporal Features of a Task." *American Journal of Sociology,* 120: 701-49.

Menchik, Daniel. 2014. "Simmel's Dynamic Social Medicine: New Questions for Studying Medical Institutions?" *Social Science & Medicine*, 107: 100-104.

Menchik, Daniel, and Lei Jin. 2014. "When Do Doctors Follow Patients' Orders? Organizational Mechanisms of Physician Influence." *Social Science Research,* 48: 171-184

Menchik, Daniel, and David Meltzer 2010. "The Cultivation of Esteem and Retrieval of Scientific Knowledge in Physician Networks." *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*, 51: 37-52.

Menchik, Daniel, and Xiaoli Tian 2008. "Putting Social Context into Text: The Semiotics of Email Interaction." *American Journal of Sociology*, 114: 332-70.
Reprinted: "Collecting Data Using New Media" Paul Vogt (Ed.) *Data Collection*. Sage. 2010

Menchik, Daniel. 2004. "Placing Cybereducation in the UK Classroom."
British Journal of the Sociology of Education, 25: 193-213.

UNDER REVIEW OR REVISION

"The Strength of Weak Organizational Environments: The Construction and Canonization of Social Knowledge"
Revise and resubmit status at *American Sociological Review*

BOOK CHAPTER

Menchik, Daniel. 2025. "Standards for Quality in Sociology Methods: Within- and Across-Venue Entanglements of Mid-Century Chicago and Columbia Sociologists" In Wang, L. and G. Tian. *The Formation, Development and Contributions of the Chicago Tradition of Social Sciences* (Peking University Press)

BOOK REVIEWS, OTHER WRITINGS, AND MEDIA APPEARANCES

** PEER-REVIEWED*

Weiss, Haley. 2023. "The Language of Hospice Can Help Us Get Better at Discussing Death." *Time Magazine.*

*Menchik, Daniel. 2023. "Medicine in the Wild: Conducting Ethnographic Studies of Medicine in Action." TRAILS: Teaching Resources and Innovations Library for Sociology, April. Washington DC: American Sociological Association. https://trails.asanet.org/article/view/medicine-in-the-wild-conducting.

Gilger, Lauren. 2022. "Who Decides What Counts as Healthy? New Book Explores Medical Authority," *91.5 KJZZ (Phoenix NPR Affiliate)*

Knight, Bradley. 2022. "The Field of Cardiac EP: A Sociologist's Perspective," *EP Lab Digest.*

Menchik, Daniel. 2015. "Medicine's Professional Authority, the Doctrine of Free Choice, and Improvisation in End-Of-Life Care," Unpublished ms, prepared for Hastings Center & Society for Hospital Medicine Conference on Improving End-of-Life Care in the Hospital.

Menchik, Daniel. 2010. "The Social Life of the Clinical Trial" *Qualitative Sociology,* 33: 591-593

Menchik, Daniel. 2008. "The Hospital as a Small Society" syllabus published in the *ASA Handbook for Teaching Medical Sociology*.

*Menchik, Daniel. 2002. "Democracy.edu?" *EDUCAUSE Quarterly*, 25:1

Menchik, Daniel. 2002. "Power vs. Pedagogy: UNESCO's approach to Education, Technology, and Development," Unpublished M.Phil. thesis, University of Cambridge, Cambridge UK.

ACADEMIC RECOGNITION AND GRANTS

AWARDS

2018 MSU Undergraduate Research Faculty Mentor of the Year Award
2017 MSU Teacher-Scholar Award
2013 American Sociological Association Outstanding Dissertation Award
2009 ASA Communication and Information Technology Section's Graduate Student Paper Award
2008 ASA Social Psychology Section's Graduate Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention)

2008 University of Chicago Sociology Department's Society for Social Research (SSR) Paper Award
2006 ASA Medical Sociology Section's Louise Johnson Graduate Student Paper Award
2005 The Carl Couch Society of Symbolic Interactionism Internet Research Award
1999 University of Wisconsin Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honors Society Award

RESEARCH FUNDING

2023-6 Binational Science Foundation. "The Social Contexts of Medical Automation." $177,000. Joint with Michal Pagis
2023-4 UA Vertically Integrated Project Seed Fund Grant for New Teams
2023 UA Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Research Professorship
2022 UA Faculty Challenge Grant: Increasing Access to Undergraduate Research
2021-2 UA Improving Health Technology & Research Initiative: "Transnational Robotics and Surgery"
2021 UA Provost's Author Support Fund
2020 UA Social & Behavioral Sciences Research Institute Grant: "Automation and Expertise"
2018-9 MSU College of Social Sciences Faculty Initiative Fund
2017-9 Scholarship on Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Fellowship, MSU
2017-8 Norman Kagan Endowed Scholarship, MSU College of Human Medicine
2016-8 MSU Humanities and Arts Research Program: 'The Practices of Medicine'
2016-7 Sparrow Foundation: SHARP: Sparrow Hospital Adherence & Readmissions Project
2015 Science Studies at State: 'Patient Adherence in Orthopedics'
2011-2 Charles R. Henderson dissertation write-up fellowship
2009-11 National Institute of Aging Training Grant
2007-9 NIH/AHRQ Health Services Research Training Grant
2006-7 Bennett Predoctoral Award – Foundation for Informed Medical Decision Making
2005-6 Chicago Center of Excellence in Health Promotion Predoctoral fellowship
2005 Chicago Center of Excellence in Health Promotion fellowship
2004-6 University of Chicago Fuerstenberg fellowship
2004 Ford Foundation: 'Information Technology and Social Transformations'
2003 Ford Foundation: 'Information Technology and International Cooperation'
2002 Cambridge European Trust Easter Scholarship
2001-2 University of Cambridge Hughes Hall research fellowship

INVITED & CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

2025 Alienation or Invigoration? Automation, Industry, and Surgical Work
Yale University
2024 Social Organization and Content in Collective Knowledge Production
Peking University
Chinese University of Hong Kong
2023 Managing Medical Authority
University of California -- San Diego
University of Exeter
2022 Managing Medical Authority
Yale University
Columbia University
New York University
Sociological Approaches to Field Methods and Differences in Influence: Chicago and Columbia Compared
Peking University
2019 Status Competition and Coalescence in Medical Work

University of Notre Dame

2018 The Management of Medical Authority
University of Michigan
Competition and Coalescence
University of Arizona

2017 Organizing Indeterminacy: The Social Processes Underpinning Medical Authority
University of Hong Kong
Chinese University of Hong Kong

2016 Identifying Distant Influences on a Fieldsite in Ethnography: The Usefulness of Tethers
Tethers Between Venues
Northwestern University
Authoritative Interpretations, Multiple Voices: A Constitutive Model of Expert Authority
University of Illinois at Chicago
The Dynamics of Professional Status
University of Notre Dame

2015 The Language of End-of-Life Care in the Hospital
The Hastings Center and the Society for Hospital Medicine

2014 Conducting Ethnography Across Tethered Venues: The Political Economy of Status in Medicine
UCLA

2013 Identifying Cross-Contextual Influences Using Ethnography: Authority and its Pursuit in Medicine
Northwestern University
Information and Stratification Across National Contexts
Seoul Digital Forum
Temporality and Uncertainty in Incipient Physicians' Decision-Making Processes
Michigan State University Bioethics Brownbag Seminar

2012 Decisions About Knowledge in Medical Practice: Temporal Features of a Task
University of Oxford

2010 The Development and Diffusion of Innovations in Cardiac Electrophysiology
Annual Meeting of the Heart Rhythm Society

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (SINCE 2013)

2025 Alienation or Invigoration? Automation, Industry, and Surgical Work
ASA – Cyberspace (with M. Pagis and E. Cress)
Who Controls the Robot?
ASA – Chicago (with Z. Fu)

2024 Social Organization and Content in Collective Knowledge Production
Resilience Through Fragmentation: The Structure of the American Sociological Association in 1981, 1992, and 2000.
ASA – Montreal (with P. Ore, M. Rychlik, Y. Han)

2023 Social Knowledge Shops
SSHA – Washington DC

2022 How to Become a Dominant Sociology Perspective: The Case of the "Levels" Worldview
ASA – Los Angeles (with P. Ore)

2021 Making Death Acceptable: Language and the Authoritativeness of Hospice Professionals
ASA – Cyberspace (with M. Penzkofer)
Automating Expert Labor in Medicine: What are the Questions?
SSHA -- Philadelphia

2019 Moving from Adoption to Use: Physicians' Constitutive Ambivalence in Deciding to Use Robotic Technologies
SSHA – Chicago (with C. Stephan)

The Adoption of Advanced Robotics in Medical Work
Cornell-Rutgers Conf on Changes in Healthcare for Organizations, Workers, & Patients
On the Nature of Experts' Arms-Length Relationships
Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics – NYC (w/ C. McCormick, R. Zwick)
Living and Dying in the Past: The Continuity of Identity in Hospice
ASA – NYC (with M. Penzkofer, C. McCormick)
Learning to See: Using Ethnography to Teach the Sociological Imagination
ASA – NYC (with N. Lehpamer)

2018 Physicians' Constitutive Ambivalence in Adopting Complex Technologies
ASA – Philadelphia – (with B. Komosinski)
Authority Beyond Institutions: The Expert's Process of Gaining and Sustaining Authoritativeness
International Sociological Association – Toronto

2017 The Ties Between Physicians' Status Competition and the Cultural Authority of Medicine
ASA – Montreal
Patient Experiences in the Porous Hospital: Personal Projections and Recovery Process
ASA – Montreal (with D. Lawlor)

2016 The Dynamics of Professional Status Competitions
Junior Theorists' Symposium – ASA – Seattle.
Associative and Constitutive Models of Expert Authority: The Case of Medicine
Social Science History Association – Chicago

2015 Acting as Neither Individual nor Professional
ASA – Chicago

2014 Market Interactions and Status Sacrifices: The Spread of Robotic Technologies in Medical Practice
ASA – San Francisco
Moving Beyond Inexorable Models of Authority
Conference on "The Paradoxes of Authority" – University of Chicago

2013 Simmel's Cyclical Vision of Health and Medicine
Social Science History Association – Chicago
Nested Ethnography and Cross-Contextual Processes
ASA – NYC

OTHER MEMORABLE PRESENTATIONS/KEYNOTES

2022 Author Meets Critics Session on Managing Medical Authority
Social Science History Association – Chicago
Respondents: Claire Decoteau, Carol Heimer, Kelly Underman

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate
The Hospital: A Small Society
The Sociology of Health Care: From the Gurney to the Global
Medicine in the Wild: Conducting Ethnography in the Contemporary Hospital (2-course sequence)
The Social Origins and Organization of Science
Technology and Culture

Graduate
Sociological Theory
Sociology of Medicine and Health
Field Methods of Research

Qualitative Research Methods for the Social Sciences
Authority, Expertise, and Institutions in Medical Practice
Global Transformations: The Social Organization of Transnational Processes

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY AND PROFESSION

SERVICE AT UA
University:
Undergraduate Research Task Force (2022-)
Referee for the 2024 Research Development Grants (2024)

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences:
Faculty Advisory Committee (Elected [Chair 2025-6]) (2023-6)
Faculty Fellows review committee (2021-2)

School of Sociology:
Chair of the Faculty (Elected) (2021-2, 24-25, 25-26)
Executive Committee (Elected) (2023-4)
Colloquium Organizer (2022-3, 2023 [Fall])
Graduate Studies Committee (2020-21, 2023-4)

SERVICE AT MSU
University:
Science and Society Workshop organizer (2018-20)
University Academic Hearing Boards member (2018-20)
Science and Society @ State advisory board member (2018-9)

Lyman Briggs College:
Awards Committee (chair: 2016-8, member: 2015)
Fixed-term faculty search committee member (2016-7)
Assistant Professor search committee member (2014-5)
Sean Healy Award chair (2013-6)
Assistant Professor search committee member (2013-4)

Department of Sociology:
Associate Chair of Department of Sociology (Acting) (2019-20)
Undergraduate Education Committee (chair: 2019-20, member: 2018-9, 2015-6)
Graduate Admissions and Funding Committee member (2018-9, 2016-7, 2014-5)
Faculty Advisory Committee member (2017-8)
Website Committee chair (2016-8)
Speaker Series Committee chair (2014-5)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE
Organizer and Presider: SSHA panel on Carol Heimer's "The Global Clinic" (2025)
SSHA Allan Sharlin Book Award (Invited Chair)(2024)
Mentor: Sections on SKAT, and Theory (2024)
Presider and Discussant: ASA session on panel "Taking the Chicago School out of Chicago" (2023)
Organizer: ASA Regular Section annual meeting session on Sociology and History of Sociology (2022-3)
Committee member: Donald Light Book Award committee, ASA Medical Sociology section (2022)
Chair: SSHA panel: "From Changes in Health Practitioners to Medical Narratives" (2021)

Mentor: ASA Medical Sociology Section (2021, 2022)
Mentor: ASA Organizations, Occupations, and Work Section (2019, 2022)
James S. Thompson Award Committee, ASA Organizations, Occupations and Work Section (2018-9)
Eliot Freidson Award Committee, ASA Medical Sociology Section (2017-8)
Chair: SSHA panel: "The Demographics of Degrees" (2016)
Organizer: ASA Medical Sociology section panel: "The Social Organization of Medicine" (2016)
Howard R. Kaplan and Louise Johnson Scholar Award Committee, ASA Medical Soc Section (2015)
Discussant: Chicago-area Ethnography Conference (2013, 2014)
Presider: Medical Sociology Roundtable session at ASA meetings (2013, 2014)
Book Award Committee, ASA Communication and Information Technology section (2009, 2010)
Louise Johnson Scholar Award Committee, ASA Medical Sociology section (2007)

EDITORIAL BOARD MEMBERSHIPS
Qualitative Sociology (2019-)
Advances in Medical Sociology Book Series (2018-)
Social Science and Medicine (2011-2013)
Associate Editor, *American Journal of Sociology* (2007-2008)

MANUSCRIPT AND GRANT REVIEW
American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Bi-National Science Foundation, *Columbia University Press, Contexts, Current Issues in Comparative Education, Information, Communication, and Society, Journal of Computer-Assisted Learning, Journal of Health and Social Behavior, Journal of Urban Affairs, Law & Society Review,* National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation, *Organization Science,* Oxford University Press, *Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Networks, Social Science and Medicine, Social Science and Medicine – Qualitative Research in Health, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Methods and Research, Sociological Perspectives, Sociological Theory, Socius, Stanford University Press, Work and Occupations.*

Various evaluations of candidates for tenure which, if named, would compromise anonymity.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS
American Sociological Association (2003-present)
Sections: Medical Sociology
Theory
Organizations, Occupations, and Work
Communication, Information Technologies, and Media
Science, Knowledge, and Technology
Sociology of Culture
Social Science History Association (2013-present)
Heart Rhythm Society (2009-2012, 2016)
Academy Health (2008-2010)
American Educational Research Association (2003-5)
Comparative and International Education Society (2003-5)

ADVISING

ARIZONA

PhD Students (Current)
Jeffrey Shen (Committee) The Social Organization of "Imposter Syndrome"
Catherine Burgess (Committee) Natural Recovery

Zheng Fu (Committee)

PhD Students (Completed)
Jina Lee (Committee) Stratification in scientific communities (Asst Prof, University of Illinois)
Amalia Ashley (Committee) Gendered responses to the management of sexual assault on campus
Peter Ore (Committee) Social organization of climate monitoring systems (Asst Prof, Queens College)
Darla Still (Committee) Online social support & suicide (Assoc Product Researcher, Stack Overflow)
Liwen Zeng (Committee) Sojourning mentality & health (Asst Prof, E. Tennessee State)

MA Committees (Completed)
Anna Marlatt – Multiple venues and ethnographic research
Elyse Minchen – Student body image and organizations
Jeffrey Shen – Educational success and student confidence

MA Exams
Dong Joon Park – Organizational behavior

Independent Study
Yiru Niu – Physician and hospital networks

BA Advisees
Leeah Payne
Mariandrea Valenzuela
Leya Pema
Zeke Pangelinan
Jonathan Reyes
Gisele Soto
Alexander Mundenhall
Peter Nairn
Emmery Cress
Shifat Hossain
Prasiddhi Gyawali
Nooreen Qureshi
Joselyn Toothachre
Dylan Scott

MSU

PhD Students
Nicole Lehpamer (Co-chair) Networks & Health (Sr. Research Assoc, Mather Healthcare Consulting)
Shannon Shen (Committee) Health and Family (Assistant Professor, Texas A&M -- San Antonio)

Comprehensive exams
Yan Zhang

Independent Study
Praveena Lakshmanan

BA Advisees (Completed, [post-BA degree/program {first placement}])
Megan Penzkofer (DO-PhD Sociology [MSU])
David Lawlor (MD [MSU])

Adithya Bala (MD [Central Michigan])
Maya Giaquinta (MD [Western Michigan])
Justin Hudson (Americorps [Detroit])
Brielle Komosinski (DO [MSU])
Raquel Zwick (DDS [University of Michigan])
Alyssa Corpus (Peace Corps [Rwanda])
Connor McCormick (MD [Rosalind Franklin])
Catrina Stephan (MD [Wayne State])
Mithil Gudi (MD [Wayne State])