

# DAPHNE FIETZ

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## EDUCATION

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- 2020 – Yale University, PhD in Sociology. Expected Completion: Spring 2026  
*Resisting the End Times: Agency, Temporality, Transcendence*  
Chair: Philip Gorski, Committee: Julia Adams, Isaac Reed
- 2023 – 2024 Fox Fellow, Sidney Sussex, Cambridge University
- 2018 – 2019 London School of Economics, MSc Culture and Society (Sociology Department)  
Distinction in All Subjects  
Three Times Hobhouse Memorial Prize Winner
- 2014 – 2018 Kunstakademie, Düsseldorf, Visual Arts , Akademiefbrief (equivalent MFA)
- 2017 Wits University, Johannesburg (non-degree)  
MA courses in Social Anthropology and Philosophy

## PUBLICATIONS

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### PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

- Fietz, D. (under review). *Moral Adaptation: Sustaining Climate Activism When Futures Fail*.  
Theory Section Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper
- Fietz, D. (2026). *What's Capitalism: Generational Differentiation in the Climate Movement*, Environmental Politics.
- Fietz, D. (2025). *Making Meaning of Crisis: Unpacking Crisis Consciousness and Response through Mannheim's Generational Theory*, Journal of Classical Sociology.  
Section on the History of Sociology and Social Thought Graduate Student Paper Award
- Fietz, D. (2021). *Integrating Meaningful Selfhood into the Sociological Study of Political Languages: Blending Mead's Pragmatism and Taylor's Hermeneutics*. The American Sociologist.

### PUBLIC WRITING

- Fietz, D. (2019). *Rational High Ground or Compromise? Liberal Strategies for Coping with Brexit*. LSE BREXIT (blog).  
September 20, 2019. <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/brexit/2019/09/20/rational-high-ground-or-compromise-liberal-strategies-for-coping-with-brexit/>.

### MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Fietz, D. *The Temporal Organization of Moral Life*. Pre-Submission  
Fietz, D. *Moral Anchors of Climate Resistance in the US, the UK, and Germany*. In preparation.  
Fietz, D. *Hope: The Uses and Abuses of a Concept*. In preparation.

## AWARDS

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2023 MacMillan Center, Dissertation Research Fellowship  
2023 Fox Fellowship, Cambridge University  
2022 MacMillan Center, Pre-Dissertation Research Grant  
2020 Yale Sterling Fellowship, Best Candidate Graduate School of the Arts and Sciences  
2019 Hobhouse Memorial Prize:  
Best overall performance on the master's programs in Sociology  
Best overall dissertation on the master's programs in Sociology (Co-Winner)  
Best overall performance with Distinction, MSc Culture and Society  
2018 – 2019 LSE Graduate Award  
2015 – 2019 Cusanuswerk Germany, Fellowship

## PRESENTATIONS

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2026 ASA Annual Congress, *Moral Adaptation: Sustain Climate Activism When Futures Fail*  
2026 Comparative Research Workshop, Yale: *Moral Adaptation as Movement Resilience*  
2025 ASA Annual Congress, Invited Panel: *Solving Without Resolution: The Existential Meaning of Climate Resistance*  
2025 Social Science History Association Conference: *When Futures Close: Temporal Moral Reorientations in Climate Activism*  
2025 Liberatory Practices for Worlds in Crisis, MIT: *Hope and Praxis in the Climate Crisis*  
2025 Action for Climate Justice, Yale: *Hope and Praxis in the Climate Crisis*  
2025 International Conference of the Society for Human Ecology: *The Temporality of Hope in the Climate Crisis*  
Chair: *Temporality and Well-Being*  
2024 Comparative Research Workshop, Yale: *The Order of Resistance: Engaging the Climate Crisis*  
2024 ASA Annual Congress: *What's capitalism? How generational location mediates crisis articulation and response in German climate activism*  
2024 Inaugural British Journal of Sociology Conference: *The Problem of Generational Location: Dis/continuities in German Climate Activism*

- 2023 ASA Annual Congress: *Mannheim after the Discursive Turn- Generational Differentiation through a Historically Dynamic Account of Experience and Language*
- 2022 Comparative Research Workshop, Yale: *Revisiting the Problem of Generations – The Early Mannheim on Language and Experience*

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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TEACHING FELLOW, YALE UNIVERSITY 2022-2026

*Multispecies Worlds* (Upper-Level BA) with Kathryn Dudley

*Contemporary Social Theory* (BA) with Philip Gorski

*Methods of Inquiry* (BA) with Alka Menon

*Foundations of Modern Social Theory* (BA) with Philip Gorski

## AFFILIATIONS

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2025 – Social Science History Association

2023 – American Sociological Association

- Sociology of Culture
- Altruism, Morality and Social Solidarity
- Comparative-Historical Sociology
- History of Sociology and Social Thought
- Theory
- Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- Environmental Sociology

2023 – European Studies Council, Yale

2023 – Association for Protest and Movement Research (ipb), Berlin

2019 – International Sociological Association

- RC 16: Social Theory

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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2024 – Graduate Council Member, Theory Section, American Sociological Association

Reviewer for the *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*

## ART EXHIBITIONS

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2024 *Sunset Cinema*, Oakville Galleries, Canada

2017 *Paul Hempt and Daphne Fietz*, Duo Exhibition, Sittart, Düsseldorf.

2017 *Vertrauen*, Group Exhibition, KIT, Düsseldorf

2017 *Akademie*, Group Exhibition, Kunsthalle, Düsseldorf

2016 *Imagine*, Group Exhibition, Whitecastle Project Space, London

- 2016 Residency at Space 27, Beirut, Lebanon
- 2015 *Kunsthoch 42*, Group Exhibition, Universität der Künste, Berlin

## REFERENCES

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Philip Gorski – Frederick and Laura Goff Professor of Sociology, Yale University ([philip.gorski@yale.edu](mailto:philip.gorski@yale.edu))

Julia Adams – Margaret H. Marshall Professor of Sociology, Yale University ([julia.adams@yale.edu](mailto:julia.adams@yale.edu))

Isaac Reed – Thomas C. Sorenson Professor of Political and Social Thought and Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia ([iar2c@virginia.edu](mailto:iar2c@virginia.edu))

Iddo Tavory – Professor of Sociology, NYU ([iddo.tavory@nyu.edu](mailto:iddo.tavory@nyu.edu))

**Fluent in German and English**