

# Manuel Schechtl

## Curriculum Vitae

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## EMPLOYMENT

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### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Assistant Professor, Department of Public Policy (since 2024)  
Faculty Fellow, Carolina Population Center (since 2024)

### Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality, CUNY Graduate Center

Postdoctoral Research Associate (2022-2024)

## EDUCATION

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### Humboldt University Berlin

Ph.D. Sociology (2022)

### Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

M.A. Sociology (2018)  
B.Sc. Economics (2018)  
B.A. Political Science (2016)

## JOURNAL ARTICLES

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Schechtl, Manuel and Torche, Florencia (2026): Changing Opportunity: Rising Local Wealth Inequality and Growing Class Gaps in Income Mobility, *Sociological Science*, 13, 645-660. <https://doi.org/10.15195/v13.a25>

Schechtl, Manuel (2026): Childhood Exposure to Local Wealth Inequality, Economic Isolation in Schools, and Inter-Class Social Ties in Adulthood, *Social Science Research*, 136, 103355. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssresearch.2026.103355>

Morelli, Salvatore, Longmuir, Maximilian, Disslbacher, Franziska, Di Biase, Frincasco, Rella, Giacomo, Subioli, Francesca, Rego Johnson, Adam, Targa, Matteo, Rapp, Severin, Schechtl, Manuel, Asher, Twisha, Giangregorio, Luca, Flores, Ignacio (2026): Wealth Composition, Distribution, and Transmission: The Graduate Center Wealth Project Data Warehouse, *Scientific Data*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41597-026-07105-6>

Cheng, Haiyi and Schechtl, Manuel (2026): Financial Assets and Cardiometabolic Risk in Early Adulthood: Evidence from Add Health, *Social Science & Medicine*, 396, 119006. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2026.119006>

Trinh, Nhat An, Tisch, Daria, Schechtl, Manuel (2026): The (In)Appropriateness of Unequal Division: A Factorial Survey Experiment on Wealth Transfers within Families, *Social Forces*,

1-22. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soag010>

Schechtl, Manuel (2025): "The Association Between Childhood Exposure to Local Wealth Inequality and Intergenerational Income Mobility in the United States", *Nature Communications*, 16, 9164. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-025-64222-3>

O'Brien, Rourke, Schechtl, Manuel, Parolin, Zachary (2025): "Fiscal Centralization and Inequality in Children's Economic Mobility", *American Sociological Review*, 90(1), 114-141. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00031224241303459>

Tisch, Daria and Schechtl, Manuel (2025): "The Gender (Tax) Gap in Parental Transfers. Evidence from Administrative Inheritance and Gift Tax Data", *Socio-Economic Review*, 23(2), 671-694. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwae038>

O'Brien, Rourke, Schechtl, Manuel, Manduca, Robert, Venkataramani, Atheendar (2025): "Local Government Expenditure Centralization and Spatial Variation in Working-Age Mortality", *Social Science & Medicine—Population Health*, 30, 101791. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ssmph.2025.101791>

Schechtl, Manuel and Haupt, Andreas (2025): "The Payroll Tax Contribution Limit and Women's Labor Market Outcomes", *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 87(2), 617-635. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.13055>

Schechtl, Manuel and O'Brien, Rourke (2024): "Municipal Police and the Economic Mobility Gap Between Black and White Males in the U.S.", *Research in Social Stratification and Mobility*, 93, 100981. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.rssm.2024.100981>

Schechtl, Manuel and Waitkus, Nora (2024): "Where Income Becomes Wealth: How Redistribution Moderates the Association Between Income and Wealth", *Socius*, 10, 1-13. <https://doi.org/10.1177/23780231241261599>

Schechtl, Manuel and O'Brien, Rourke (2024): "Fiscal Impoverishment in Rich Democracies", *Social Forces*, 102(4), 1249-1268. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soad133>

Schechtl, Manuel and Kapelle, Nicole (2024): "The Male Marital Premium Contextualized: Longitudinal Evidence from the United States, Germany, and the United Kingdom", *Journal of Marriage and Family*, 86(1), 176-198. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jomf.12937>

Schechtl, Manuel and Tisch, Daria (2024): "Tax principles, policy feedback and self-interest: cross-national evidence on wealth tax preferences", *Socio-Economic Review*, 22(1), 279-300. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ser/mwac071>

Schechtl, Manuel (2024): "Taking from the Disadvantaged? Consumption Tax Induced Poverty Across Household Types in Eleven OECD Countries", *Social Policy and Society*, 23(2), 377-391. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1474746422000203>

Schechtl, Manuel (2023): “The Taxation of Families: How Gendered (De)Familiarization Tax Policies Modify Horizontal Income Inequality”, *Journal of Social Policy*, 52(1), 63-84. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S0047279421000404>

Kapelle, Nicole, Nutz, Theresa, Tisch, Daria, Schechtl, Manuel, Lersch, Philipp M., Struffolino, Emanuela (2022): “My Wealth, (Y)Our Life Satisfaction? Sole and Joint Wealth Ownership and Life Satisfaction in Marriage”, *European Journal of Population*, 38, 811-834. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10680-022-09630-7>

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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Schechtl, Manuel and Gornick, Janet (2026): Wealth Poverty: Measurement, Prevalence, Determinants, *Annual Review of Sociology*, invited.

Schechtl, Manuel (2025): Rising Wealth Inequality and Democratic Backsliding across U.S. States, *Stone Center on Socio-Economic Inequality Working Paper Series* No. 111. [https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/ax5b9\\_v1](https://doi.org/10.31235/osf.io/ax5b9_v1)

Schechtl, Manuel (2021): Inheritance Taxation in Comparative Perspective, *LWS Working Paper Series* No. 35. <http://www.lisdatacenter.org/wps/lswps/35.pdf>

## OTHER WRITING

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Schechtl, Manuel, Trinh, Nhat An, Carranza, Rafael, Pfeffer, Fabian (2026): Wealth Concentration and Prosocial Behavior in Everyday Life, *Contexts*, 25(2), 80-82. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15365042261442494>

Schechtl, Manuel (2025): Review of “Urban Power: Democracy and Inequality in São Paulo and Johannesburg”, *Social Forces*, soaf114. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaf114>

## GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

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**Volkswagen Foundation**, “Wealth and Social Cohesion from a Relational Perspective”(Co-PI), 2025-2029, approx. \$1,735,0000.

**Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics Visiting Fellowship**, *University of Michigan*, 2025, approx. \$80,000.

**Carolina Population Center Pilot Grant**, *Exposure to Local Wealth Inequality and Health Outcomes of Americans*, 2024, approx. \$50,000.

**ECSR Visitor Grant**, *European Consortium for Sociological Research*, 2021, approx. \$1,200

**InGRID-2 Visitor Grant**, *Integrating Research Infrastructure for European expertise on Inclusive Growth from data to policy*, 2021, approx. \$2,000

## TEACHING

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### University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

PLCY210H Policy Innovation and Analysis (Fall 2026)  
PLCY210 Policy Innovation and Analysis (Spring 2025)  
PLCY210H Policy Innovation and Analysis (Spring 2025)  
PLCY210 Policy Innovation and Analysis (Fall 2024)

### Humboldt University Berlin

Sex, Race, and Taxes (Spring 2022)  
Taxation as Social Policy (Spring 2022)  
Sex, Race, and Taxes (Fall 2021)  
Taxation and Social Inequality (Fall 2021)  
Social Structure and Diversity (Spring 2021)  
Social Policy and Taxation (Fall 2020)  
Inequality, Redistribution, and Taxation (Spring 2020)  
Public Finance (Spring 2020)  
Taxation and Social Inequality (Fall 2019)  
Public Finance (Fall 2019)  
Fiscal Sociology (Spring 2019)  
Social Policy Perspectives on Populism (Spring 2019)

### Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich

Sociological Theory (Spring 2018)  
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2017)  
Political Theory (Fall 2017)  
Sociological Theory (Spring 2017)  
Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2016)  
Social Structure Analysis (Fall 2016)  
Sociological Theory (Spring 2016)

## MEDIA AND IMPACT

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**BR24**, *Possach klärt, Bürgergeld, Rente & Co.: Muss der Sozialstaat weg, geht Deutschland kaputt?*, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025, Interview (in German).

**Deutschlandfunk Kultur**, *Politisches Feuilleton, So ungerecht geht es in Deutschland zu*, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Opinion (in German).

**ZEIT online**, *Why Women Inherit Less and Still Pay More Taxes*, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Interview (in German).

**PBS Frontline**, *Three Numbers That Help Explain What Happened to Inequality During the Pandemic*, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, Interview.

**The Social Policy Blog**, *The Taxation of Families: How Gendered Tax Policies Affect Income Inequality*, July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

**The Academic Times**, *Tax codes that reward traditional families might increase income inequality*, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

**Inequality Matters (LIS Newsletter No. 16)**, *Taxation of Families and ‘Families of Taxation’? Inequality Modification Between Family Types Across Welfare States*, June, 2020.

## ACADEMIC SERVICE

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**Session Organizer**, *American Sociological Association, Annual Conference*, 2026.

**Session Organizer**, *Population Association of America, Annual Conference*, 2026.

**Graduate Admissions Committee**, *Department of Public Policy, UNC Chapel Hill*, 2024-2025.

**Organizing Committee, Policy Research Group Seminar Series**, *Department of Public Policy, UNC Chapel Hill*, 2024-2025.

**Organizing Committee, Stone Center Multidisciplinary Seminar Series**, *CUNY Graduate Center*, 2023-2024.

**Doctoral representative**, *Berlin Graduate School of Social Sciences (BGSS), Humboldt University Berlin*, 2019-2022.

**Conference organization**, *Annual Meeting of the Social Policy Section of the German Sociological Association*, 2020.

## INVITED TALKS

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**Anne E. Casey Foundation**, *Changing Opportunity: Rising Local Wealth Inequality and Growing Class Gaps in Income Mobility*, June 2026.

**University of Michigan Ann Arbor**, *Rising Wealth Concentration and Disparities in Social Outcomes Across the United States*, September 2025.

**The University of Chicago**, *The Legacy of Slavery and Racial Disparities in the U.S. South*, November 2024.

**University of Pennsylvania**, *Understanding Wealth-Based Social Exclusion: Wealth Insufficiency Beyond Income Buffering*, March 2024.

**Ludwig-Maximilians University Munich**, *The Payroll Tax Contribution Limit and Married Women’s Labor Market Outcomes*, May 2023.

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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**American Sociological Association (ASA)**, 2020, 2023, 2025, 2026.

**Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)**, 2023.

**Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)**, 2025.

**European Consortium for Sociological Research (ECSR)**, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023.

**European Network for Social Policy Analysis (ESPAnet)**, 2020.

**Lofoten International Symposium on Inequality and Taxation (LISIT)**, 2023.

**Population Association of America (PAA)**, 2023, 2024, 2025.

**Research Committee 28 Social Stratification (RC28)**, 2022, 2023, 2026.

**Social Policy Association (SPA)**, 2020.

**Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)**, 2020, 2021.

**Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (EQINEQ)**, 2021.

**Winter School on Inequality and Social Welfare Theory (IT15)**, 2020.

## RESEARCH VISITS

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**University of Michigan-Ann Arbor**, *Stone Center for Inequality Dynamics (CID)*, 2025-2026.

**Yale University**, *Center for Empirical Research on Stratification and Inequality (CERSI)*, 2023-2026.

**University of Oxford**, *Department of Sociology*, 2021.

**Luxembourg Income Study (LIS)**, 2021.

## MEMBERSHIP

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**American Sociological Association (ASA)**

**Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management (APPAM)**

**Population Association of America (PAA)**

**Research Committee 28 Social Stratification (RC28)**

## REVIEWER

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Acta Sociologica, American Journal of Sociology (3x), American Sociological Review (2x), Applied Economics, BMC Public Health, British Journal of Political Science, British Journal of Sociology, Demography, European Journal of Political Research, European Political Science Review, European Sociological Review, Historical Social Research, International Journal of Public Administration, Journal of European Social Policy, Journal of Marriage and Family (3x), Journal of Social Policy, Research in Social Stratification and Mobility (4x), Social Forces (5x), Social Science Research (4x), Socio-Economic Review (5x), The Journal of Politics.