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### APPOINTMENTS

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2023 - Postdoctoral Scholar | Work, Technology, and Organizations, Stanford University

### EDUCATION

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2023 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

2019 M.A. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

2013 B.A. Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Books

Sheehan, Patrick. *To the Moon: Hype Culture and Silicon Valley* (In preparation)

#### Peer-Reviewed Articles

Forthcoming Sheehan, Patrick. "Hype Culture's Highs and Lows." *Context*.

2023 Neely, Megan; **Patrick Sheehan**; Christine Williams (equal authorship). "Social Inequality in High-Tech: How Gender, Race, and Ethnicity Structure the World's Most Powerful Industry" *Annual Review of Sociology*. [[link](#)]

2023 Sheehan, Patrick and Christine Williams (equal authorship). "Unionizing High Tech: Opportunities and Obstacles," *Work & Occupations*. [[link](#)]

2022 Sheehan, Patrick. "The Paradox of Self-Help Expertise: How Unemployed Workers Become Professional Career Coaches." *American Journal of Sociology*, 127(4). [[link](#)]

*\*Winner, 2022 Richard A. Peterson Prize for Best Graduate Student Paper Award from the ASA section on Sociology of Culture*

*\*Winner, 2022 James D. Thompson Best Graduate Student Paper Award from ASA Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work*

*\*Winner, 2022 Ronald Burt Best Graduate Student Paper Award from ASA section on Economic Sociology*

2021 Sheehan, Patrick. "Unemployment Experts: Governing the Job Search in the New Economy." *Work and Occupations* 48 (1): 470-497 [[link](#)]

### *Papers in Progress*

Sheehan, Patrick. "To the Moon: Hype Culture in a Silicon Valley Tech Start-Up." (under review)

Karunakaran, Arvind and Patrick Sheehan (equal authorship). "Navigating the Shadow of Suspicion: Establishing Occupational Authority in the New Economy."

Sheehan, Patrick. "'This Changes Everything': Imagined Futures and Firm Valuations in the 'Dot Com' Bubble."

Sheehan, Patrick. "The Organizational Fountain of Youth: Age Regimes in the Tech Industry"

### **FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS**

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2022 Visiting Scholar, Max Planck Institute; Cologne, Germany  
2022 Ronald Burt Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA section on Economic Sociology  
2022 James D. Thompson Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA section on Organizations, Occupations and Work  
2022 Richard A. Peterson Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA section of Sociology of Culture  
2022 OGC Semester Fellowship Award, UT-Austin (\$10,000)  
2021 University Graduate Continuing Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$44,000)  
2020 Ethnography Lab Summer Research Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$5,000)  
2019 Ethnography Lab Summer Research Fellowship, UT-Austin (\$5,000)

### **TEACHING**

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2021 Introduction to Criminology, Graduate Teaching Assistant, UT Austin  
2020 Introduction to Criminology, Graduate Teaching Assistant, UT Austin  
2019 Health and Society, Graduate Teaching Assistant, UT Austin  
2018 Introduction to Sociology, Graduate Teaching Assistant, UT Austin  
2017 Introduction to Sociology, Graduate Teaching Assistant, UT Austin  
  
2013-2015 Second Grade (all subjects), University Prep Science and Math, Detroit MI

## PRESENTATIONS

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- 2023 “To the Moon: Hype Culture and Commitment in Tech Start-Ups,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia
- 2021 “Unemployment Experts: Governing the Job Search in the New Economy” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York (online)
- 2020 “The Impossible Expert: How Unemployed Workers Become Professional Career Coaches.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco (online)
- 2019 “Career Coaching: Precarious Work as Identity Work for Older Professionals” Work 2019 Conference, Helsinki, Finland.
- 2019 “Unemployment Expertise” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, New York.

## PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND MEDIA PUBLICATIONS

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- 2023 [Expert Interview, Career Coaching](#) *The Dream, Season 3, Episode 7*
- 2022 [“Where Did All the Coaches Come From?”](#) *ASA Work in Progress Blog*
- 2022 [“The New Economy as Multi-Level Marketing Scheme: Career Coaches and Unemployment in the Age of Insecurity”](#) *ASA Work in Progress Blog.*
- 2020 [“Job Market Astrology,”](#) *Public Seminar*
- 2020 [“Bosses in the US Have Far Too Much Power to Lay Off Workers Whenever They Feel Like it,”](#) *Jacobin Magazine.*
- 2019 [“The Unemployment Rate is Not a Fact,”](#) *Public Seminar.*
- 2019 [“In Defense of ‘Do What You Love,’”](#) *Public Seminar.*
- 2019 [“No, We Shouldn’t Force Older Americans to Work Longer Before Retiring,”](#) *Jacobin Magazine.*
- 2016 [“The Philanthropic Hypocrisy of Eli Broad,”](#) *In These Times.*
- 2015 [“Revitalization as Gentrification,”](#) *Jacobin Magazine.*

## REFERENCES

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Christine Williams  
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