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## Education

- 2017            Ph.D. in Comparative Human Development, The University of Chicago  
  
                  Dissertation: *From the elites to the streets: The psychology of democracy and economic inequality.*  
                  Committee: Professors Richard Shweder, John Lucy, David Nussbaum, Alex Gillespie.
- 2014            M.A. in Comparative Human Development, The University of Chicago
- 2008            M.Phil. in Social and Developmental Psychology, University of Cambridge
- 2006            B.Sc. in Applied Psychology, University College Cork

## Positions Held

Assistant Professor of Social Psychology at the University of Copenhagen, summer 2019 – present.

Fellow in the Dept. of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago, summer 2017 – 2019.

Visiting Lecturer in Cultural Psychology at the American University of Paris, summer 2015.

## Research Interests

Social, Cultural, and Political Psychology; Democracy; Diversity; Economic Inequality; Financial Crisis; Human Development; Migration; Morality; Protest; Riots; Multiple-Methods; Ireland; Denmark; E.U.; U.S.A.

## Fellowships and Grants

- (Grants of \$10,000 or over are indicated)
- 2019            Un-American Activities. Co-P.I. with Rick Shweder. Dept of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago (\$10,000)
- 2019            LSE grant. Populist project with Jennifer-Sheehy Skeffington & Sandra Obradovic
- 2016            Gianinno Conference Fund
- 2016            Advanced Travel Grant from the University of Chicago Graduate Council
- 2016            Mellon Fellowship (accepted) (\$24,000)
- 2016            Departmental nominee for Mellon and Markowitz Fellowships
- 2015            Invited Speaker at the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Niels Bohr Lecture Series
- 2015            Gianinno Conference Fund
- 2015            Society for Psychology Anthropology/Lemelson Fellowship
- 2014 – 2015    Division of Social Sciences Summer Research Grant
- 2014 – 2015    Innovative Small Grant from the SRA and the Jacobs Foundation

2014 – 2015	Council on Advanced Studies to develop speaker series (\$10,000)
-	Organized and hosted a colloquium on <i>Morality</i> with Professors Paul Bloom, Alan Fiske, and Elliot Turiel.
-	Organized and hosted a colloquium on <i>Intergroup Conflict</i> with Professors Alex Gillespie, Hazel Markus, and Jim Sidanius.
2013 – 2014	The Norman Wait Harris Fund to develop Cultural Psychology speaker series
2013 – 2015	Division of Social Sciences Summer Grant, University of Chicago
2012 – 2017	Social Sciences Division 5 Year Ph.D. Fellowship, University of Chicago (c. \$500,000)
2007 – 2008	Cambridge European Trust, University of Cambridge
2002 – 2006	Irish National University Grant, University College Cork
2002 – 2006	Adjunct Governmental Funding, University College Cork

## Editorial Experience

2019 – Present	Invited guest editor of a special edition of <a href="#">Current Opinions in Psychology</a>
2019 – Present	Editorial Board of <a href="#">Culture &amp; Psychology</a>
2013 – Present	Editor of <a href="#">Psychology &amp; Society</a>
2013 – 2016	Editorial Board and Social Media Editor of <a href="#">Dialogic Pedagogy Journal</a>
2009 – 2011	Invited guest editor of a special issue of <a href="#">Psychology &amp; Society</a>

## Manuscript Review

*Advances in Methods and Practices in Psychological Science; British Journal of Social Psychology; Culture & Psychology; Dialogic Pedagogy Journal; Europe's Journal of Psychology; Journal for the Theory of Social Behaviour; Journal of Social and Political Psychology; Papers on Social Representations; Political Psychology; Psychology & Society; The Open Psychology Journal; Theory & Psychology.*

## Teaching Experience

Postdoctoral Teaching Fellow at the University of Chicago: 2017-2019. Taught three new courses:

<i>Political Psychology: Rallies, Riots, &amp; Revolutions</i>	(Fall, 2017; Winter, 2019)
<i>Remembering and Imagining in Human Development</i>	(Winter, 2018; Spring, 2019)
<i>Methods that Matter in the Social Sciences</i>	(Spring, 2018, Winter, 2019)

Lecturer in *Mind in Context*, Spring, 2016; Spring, 2018; 2019: The University of Chicago  
 Lecturer in *The Cultural Psychology of Violence*, Summer 2015: The American University of Paris  
 Intern lecturer for *Mind*, 2014-2015: The University of Chicago.

T.A. *Negotiations*, Fall, 2018: (MBA) Booth School of Business at The University of Chicago.  
 T.A. *Managerial Decision Making*, Winter, 2018: (MBA) Booth School of Business at The University of Chicago.  
 T.A. *Power & Influence in Organizations*, Fall, 2013; Winter 2015; Spring, 2016; Spring 2017; Winter, 2018; Spring, 2019: (MBA) Booth School of Business at The University of Chicago.  
 T.A. *Cultural Psychology* Fall 2013 (undergraduate) & Fall 2014 (graduate): The University of Chicago

## Publications

17b. Power, S.A. (2018). Expanding the *Deprivation – Protest Paradox*: The tipping point theory of civic unrest [response]. *Current Anthropology*. 59, (6), 783 – 789.

17a. Power, S.A. (2018). The *Deprivation – Protest Paradox*: How the perception of unfair economic inequality leads to civic unrest [Lead article with commentaries] *Current Anthropology*. 59, (6), 765 – 782.

16. Power, S.A. (2018). Actual Democracy and a United Europe of States: A case study of Austerity and Protest in the Republic of Ireland. In Brady Wagoner, Ignacio Brescó, and Vlad Glaveanu (Eds). *The Road to Actualized Democracy: A Psychological Perspective* (pp. 147 – 164). Charlotte, N.C.: Information Age Publishing.
15. Power, S.A. (2018). Remembering and Imagining in Human Development: Fairness and Social Movements in Ireland. In Constance de Saint-Laurent, Sandra Obradovic, and Kevin Carriere (Eds). *Imagining Collective Futures: Perspectives from Social, Cultural and Political Psychology* (pp. 221 – 235). Palgrave Macmillan: UK.
14. Power, S.A. (2018). Economic Inequality and the Rise of Civic Discontent: Remembering and Deprivation in the Republic of Ireland. In Brady Wagoner, Fathali Moghaddam and Jaan Valsiner (Eds). *The Psychology of Radical Social Change: From Rage to Revolution* (pp. 29 – 53). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
13. Power, S.A., Velez, G., Qadafi, A. and Tennant, J. (2018). The SAGE Model of Social Psychological Research. *Perspectives on Psychological Science*. Vol 13, Issue 3, pp. 359 – 372.
12. Power, S.A. (2017). *From the elites to the streets: The psychology of democracy and economic inequality*. (doctoral dissertation). The University of Chicago, Chicago, USA.
11. Power, S. A. (2016). A Violent Past but a Peaceful Present: The Cultural Psychology of an Irish Recession. *Peace and Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*, Vol. 22 (1), 60 – 66.
10. Power, S.A. (2015). To Understand the Eurozone Crisis, Consider Culture. *Chicago Booth Review*. (p.63-65).
9. Warren, Z. and Power, S.A. (2015). It's Contagious: Rethinking a Metaphor Dialogically. *Culture & Psychology*. Vol. 21 (3), 359 – 379.
8. Power, S. A. (2014). Humans as Objects: Processes, Predictions and Problems. *Peace & Conflict: Journal of Peace Psychology*. Vol. 20 (4), 593-594.
7. Power, S.A. (2014). Where I end, where you begin. *Science*. Vol. 345, (6194), 262.
6. Power, S.A. (2014). Powerful Ideas: Cultural Psychology and the Transformation of Societies. *Ethos: Journal for Psychological Anthropology*. Vol., 42 (2), E6-E9.
5. Shweder, R.A. and Power, S.A. (2013). Robust Cultural Pluralism: An Interview with Professor Richard A. Shweder. *Europe's Journal of Psychology*, Vol. 9 (4), 671-686.
4. Power, S.A. (2013). Continuing the Dialogue. *Theory & Psychology*, Vol. 23 (1), 140-142.
3. Power, S.A. (2011). Towards a Dialogical Model of Conflict Resolution. *Psychology and Society*, Vol. 4 (1), 53-66.
2. Power, S.A. and Peterson, L. (2011). Theorizing Propaganda: Extending Kohl (2011). *Psychology & Society*, Vol. 4 (1), 27-30.
1. Power, S.A. (2011). On Social Psychology and Conflict Resolution. *Psychology & Society*, Vol. 4 (1), 1-6.

### Manuscripts Under Review

Velez, G. & Power, S.A. (revise & resubmit). Teaching students how to think, not what to think: Pedagogy and political psychology.

Power, S.A., Mandalaywala, T. and Kay, A. (under review). Multi-method investigation of perceptions of (un)just systems: Tests of rationalization in the context of Irish austerity measures.

Power, S.A. and Velez, G. (under review). The *MOVE* Framework: Meanings, Observations, Viewpoints, and Experiences in processes of social change.

Power S.A. (under review). Why a richer world will have more civic discontent: The Infinity Theory of Social Movements.

Rao, N. & Power, S.A. (under review). "Communities change when individuals change." The sustainability of system challenging collective action.

Power, S.A. (under review). Revisiting the crowd: Peaceful assembly in Irish water protests.

### Manuscripts In Preparation

Power, S.A. and Velez, G. (in preparation). Field Social Psychology: What is it? Why do we need it? How do we do it?

Power, S.A., and Jindra, M. (in preparation). *The Equality - Difference Paradox*: The clash of cultural diversity and economic inequality.

Power, S.A. and Shweder, R. A. (in preparation). What's on your un-American activities list?

Power, S.A., Mandalaywala, T. and Kay, A. (in preparation). The psychology of radical social change: how protests lead to social movements.

Power, S.A. Sheehy-Skeffington, J., Hauser, O. (in preparation). How unfair economic recoveries lead to civic unrest.

Schmidt, D. & Power, S.A. (in preparation). World Offline: An empirical assessment of limited at home internet access in quasi rural Illinois, USA. (Winner of the Richard P. Taub Thesis Award).

Power, S.A. & Wagoner, B. (in preparation). The Crowd: Historical and contemporary views.

Power, S.A., Zittoun, Akkerman, S. (...12 other authors...), Gillespie, A. & Cornish, F. (in preparation). Socio-cultural psychology: Perspectives on possible futures.

Power, S.A. & Wang, Q. (in preparation). Cross-cultural variation in memories of recurring dreams reflect cultural differences: Evidence from USA and China.

Obradovic, S. Power, S.A., & Sheehy-Skeffington, J. (in preparation). A multi-method approach to understanding what national level factors lead to the emergence of right or left wing populism.

Power, S.A. (in preparation). The psychology of social change: Rallies, Riots, & Revolutions. (Introduction to the special edition of Current Opinions in Psychology to be published in 2021).

Power, S.A. (in preparation). Relative Deprivation & Rebellion. (Contribution to a special edition of Current Opinions in Psychology to be published in 2021).

Obradovic, S., Power, S.A., & Sheehy-Skeffington, J. (in preparation). Populism as revolt. (Contribution to a special edition of Current Opinions in Psychology to be published in 2021).

## Invited Talks

Power, S.A. (June, 2019). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets." Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (May, 2019). The future of socio-cultural psychology: Global problems and methodological pluralism. Presented at the University of Neuchatel. Neuchatel, Switzerland.

Power, S.A. (May, 2019). Where is my mind? Cultural Psychological theories & methods to study mind in context. Presented at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (November, 2018). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets: Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Oslo. Oslo, Norway.

Power, S.A. (April, 2018). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets: Presented at the Department of Methodology at the London School of Economics. London, UK.

Power, S.A. (January, 2018). Psychological Reactions to Dismal Economic Realities: From the Elites to the Streets." Presented at the Department of Human Development at Cornell University. Ithaca, USA.

Power, S.A. (December, 2017). "The Big Three of Social Movements: Remembering, Deprivation, and Imagining." Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Limerick. Limerick, Ireland.

Power, S.A. (May, 2016). "From the Elites to the Streets: A Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession." Presented at Booth School of Business at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (February, 2016). "From the Elites to the Streets: A Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession." Presented at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Niels Bohr Lecture Series. Aalborg, Denmark.

## Presentations

Power, S.A (June, 2019). "Teaching students how to think, not what to think: Three methods." Presented to the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Copenhagen. Copenhagen, Denmark.

Power, S.A. (November, 2018). "Navigating the academic job market as a transdisciplinary scholar: challenges and opportunities." Presented at the professional development seminar series at the Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (June, 2017). "From the Elites to the Streets: The Psychology of Democracy and Economic Inequality." Dissertation defense talk presented at the Department of Comparative Human Development at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (February, 2017). "Why I write. How I write. And where to publish." Presented at the Global Transitions in Human Development workshop at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (July, 2016). "The Deprivation – Protest Paradox: How unfulfilled moral expectations lead to the legitimacy of civic disobedience." Presented at the APA Division 45 Conference on Race, Ethnicity, and Culture. Stanford, USA.

Power, S.A. (May, 2016). "The Deprivation – Protest Paradox: How unfulfilled moral expectations lead to the legitimacy of civic disobedience." Presented at the Midwestern Psychological Association. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (2015, May). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession: The Elites and the Unemployed." Presented at the Annual Social Science Division Conference. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (2015, May). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession: The Elites and the Unemployed." Presented at the Society for Qualitative Inquiry in Psychology. New York, USA.

Power S.A. (2015, April). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Recession: A Violent Past but a Peaceful Present." Presented at the Society for Psychological Anthropology. Boston, USA.

Power, S.A. (2014, October). "The Cultural Psychology of the Irish Economic Recession: The Elites and the Unemployed." Guest Lecture in Cultural Psychology presented at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (May, 2014). 'Anatomy of an Irish Recession: A Violent Past but a Peaceful Present'. Presented at the University of Chicago. Chicago, USA.

Power, S.A. (May, 2008). 'On stereotypes of beautiful people – creation and avoidance'. Presented at the 9th annual joint University of Cambridge and London School of Economics Conference. Cambridge, England.

Power, S.A. (March, 2008). 'Representing Beauty'. Presented at the Department of Psychology at the University of Cambridge. Cambridge, England.

## In the Media

Power, S.A. (2019, May 22<sup>nd</sup>). The global aspects of an Irish protest against Donald Trump. *RTÉ Brainstorm* Retrieved from: <https://www.rte.ie/brainstorm/2019/0423/1045102-the-global-aspects-of-an-irish-protest-against-donald-trump/>

Power, S.A. (2018, October 30<sup>th</sup>). Séamus Power: Violations of Fairness in a Generation of Protests. *Dialogo*. Interviewed by Tina Cormier. <https://dialogo.uchicago.edu/content/alumni-profile-seamus-power>

Power, S.A. Velez, G., Qadafi, A., & Tennant, J. (2018, August 28<sup>th</sup>). The *SAGE* model of social psychology research. *Character & Context: Society for Personality & Social Psychology Blog*. Retrieved from: <http://www.spsp.org/news-center/blog/sage-model-of-social-psychological-research>

Power, S.A. (2018, August 1<sup>st</sup>). What lessons did Ireland really learn from the recession? *RTÉ Brainstorm* Retrieved from: <https://www.rte.ie/eile/brainstorm/2018/0731/982238-what-lessons-did-ireland-really-learn-from-the-recession/>

Power, S.A. (2018, May 31<sup>st</sup>). Why write for the popular press? International Society for Political Psychology. Retrieved from: <https://mailchi.mp/cc125f275436/ispp-ecc-newsletter-spring-1177561?e=8258aa5589#Advice>

Power, S.A. (2017, October 1<sup>st</sup>). Comments featured in "Take a knee protest against U.S. President: is the uprising capturing the entire U.S.? by Simon Schutz in *BILD*. Retrieved from: <http://www.bild.de/politik/ausland/donald-trump/ist-er-der-gewinner-im-us-kultur-krieg-53358236.bild.html>

Power, S.A. (2017, January 31<sup>st</sup>). Comments featured in "4 rules for making a protest work, according to experts" by Brian Resnick in *Vox*. Retrieved from: <http://www.vox.com/policy-and-politics/2017/1/31/14430584/four-rules-making-protest-work>

Power, S.A. (2016, January 22<sup>nd</sup>). Comments featured in "What journalists get wrong about social science: full responses" by Brian Resnick in *Vox*. Retrieved from: <https://www.vox.com/science-and-health/2016/1/22/10811366/psych-responses>

Power, S.A. (2016, May 26<sup>th</sup>). "Do Irish people at home and abroad feel differently about recession and recovery? By Ciara Kenny in *The Irish Times*. Retrieved from <http://www.irishtimes.com/life-and->

[style/generation-emigration/survey-do-irish-people-at-home-and-abroad-feel-differently-about-recession-and-recovery-1.2662050](#).

Power, S.A. & Nussbaum, D. (2016, March 15<sup>th</sup>). 'You Reap What You Sow': The Psychology of Irish Austerity Protests. *The Guardian*. Retrieved from <https://www.theguardian.com/science/head-quarters/2016/mar/15/economics-as-a-morality-play-austerity-protest-in-ireland>

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Nussbaum, D. and Power, S.A. (2015, February 28<sup>th</sup>). Can Violence Be Moral? *The Guardian*. Retrieved from <http://www.theguardian.com/science/head-quarters/2015/feb/28/can-violence-be-moral>

Power, S.A. and Nussbaum, D. (2014, July 24<sup>th</sup>). The Fightin' Irish? Not when it comes to recession and austerity. *The Guardian*. Retrieved from <http://www.theguardian.com/science/head-quarters/2014/jul/24/the-fightin-irish-not-when-it-comes-to-recession-and-austerity>

Power, S.A. (2014, July 30<sup>th</sup>). The Fightin' Irish Op Ed was reprinted on the Newstalk.com website. <http://www.newstalk.com/The-Fightin-Irish-Not-when-it-comes-to-recession-and-austerity>

Power, S.A. (July 23<sup>rd</sup> & August, 10<sup>th</sup>). Radio: Invited discussant on "Psychology of the Recession." *Beat FM 102-103fm*

Power, S.A. (2014, August 2<sup>nd</sup>). Radio: "The Business" Invited discussant on "Psychology of the Recession." *RTÉ Radio 1*. Retrieved from: <http://www.rte.ie/radio/utils/radioplayer/rteradioweb.html#!rji=9%3A20630249%3A0%3A%3A>

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