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## Sean McQuade

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POSITIONS            **Northwestern University** (May 2025–present)  
                         Empirical Research Fellow  
                         Management and Organizations Department,  
                         Kellogg School of Management  
                         *Faculty co-supervisors:* Maryam Kouchaki and Klaus Weber

EDUCATION            **University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, MA  
                         MS, Data Analytics and Computational Social Science, 2024  
                         BA, Economics, 2023

RESEARCH  
INTERESTS            Organizations · Elites · Ideology · Computational Social Science

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PUBLICATIONS        Cai, Erica, **Sean McQuade**, Kevin Young, and Brendan O’Connor  
                         (2026). Relation Extraction Across Entire Books to Reconstruct  
                         Community Networks: The AffilKG Datasets. *LREC*, May 2026.

                         Young, Kevin. *et al.* (2026). Gender and Age Divisions Among the  
                         Economic Power Elite: A Comparative Analysis of 16 Countries  
                         from the World Elite Database (WED). In *The Oxford Handbook  
                         of the Sociology of Global Elites*, edited by Maria Luisa Mendez,  
                         Mike Savage, and Annette Lareau, April 2026.

                         Bühlmann, Felix. *et al.* (2025). Varieties of Economic Elites? Pre-  
                         liminary Results from the World Elite Database (WED). *British  
                         Journal of Sociology*, 76: 663–673.

IN PROGRESS

Young, Kevin, **Sean McQuade**, Izaura Solipa, François Schoenberger, Jorge Quesada-Velazco, Shay O’Brien, and Anya Lu. The Ideology of the US Economic Elite.

Charlesworth, Tessa, Maryam Kouchaki, Mohsen Mosleh, and **Sean McQuade**. Prevalence, Sentiment, and Topics in Company Twitter Posts about Societal Grand Challenges.

Koh, Jodie, Seoul Lee, **Sean McQuade**, and Klaus Weber. Comparing Meaning Systems of Sustainability in Corporate and Canonical Texts.

**McQuade, Sean**. The Privilege of Lineage: Executive Family Ties and Navigating the U.S. Corporate Ladder.

**McQuade, Sean**. Ideology and Homophily in US Non-Profit Organizations.

Fan, Xinguo, Chao Ling, Peng Lu, **Sean McQuade**, Shay O’Brien, Jorge Quesada-Velazco, François Schoenberger, Izaura Solipa, and Kevin Young. A Comparative Analysis of the Philanthropic Donations of the Super-Rich in China and in the United States.

Young, Kevin, **Sean McQuade**, Izaura Solipa, and Jorge Quesada-Velazco. Is Finance Still Central? A Longitudinal Analysis of the Position of Banks and Other Financial Institutions vis-à-vis Interest Groups, Policy Planning Organizations and the Transnational Capital Class.

AWARDS

**Center for Research on Families Research Award, 2023**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

**Economics Undergraduate Research Assistantship, 2021**  
University of Massachusetts, Amherst

CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS

**McQuade, Sean**, and Kevin Young (joint presentation). “Introducing the American Ruling Class: Evidence from the US World Elite Database (WED) Study.” Presentation to the *British Journal of Sociology* inaugural conference, London School of Economics, London, 15 April 2024.

**McQuade, Sean**, and Kevin Young (joint presentation). “The US Power Elite: Evidence from the US World Elite Database (WED) Study.” Presentation to the annual conference of the *Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)*, Limerick, Ireland, 28 June 2024.

OTHER  
EXPERIENCE

**Cornerstone Research**, Chicago, IL (2024–2025)  
Analyst

**Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis**, St. Louis, MO (2023)  
Research Intern

**University of Massachusetts**, Amherst, MA (2021–2024)  
Research Assistant in Economics and Sociology