

# Cohen Rashaad Simpson

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## RESEARCH INTERESTS

Statistical Models of Social Networks; Network Formation  
Advocacy Organisations; Organisational Competition & Strategy  
Status Dynamics

## APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow (equiv. Assistant Professor), *University of Oxford*, Oxford Internet Institute (Jan 2018 — )  
Non-Stipendary Research Fellow, Nuffield College, *University of Oxford* (Mar 2017 – )

Postdoctoral Researcher in Sociology and Social Networks, *University of Oxford*, Department of Sociology (Mar 2017 – Dec 2017)  
Research Associate, *University of Cambridge*, Department of Sociology (Sep 2017 – Dec 2017)  
Research Assistant, *University of Cambridge*, Department of Sociology (Feb 2016 – Aug 2017)

## EDUCATION

**PhD:** Social Research Methods (*awarded without corrections*), *London School of Economics & Political Science*, 2012 – 2016  
**MSc:** Social Science of the Internet, *University of Oxford* (St. Cross College), 2011 – 2012  
**BA (Hons):** Communication Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*, *Clemson University*, 2007 – 2011  
Visiting Student, *Massachusetts Institute of Technology* (The Media Lab; Human Dynamics Group), Autumn 2013

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Simpson, C. R. (2016). Competition for foundation patronage and the differential effects of prestige on the grant market success of social movement organisations. *Social Networks*. Issue 46, p. 29-43.

Simpson, C. R. (2015). Multiplexity and strategic alliances: The relational embeddedness of coalitions in social movement organisational fields. *Social Networks*. Issue 42, p. 42-59.

## ARTICLES IN PREPARATION

Simpson, C. R. In Prep. Human social networks are fundamentally multidimensional in their formation.

Simpson, C.R. Social Media Hold Limited Potential for Solidarity Amongst Collaborating NGOs: Evidence from the UK.

## MAJOR GRANTS AND AWARDS

“The Online Manufacture of Climate Change Denial”, *British Academy*, **£337,789.73** (2018 – 2021)  
Santander Academic Travel Award (MIT Placement), *London School of Economics & Political Science/Santander* (2013)  
LSE PhD Scholarship, *London School of Economics & Political Science* (Full Scholarship, 2012)  
Clarendon Fund Scholarship with Santander Graduate Award, *University of Oxford/Santander* (Full Scholarship, 2011)

## INVITED TALKS

The Mitchell Centre for Social Network Analysis, *University of Manchester* (February 4, 2015)  
Nuffield Social Network Analysis Seminar, *Nuffield College, University of Oxford* (June 14, 2014)

PUBLIC WRITING

Chwieroth, J. M., Walter, A., & Simpson, C. R. (2015, June 18). If Greece defaults, dominoes will not fall. *The Conversation* (<https://theconversation.com/if-greece-defaults-dominoes-will-not-fall-43409>).

COMPUTATION SKILLS & SPECIALIST METHODOLOGICAL

Stochastic Actor-Oriented Models; Exponential Random Graph Models  
R (Intermediate; 5 years of continuous use); Python (Intermediate; 4 years of periodic use)

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

CV Consultant, LSE Careers, *London School of Economics & Political Science* (Oct 2013 – Feb 2016)  
Coached students on effective writing (narrative cohesion, persuasion) in one-to-one sessions on job materials  
Regularly worked with undergraduates and postgraduates on diverse career paths  
Materials discussed with students included CVs, covering letters, statements of purpose and free-response application questions  
Role occasionally required discussion of preparation for job interviews and career planning

REFERENCES

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