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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

Associate Professor of Law, 2017-present

Associate Professor of Sociology (secondary), 2019-present

Harvard University

Climenko Fellow & Lecturer on Law, 2014-15, 2016-17

EDUCATION

Harvard University

Ph.D. in Sociology and Social Policy, 2018

A.M. in Sociology, 2014

Yale University

J.D., 2009

University College Dublin (Ireland)

M.Sc. in Equality Studies, with Distinction (highest honors), 2006

Furman University

B.A. in Political Science and Sociology, magna cum laude, 2003

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Articles, Chapters & Essays

Safety, Friendship & Dreams, 53 HARVARD CIVIL RIGHTS-CIVIL LIBERTIES LAW REVIEW (forthcoming 2019).

The Community in Criminal Justice: Subordination, Consumption, Resistance, and Transformation, 16 DU BOIS REVIEW (forthcoming 2019).

Laboratories of Suffering: Toward Democratic Welfare Governance, in HOLES IN THE SAFETY NET: FEDERALISM AND POVERTY (Ezra Rosser ed., forthcoming 2019) (with Andrea Taverna, Dhruv Aggarwal & Isra Syed).

Hidden Laws of the Time of Ferguson, 132 HARVARD LAW REVIEW FORUM 1 (2018) ([link](#)).

Relationship Repertoires, the Price of Parenthood & the Costs of Contraception, 92 SOCIAL SERVICE REVIEW 313 (2018) (with Kathryn Edin, Holly Michelle Wood & Geniece Crawford Mondé).

- Finalist, 2019 Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize for best article published in *Social Service Review*

Police Reform & the Dismantling of Legal Estrangement, 126 YALE LAW JOURNAL 2054 (2017).

- Reviewed by Jennifer Chacon, "Addressing Legal Estrangement," *Jotwell*, Mar. 2, 2018 ([link](#))

Situational Trust: How Disadvantaged Mothers Reconceive Legal Cynicism, 50 LAW & SOCIETY REVIEW 314 (2016).

- Richard A. Peterson Award, ASA Culture Section, 2015
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, 2015
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Law Section, 2015
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2015
- Honorable Mention, Candace Rogers Award, Eastern Sociological Society, 2015

Beyond the Culture of Poverty, in *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RACE, ETHNICITY & NATIONALISM* (J. Stone, R. Dennis, P. Rizova, A. Smith & X. Hou, eds. 2016) (with Nathan Fosse, Michèle Lamont & Eva Rosen).

Housing, Poverty, and the Law, 11 *ANNUAL REVIEW OF LAW & SOCIAL SCIENCE* 15 (2015) (with Matthew Desmond).

Winning to Learn, Learning to Win: Evaluative Frames & Practices in Urban Debate, 37 *QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY* 1 (2014) (with Asad L. Asad).

The Establishment Clause & Public Education in an Islamophobic Era, 8 *STANFORD JOURNAL OF CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES* 245 (2012) (with Yaseen Eldik).

Grassroots Death Sentences? The Social Movement for Capital Child Rape Laws, 98 *JOURNAL OF CRIMINAL LAW & CRIMINOLOGY* 1 (2008).

The Braiding Cases, Cultural Deference, and the Inadequate Protection of Black Women Consumers, 19 *YALE JOURNAL OF LAW & FEMINISM* 125 (2007).

The Obligation Thesis: Understanding the Persistent 'Black Voice' in Modern Legal Scholarship, 68 *UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LAW REVIEW* 643 (2007).

Short Essays, Popular Pieces & Short Reviews

The Dynamics of Policing and Segregation by Race and Class, in *THE DREAM REVISITED: CONTEMPORARY DEBATES ABOUT HOUSING, SEGREGATION, AND OPPORTUNITY* 155 (Ingrid Gould Ellen & Justin Steil eds., Columbia University Press, 2019) ([link](#) to earlier version).

What Happens When Low-Income Mothers Call the Police, *TALKPOVERTY.ORG*, Mar. 10, 2016 ([link](#)).

Sociology's Truth? W.E.B. Du Bois and the Origins of Sociology, *LOS ANGELES REVIEW OF BOOKS*, Feb. 9, 2016 ([link](#)).

A Distraction on the Road to a Better D.C. Welfare System, *WASHINGTON POST*, Nov. 28, 2010 (with Jennifer Mezey) ([link](#)).

Facing up to the Obesity Problem: How Charter Schools Might Help, *EDUCATION WEEK*, Feb. 18, 2009 ([link](#)).

Training Will Protect Children More Than Imprisonment, *THE STATE* (Columbia, SC), Dec. 31, 2008.

Reprinted and extended as *Dangerous Daycare*, *ANDERSON INDEPENDENT-MAIL*, Jan. 4, 2009 ([link](#)).

Electioneering, in *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT* 409 (John R. Vile, David L. Hudson, Jr. & David Schultz, eds. 2008 (CQ Press)).

Tashjian v. Republican Party of Connecticut (1986), in *ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FIRST AMENDMENT* 1046 (John R. Vile, David L. Hudson, Jr. & David Schultz, eds. 2008 (CQ Press)).

Recent Publication, THOMAS SOWELL, *AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AROUND THE WORLD: AN EMPIRICAL STUDY* (2004), 31 *YALE JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW* 302-05 (2006) ([link](#)).

Writing in Progress

- *American Exile: Race, Youth, Legal Estrangement, and Change* (book manuscript, under contract with Oxford University Press)
- "Located Institutions: Neighborhood Frames, Residential Segregation, and the Case of Policing"
- "Policing & Residential Integration in America"
- "Beyond 'Insiders' and 'Outsiders': Optimal Proximity in Field Research"
- "Police Districts" (with Daanika Gordon)

SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- Yale Law Women Faculty Excellence Award, 2019

- Harvard Law School Annual International Women's Day Honoree, 2019
- Finalist, Frank R. Breul Memorial Prize for best article published in a volume of *Social Service Review*, 2019
- Oscar M. Ruebhausen Grant, *Community & Criminal Justice in the Southern Rural Black Belt* (Principal Investigator), 2018
- Oscar M. Ruebhausen Grant, *Rectifying Historic Injustice* (educational group trip to Alabama), 2018
- Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality & Social Policy, 2012-17
- Research Scholar, The Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School, 2015-16
- Richard A. Peterson Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association (ASA) Culture Section, 2015
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, 2015
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Sociology of Law Section, 2015
- Best Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class, 2015
- Candace Rogers Student Paper Award (Honorable Mention), Eastern Sociological Society, 2015
- Presidential Scholar, Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences, 2011-16
- Annie E. Casey Foundation Grant, *Hearing Their Voices: Understanding the Freddie Gray Uprising in Baltimore* (Co-Principal Investigator, with Kathryn Edin, Stefanie DeLuca & Philip Garboden), 2015
- Harvard Kennedy School, Program in Criminal Justice Policy & Management Seed Grant, 2015
- Nominee, Star Family Prize for Excellence in Advising, Harvard University, 2015
- Bok Center Certificates of Distinction in Teaching in the Arts & Sciences, Harvard University, 2013, 2014
- National Science Foundation-IGERT Research Grant (with Asad Asad), 2013
- Qualifying Exams: Social Stratification (distinction); Ethnicity, Race & Immigration (distinction), 2012
- Arthur Liman Public Interest Legal Fellowship, 2010-11
- Yale Law School Lillian Goldman Scholarship, 2005-06
- George J. Mitchell Scholar, 2004-05
- Harry S. Truman Scholar, 2002

PRESENTATIONS & APPEARANCES

Invited Presentations & Lectures

- John A. Sibley Lecture, University of Georgia School of Law, Apr. 15, 2020 (scheduled).
- University of California-Berkeley, Department of Sociology, Colloquium Lecture, Feb. 3, 2020 (scheduled).
- Judge Stephanie K. Seymour Lecture, University of Tulsa College of Law, Jan. 16, 2020 (scheduled).
- Johns Hopkins University, Department of Sociology, Colloquium Lecture, Nov. 14, 2019 (scheduled).
- Columbia University, Race, Ethnicity, and Migration Workshop, Sept. 30, 2019 (scheduled).
- University of Miami School of Law Faculty Speaker Series, Aug. 19, 2019 (scheduled).
- American Voices Project, Distinguished Lecturer on Policing and Reentry, June 27, 2019 (scheduled).
- Northwestern University Sociology Department, Crime, Law, and Society Workshop, Apr. 30, 2019.
- Punishing Trauma Conference at Columbia University, Keynote Address, Apr. 26, 2019.
- Fordham Law School Series, Advanced Criminal Law & Criminal Procedure, Apr. 16, 2019.
- Cornell University Policy Analysis and Management & Population Center Seminar, Apr. 10, 2019.
- Harvard Law School Criminal Justice Workshop, Mar. 27, 2019.
- University of Denver Sturm College of Law Faculty Colloquium, Mar. 7, 2019.
- Tulane Law School Intellectual Life Speaker Series, Feb. 27, 2019.
- Furman University, NAACP Black History Month Lecturer, Feb. 20, 2019.
- University of Southern California School of Law Faculty Workshop, Jan. 24, 2019.
- American University of Paris, Department of History, Law, and Society, Dec. 12, 2018.
- Neil Weiner Research Speaker Series, Vera Institute for Justice, May 23, 2018.
- American Bar Foundation Seminar Series, April 25, 2018.
- Emory Law School Faculty Colloquium, Feb. 14, 2018.
- Cardozo Law School Faculty Workshop, Nov. 8, 2017.
- Columbia Center for Justice, Oct. 26, 2017.
- New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, Mar. 21, 2017.

- *The Yale Law Journal* Reading Group, Oct. 24, 2016.
- Behavioral Insights Team New York, Oct. 8, 2015.

Invited Conferences & Panels

- Thematic Panel: *Sociology as Science and Vocation: The Legacy of Robert K. Merton*, Eastern Sociological Society, Feb. 27-Mar. 1, 2020 (scheduled).
- University of California-Irvine School of Law, Feb. 7, 2020 (scheduled).
- Columbia Justice Center Panel: *Reimagining Justice in Research Methodologies: The Role of Values in Empirical Justice Research*, American Society of Criminology, Nov. 13-16, 2019 (scheduled).
- Sociology of Housing Conference at Georgetown University, Oct. 4, 2019 (scheduled).
- Panel on "Role of Fines as Punishment and Legal Context," *Progressing Reform of Fines and Fees: Towards a Research and Policy Agenda*, Harvard Law School, Sept. 12-13, 2019 (scheduled).
- *Courting Poverty: Fines, Fees, and the Judiciary*, Duke University School of Law, Sept. 5-6, 2019 (scheduled).
- Colorado Junior Criminal Law Workshop, University of Colorado, June 29-30, 2019 (scheduled).
- National Network for Safe Communities National Conference, June 19, 2019.
- Author Meets Reader, *Trapped in a Vice: The Consequences of Confinement for Young People* by Alexandra Cox, Law & Society, May 31, 2019.
- "Policing and Residential Integration in America," Junior Criminal Law Roundtable, Harvard Law School, May 25, 2019.
- "American Exile," Culp Colloquium at Duke Law School, May 16, 2019.
- Symposium Panel, *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, Apr. 18, 2019.
- Presidential Panel: *Race, Space, and Violence: New Research in Criminal Justice*, Eastern Sociological Society, Mar. 16, 2019.
- National Network for Safe Communities, Working Session on Police Discretion, Feb. 6-7, 2018.
- *Linking Past and Present: Addressing the Harm of Racial Violence by Law Enforcement*, National Network for Safe Communities, Oct. 20-22, 2018.
- *The Future of Justice Policy: Examining the History of Racial and Economic Inequality*, Square One Project, Oct. 12-14, 2018.
- "Legal Estrangement: A View from the United States," *Futures of Sentencing and Incarceration*, T.C. Beirne School of Law, University of Queensland, Australia, July 30, 2018.
- *Dissecting and Reducing Violence in America*, Truman Scholars Association National Reunion, July 21, 2018.
- "Policing and Integration," Culp Colloquium at Stanford Law School, June 4, 2018.
- Maryland Group on Constitutionalism "Schmooze," University of Maryland School of Law, Mar. 3, 2018.
- Presidential Panel: *Justice in America: Continuity and Change*, Eastern Sociological Society, Feb. 23, 2018.
- *Criminal Theory and the Present Crisis*, AALS Section on Jurisprudence, Jan. 6, 2018.
- *Contemporary Legal & Political Change: A Child-Centered Analysis*, AALS Section on Children & the Law, Jan. 6, 2018.
- *Crafting a Research Agenda*, Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Michigan School of Law, July 8, 2017.
- *The Academy and Public Interest*, Liman Colloquium, Yale Law School, Apr. 7, 2017.
- *Advocacy in Ideas: Legal Education and Social Movements*, Empowering Women of Color at Columbia Law, Mar. 24, 2017.
- *Qualitative Data and Legal Advocacy, Research & Teaching*, AALS Law & Anthropology, Jan. 7, 2017.
- Johns Hopkins Poverty & Inequality Research Lab Mini-Conference, Sept. 10, 2016.
- "Integration and the Law of Policing," Culp Colloquium & Emerging Scholars Conference, May 20, 2016.
- *Race, Gender, and Intersectionality*, Race (In)Action: Critical Race Theory Conference at Yale, Apr. 9, 2016.
- *Moving Criminal Justice: Decarceration and/or Surveillance*, Liman Colloquium, Mar. 31, 2016.
- *Lawyering for Police Reform*, Yale Law School, Nov. 10, 2015.
- *Race, Justice, and Policing*, Truman Scholars Association National Conference, July 25, 2015.
- Johns Hopkins Poverty & Inequality Research Lab Mini-Conference, Feb. 15, 2015.
- *Legal Services, Social Change: 50 Years of New Haven Legal Assistance*, Yale Law School, Oct. 6, 2014.

- “From Legal Cynicism to Situational Trust,” *A New Deadly Symbiosis? The Alignment of Law Enforcement and Social Welfare Agencies in the Inner-City*, American Sociological Association, Aug. 17, 2014.
- “From Legal Cynicism to Situational Trust,” American Bar Foundation, May 9, 2014.

Regular Conference Presentations

- *Systems of Care, Systems of Punishment, Abolition and Organizing*, Law & Society, June 1, 2019.
- *Policing, Segregation, and Spatial Justice*, Law & Society Association, May 31, 2019 (discussant and co-organizer).
- “Located Institutions,” *Feeling Race & Spatial Inequalities: 50 Years after the Kerner Commission Report*, Section on Community & Urban Sociology, American Sociological Association, Aug. 14, 2018.
- *Empirical Legal Scholarship on Policing*, Law & Society, June 8, 2018 (discussant).
- *The Drawbacks of Police Reform*, Law & Society, June 7, 2018.
- *Truth in Law and Society*, Law & Society, June 7, 2018 (discussant).
- “Networked Vouchers,” *Reimagining Access: Institutional Experiments in the Postindustrial City*, Law & Society, June 23, 2017.
- “The Price of Parenthood & the Costs of Contraception,” *Sociology of Reproduction*, American Sociological Ass’n, Aug. 23, 2016.
- “How Policing Influences the Residential Preferences and Experiences of Families with Children,” *Regular Session: Space and Place*, American Sociological Ass’n, Aug. 21, 2016.
- *Moving Beyond Criminal Law to Fix the Criminal Justice System*, Law & Society, June 3, 2016.
- *The Sociolegal Researcher as Social Justice Advocate*, Law & Society, June 4, 2016.
- “Moving to Policing,” Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Stockholm University, Apr. 23, 2016.
- “Legal Cynicism and the Meaning of Safety to Disadvantaged Women,” SSSP, Aug. 15, 2014.
- “Motherhood in the City: Parenting, Police, and Legal Ambivalence,” Lytle Workshop, June 29, 2013.
- “Racial Mistrust, the Voting Rights Act, and the Polarization of School Governance,” Lytle Workshop, June 25, 2010.
- “Making Context Matter: Toward Meaningful Representation in School Governance,” Lytle Workshop, June 26, 2009.
- *Race in the Race*, Obama Conference, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Aug. 29, 2008 (moderator).
- “Culture, Counterfeits, and Capabilities,” Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, June 27, 2008.

SELECTED PUBLIC SERVICE

- Working Group on Dignity, Racial Justice & Prosecution, convened by John Jay Institute for Innovation in Prosecution and Vera Institute Reshaping Prosecution Program (2019)
- Advisory Committee for the Evaluation of the New York City Mayor’s Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety (2018-20)
- Proposed Brief of Amici Curiae National Law Professors of Criminal, Procedural, and Constitutional Law in Support of Respondent, *In re Kenneth Humphrey* (CA 2018)
- Brief for First Amendment Scholars in Support of Petitioner, *Prison Legal News v. Secretary, Florida Department of Corrections* (US 2018)
- Brief of Amicus Curiae Scholars of Behavioral Science and Economics in Support of Respondents, *Masterpiece Cakeshop, Ltd. v. Colorado Civil Rights Commission* (U.S. 2017)
- Brief for Law Professors as Amici Curiae in Support of Appellants, *Stinnie v. Holcomb* (4th Cir. 2017)