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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Yale University

Associate Professor of Law, 2017-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

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Criminal law, criminal justice, criminal procedure, housing law & policy, social welfare law & policy, race and ethnicity, family law, law & sociology, social theory, cultural sociology, urban sociology, constitutional law, qualitative methods

PUBLICATIONS

Scholarly Articles

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

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

Reviewed in Jennifer Chacon, "Addressing Legal Estrangement," *Jotwell: The Journal of Things We Like (Lots)*, <https://crim.jotwell.com/addressing-legal-estrangement/> (Mar. 2, 2018)

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

Richard A. Peterson 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)

Featured in Ginia Bellafante, "Getting Rid of Bail Is Only the Start," *The New York Times* (June 1, 2017)

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 and Practices in Urban Debate, 37 QUALITATIVE SOCIOLOGY 1 (2014) (with Asad L. Asad).

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

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

Short Essays, Popular Pieces & Reviews

Hidden Laws of the Time of Ferguson, 131 HARVARD LAW REVIEW FORUM (forthcoming 2018).

The Dynamics of Policing and Segregation by Race and Class, in THE DREAM REVISITED: SEGREGATION AND OPPORTUNITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY (Columbia University Press, forthcoming) ([link](#)).

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](#)).

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) ([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

“Located Institutions: Residential Segregation and the Case of Policing” (under peer review)

“Welfare Federalism” (with Dhruv Aggarwal, Isra Syed & Andrea Taverna) (book chapter)

“Policing and Integration” (in preparation for submission to law journals)

“Safety, Friendship, and Dreams” (symposium article, *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*)

“Colorblind Riot? Political & Legal Consciousness after the Baltimore Unrest of 2015” (in preparation for submission to a peer-reviewed sociology journal)

“Networked Vouchers: On Housing, Association, & the Social Networks of the Poor” (in preparation for submission to law journals)

SELECTED HONORS, FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

- Doctoral Fellow, Multidisciplinary Program on Inequality & Social Policy, 2012-17
- Research Scholar, The Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School, 2015-16
- 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” (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, 2013, 2014
- National Science Foundation-IGERT Research Grant (with Asad Asad), 2013
- Qualifying Examinations: Social Stratification (distinction); Ethnicity, Race & Immigration (distinction); Social Organization; Culture, 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

OTHER RELATED EXPERIENCE

- Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, *Arthur Liman Public Interest Fellow* (2010-11)
- Hon. Cameron McGowan Currie, U.S. District Court, District of South Carolina, *Judicial Clerk* (2009-10)
- Legal Aid Society of the District of Columbia, *Public Benefits Law Clerk* (Spring 2009)
- Center for American Progress, Half in Ten Anti-Poverty Campaign, *Intern* (Spring 2009)
- John Edwards for President, *South Carolina Political Director* (2007-08)
- Democratic Party of South Carolina, *Operations Manager* (2003-04)
- Jenner & Block LLP (DC office), *Summer Associate* (Summer 2008)
- Williams & Connolly LLP, *Summer Associate* (Summer 2007)
- NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund (New York office), *Intern* (Summer 2006)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, *Intern* (Summer 2003)

PRESENTATIONS & APPEARANCES

Keynote Address, On The Rise, Inc. (organization supporting homeless and formerly homeless women), 21st Annual Prepare for Winter Dinner, Sept. 13, 2018 (scheduled).

“Located Institutions: Residential Segregation and the Case of Policing,” Community & Urban Sociology: *Feeling Race & Spatial Inequalities: 50 Years after the Kerner Commission Report*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 14, 2018 (scheduled).

Panelist, “Mass Violence,” Truman Scholars Association National Conference, July 19-22, 2018 (scheduled).

Discussant, “Empirical Legal Scholarship on Policing,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 8, 2018 (scheduled).

Panelist, “The Drawbacks of Police Reform,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 7, 2018 (scheduled).

Discussant, “Truth in Law and Society,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 7, 2018 (scheduled).

“Policing and Integration,” Culp Colloquium at Stanford Law School, June 4, 2018 (scheduled).

Commentator, Book Conference for *Policing Welfare: Investigation and Punishment in Public Assistance* by Spencer Headworth, Purdue University, May 29-31, 2018.

“Policing, Legal Estrangement, and Urban Marginality,” Neil Weiner Research Speaker Series, Vera Institute for Justice, May 23, 2018.

Commentator, Book Conference for *Policing Everyman: How Cars Transformed American Freedom* by Sarah A. Seo, Columbia Law School, May 9, 2018.

“Policing, Legal Estrangement, and Urban Marginality,” American Bar Foundation Seminar Series, April 25, 2018.

Commentator, Book Talk for *Misdemeanorland* by Issa Kohler-Hausmann, Yale Law School, Apr. 12, 2018.

Moderator, “Understanding the Challenges Faced by Low-Income Litigants,” Liman Colloquium, Apr. 6, 2018.

Panelist, “Immigration, Incarceration, and Inequality,” Undergraduate Liman Program, Apr. 6, 2018.

Guest, *Veritalk* Podcast: “Statelessness,” Apr. 3, 2018.

Beyond “Criminalization of Poverty,” Critical Race Theory Conference at Yale, Mar. 24, 2018.

Keynote Speaker, Yale Black Law Students Association “Law School for a Day” Service Event, Mar. 23, 2018.

“Policing for Integration,” Maryland Discussion 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.

“Located Institutions: Residential Segregation and the Case of Policing,” Emory Law School Faculty Colloquium, Feb. 14, 2018.

Panelist, “Criminal Theory and the Present Crisis,” AALS Section on Jurisprudence, Jan. 6, 2018.

Panelist, “Contemporary Legal & Political Change: A Child-Centered Analysis,” AALS Section on Children & the Law, Jan. 6, 2018.

Guest Lecturer, Criminal Justice and Neighborhoods, NYU Wagner School of Public Policy, Nov. 30, 2017.

Moderator, “The Sociology of Private Funds,” Private Funds Conference, Yale Law School, Nov. 17, 2017.

Panelist, “Policing, Poverty & Communities of Color,” Arthur Liman Center for Public Interest Law, Nov. 14, 2017.

“Policing for Integration,” Cardozo Law School Faculty Workshop, Nov. 8, 2017.

“Policing for Integration,” American Constitution Society Progressive Scholarship Workshop, Yale Law School, Nov. 2, 2017.

Panelist, “Questions of Justice: Officers of Color in the Era of #BlackLivesMatter,” Yale Policy Lab, Oct. 30, 2017.

“Situational Trust: Why Disadvantaged Mothers Call the Police,” Columbia Center for Justice, Oct. 26, 2017.

Moderator, Community Working Group, “Moving Justice Forward,” The Justice Collaboratory at Yale, Oct. 5-6, 2017.

“Policing for Integration,” Harvard Cultural Sociology Workshop, Oct. 3, 2017.

“Between a Rock and a Hard Place: When Low-Income Mothers Call the Police,” Yale Law School, Sept. 5, 2017.

Panelist, “Crafting a Research Agenda,” Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Michigan School of Law, July 8, 2017.

“Networked Vouchers,” International Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 23, 2017.

Guest, *Undisclosed: The Killing of Freddie Gray* Addendum Podcast, June 5, 2017.

Panelist, “The Academy and Public Interest,” Liman Colloquium, Yale Law School, Apr. 7, 2017.

Panelist, “Advocacy in Ideas: Legal Education and Social Movements,” Annual Conference, Empowering Women of Color at Columbia Law, Mar. 24, 2017.

“Police Reform & the Dismantling of Legal Estrangement,” New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, Mar. 21, 2017.

Panelist, “Qualitative Data and Legal Advocacy, Research & Teaching,” AALS Section on Law & Anthropology, Jan. 7, 2017.

Guest, *Undisclosed: The State v. Joey Watkins* Addendum Podcast, Dec. 22, 2016.

“Police Reform & the Dismantling of Legal Estrangement,” *The Yale Law Journal* Reading Group, Oct. 24, 2016.

“Policing as Place-Making,” Johns Hopkins Poverty & Inequality Research Lab, Sept. 10, 2016.

“The Price of Parenthood & the Costs of Contraception,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 23, 2016.

“Policing as Place-Making,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Aug. 21, 2016.

Panelist, “The Sociological Researcher as Social Justice Advocate: Challenges and Opportunities,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 4, 2016.

Panelist, “Moving Beyond Criminal Law to Fix the Criminal Justice System,” Law & Society Association Annual Conference, June 3, 2016.

“Integration & the Law of Policing,” Culp Colloquium & Emerging Scholars Conference, May 20, 2016.

“Moving to Policing,” Aage Sørensen Memorial Conference, Stockholm University, Apr. 23, 2016.

Panelist, “Race, Gender, and Intersectionality,” Race (In)Action: Critical Race Theory Conference at Yale, Apr. 9, 2016.

Panelist, “Moving Criminal Justice: Decarceration and/or Surveillance,” Liman Colloquium, Yale Law School, Mar. 31, 2016.

Panelist, “Lawyering for Police Reform,” Yale Law School, Nov. 10, 2015.

“Collecting Rich Qualitative Data Without Fear,” Behavioral Insights Team New York, Oct. 8, 2015.

Moderator, “Race, Justice, and Policing,” Truman Scholars Association National Conference, July 25, 2015.

Panelist, “Social Justice: The Role of Black Women,” Association of Black Harvard Women 40th Anniversary Conference, Mar. 28, 2015.

“Policing as a Neighborhood Process,” Johns Hopkins Poverty & Inequality Research Lab, Feb. 15, 2015.

Panelist, “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 Meeting, Aug. 17, 2014.

“Legal Cynicism, Police Reliance, and the Meaning of Safety to Disadvantaged Women,” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Aug. 15, 2014.

“From Legal Cynicism to Situational Trust,” American Bar Foundation, May 9, 2014.

Guest Lecture, “Why Disadvantaged Women Distrust the Police but Call Them Anyway,” Crime, Justice, and the American Legal System (Sociology 179), Harvard College, Nov. 6, 2013.

Panelist, “Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality in Government and Policy,” Harvard Institute of Politics, Association of Black Harvard Women, and Queer Student Alliance Joint Panel Discussion, Nov. 5, 2013.

“Motherhood in the City: Parenting, Police, and Legal Ambivalence,” Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Nevada-Las Vegas Boyd School of Law, June 29, 2013.

“Today’s American Family,” Lutheran Services in America Executive Retreat, Harvard Kennedy School, Sept. 28, 2012.

“Racial Mistrust, the Voting Rights Act, and the Ideological Polarization of School Governance,” Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Kentucky College of Law, June 25, 2010.

“Making Context Matter: Toward Meaningful Representation in School Governance,” Lutie Lytle Workshop, Seattle University School of Law, June 26, 2009.

Moderator, “Race in the Race,” Conference on Obama Phenomena: Facets of a Historic Campaign, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Aug. 29, 2008.

“Culture, Counterfeits, and Capabilities,” Lutie Lytle Workshop, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, June 27, 2008.

ADVISING

- Dissertation Committee Member, Philip McHarris, Yale Department of Sociology (current)
- Supervised Analytic Writing Advisor, Taonga Leslie, Yale Law School (current)
- Supervised Analytic Writing Advisor, Lauren Nathan, Yale Law School (current)
- Supervised Analytic Writing Advisor, Devin Race, Yale Law School (current)
- Supervised Analytic Writing Advisor, Saúl Ramirez, Yale Law School (2018)
- Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Malina Simard-Halm, Yale Program on Ethics, Politics, and Economics (2018)
- Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Nafisa Eltahir, Harvard Department of Sociology (2015) (Fulton Prize)
- Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Michelle Ferreol, Harvard Department of Sociology (2015)
- Undergraduate Thesis Advisor, Ciaran Foley, Harvard Department of Social Studies (2015)

SELECTED PUBLIC & UNIVERSITY ENGAGEMENT

- Selection Committee, Harry S. Truman Scholarship, New York City Region (2018)
- Selection Committee, Best Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section (2018)
- Member, Harry S. Truman Scholarship Finalist Selection Committee (2011-2018)
- Brief for Law Professors as Amici Curiae in Support of Appellants, *Stinnie v. Holcomb* (4th Cir. 2017)
- 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)
- Resident Tutor and Fellowships Adviser, Lowell House at Harvard College (2012-15, 2016-17)
- Senior Scholar, Harry S. Truman Scholars Leadership Week (2008-17)
- Selection Committee, Harry S. Truman Scholarship, Boston Region (2012-15, 2017)
- Selection Committee, Richard A. Peterson Award, American Sociological Association, Culture Section (2016)
- Senior Thesis Adviser, Harvard Departments of Sociology and Social Studies (2014-16)
- Undergraduate Concentration Adviser, Harvard Department of Sociology (2013-15)
- Board of Directors, Harry S. Truman Scholars Association (2012-15) (Vice President, 2012-13)
- Volunteer, Boston Urban Debate League (2012-15)
- Member, Furman Admission Network (interviewed prospective students) (2010-15)
- Colloquium Committee, Harvard Department of Sociology (2013-14)
- Graduate Admissions Committee, Harvard Department of Sociology (2012-13)
- Mentor, Truman-Albright Fellows Program (2010-11)
- Application Reader, George J. Mitchell Scholarship (2008)
- Editor, Senior Editor, *The Yale Law Journal* (2006-08)
- Editor, Articles Editor, *Yale Journal of Law & Feminism* (2005-08)

- Editor, Articles Editor, *Yale Journal of International Law* (2005-07)
- Chair, Yale Law Women (2006-07)
- Executive Council, Black Law Students Association (2006-07)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bar Membership: California

Academic Affiliations: American Sociological Association, American Society of Criminology, Law & Society Association, Population Association of America, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Urban Affairs Association

Occasional Peer Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Ethnography, International Journal of Urban & Regional Research, Harvard Law Review, Law & Society Review, Social Problems, Sociological Focus, Theory & Society, Yale Law Journal*