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APPOINTMENTS

The George Washington University Law School

Professor of Law (and by courtesy, Sociology), 2025–present

Associate Professor of Law (and by courtesy, Sociology) with tenure, 2022–25

Russell Sage Foundation

Visiting Scholar, 2023–24

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Associate Professor of Sociology, 2022

Assistant Professor of Sociology, 2016–22

American Bar Foundation

Affiliated Scholar, 2022–present

ABF/JPB Access to Justice Faculty Scholar, 2020–21

Stanford University

Postdoctoral Fellow, Bill Lane Center for the American West, 2014–16

EDUCATION

Stanford University, PhD, Sociology

Stanford Law School, JD

Supreme Court Litigation Clinic

Two John Hart Ely Class Prizes

Research and Teaching Assistant to Prof. Pamela S. Karlan and Prof. George Fisher

Stanford University, BA, American Studies

Distinction, Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

What Can Legal Knowledge Do for Access to Justice?

— DUKE L. J. — (forthcoming 2026), with Heidi Liu

Getting Help

4 WIS. L. REV. 1149 (2024)

An Intersectional Examination of U.S. Civil Justice Problems

3 UTAH L. REV. 487 (2023), with Katie R. Billings

What the Access to Justice Crisis Means for Legal Education

11 UC IRVINE L. REV. 811 (2021)

Understanding the Social and Cognitive Processes in Law School that Create Unhealthy Lawyers

89 FORDHAM L. REV. 2575 (2021)

Keeping Track: Surveillance, Control, and the Expansion of the Carceral State

129 HARV. L. REV. 1318 (2016), with Joan Petersilia

• Cited by U.S. Supreme Court, *Utah v. Strieff*, 579 U.S. 232 (2016) (Sotomayor, J., dissenting)

Criminal Behavior as An Expression of Identity and a Form of Resistance: The Sociolegal Significance of the Hawaiian Cockfight

104 CAL. L. REV. 1159 (2016)

Parole Hearings and Victims' Rights: Implementation, Ambiguity, and Reform
49 CONN. L. REV. 431 (2016)

Predicting Parole Grants: An Analysis of Suitability Hearings for California's Lifer Inmates
28 FED. SENTENCING REP. 268 (2016), with Debbie A. Mukamal and Thomas Favre-Bulle

Fact and Fiction in Constitutional Criminal Procedure
66 S.C. L. REV. 445 (2014), with Christin L. Munsch

Outing Batson: How the Case of Gay and Lesbian Jurors Demonstrates the Need for Voir Dire Reform
48 WILLAMETTE L. REV. 243 (2011)

· Cited by Washington State Supreme Court, *State v. Saintcalle*, 309 P.3d 326 (2013)

Privatization of California Correctional Facilities: A Population-Based Approach (student note)
18 STAN. L. & POL'Y REV. 438 (2007)

BOOK

HOW TO BE SORT OF HAPPY IN LAW SCHOOL, STANFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS (2018)

- Turkish translation, *Hukuk Fakültesinde Bir Şekilde Mutlu Olmak*, Lykeion Publishing, 2021
- Audiobook, Tantor Audio, 2018
- Amazon Bestseller, "Legal Education"

PEER-
REVIEWED
ARTICLES

Organizational Scarring, Legal Consciousness, and the Diffusion of Local Government Litigation Against Opioid Manufacturers
— AMER. SOCIOLOG. REV. — (forthcoming 2026), with Amanda Sharkey, Christof Brandtner, and Patrick Bergemann

Access to Justice at the Intersection of Civil and Criminal Law
26 PUNISHMENT & SOC'Y 599 (2024), with Karin D. Martin and Sarah Lageson

Remorse, Relational Legal Consciousness, and the Reproduction of Carceral Logic
56(2) LAW & SOC'Y REV. 237 (2022), with Hannah Chimowitz

Racial Disparities in Lifer Parole Outcomes: The Hidden Role of Professional Evaluations
47(3) LAW & SOC. INQUIRY 783 (2022), with Jessica Pearlman

How Cultural Capital Shapes Mental Health Seeking in College
65 SOC. PERSP. 637 (2022), with Katie R. Billings

Legal Consciousness and Cultural Capital
54 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 33 (2020), with Katie R. Billings

Legal Ruralism and California Parole Hearings: Space, Place, and the Carceral Landscape
85 RURAL SOC. 938 (2020)

Tests and Trust in Sociolegal Fieldwork: Ethnographies of Illegal Behavior
9 J. OF ORGANIZATIONAL ETHNOGRAPHY 223 (2020)

Masculine Undercompensation and Masculine Balance: Notes on the Hawaiian Cockfight
95 SOC. FORCES 1341 (2017)

Everyone Knows the Game: Legitimacy and Legal Consciousness in the Hawaiian Cockfight
48 LAW & SOC'Y REV. 499 (2014)

Rights Consciousness in Criminal Procedure: A Theoretical and Empirical Inquiry
ACCESS TO JUSTICE, 12 SOC. OF CRIME, LAW & DEVIANCE (2009)

BOOK CHAPTERS	<i>How Legal Consciousness Can Advance Access to Justice</i> THE CIVIL JUSTICE HANDBOOK, Anne Bloom, David Engel, & Richard Jolly, eds. (forthcoming 2025)
	<i>Ordinary People and the Law: Ten Lessons for Justice Workers</i> THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE WORK, Rebecca L. Sandefur & Matthew Burnett, eds. (forthcoming 2026), with Isabel Levin
IMPACT	<p>Course adoption</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship assigned in law school courses (Penn, Michigan, Columbia, Georgetown, Cardozo, UC Irvine, Northwestern, George Washington, UC Berkeley) and sociology courses (Wisconsin, Villanova, Toronto, Arizona State, Stanford, Dartmouth, Reed) • Excerpted in casebooks (e.g., Access to Justice, Gaming and Gambling Law) <p>Reviews</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scholarship reviewed in Jotwell (Courts Law 2023, 2025; Legal Profession 2020, 2021) • <i>How to Be Sort of Happy in Law School</i> reviewed in <i>Harvard Law Review</i>, <i>Law & Society Review</i> and featured on podcasts (e.g., New Books in Law, The Legal Level, Law Review Squared)
HONORS	<p>Research Recognition (selected)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National Science Foundation, Law & Science Award, \$250,000 (2020–25) • Mellon Emerging Faculty Leader, Institute for Citizens & Scholars (2020) • Distinguished Dozen Legal Book Award, Above the Law (2018) • Law and Society Association Article Prize (2015) • Distinguished Article Award, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association (2015) <p>Teaching Awards (selected)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguished Faculty Service Award, George Washington University Law School (2025) • Professor of the Year, Adjunct, Western New England Law School (2022) • Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2016)
TALKS	<p>Invited Workshops and Colloquia</p> <p><i>What Can Legal Knowledge Do for Access to Justice?</i> UC Irvine School of Law (2025) University of Illinois School of Law (2024)</p> <p><i>Applying Access to Justice Principles in Legal Services Delivery</i> Self-Represented Litigation Network, virtual (2025)</p> <p><i>The Justice Gap Landscape from Ordinary Americans' Perspectives</i> Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI (2024) Russell Sage Foundation Colloquium, New York, NY (2024) Access to Justice Colloquium, UC Irvine Law School, virtual (2022)</p> <p><i>Access to Justice and Legal Consciousness: Methodological Perspectives</i> University of Wisconsin Law School (2023)</p> <p><i>How to Be Sort of Happy in Law School</i> Reed College Faculty Colloquium Series, Portland, OR (2023)</p>

Remorse, Relational Legal Consciousness, and the Reproduction of Carceral Logic

The George Washington University Law School (2022)

University of Georgia School of Law (2021)

UC Law San Francisco (2021)

University of Texas, Austin, Department of Sociology (2021)

Sam Houston State University, Workshop on Contemporary Parole Research, virtual (2021)

Racial Disparities in Lifer Parole Outcomes: The Hidden Role of Professional Evaluations

Cornell Law School (2021)

UC Davis Law School (2020)

Stanford Law School, DARE Forum, Stanford, CA (2019)

How Social and Cognitive Processes in Law School Can Create Unhealthy Lawyers

University of South Carolina School of Law (2021)

UC Berkeley, Center for the Study of Law and Society (2019)

Legal Ruralism and California Parole Hearings: Space, Place, and the Carceral Landscape

University of New Mexico Law School (2020)

UC Davis School of Law, Law and Rurality Workshop, Davis, CA (2019)

Stanford University, Bill Lane Center for the American West (2016)

Major Conference Presentations

Law and Society Scholars Discuss the State of the Civil Justice Field

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2025)

Integrating Access to Justice Across the Curriculum

International Access to Justice Forum, NYU and Fordham Law Schools, New York, NY (2025)

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2025)

Getting Help

AALS Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA (scheduled, Jan. 2026)

University of Montreal, Person-Centred Justice Workshop, Montreal, Canada, virtual (2024)

University of South Carolina School of Law, Access to Justice Workshop, Columbia, SC (2023)

Civil Justice Upstream

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico (2023)

Reimagining Justice Conference, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (2022)

Access to Civil Justice, Regulatory Reform, and Just Solutions Conference, Arizona State

University, Tempe, AZ (2022)

Everyday Legality and Civil Legal Needs: Possibilities for Targeted Policy Design

ABF/JPB Access to Justice Conference, Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC (2022)

Bridges and Barriers to Educational Equity: Should Law Schools Continue to Use Remote Learning Technology and Pedagogy for In-Person Classes?

AALS Annual Meeting, virtual (2022)

What the Access to Justice Crisis Means for Legal Education

International Access to Justice Forum, Victoria Law Foundation and UC Irvine, virtual (2022)

UC Irvine Law Review Symposium, Civil Justice Research Institute (2020)

Access to Justice at the Civil/Criminal Intersection

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, virtual (2021)

Access to Civil Justice Conference, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (2019)

Remorse, Insight, and the Role of Relational Legal Consciousness: How Parole Decision-Makers Assess Inmates' Suitability for Release

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (2021)

Understanding the Social and Cognitive Processes in Law School that Create Unhealthy Lawyers

Fordham Law School Symposium on Mental Health and the Legal Profession (2020)

Legal Consciousness and Cultural Capital

Celebration of the *Law & Society Review*, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ (2020)

Policy and Practitioner Venues (selected)

Beyond Lawyers: Why Expanding the Services of Legal Professionals is Critical for Closing the Justice Gap

New York State Courts Permanent Commission on Access to Justice (2024)

Expanding Our Understanding of Who Experiences Civil Legal Problems

Pro Bono Net (2025)

National Center for State Courts (2024)

Increasing Access to Justice Through Evidence-Based Policy Making

NSF Federal Agency Access to Justice Research Workshop, Washington, DC (2024)

Hidden Justice Gaps, Intersectionality, and Civil Legal Needs

Law in Everyday Life and the Importance of Pro Bono, Stinson, LLP, (keynote), virtual (2022)

Well-Being in Law School

State Bar of New Mexico, Legal Well-Being in Action podcast (2020)

Invited Discussant Roles (selected)

Debt's Grip, by Pamela Foohey, Robert M. Lawless, and Deborah Thorne

University of Georgia Law School (2025)

Relational Legal Consciousness: Concepts, Methods, Challenges, and Future Directions

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2025)

Law and Sexual Violence in Organizations

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL (2025)

Access to Justice at the Intersection of Civil and Criminal Law

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO (2024)

Privilege and Punishment: How Race and Class Matter in Criminal Court by Matthew Clair

Ann Lucas Lecture in Law and Justice, Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University, San Jose, CA, virtual (2021)

Yesterday's Monsters: The Manson Family Cases and the Illusion of Parole, by Hadar Aviram

Author Meets Reader session, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (2021)

Solitary Confinement Reform: Participants, Problems, Prospects

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (2020)

The Police and the People: Everyday Legality, Legal Consciousness, and the Relationship Between Self and State

Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, virtual (2020)

Law and Culture

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY (2019)

Closing Plenary: The Current State of Law and Society Research, West Coast Law and Society Association, University of California, Irvine, Irvine, CA (2016)

A Western Sense of Place: Definitions, Relationships, and Expressions, Rural West Conference, Missoula, MT (2016)

Law student audiences

Access to justice scholarship

Columbia Law School (2025), UC Irvine Law School (2023; 2025) Cardozo Law School (2024; 2025), University of Pennsylvania Law School (2024), The George Washington University Law School (2024; 2025), Georgetown Law School (2023; 2024)

Legal education and law student wellness, 2019–present (selected)

20+ law schools, including Cornell, Northwestern, Michigan, UC Berkeley, Stanford, UC Davis, Wake Forest, University of Arizona, UC Irvine, University of New Mexico

COURSES
(SELECTED)

The George Washington University Law School

Evidence, Criminal Law, Law and Literature (scheduled), Law and Society (under review)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Policing and Surveillance, Law and Society, Law and Logic of Courtroom Evidence

Stanford Law School

Conflicts, Ethics, and the Academy (with Professor Pamela S. Karlan)

Stanford University

Sociology of Criminal Procedure, Qualitative Research Methods

LEGAL WORK

New York State Interest on Lawyer Account Fund (IOLA)

Justice Infrastructure Project, consultant (2025–present)

Massachusetts Access to Justice Commission

Justice Ecosystem Committee (2021–22)

Massachusetts ParoleWatch

Community-based pro bono legal data collection project (2021–22)

Parole law consultant

Co-authored amicus brief about the Eighth Amendment's application to juveniles (2016–17)

Wrongful Convictions Clinic, Stanford Law School

Worked on appellate brief, false confessions and expert testimony (2011–12)

Associate Research Director, Stanford Criminal Justice Center, Stanford Law School

Interviewed California Board of Parole Hearings commissioners, researched parole (2011–12)

Federal Public Defender's Office, Northern District of California, San Jose, CA

Law Clerk (summer 2006)

Supreme Court Litigation Clinic, Stanford Law School

Worked on merits briefs in *Whitman v. Department of Transportation* and *Domino's Pizza v. McDonald* (summer 2005)

SERVICE
TO THE
PROFESSION

Law & Society Association

Secretary (2023–25)

Trustee (2016–19)

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, CRN on Everyday Legality and Access to Justice (2019–present)

Co-Founder and Co-Chair, CRN on Law and Rurality (2019–25)

Various committees (e.g., Book Prize 2016–17, Article Prize 2018–19, CRN 2019–21)

American Sociological Review

Editorial Board (2023–present)

Law & Society Review

Associate Editor (2021–23)

Editorial Advisory Board (2019–21; 2023–25)

Punishment & Society

Special Issue Co-Editor, *Access to Justice at the Nexus of Civil and Criminal Law* (2024), with Karin Martin and Sarah Lageson

Law & Social Inquiry

Editorial Board (2020–23)

American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section

Council (2016–19)

Various committees (e.g., Communications and Publications, 2017–18; Book Award 2020–21)

Ad hoc peer reviewing (selected)

American Journal of Sociology, *American Sociological Review*, *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Punishment & Society*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, Stanford University Press, Cambridge University Press, National Science Foundation (Law & Science), Russell Sage Foundation

INSTITUTIONAL
SERVICE
(SELECTED)

The George Washington University Law School

Appointments Committee (2025–present)

Criminal Law Society Faculty Advisor (2025–present)

Advisory Committee, *The George Washington Law Review* (2025–present)

Intellectual Life Committee (2024–present)

Student note supervision (multiple every year, 2022–present)

Curriculum Committee (2024–25)

Dean's Strategic Implementation Committee (2022–23)

Chair, Technology Committee (2022–23)

University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Director, Graduate Fellows Program, Center on Justice, Law, and Societies (2021–22)

Steering Committee, Center for Justice, Law, and Societies (2019–22)

Honors Program Coordinator (2021–22)

Dean's Research Council, School of Social and Behavioral Sciences (2019–21)

Department Chair Search Committee (2019)

Center for Justice, Law, and Societies Founding Faculty Member (2019)

FORMAL
MENTORSHIP
(SELECTED)

American Bar Foundation

Access to Justice Scholars' Program Mentor (2025)

Point Foundation (national LGBTQ+ scholarship organization)
Mentor (2018–20; 2022–present)

Russell Sage Foundation
Dissertation Research Grants Competition Mentor (2024–present)

American Sociological Association, Sociology of Law Section
Mentor (2019; 2020; 2021)

Law & Society Association
Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop Mentor (2021)

McNair Scholars
Rutgers University, Program Mentor (2020)