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## EMPLOYMENT

### **George Washington University Law School**

Associate Professor: 2006-present

### **The Justice Innovation Lab**

Director of Science & Policy: 2020-present

### **The Lab @ DC**

Senior Social Scientist: 2016-2020

### **University of Chicago Law School**

Visiting Professor: 2009

### **Yale Law School**

Irving S. Ribicoff Fellow: 2005-2006

## EDUCATION

### **Yale Law School**

J.D. 2005

### **Yale University Graduate School of Arts and Sciences**

Ph.D., Anthropology (with honors) 2002

### **Columbia College**

B.A. (with honors): 1994

## RELEVANT

### APPOINTMENTS

Justice Innovation Lab, Director of Science & Policy 2019-present  
DC Justice Lab, Board Chair 2020-2023  
DC Comprehensive Homicide Elimination Task Force, Research Subcommittee 2018-2020  
DC Criminal Code Reform Commission, Advisory Member 2016-2020  
DC Sentencing and Criminal Code Reform Commission: 2012-2016

## GRANTS, AWARDS

### AND FELLOWSHIPS

GW Equity Institute Fellow 2021-present  
Irving S. Ribicoff Fellowship, Yale Law School 2005-2006  
National Science Foundation Major Grant (for National Risk and Culture Survey) 2003-2005  
National Institute of Justice Major Grant (for research on criminal sanctions) 1999-2002  
National Science Foundation Major Grant (for the Curiae Project) 1999-2002  
National Science Foundation Dissertation Fellowship 1997-1998  
Wenner-Gren Fellowship for Anthropological Research 1997-1998  
Yale Presidential Fellow 1997  
Mellon Fellowship for Anthropological Research 1995

## JOURNAL

## PUBLICATIONS

Reconstituting Corporate Power & Accountability, 104 Tex. L. Rev. Online (2025) (with Theresa Gabaldon & Cindy Cho)

A Charter for Justice, 59 UC Davis L. Rev. 429 (2025) (with Theresa Gabaldon)

Causing or Risking Climate Catastrophe, NYU Env. L. Rev. (2024) (with Aaron Regunberg, Cindy Cho, and David Arkush)

Prosecutors in the Passing Lane, 61 UCSD L. Rev. 87 (2024)

Climate Homicide: Prosecuting Big Oil For Climate Deaths, 48 Harv. Env. L. Rev. 45 (2024) (with David Arkush)

Geoengineering and Climate Change Polarization: Testing a Two-channel Model of Science Communication, ANN. AM. ACAD. POL. & SOC. SCI. (2015) (with Dan M. Kahan, Hank C. Jenkins-Smith, Tor Tarantola & Carol L Silva)

The Polarizing Impact of Science Literacy and Numeracy on Perceived Climate Change Risks, NAT. CLIM. CHNG. (2013) (with Dan M. Kahan, Ellen Peters, Maggie Wittlin, Paul Slovic, Lisa Ouelette & Gred Mandel)

Judicial Backlash or Just Backlash? Evidence from a National Experiment, 112 COLUM. L. REV. (2012) (with David Fontana)

They Saw a Protest: Cognitive Illiberalism and the Speech-Conduct Distinction, 64 Stan. L. Rev. (2012) (with Dan Kahan & David Hoffman)

A Core of Agreement, 77 Chi. L. Rev. 1655 (2010) (with Dan Kahan & David Hoffman)

Some Realism about Punishment Naturalism, 77 Chi. L. Rev. 1633 (2010) (with Dan Kahan & David Hoffman)

The Cultural Cognition of Scientific Consensus, 14 J. Risk Res. 147-74 (2011) (with Dan Kahan & Hank Jenkins-Smith)

Cultural Cognition and Public Policy: The Case of Outpatient Commitment Laws, L. & Hum. Behav. (2009) (with Dan Kahan, John Monahan, Lisa Callahan, and Ellen Peters)

Cultural Cognition of Nanotechnology Risks and Benefits, Nature Nanotech (2009) (with Dan Kahan, Paul Slovic, John Gastil, and Geoffrey Cohen)

Whose Eyes Are You Going to Believe?, 122 Harv. L. Rev., (2009) (with Dan Kahan & David Hoffman)

The Self-Defensive Cognition of Self-Defense, 45 Am. Crim. L. Rev. 1 (2008) (with Dan Kahan)

Culture and Identity-Protective Cognition, 4 J. Emp. Leg. Stud 3 (2007) (with Dan Kahan)

Ending Polarization, 31 Bost. Rev. 2 (2006) (with Dan Kahan & John Gastil)

Criminal Law and Group Inequality, 84 Texas L. Rev. 7 (2006)

Punishment and Accountability, 53 UCLA L. Rev. 5 (2006)

Fear and Democracy or Fear of Democracy? A Cultural Evaluation of Sunstein on Risk, Harv. L. Rev. (2005) (with Dan Kahan, Paul Slovic, & John Gastil)

Cultural Cognition & Public Policy, Yale L. & Pol. Rev. (2005) (with Dan Kahan)

Modeling Facts, Culture, and Cognition in the Gun Debate, 18 Soc. Just. Res. 3 (2005) (with Dan Kahan & James Grimmelmann)

More Statistics, Less Persuasion: A Cultural Theory of Gun Risk Perception, 151 U. Pa. L. Rev. 291 (2003) (with Dan Kahan)

Caught in the Crossfire, 151 U. Pa. L. Rev. 1395 (2003) (with Dan M. Kahan)

Of Race and Immutability, 46 UCLA L. Rev. 1375 (1999)

## BOOKS

## Doing Time on the Outside: Incarceration and Family Life in Urban America (2004)

### BOOK CHAPTERS

Overcoming the Fear of Guns, the Fear of Gun Control, and the Fear of Cultural Politics, in *GUNS AND THE LAW* (2015) (with Dan M. Kahan & John Gastil)

Legal Realism as Psychological and Cultural (not Political) Realism, in *How Does Law Know?* (Austin Sarat ed., 2005) (with Dan Kahan)

A Cultural Critique of Gun Litigation, in *Suing the Gun Industry* (Timothy Lytton, ed. 2005) (with Dan Kahan & John Gastil)

From One Generation to the Next, in *Prisoners Once Removed* (Jeremy Travis & Michelle Waul eds., 2004) (with Jenifer Wood)

Families and The Moral Economy of Incarceration, in *Criminal Justice* (E. Judah & M. Bryant eds., 2004)

Families of Prisoners, in *Invisible Punishment: The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment* (Marc Mauer & Meda Chesney-Lind eds., 2002)