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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

University of Colorado Law School
Associate Professor of Law
Fall 2025 – present

Courses: Poverty Law, Torts, Law and Sociology
Service: Public Interest and Diversity Committee (2025-26)

Vanderbilt Law School
Visting Scholar
Fall 2024 – Spring 2025

EDUCATION

YALE LAW SCHOOL, J.D. (2022)

Honors: Justice John Paul Stevens Public Interest Fellowship, 2021
Activities: Yale Law and Policy Review, Articles Editor
San Francisco Affirmative Litigation Project, Student Co-Director

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, Ph.D., Sociology (2020); M.A., Sociology (2017)

Dissertation: American Dreams in American Neighborhoods: Mechanisms and Perceptions of Intergenerational Mobility
Committee: Patrick Sharkey (chair), Eric Klinenberg, Mike Hout

HARVARD COLLEGE, A.B., *cum laude with high honors in field,* Social Studies; secondary in Ethnicity, Migration, Rights (2015)

PUBLICATIONS

The Family Law Gap: Access to Justice Beyond the Courts, __ MARYLAND LAW REVIEW __ (2027).

The Hidden Cost of Government Immunity, __ U.C. IRVINE LAW REVIEW __ (2026).

Thirty-Five Years of Inaction: The Unfulfilled Promise of the Medicaid Equal Access Provision, 108 MINN. L. REV. 107 (2024).

Unequal Homes, Unequal Health: Applying the Loss of Chance Doctrine to Landlord-Tenant Cases, 31 GEO. J. POVERTY L. & POL'Y 47 (2023).

"The Cornerstone of the Stability of our Government": The Forgotten Penalty Clause and Electoral Reform in the Aftermath of the 2020 Election, 39 YALE L. & POL'Y REV. INTER ALIA 1 (2022).

When Interest Doesn't Turn Into Action: Discrimination, Group Identification, and Muslim Political Engagement in the Post-9/11 Era, 82 SOC. PSYCHOL. Q. 231 (2019) (peer-reviewed).

SOCIAL PROBLEMS: THE SOCIOLOGY PROJECT, Chapter 10: Crime and Punishment (Pearson 2019) (with Jeff Manza, Patrick Sharkey, Troy Duster, Offer Egozy, and Matthew Wolfe).

Community and the Crime Decline: The Causal Effect of Local Nonprofits on Violent Crime, 82 AM. SOCIOL. REV. 1214 (2017) (with Patrick Sharkey and Gerard Torrats-Espinosa) (peer-reviewed).

WORKS IN PROGRESS

The Amorphous Right to Self-Representation

Perceptions of Poverty and Deservingness Among Public Benefits Caseworkers

PRESENTATIONS

State and Local Courts Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA, 2026
Poverty Law Conference, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA, 2026
American Association of Law Schools, New Orleans, LA, 2026
Law and Society Annual Meeting, Washington D.C., 2019
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, 2018
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, 2017
American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, 2016
Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Tennessee Justice Center
Skadden Fellow and Medical-Legal Partnership Attorney
Fall 2022 – Summer 2025

Public Citizen Litigation Group
Law Clerk
Summer 2021

American Civil Liberties Union Center for Liberty
Law Clerk
Summer 2020

OTHER TEACHING AND ADVISING EXPERIENCE

Medical-Legal Partnership Legal Intern Supervisor
Tennessee Justice Center, Spring 2023 – Summer 2023

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Ruth Horowitz, Sociology Honors Research Seminar
New York University, Fall 2018 – Spring 2019

Adjunct Professor, Introduction to Sociology
New York University, Summer 2018

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Mary Beth Hunzaker, Statistics for Social Research
New York University, Spring 2018

Teaching Assistant to Prof. Jeff Manza, Introduction to Sociology
New York University, Spring 2017
Walkill Correctional Facility, NYU Prison Education Program, Summer 2015

BAR MEMBERSHIPS

Tennessee (2022)