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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

NYU School of Law, Center on Civil Justice
Senior Scholar on Empirical Access to Justice Research, 2026–present

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

EDUCATION

Stanford University, PhD, Sociology

Stanford Law School, JD
Supreme Court Litigation Clinic
Two John Hart Ely Class Prizes
Research Assistant and Teaching Assistant to Professors Pamela S. Karlan and George Fisher

Oregon State University, MA, English

Stanford University, BA, American Studies
Distinction, Honors, Phi Beta Kappa

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES

What Consent to Search Really Means
STAN. L. REV. (forthcoming 2027)

What Can Legal Knowledge Do for Access to Justice?
75 DUKE L. J. 643 (2026), with Heidi H. 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)

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)

PEER REVIEWED ARTICLES

Racialized Legal Alignment and Interactions with Police: Bridging Legal Consciousness and Critical Race Theory
__ LAW & SOC'Y REV. __ (forthcoming 2026), with Katie R. Billings

Organizational Scarring, Legal Consciousness, and the Diffusion of Local Government Litigation Against Opioid Manufacturers
90 AMER. SOCIOL. REV. 1123 (2025), 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)

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

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)

BOOKS

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 edition, Tantor Audio, 2018

CHAPTERS, ESSAYS, AND NOTES

Help-Seeking and the Law: Research Findings for Justice Work
In THE FUTURE OF JUSTICE WORK, Rebecca L. Sandefur & Matthew Burnett, eds., University of California Press (forthcoming), with Isabel Levin

Social and Psychological Barriers to Self-Determination and Access to Justice
B.U. L. REV. ONL. (2026)

Legal Consciousness and Access to Justice
RESEARCH HANDBOOK ON CIVIL JUSTICE, Anne Bloom, David Engel, & Richard Jolly, eds., Elgar Publishing (2025)

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

Environmental Advocate
In BEYOND THE BIG FIRM: PROFILES OF LAWYERS WHO WANT SOMETHING MORE, Diane Chin & Alan Morrison, eds., Aspen Publishers (2007)

IMPACT

Course adoption

- Scholarship assigned in law school courses (e.g., Penn, Michigan, Columbia, Georgetown, Cardozo, UC Irvine, Northwestern, George Washington, UC Berkeley) and sociology courses (e.g., Wisconsin, Villanova, Toronto, Arizona State, Stanford, Dartmouth, Reed)
- Excerpted in casebooks (e.g., ACCESS TO JUSTICE, GAMING AND GAMBLING LAW)

Reviews

- Scholarship reviewed in Jotwell (Courts Law 2023, 2025; Legal Profession 2020, 2021)
- Book reviewed in HARV. L. REV., L. & SOC'Y REV, and other venues

HONORS

Research Awards (selected)

- Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association (2026)
- 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)

Teaching Awards (selected)

- Morton A. Bender University Teaching Award, George Washington University (2026)
- Distinguished Faculty Service Award, George Washington University Law School (2025)
- Professor of the Year, Adjunct, Western New England Law School (2022)
- University Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Massachusetts, Amherst (2016

TALKS (SELECTED)

Invited Workshops and Colloquia

What Consent to Search Really Means
Vanderbilt Law School (scheduled, March 2027)
Temple University Law School (scheduled, March 2027)

The George Washington University Law School Faculty Retreat (2026)
Markelloquium (New York City, 2026)
CrimFest (Fordham Law School, 2026)

What Can Legal Knowledge Do for Access to Justice?
Arizona State University School of Law (2026)
UC Irvine School of Law (2025)
University of Illinois School of Law (2024)

Applying Access to Justice Principles in Legal Services Delivery
Self-Represented Litigation Network, virtual (2025)

Legal Consciousness and Access to Justice
University of Illinois School of Law (2025)

The Justice Gap Landscape from Ordinary Americans' Perspectives
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)

Access to Justice and Legal Consciousness: Methodological Perspectives
University of Wisconsin Law School (2023)

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)

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)

Talks about legal education
Stanford University, American Studies Program, Stanford, CA (2026)
Reed College Faculty Colloquium Series, Portland, OR (2023)
University of South Carolina School of Law (2021)
UC Berkeley, Center for the Study of Law and Society (2019)

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
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), Vanderbilt (2026)

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

TEACHING (SELECTED)

The George Washington University Law School
Evidence, Criminal Law

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 AND POLICY WORK

New York State Interest on Lawyer Account Fund (IOLA)
Justice Infrastructure Project, consultant (2025–26)

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)
Nominations Committee, 2026–
Collaborative Research Networks Committee, 2019–21
Article Prize Committee, 2018–19
Book Prize Committee, 2016–17

American Sociological Review
Editorial Board (2023–present)

Law & Society Review
Associate Editor (2021–23)
Editorial Advisory Board (2019–21; 2023–)

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)

Access to Justice Network
Co-Chair, Working Group on Teaching (2025–)

Ad hoc peer reviewing (selected)
American Journal of Sociology. *American Sociological Review*, Cambridge University Press, *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, National Science Foundation (Law & Science), Oxford University Press, *Punishment & Society*, Russell Sage Foundation, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, Stanford University Press

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

The George Washington University Law School
Co-Chair, Teaching Committee (2026–present)
Arboretum Advisory Committee (university level, 2026–present)
Appointments Committee (2025–present)
Criminal Law Society Faculty Advisor (2025–present)
Intellectual Life Committee (2024–present)
Advisory Committee, *The George Washington Law Review* (2025–26)
Student note supervision (1–3 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)

MENTORSHIP (SELECTED)

Center for Engaged Scholarship
Dissertation fellow mentor (2026)

NYU Law School Access to Justice Fellows Program
Research Mentor to law student fellow (2026)

GW Law School
Scholarship Mentor to faculty member (2025, 2026)

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 Program
Rutgers University, Program Mentor (2020)