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EMPLOYMENT

2017–present *Civic Consulting Alliance.*
Senior Associate.

EDUCATION

2017 *University of Chicago.*
Ph.D. in Sociology.

2016 *University of Chicago Law School.*
Master of Legal Studies.

2010 *University of Chicago.*
M.A. in Social Science.

2009 *Harvard University.*
A.B. cum laude in Social Studies.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Cond. accept “What is a Social Group in the Eyes of the Law? Knowledge Work in Refugee Status Determination.” *Law and Social Inquiry*.

- Graduate Student Paper Award, *Law and Social Inquiry*.

2014 “‘Laboratory talk’ in U.S. Sociology, 1890–1930: The Performance of Scientific Legitimacy.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 50:3, 302–320.

- Graduate Student Paper Award, History of Sociology Section, ASA.

2012 “Mapping the City: Innovation and Continuity in the Chicago School of Sociology, 1920–1934.” *American Sociologist* 43:3, 264–293.

2010 “Producing Parsons’ Reputation: Early Critiques of Talcott Parsons’ Social Theory and the Making of a Caricature.” *Journal of the History of the Behavioral Sciences* 46:2, 165–188.

- Thomas Temple Hoopes Prize, Harvard University.

INVITED PAPERS AND COMMENTARIES

2016 “Judicial Decision Making as Knowledge Work.” *Law & Social Inquiry* 41:2, 502–521.

2015 “The Status of the Classics: A View from Today.” *Journal of Classical Sociology* 15:4, 435–440.

BOOK REVIEWS

2016 Review of Aldon Morris, *The Scholar Denied: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Birth of Modern Sociology* (Oakland: University of California Press). *Sociologica* 1/2016.

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- 2014 Review of Jerry Jacobs, *In Defense of Disciplines: Interdisciplinarity and Specialization in the Research University* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press). *Sociologica* 2/2014.
- 2013 Review of Thomas Medvetz, *Think Tanks in America* (Chicago: University of Chicago Press). *Sociologica* 3/2013.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2015 Master of Legal Studies Fellowship, University of Chicago Law School.
- 2014 Marshall Field Fellowship, University of Chicago Social Sciences Division.
- 2011 Barbara G. Berger Memorial Fellowship, University of Chicago Social Sciences Division.
- 2010 Tinker Field Research Grant, University of Chicago Center for Latin American Studies.
- 2009 Full merit scholarship, University of Chicago M.A. Program in Social Science.

PAPER PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 “How Judges Frame Questions from Legal Cases.”
- Sociology and Pragmatism: Renewing the Conversation.” Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University.
- “The Use of Social Science in U.S. Supreme Court Decisions, 1947–2013.”
- LSA.
- 2016 “Asylum decision making across the U.S. Courts of Appeals.”
- LSA.
 - LSA Graduate Student Workshop.
 - Politics, History and Society Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2015 “What is a social group in the eyes of the law?”
- SSHA.
 - Politics, History and Society Workshop, University of Chicago.
- “In search of formalism: What matters in legal theory for sociology.”
- ASA.
- “Key concepts in political asylum law.”
- Law and Society Association (LSA).
- “Judicial decision making in political asylum law.”
- Social Theory and Evidence Workshop, University of Chicago.
- 2014 “Political asylum law in the North American legal order.”
- Midwest Law and Society Retreat, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2013 “U.S. sociology as a laboratory science, 1890–1930.”
- History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science Workshop, University of Chicago.
 - American Sociological Association (ASA).
- 2012 “Marxism and functionalism after Parsons.”
- Symposium on Founders in the Social Sciences, Utrecht University.
- 2010 “Mapping the city: Visions and revisions from the Chicago School of Sociology.”
- Social Science History Association (SSHA).

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- Social Theory Conference, University of Michigan.

TEACHING

- 2013–present *University of Chicago.*
Sociology of Law (Robert E. Park Lecturer).
Self, Culture and Society (intern to lecturer).
- 2010–11 *St. John's International School, Waterloo, Belgium.*
International Baccalaureate Geography, Higher and Standard Level.
U.S. History.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2015 Coordinator, Sociology and Pragmatism Conference, University of Chicago.
- 2014–15 Associate editor, *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2013–15 Manuscript assignment board, *American Journal of Sociology*.
- 2013–14 Coordinator, Sociology Department Colloquium, University of Chicago.
- Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*, *American Sociological Review*, *Irish Journal of Sociology*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Law & Society Review*, *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*, *Social Science Journal*.
- Memberships: American Sociological Association, Law and Society Association, Social Science History Association.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- 2010–present *Lincoln Park Community Shelter, Chicago, IL.*
Associate Board Chair 2015.
Associate Board member 2013–2016.
Marketing and Community Relations Committee member 2012–2014.
Overnight volunteer.

LANGUAGES

Spanish (advanced proficiency), French (reading proficiency).

REFERENCES

Available on request.