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Education

- 2012-present Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), Sociology, Northwestern University; degree expected June 2019.
Dissertation: “Entrapped: Policing, Surveillance, and the Assemblage of Threat in the ‘War on Terror’”
Committee Members: John Hagan (chair), Wendy Nelson Espeland, Bernard Harcourt (Columbia University School of Law), and Mary Pattillo
- 2015-2016 CERIL Lab, Sciences Po, Paris, France
Doctoral Exchange Student; Didier Bigo, *tuteur*
- 2014 M.A. Sociology, Northwestern University
Thesis: “What’s Lost in the ‘Fringe’: The Economic and Social Processes of an Urban Pawnshop”
Committee Members: Bruce Carruthers (Chair) and Mary Pattillo
- 2012 M.A. Social Sciences, University of Chicago
Thesis: “Shared Meaning, Shrouded Legitimacy, and Ruptured Alliances: The Creation of Prosecutorial Power in the Legislative Arena”
Thesis Advisor: Bernard Harcourt
- 2007 B.A. Sociology and Government, Cornell University
Phi Beta Kappa

Areas of Interest

- Criminal Justice, Law and Society, Deviance
- Theory, Surveillance and Security, Risk
- Racial and Economic Inequality, Urban Studies

Refereed Journal Articles

Degenshein, Anya. (*Forthcoming*) “Strategies of Valuation: Repertoires of Worth at the Financial Margins,” *Theory and Society*. Online first [here](#); public access [here](#).

Journal Manuscripts Under Review and in Preparation

UNDER REVIEW

Degenshein, Anya. "Reexamining Risk: Entrapment and the Creation of Threat."

IN PREPARATION

Degenshein, Anya. "Ruptured Alliances: Prosecutors, Victims, and the Legislative Fight for Discretion."

Degenshein, Anya. "Contracting Constitutional Rights and Expanding the Reach of FISA in the 'Prevention' of Terrorism in *US v Mohamud*"

Degenshein, Anya. "Heeding Desire: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field."

Public Sociology

ESSAYS

Degenshein, Anya (2016). "The Object Economy: The Banking Alternative of a Chicago-area Pawnshop." *The Chicago Dispatch* (online). May 2016 Issue, *lead story*.
<http://www.thechidispach.com/object-economy-degenshein>

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

2017 Invited panelist for a discussion on mass incarceration and institutional racism, followed by a screening of *13th* to benefit Curt's Café. Kellogg Global Hub, Northwestern University, May 24, 2017.

Honors and Awards

2017 Karpf Peace Prize, Northwestern University. (\$3,335)

Fellowships and Grants

2017-2019 Presidential Fellowship, Office of the President, Northwestern University.

2012-present Legal Studies Fellow, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University.

2016-2017 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University.

Summer 2016 The Sexualities Program at Northwestern (SPAN) Conference Travel Award Grant for working paper, "The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field." (\$400)

- 2015-2016 Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellow, Northwestern University. (including \$3,000 travel and relocation grant)
- Summer 2013 MacArthur Summer Research Grant, with John Hagan: "Shared Meaning, Shrouded Legitimacy, and Ruptured Alliances: The Creation of Prosecutorial Power in the Legislative Arena." (\$1,200)
- 2012-2013 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University.

Teaching and Mentorship

- 2017-2018 Mentor for **undergraduate sociology majors**, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Fall 2015 Mentor for student capstone papers for the **Northwestern Undergraduate Program in Critical Theory** at Sciences Po, Paris.
- Winter 2015 Teaching Assistant for Sociology/Legal Studies **Sociology of Law**, for Robert Nelson. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant for Sociology/Legal Studies **Introduction to Law and Society**, for Laura Beth Nielsen. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant for Sociology **Introduction to Sociology**, for Anthony Chen. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Summer 2007 Teaching Assistant for **Introduction to Acting** at Auburn Correctional Facility, for Carolyn Goelzer, Department of Performing and Media Arts, Cornell University. The class was a pioneering course in the **Cornell Prison Education Program (CPEP)**.

Research

- 2012-2014 Research Assistant at the **American Bar Foundation (ABF)** for Laura Beth Nielsen (ABF and Northwestern), Jill Weinberg (Tufts), and Jeremy Freese (Stanford) for their project, "Contested Constructions of Discrimination."
- Fall 2013,
Winter 2014;
Fall 2014,
Spring 2015 Research Assistant for Anthony Chen, **Departments of Sociology and Political Science and the Institute for Policy Research**, Northwestern University.

Presentations at Professional Meetings and Selected Workshops

- 2017 "Contracting Constitutional Rights and Expanding the Reach of FISA in the 'Prevention' of Terrorism in *US v Mobamud*"
- **European Association of Social Anthropologists (EASA) LawNet "Anticipating Law" workshop** (Bern, Switzerland, September)

- **Crime, Law, and Society Workshop**, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, May)
- "Ruptured Alliances: Prosecutors, Victims, and the Legislative Fight for Discretion."
Annual conference of the **American Sociological Association** (Montreal, August).
- "Reexamining Risk: Entrapment and the Creation of Threat."
Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, January).

- 2016 "Analyzing Themes in Indictments of Domestic Terrorism Entrapment Cases, 2001-2011."
Annual **Midwest Law and Society Retreat** (Madison, November).
- "Beyond Risk: Entrapment, Surveillance, and the Creation of Criminal Biographies."
10th Annual **Junior Theorists Symposium** (Seattle, August).
- "The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field."
Annual Conference of the **American Sociological Association** (Seattle, August).

- 2015 "Beyond Risk: Entrapment, Surveillance, and the Creation of Criminal Biographies."
Annual conference of the **Law and Society Association** (Seattle, May).
- "The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field."
Culture and Society Workshop, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, May).

- 2014 "What's Lost in the 'Fringe': The Economic and Social Processes of an Urban Pawnshop."
- **Urban and Communities Workshop**, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, March)
- Annual conference of the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics** (Chicago, July)
- Annual conference of the **American Sociological Association** (San Francisco, August).

- 2013 "Shared Meaning, Shrouded Legitimacy, and Ruptured Alliances: The Creation of Prosecutorial Power in the Legislative Arena."
Annual conference of the **Law and Society Association** (Boston, May).

Professional Service

JOURNALS

Reviewer for Law and Society Review and Law & Social Inquiry

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

- 2017 Presider for the Sociology of Law regular session panel, Law and Society Perspective on Crime Control, Citizenship, and Persistence of Inequality, American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting, Montréal, Canada.

- 2017 Interview with incoming ASA Sociology of Law council member Ashley T. Rubin for the Sociology of Law section newsletter, *AMICI*. (Summer)

Member,

- American Sociological Association (ASA)
Section membership: Crime, Law and Deviance; Sociology of Law; Inequality, Poverty, and Mobility; Theory; Cultural Sociology; and Economic Sociology
- Law and Society Association (LSA)
- Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE)

Departmental Service

- 2016-2017 Graduate student co-representative on the Northwestern **Sociology PhD Admissions Committee**, 2017 cohort.
- 2015-2016 Committee Member for Northwestern Department of Sociology's annual Winch Award for Best Second Year Paper
- 2014-2015 Student Co-coordinator (with Robin Bartram) of the Northwestern **Urban and Communities Workshop**, Department of Sociology; Albert Hunter, Northwestern Sociology, Faculty Supervisor.
- 2014-2015 Department of Sociology **Graduate Student Association (GSA) Co-President** (with Vincent Yung), Northwestern University.
- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Representative on the **Graduate Affairs Committee**, Department of Sociology.

Languages

English (native); French (advanced); Spanish (advanced)