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Education

- 2012-present Ph.D. Candidate (ABD), Sociology, Northwestern University; degree expected June 2019.
Dissertation: “Lawfully Entrapped: The Creation of Risk in the ‘War on Terror’”
Committee Members: John Hagan (Chair), Wendy Espeland, Bernard Harcourt (Columbia Law), and Mary Pattillo
- 2015-2016 Doctoral Exchange Student, CERI Lab, Sciences Po, Paris.
- 2014 M.A. Sociology, Northwestern University
Thesis: “What’s Lost in the ‘Fringe’: The Economic and Social Processes of an Urban Pawnshop”
- 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”
- 2007 B.A. Sociology and Government, Cornell University
Phi Beta Kappa

Areas of Interest

Criminal Justice; Punishment; Law; Surveillance and Digital Technologies; Cultural Sociology; Discourse and Narrative; Risk; Theory; Racial and Economic Inequality

Refereed Journal Articles

- Degenshein, Anya. (2017) “Strategies of Valuation: Repertoires of Worth at the Financial Margins,” *Theory and Society* 46(5): 387-409
* ASA Sociology of Culture Graduate Student Paper Award, 2018
* Sociology Open Access Recognition award, SocArXiv, 2018

Journal Manuscripts Under Review and in Preparation

UNDER REVIEW

- Degenshein, Anya. “‘Double Life’ or ‘Digital Avatar’? How Digital Evidence Is Used to Create—and Contest—Criminality in Counterterrorism Stings.”
- Degenshein, Anya. “The Object Economy: The Banking Alternative of a Chicago Pawnshop.”

IN PREPARATION

Degenshein, Anya. “Reexamining Risk: The Language of Threat in Terrorism ‘Prevention’”

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

Other Professional Writing

Degenshein, Anya (2017). Interview with ASA Sociology of Law council member Ashley Rubin. *AMICI* newsletter (official section newsletter for ASA Sociology of Law section). Summer. <http://www.law.uci.edu/faculty/full-time/talesh/summer2017amici.pdf>

Honors and Awards

2018 Richard A. Peterson Prize for the Best Graduate Student Paper, Section on the Sociology of Culture, American Sociological Association.

2018 Sociology Open Access Recognition (SOAR) award, SocArXiv.

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

Fellowships and Grants

2017-2019 Presidential Fellowship, Society of Fellows, 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 Doctoral Exchange Student Fellowship, Sciences Po, Paris.

2015-2016 Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellow, Northwestern University. (\$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.” Northwestern University (\$1,200).

2012-2013 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University.

Public Sociology

INVITED TALKS

- 2018 Panelist for the Northwestern One Book project at Stateville Prison, Crest Hill, Illinois, April 11, 2018.
- 2017 Panelist for Curt's Café benefit event. Kellogg Global Hub, Northwestern University, May 24, 2017.

FEATURED IN

Slate^{FR} (French Slate)

“Le FBI a pris le contrôle d'un site pédopornographique pour arrêter des criminels. Est-ce éthique.” First published January 26, 2016.

Presentations at Professional Meetings and Selected Workshops

- 2018 “Constricting Constitutional Rights, Expanding Surveillance, and Inciting Terrorism in *US v Mohamud*”
- **Culture and Society Workshop**, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, February)
 - **Law and Society Association** (Toronto, Canada, June)
 - **American Sociological Association** (Philadelphia, PA, August)
- 2017 “Constricting Constitutional Rights, Expanding Surveillance, and Inciting Terrorism in *US v Mohamud*”
- **Law and Society Association** (*accepted*, Mexico City, Mexico)
 - Joint **law and society grad conference** among École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, UC Berkeley, and Northwestern (Paris, France, December)
 - **European Association of Social Anthropologists 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.”
- American Sociological Association** (Montreal, Canada, August).
- 2016 “Analyzing Themes in Indictments of Domestic Terrorism Entrapment Cases, 2001-2011.”
- Midwest Law and Society Retreat** (Madison, WI, November).
- “Beyond Risk: Entrapment, Surveillance, and the Creation of Criminal Biographies.”
- Junior Theorists Symposium** (Seattle, WA, August).
- “The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field.”
- American Sociological Association** (Seattle, WA, August).
- 2015 “Beyond Risk: Entrapment, Surveillance, and the Creation of Criminal Biographies.”
- Law and Society Association** (Seattle, WA, May).
- 2014 “What’s Lost in the ‘Fringe’: The Economic and Social Processes of an Urban Pawnshop.”
- **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics** (Chicago, IL, July)

- **American Sociological Association** (San Francisco, CA, August).

2013 “Shared Meaning, Shrouded Legitimacy, and Ruptured Alliances: The Creation of Prosecutorial Power in the Legislative Arena.”

Law and Society Association (Boston, MA, May).

Teaching and Mentorship

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Instructor

Fall 2018 Crime, Politics, and Society

Teaching Assistant

Winter 2015 Sociology of Law

Spring 2014 Introduction to Law and Society

Spring 2013 Introduction to Sociology

Mentor

2017-2018 For undergraduate Sociology majors

Spring 2016 For undergraduate student capstone papers in the Northwestern Program in Critical Theory, Sciences Po, Paris.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Teaching Assistant

Summer 2007 Introduction to Acting (Cornell Prison Education Program)

Research

2012-2014 Graduate research assistant, American Bar Foundation (ABF) for “Contested Constructions of Discrimination” project.
Co-PIs: Laura Beth Nielsen (ABF and Northwestern), Jill Weinberg (Tufts), and Jeremy Freese (Stanford)

Fall 2013,

Winter 2014; Graduate research assistant for Anthony Chen, Department of Sociology,

Fall 2014, Northwestern University.

Spring 2015

Professional Service

JOURNALS

Reviewer

American Journal of Sociology; *Law and Social Inquiry*; *Law and Society Review*; *Social Problems*; and *Theory and Society*

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIP

- 2018 Presider (*assigned*) for the Section on the Sociology of Law roundtable, "Criminal Law and Social/Economic Rights." American Sociological Association (ASA) annual meeting (Philadelphia, PA, August)
- 2017 Presider for the Section on 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, August)
- 2014 Panel session organizer for the SASE mini-conference "Domesticizing Financial Economies: Knitting Fibers of Transaction, Algorithm, and Exchange." Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE) annual meeting (Chicago, IL, July)

Member

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

Department and University Service

- 2018-present Founding member of the **Graduate Student Advisory Committee** for the Northwestern Prison Education Program (NPEP).
- 2016-2017 Graduate student representative on the Northwestern **Sociology PhD Admissions Committee**, 2017 cohort.
- 2014-2015 Student coordinator of the Northwestern **Urban and Communities Workshop**, Department of Sociology.
- 2014-2015 Department of Sociology **Graduate Student Association (GSA) President**, Northwestern University.
- 2014-2015 Graduate Student Representative on the **Graduate Affairs Committee**, Department of Sociology.

Languages

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