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Education

- 2012-present Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, Northwestern University; degree expected 2018.
Dissertation: “Beyond Risk: Entrapment, Surveillance, and the Creation of Criminal Biographies”
Committee Members: John Hagan (chair), Wendy Nelson Espeland
- 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
- Security, Surveillance, Risk
- Social and Economic Inequality, Urban Studies

Manuscripts Under Review and in Preparation

UNDER REVIEW

Degenshein, Anya. “Strategies of Valuation: Repertoires of Worth at the Financial Margins.” (Under review at Theory and Society)

IN PREPARATION

Degenshein, Anya. “What’s Lost in the ‘Fringe’: The Economic and Social Processes of an Urban Pawnshop.”

_____. “The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field.”

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

Honors, Awards, and Grants

- 2015-2016 Sciences Po Doctoral Exchange Fellowship and Northwestern Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellow.
CERI lab; Didier Bigo, *tuteur*.
- 2012-present Legal Studies Fellow, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University.
- Summer 2015 The Sexualities Program at Northwestern (SPAN) Conference Travel Award Grant for my working paper, “The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field.” (\$150) *Declined*.
- 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.” (\$1200)
- 2012-2013 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University.

Research

- 2012-2014 Research Assistant at the **American Bar Foundation** (ABF) for Laura Beth Nielsen (ABF and Northwestern Sociology), Jill Weinberg (DePaul University), and Jeremy Freese (Northwestern Sociology) 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.

Teaching

- Winter 2015 Teaching Assistant for Sociology 318/Legal Studies 308: Sociology of Law, for Robert Nelson. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Spring 2014 Teaching Assistant for Sociology and Legal Studies 206: Law and Society, for Laura Beth Nielsen. Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.
- Spring 2013 Teaching Assistant for Sociology 110: 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).

Presentations at Selected Workshops and Professional Meetings

- 2015 “Beyond Risk: Entrapment, Surveillance, and the Creation of Criminal Biographies.”
Annual conference of the **Law and Society Association** (Seattle, May 2015).
“The Salience of Sexuality: Social Meaning-Making and Researcher-Informant Relations in the Field.”
Culture Workshop, Northwestern University (Evanston, IL, May 2015).
- 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 2014); the annual conference of the **Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics** (Chicago, July 2014); the annual conference of the **American Sociological Association** (San Francisco, August 2014).
- 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 2013).

Professional Activities

JOURNALS

Reviewer for Law and Social Inquiry.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, American Sociological Association (ASA), Law and Society Association (LSA), Society for the Advancement of Socio-Economics (SASE).

Departmental Service

- 2014-2015 Student Co-coordinator (with Robin Bartram, Northwestern Sociology) 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.