

## Stefan Vogler Presents:

"Sorting Sexualities: Expertise and the Politics of Legal Classification"



**Description:** In this talk, I examine how and why state classification logics around sexuality differ so dramatically across legal arenas. In doing so, I suggest that legal actors have selectively drawn on scientific-technical expertise to quell legal legitimacy crises and to legitimate their institutional goals, resulting in divergent legal conceptualizations of sexuality. I demonstrate that methods of legally classifying sexual subjects simultaneously naturalize differences along the lines of sexuality and legitimate differential forms of social control and legal regulation for sexual populations.

**Stefan Vogler** is the Weinberg Postdoctoral Fellow in the Center for Legal Studies at Northwestern University. His research is concerned with the politics of legal and social classification and their relationship to social inequalities and social change and has been published in outlets such as *Law & Society Review*, *Theoretical Criminology*, and *Gender & Society*. His book, *Sorting Sexualities: Expertise and the Politics of Legal Classification* (under contract, University of Chicago), analyzes the knowledge politics of legally classifying sexual subjects for state action.

**2019**

**Thursday, October 31  
12:30-2:00 p.m.  
Parkes Hall  
Room 222  
1870 Sheridan Road  
Evanston Campus**

**Coffee will be provided**

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