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### Employment

2006-2007 Fellow, Law & Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School and  
Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Princeton University.  
2004-present Assistant Professor of Criminology, College of Criminology & Criminal Justice;  
Courtesy Appointment in Sociology, Florida State University  
2003-2004 Dissertation Fellow, Public Policy Institute of California, San Francisco  
1998-2003 Instructor, Department of Sociology, New York University  
1996-2000 Graduate Assistant, Department of Sociology, New York University

### Education

2004 Ph.D. Sociology, New York University  
Dissertation: *The Politics of Punishing: A Comparative Historical Analysis of  
American Democracy & Imprisonment Variation, 1965-present*  
2000 M.A. Sociology, New York University  
1996 M.A. Gallatin School, Emphasis in Women's Studies, New York University  
Thesis: *Battered Women Unbound: The Social Construction of Women Who Kill*  
1993 B.A. Magna Cum Laude & Distinction in English Literature,  
University of California, Santa Barbara  
Honors Thesis: *Question of Equality & Neutrality: Feminist Legal Theory*

### Research Areas

Law & Society  
Sociology of Punishment  
Comparative Study of Penal Sanctions  
Historical Sociology of Crime Control Policy  
Political Sociology

### Honors, Awards & Grants

2006-2007 Fellowship, Law & Public Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School, Princeton  
University  
2006 American Scandinavian Foundation Research Grant  
2005 First Year Faculty Research Grant, Florida State University  
2004 Honorary Mention Graduate Student Paper Award, Collective Behavior & Social  
Movements Section, American Sociological Association  
2003 Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Political Sociology Section, American

- Sociology Association
- 2003 Best Graduate Student Paper Award Law & Society Association
- 2002 Rockefeller Archive Center Research Grant
- 2001-2003 National Science Foundation Dissertation Improvement Grant  
Law & Social Sciences Section
- 2002 New York University Conference Grant
- 1999 Law & Society Association Grant, Graduate Student Workshop, Chicago
- 1996-2003 New York University Graduate Assistantship
- 1994-1996 Dean's Scholarship, Gallatin School, New York University

### **Publications**

- Forthcoming. "The Politics of Pain: A Political Institutionalist Analysis of Crime Victims' Moral Protests." 41 *Law & Society Review*.
- 2006a. "The Politics of Punishing: Building a State Governance Theory of American Imprisonment Variation." *Punishment & Society* 8 (1): 5-33.
- 2006b. Reprint. "The Politics of Punishing: Building a State Governance Theory of American Imprisonment Variation." In William Lyon, ed. *Crime and Criminal Justice Volume in International Library of Essays in Law & Society*. Ashgate, UK.
- 2006c. Reaction Essay. "Deliberating Crime & Punishment: A Way Out of Get Tough Justice?" *Criminology & Public Policy* 5 (1): 1201-1208.

### **Book Sections**

2005. "Quakers" and "David Rothman" in *Encyclopedia of Prisons and Correctional Facilities (2 VOLS)*, edited by Mary Bosworth. Sage Publications.

### **Book Reviews**

2006. "Courting Conflict: The Israel Military Court System by Lisa Hajjar," *Law & Society Review* 40 (3).
2002. "States of Confinement: Policing, Detention, and Prisons edited by Joy James, 2000." *Punishment & Society* 4(1). 2002. "Penal Reform in Overcrowded Times, edited by Michael Tonry, 2001." *Punishment & Society* 5(4).

### **Work in Progress**

- "Punishment & Democracy in America" Book manuscript in progress.
- "Politics, Crime & Immigration: Comparing Sweden and the UK." Research project in progress.
- "Development of State Theory in the Sociology of Punishment." In progress.
- "De-democratization and the Rise of Mass Imprisonment in the US." In progress

### **Recent Presentations at Professional Meetings**

- 2006 “Clio’s Craft: On Comparative Historical Methods.” American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.
- 2006 “Differentiating the Democratic Process & its effects on Penal Regime Change, Continuity and Difference.” American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.
- 2006 “The Development of State Theory in the Sociology of Punishment.” American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.
- 2006 “The Politics of Pain: A Political Institutionalist Analysis of Crime Victims’ Moral Protests.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Baltimore.
- 2006 “How to Get a Job.” Roundtable sponsored by the Conditions of Work Committee. Law & Society Association. Baltimore
- 2005 “The Politics of Pain: A Comparative Political Analysis of Victims’ Moral Protests.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Toronto 2005
2005. “Theory of State Governance: American Case Studies. Symposium.” Individual Rights and Local Self Government vs. National Democracy and Universal Welfare, Vadstena, Sweden, May 2005.

### **Teaching Experience**

- 2006 Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Princeton University  
Graduate Seminar in Crime & Punishment
- 2004-present Assistant Professor, Florida State University  
Law & Society  
Punishment & Society  
Graduate Seminar in Crime & Punishment
- 1997-2003 Instructor, New York University  
Law & Society  
Criminology  
Deviance & Social Control

### **Professional Associations & Service**

- Recruitment Committee, College of Criminology, Florida State University  
Theory Comprehensive Exams Committee, College of Criminology, Florida State University
- Membership Committee, Law & Society Section, American Sociological Association  
American Sociological Association  
Law & Society Association  
American Society of Criminology
- Manuscript Reviewer *Law & Policy, Criminology & Public Policy, Punishment & Society*, Oxford University Press