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Employment University of Virginia
DeOlazarra Fellow in the Program in Political Philosophy, Policy & Law 2016-2019

Education Ph.D., Department of Political Science, University of Chicago 2016

Dissertation

On Self Government: Democratic Politics and Law in Prisons, Asylums, and Boarding Schools

Committee

Andrew Abbott, Cathy Cohen, Robert Gooding-Williams, & Bernard Harcourt (chair)

Examination fields

American Politics, Political Theory

M.L.S., University of Chicago Law School 2016

M.A., Department of Political Science, University of Chicago 2010

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Department of Political Science, University of Washington 2007

Book Manuscript *Democracy in Captivity: Essays on the political situation of prisoners, patients, and others in custody.* In preparation.

Book manuscript workshop scheduled for Feb. 2019.

Publications, Refereed Berk, Christopher D. 2018. "Childhood, development, and the troubled foundations of *Miller v. Alabama*." Forthcoming at *Law & Social Inquiry*.

Berk, Christopher D. 2018. "On Prison Democracy: The Politics of Participation in a Maximum Security Prison." *Critical Inquiry* 44, no. 2: 275-302.

Under Review "Democracy's internal borders."

"Prisons and the demand for community control."

Publications, Invited Berk, Christopher D. 2010. "Investment Talk: Comments on the Use of the Language of Investment in Prison Reform Advocacy." *Carceral Notebooks* 6 (2010): 115-129.

Works in Progress "Mad Politics: Disability, Care, and Patient Collective Action." Working paper.

"Governing Children: Resistance in a Boarding School for At-Risk Youth." Working paper.

"Populism and punishment." In preparation.

"Participatory Politics and Equality in the Digital Age." (with Cathy Cohen.) In preparation.

Awards and Fellowships

2016. Visiting Scholar, The Newberry
Scholars-in-residence are given privileged use of the library and are "expected to publish or otherwise disseminate their research" and "participate in the Newberry's intellectual community."
- 2015-16. Master of Legal Studies Fellowship, University of Chicago Law School
Tuition remission and living stipend for a year of coursework in law.
- 2014-15. William Rainey Harper Provost Dissertation Fellowship, University of Chicago
Tuition remission and living stipend, "one of the highest honors given to our graduate students."
2011. Grodzins Prize Lectureship, University of Chicago
Competition among advanced graduate students to design and teach a course.
2010. Joseph Cropsey Prize for the "outstanding master's thesis in political philosophy written by a student in the Department of Political Science," University of Chicago
2010. High Pass in the American Politics Field Exam, University of Chicago
- 2008-13. McCabe Fellowship, University of Chicago
Tuition remission and living stipend for five years of graduate study.
2007. Daniel Lev Award for the "outstanding political science senior thesis" in 2007, University of Washington
2007. Graduated *summa cum laude* in the Honors College with Distinction in Political Science, University of Washington

Grants

- 2013-14. Social Science Division Long-Term Project Grant, University of Chicago (\$8,000)
2013. Social Science Division Summer Grant, University of Chicago (\$3,000)
2011. Doolittle-Harrison Travel Grant, University of Chicago (\$1,000)

Teaching

Instructor

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| Prisons | Fall 2018 |
| Law and Democracy | Fall 2017 |
| Constitutional Foundations of American Government | Summer 2017 |
| Law & Political Thought: Punishment | Fall 2016 |
| B.A. Thesis Colloquium, Political Philosophy, Policy & Law | Spring 2017, 2018, 2019 |
| B.A. Thesis Colloquium, Department of Political Science | 2013-2014 |
| Classics of Social and Political Thought III | Spring 2013 |
| The Politics of Mass Incarceration in the U.S. | Spring 2012 |

Intern

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| Classics of Social and Political Thought (CSPT) I, II, & III | 2010-2011 |
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Teaching Assistant

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| Courts as Political Institutions, Prof. Gerald Rosenberg | Winter 2010 |
| Punishment and Social Theory, Prof. Bernard Harcourt | Fall 2009; Fall 2010 |

Advising

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| Resident Head of Vincent House, University of Chicago College Housing | 2013-2016 |
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Pedagogical Training

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| Center for Teaching Excellence in-class observation & focus group (Virginia) | 2016 |
| Seminar and Workshop on Course Design (Chicago) | 2015 |
| Workshop on Teaching in the College (Chicago) | 2012 |

Talks	<p>Columbia Center for Contemporary Critical Thought, Columbia University. 2015. "Democratic Exclusions: Prisoners, patients, and children in democratic politics."</p> <p>Chicago Area Behavior Workshop, Northwestern University. 2015. "Participatory Politics and Equality in the Digital Age."</p> <p>Research Network on Youth and Participatory Politics, MacArthur Foundation. 2014. "Participatory Politics and Equality in the Digital Age."</p> <p>Spring Lecture Series for Political Science Majors, University of Chicago. 2014. "Data Collection in Political Science Research."</p> <p>Asylums and Prisons: Deinstitutionalization and Decarceration, University of Chicago. 2013. "Mad Politics."</p>
Conferences	<p><i>Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association.</i> Washington, DC 2010; Seattle, WA 2011; Chicago, IL 2013; Washington, DC 2014; San Francisco, CA 2015; San Francisco, CA 2017; Boston, MA 2018.</p> <p><i>Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association.</i> San Francisco, CA 2011; Seattle, WA 2015; New Orleans, LA 2016; Toronto, Canada 2018.</p> <p><i>Annual Meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Cultural, and the Humanities.</i> Stanford Law School, Palo Alto, CA 2017; Georgetown Law School, Washington, DC 2018.</p> <p><i>Annual Meeting of the Western Political Science Association.</i> San Antonio, TX 2011; Seattle, WA 2014; Vancouver, Canada 2017; San Francisco, CA 2018.</p> <p><i>Annual Meeting of the Association for Political Theory.</i> Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 2016. Bryn Mawr and Haverford Colleges, PA 2018.</p> <p><i>Fourth Annual Conference on Radical Democracy.</i> New School for Social Research, New York, NY 2014.</p> <p><i>Social Science History Association.</i> Chicago, IL 2013.</p> <p><i>Annual Meeting of the Mid-West Political Science Association in Chicago, IL.</i> 2009; 2010.</p>
Research Seminars, Workshops	<p>PPL Colloquium, University of Virginia. 2018 (scheduled). "Populism and punishment."</p> <p>PPL Colloquium, University of Virginia. 2016. "Democracy's Internal Borders."</p> <p>Self & Subjectivity Workshop, University of Chicago. 2015. "Mad Politics."</p> <p>Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago. 2015. "Governing Children."</p> <p>American Politics Workshop, University of Chicago. 2014. "Governing Children."</p> <p>Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago. 2014. "Mad Politics."</p> <p>Political Theory Workshop, University of Chicago. 2013. "On Prison Democracy."</p>
Professional Memberships	<p>American Political Science Association (APSA)</p> <p>Law & Society Association (LSA)</p>
Professional Service	<p><i>Manuscript Reviewer</i></p> <p>Law & Society Review, Political Theory, and Routledge</p> <p><i>Political Theory Workshop</i> Fall 2011-2013</p> <p>Student Coordinator Chicago, IL</p> <p><i>Faculty Hiring Committee</i> Fall 2011-Spring 2012</p> <p>Graduate Student Representative Chicago, IL</p>

Community Service	<i>Fluvanna Correctional Center for Women, PVCC</i>	2017
	Instructor	Troy, VA
	<i>Cook County Juvenile Detention Center, Nancy B. Jefferson School</i>	2013-2015
	Volunteer Tutor	Chicago, IL
	<i>Safer Foundation, 1811 Adult Transition Center</i>	2008-2011
	Volunteer Tutor	Chicago, IL
	<i>Literacy Americorps, King County Correctional Facility</i>	2007-2008
	Instructor	Seattle, WA

References

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Robert Gooding-Williams
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Department of Philosophy & African-American Studies
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