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Employment

2019 - present Assistant Professor of Criminology and Law Studies, Department of Social & Cultural Sciences, Marquette University

Education

2019	Ph.D.	Sociology, Northwestern University "Speculative Justice: The Shifting Temporality of Crime in US Terrorism Stings" Committee: J. Hagan (Chair), W. Espeland, B. Harcourt, M. Pattillo
2014	M.A.	Sociology, Northwestern University
2012	A.M.	Social Sciences, University of Chicago
2007	B.A.	Sociology and Government, Cornell University

Areas of Interest

Law & Criminal Courts; Knowledge & STS; Social Inequalities; Surveillance; Discourse; Critical Theory

Refereed Journal Articles

2025	Degenshein, Anya and Leslie, Camilo Arturo (<i>equal authorship</i>). "Using Court Documents as Data: Promises and Pitfalls," <i>Law & Society Review</i> . Online first: doi:10.1017/lsr.2025.30
2025	Degenshein, Anya. "The Conceptual Limits of Risk Governance in Terrorism Prevention: Toward a Theory of Threat Thinking," <i>Theoretical Criminology</i> 29(1): 45-64
2024	Degenshein, Anya. "Finding the Criminal Within: The Use and Meaning of Digital Data at Trial," <i>Information, Communication & Society</i> 27(14): 2514-2529
2023	Degenshein, Anya. "Ruptured Alliances: Prosecutorial Lobbying, Victims' Interests, and Crime Policy in Illinois," <i>Punishment & Society</i> 25(2): 407-429
2020	Degenshein, Anya. "The Object Economy: 'Alternative' Banking in Chicago," <i>Contexts</i> (19)1: 18-23
2017	Degenshein, Anya. "Strategies of Valuation: Repertoires of Worth at the Financial Margins," <i>Theory & Society</i> 46(5): 387-409

- * Winner, ASA Sociology of Culture Graduate Student Paper Award, 2018
- * Winner, Sociology Open Access Recognition award, SocArXiv, 2018
- * Winner, Winch Prize for Best Paper Published or Presented, Northwestern Sociology, 2018

Manuscripts in Preparation

BOOK

Degenshein, Anya. *Speculative Justice: Adjudicating the Future in Terrorism Stings*.

Book Reviews

2020 Degenshein, Anya. "Syndicate Women: Gender and Networks in Chicago Organized Crime by Chris M. Smith." Book Review, *American Journal of Sociology* 126(3): 752-4

Honors and Awards

2025 Way Klingler Early Career Award, Marquette University.

2018 Robert F. Winch Prize for the Best Published or Presented Paper, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University.

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.

Fellowships and Grants

2022 Research Recovery Mini Grant, Office of Research & Innovation, Marquette. (\$3,000)

2022 Faculty Development Fund Award, College of Arts & Sciences, Marquette. (\$1,000)

2022 Research Mini-Grant, Center for Peacemaking, Marquette University. (\$300)

2022 Faculty Development Award, Office of Research & Innovation, Marquette. (\$1,400)

2021 Course Development Grant for the Core Curriculum, Marquette University (\$1,800)

2017-2019 Presidential Fellowship, Society of Fellows, Northwestern University. (\$77,000)

2012-2019 Legal Studies Fellow, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University.

2016-2017 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University. (\$32,000)

2016 The Sexualities Program at Northwestern (SPAN) Conference Travel Award Grant. (\$400)

2015-2016 Doctoral Exchange Student Fellowship, Sciences Po, Paris. (\$32,000)

2015-2016 Paris Program in Critical Theory Fellow, Northwestern University, Travel and Relocation Grant. (\$3,000)

- 2013 MacArthur Summer Research Grant, with John Hagan, Northwestern University (\$1,200).
- 2012-2013 University Fellowship, The Graduate School, Northwestern University. (\$43,000)

Invited Talks

- 2023 “The Conceptual Limits of Risk Governance in Terrorism Prevention: Toward a Theory of Threat Thinking,”
- University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Dept of Sociology (January)
 - University of Iowa, Iowa City, Department of Sociology and Criminology (November)
 - Indiana University, Bloomington, Departments of Sociology and Criminal Justice (December)
- 2021 “Speculative Justice: How Digital Surveillance is Used to Adjudicate the Future.” Humanities Research Colloquium, Marquette University (virtual). (November)
- 2018 “‘Double Life’ or ‘Digital Avatar’? How Digital Evidence is Used to Create and Contest Criminality in Terrorism Stings”
- University of Michigan, Dept of Sociology (November)
 - Marquette University, Dept of Social and Cultural Sciences (November)
 - University of Maryland Baltimore County, Dept of Sociology, Criminology, and Policy (November)
 - University of California Irvine, Dept of Criminology, Law and Society (December)

Public Sociology

INVITED TALKS

- 2019 Speaker for the Northwestern Society of Fellows Induction Ceremony, Northwestern University, May 21, 2019.
- 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

- 2016 “Le FBI a pris le contrôle d’un site pédopornographique pour arrêter des criminels. Est-ce éthique.” *Slate*^{FR}.

Presentations at Professional Meetings, Selected Workshops and Classes

- 2024 “Back to the Future: The Epistemic Origins of Speculative Adjudication”
- American Society of Criminology (*accepted*, San Francisco, CA, November)
- 2023 “Using Court Documents as Sociolegal Data: Promises and Pitfalls” with C. Leslie, Tulane

- American Sociological Association annual meeting (Philadelphia, August)
- 2022 "The Conceptual Limits of Risk Governance: Toward a Theory of Threat-Thinking"
 - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (Lisbon, Portugal, July)

"Speculative Justice: How Digital Evidence is Used to Adjudicate the Future in a Terrorism Sting"

 - Using Court Documents as Sociolegal Data: Promises and Pitfalls"
- 2021 "The Limitations of Risk Governance: The Case of Counterterrorism Stings"
 - American Society of Criminology (Chicago, IL, November)
- 2020 "Speculative Justice: Technology and Temporality in Domestic Terrorism Stings."
 - American Sociological Association annual meeting (virtual event)
 - Holstein Colloquium Series, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences, Marquette University (Milwaukee, WI, February)
- 2020 Guest Speaker
 - Cultural Methods Graduate Seminar, Department of Sociology, Brown University (virtual visit, February)
- 2019 "The Temporality of Crime: Narrating Past Wrongdoing and Speculating Future Harm in Counterterrorism Stings"
 - Law and Society Association (Washington DC, June)
- 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 Advising

MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Law Studies (introductory-level lecture, taught both in-person and online/asynchronous)
Taught 3x since Spring 2024

Surveillance, Law, and Society (lower-level seminar)

Taught 3x since Spring 2022; “outside” course in Marquette’s Education Preparedness Program (EPP), a college education and wraparound services program for justice-impacted students

Criminal Law and Procedure (upper-level lecture): Taught 6x since Fall 2019

Criminological Theory (upper-level lecture): Taught 5x since Fall 2019

Graduate Courses

Criminological Theory: Taught 5x since Fall 2019

Advising

2020-present Faculty adviser for Criminology and Law Studies majors, Department of Social and Cultural Sciences. Current load: 29 students

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Undergraduate Courses

Crime, Politics, and Society (upper-level seminar), Fall 2018

Professional Service

EDITORIAL BOARD

2022-2025 *Contexts*

REVIEWER

American Journal of Sociology; American Sociological Review; Information, Communication & Society; Law & Social Inquiry; Law & Society Review; Punishment & Society; Qualitative Sociology; Social Problems; Theoretical Criminology; Theory & Society

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION SERVICE

- 2024 Faculty Mentor, Graduate Student Mentorship Program, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)

- 2023 Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Awards Committee, Theory Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)

- 2022 Chair, "Technological Innovation and the Relationship between the Individual and the State," Law and Society Association annual meeting (Lisbon, Portugal, July)

- 2022 Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Awards Committee, Law and Society Association

- 2020-2021 Co-Chair, (inaugural) Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Culture Section, American Sociological Association (ASA)

- 2021 Co-organizer and Chair, "Using Court Documents as Data: Promises and Pitfalls," roundtable event, Law and Society Association annual meeting (virtual event, May)

- 2020 Member, Best Graduate Student Paper Awards Committee, ASA Sociology of Law Section.

- 2019 Chair of the Richard A. Peterson Award for Best Graduate Student Paper Committee, ASA Sociology of Culture Section.

- 2018 Presider, "Criminal Law and Social/Economic Rights," ASA Sociology of Law Section roundtable, annual meeting (Philadelphia, PA, August)

- 2017 Presider, "Law and Society Perspective on Crime Control, Citizenship, and Persistence of Inequality." ASA Sociology of Law Section regular session panel, annual meeting (Montréal, Canada, August)

University and Department Service

- 2025-2026 - Member, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee
 - Chair, Outstanding Senior Award, Criminology and Law Studies major
 - Dept Rep, College of A&S Visiting Days

- 2024-2025 - Member, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee
 - Chair, Outstanding Senior Award, Criminology and Law Studies major
 - Member, Sociology and Criminology and Law Studies Hiring Committees
 - Dept Rep, College of A&S Visiting Days

- 2023-2024 - Member, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee
 - Chair, Outstanding Senior Award, Criminology and Law Studies major
 - Junior Member, Social and Cultural Sciences Department Advisory Committee (Spring 2024 only)

- 2022-2023 - Member, University Committee on Committees and Elections
 - Chair, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee (Spring 2023 only)
 - Co-organizer, McGee Lecture Series, Social and Cultural Sciences
 - Chair, Outstanding Senior Award, Criminology and Law Studies major

- 2021-2022 - Member, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee
 - Chair, Outstanding Senior Award, Criminology and Law Studies major
 - Invited Contributor, Haggerty Museum of Art, *Expanding Our Horizons* exhibition
 - Junior Member, Social and Cultural Sciences Department Advisory Committee
 - Outside Member, Social Welfare and Justice Major Committee
 - Dept Rep, Choose MU days for prospective students

- 2020-2021 - Member, Outstanding Senior Award Selection Committee, College of A&S
 - Member, Sociology Major Hiring Committee
 - Member, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee
 - Outside Member, Sociology Major Committee
 - Dept Rep, College of A&S Virtual Open House (September)

- 2019-2020 - Member, Criminology and Law Studies Major Committee
 - Outside Member, Sociology Major Committee
 - Dept Rep, Choose MU days for prospective students

Professional Memberships

- 2013-present American Sociological Association (ASA)
 Section membership: *Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology (CITAMS)*; *Crime, Law and Deviance*; *Economic Sociology*; *Sociology of Culture*; *Sociology of Law*; *STS*; *Theory*
- 2013-present Law and Society Association (LSA)
- 2018-present American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Additional Training & Certifications

- June 2022 Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program Teacher Training Certification

- January 2008 Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Training certification, TEFL Academy, Chile

Languages

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