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EDUCATION

University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, CA Ph.D. student, Jurisprudence and Social Policy, *expected 2017*

Northwestern University, Evanston, IL B.A., Communication, June 2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Law, Law & Economics, Social Inequality, Organizational Studies, Gender and Sexuality, Business Law, Employment Diversity & Discrimination, Access to Justice

RELEVANT COURSEWORK

Law 217.2: Sociology of Law and Organizations, Prof. Cal Morill

Law 250: Business Associations, Prof. Justin McCrary

Law 251.31: Introduction to Law, Economics, and Business, Profs. Robert Cooter & Justin McCrary Law 300: Pedagogy, Prof. Malcolm Feeley

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Instructor, Legal Studies 184: Sociology of Law, Prof. Lauren Edelman

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant for Lauren B. Edelman, January 2012-present

Project Manager for Rebecca L. Sandefur, September 2010-August 2011

Access to Justice Initiative, Civil Justice Infrastructure Mapping Project

Supervise team of three research assistants; run internet-based searches; extract data from law reviews, white papers, federal reports; conduct telephone surveys of key informants; draft critical memos to internal staff and external collaborators

Project Manager for *Career Checkpoint*, A Joint Initiative of the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division and the American Bar Foundation, April 2010–present

Coordinate teams of web developers, freelance analysts, and ABA/ABF support staff to launch new initiative synthesizing pertinent scholarship into accessible information for new Young Lawyers; research and summarize law review articles, social science articles, and popular reference articles

Research Assistant for Laura Beth Nielsen, June 2010–present

Changing Dynamics of Employment Discrimination Litigation; Pat Down / Opt Out Study Perform field observations; conduct short interviews based on IRB-approved research protocols; organize collected data into Excel spreadsheets

PRESENTATIONS & CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

Presenter, CRN 10: Civil Justice and Disputing Behavior, Paper Session

"Disputants at the Fringe: Charting Paths to Civil Legal Remedies for Marginalized Populations in the United States" (with Rebecca L. Sandefur)

Law and Society Association, June 2011, San Francisco, CA

Presenter, CRN 17: Gender, Sexuality, and Law, Paper Session

"The Business of Homonormalization: Professional Recruiting, Affirmative Action, and LGBT 'Diversity"

Law and Society Association, June 2011, San Francisco, CA

Chair, CRN 17: Gender, Sexuality, and Law, Author Meets Reader Session

Institutional Inequality and the Mobilization of the Family Medical Leave Act: Rights on Leave by Catherine R. Albiston

Law and Society Association, June 2011, San Francisco, CA

REPORTS

Rebecca L. Sandefur and Aaron C. Smyth, "Access Across America: The First Report of the Civil Justice Infrastructure Mapping Project" (presented at the 2011 American Bar Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, August 2011)

PROFESSIONAL & ACADEMIC SERVICE

Vice President, Law & Society Graduate Association at University of California, Berkeley Coordinate, with President, activities for graduate students interested in the study of law & society from a multi- and interdisciplinary perspective. Such programming includes: graduate student paper or conference workshops; practice job talks; faculty coffee hours; skills training workshops (e.g., citation management software, statistical packages, etc.); and more. Act as liaison between students and faculty (August 2012–present)

Co-founder & Co-coordinator, Law and Society Association, CRN 17: Gender, Sexuality, and Law Garnered substantial interest from LSA members in its inaugural year, allowing us to assemble three paper sessions, a roundtable, an Author Meets Reader panel featuring Catherine R. Albiston as author and incoming LSA president Michael McCann as a reader, and an LGBT socio-legal tour of San Francisco (2010–present)

Volunteer Admissions Interviewer, Northwestern University Alumni Admission Council Provide assistance to admissions office staff at College Nights held at area high schools in fall and spring; conduct on-campus interviews of applicants for admission (2010–present)

Coordinator, American Bar Foundation, Access to Justice Research Planning Meeting Assembled preeminent scholars from around the world to outline a revitalized agenda for future access to justice research (November 18-19, 2010)

Assistant to Special Issue Co-Editors, Law & Social Inquiry, Robert L. Nelson & Terence Halliday Helped organize the "Jack Heinz Tribute Symposium" issue of LSI, including soliciting manuscripts and reviews; tracking submissions and enforcing deadlines with LSI editorial coordinator (November 2011)

Professional Associations

Law and Society Association (since 2010)

American Sociological Association (since 2010)

Sociology of Law section member

Organizations, Occupations, and Work section member

Economic Sociology section member

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

International Rights & Client Services Manager

Moseley Road Incorporated, Irvington, NY, October 2008–March 2010

Represented client book titles at international book fairs; negotiated terms of sale; drafted contracts between clients and foreign publishers; organized large-scale co-production print runs of high-demand titles

Freelance Proofreader

Northwestern University Press, Evanston, IL, January 2010–March 2010

Reviewed and corrected print proofs according to Chicago Manual of Style and editorial style guides; read manuscripts for coherence and consistency after copyeditor's final pass

Publishing Coordinator & Online Marketing Coordinator

Langenscheidt Publishing Group, Long Island City, NY, September 2006–September 2008
Maintained publishing programs; reviewed and organized contracts and payment schedules between Publisher and packagers/licensors; oversaw national network of freelance photographers; created multimedia sales presentations; managed online marketing and sales content, including brand and promotional copywriting

Marketing Assistant

HHC Marketing, New York, NY, February 2006-August 2006

Promoted theatrical clients using Web and email marketing tools; organized events and appearances for clients and sponsors

Freelance Theatrical Stage & Production Manager

Various Employers, Chicago, IL; Williamstown, MA; New York, NY, September 2004–January 2006 Created cast and crew schedules; oversaw scenic, costume, and properties builds; maintained cue sheets for lighting and sound effects; ran shows in director's absence

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

Lauren B. Edelman

Agnes Roddy Robb Professor of Law and Sociology, and Associate Dean for Jurisprudence & Social Policy University of California, Berkeley School of Law 2240 Piedmont Avenue Berkeley, CA 94720

Robert L. Nelson

Director and MacCrate Research Chair in the Legal Profession American Bar Foundation, and Professor of Sociology and Law Northwestern University 750 N. Lake Shore Drive, 4th Floor Chicago, IL 60611

Laura Beth Nielsen

Associate Professor of Sociology and Law, and Director of the Department of Legal Studies Northwestern University, and Senior Research Professor American Bar Foundation 1810 Chicago Avenue Evanston, IL 60201

Rebecca L. Sandefur

Assistant Professor of Law and Sociology University of Illinois at Urbana-Champagne, and Senior Research Social Scientist American Bar Foundation 35 Computing Applications Building 605 E. Springfield Avenue Champaign, IL 61820