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**Academic Appointments**

2018 - Associate Professor

Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

Faculty Research Associate

Population Research Center, University of Texas at Austin

2013 - 2018 Assistant Professor

Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

2011 - 2013 Postdoctoral Fellow

Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University

**Education**

2010 PhD, Columbia University, Sociology, [With Distinction]

*Winner of the Robert Merton Dissertation Prize*

2005 MA, Columbia University, Sociology

2001 BA, The University of Chicago, Sociology, [With Honors]

**Books**

2019 Carlson, Jennifer, Kristin Goss, and Harel Shapira [Eds.] *Gun Studies*: *Interdisciplinary Approaches to Politics, Policy, and Practice*. New York and London: Routledge.

2013 Shapira, Harel. *Waiting for José: The Minutemen’s Pursuit of America*. Princeton University Press.

(2nd Edition, with new afterward, published in 2017)

*Winner of the Southwest Book Award*

**Journal Articles** (\*indicates graduate student co-author)

2021 Shapira, Harel, Chen Liang\*, and Ken-Hou Lin. “How Attitudes About Guns Develop Over Time.” *Sociological Perspectives* (Forthcoming, October ‘21)

2018 Shapira, Harel, and Samantha Simon\*. 2018. “Learning to Need a Gun.” *Qualitative Sociology,* 41(1): 1-20.

Shapira, Harel, Katherine Jensen\*, and Ken-Hou Lin. “Trends and Patterns of Concealed Handgun License Applications: A Multi-State Analysis. *Social Currents*, 5(1): 3-14.

2013 Shapira, Harel. 2013. “The Border: Infrastructure of the Global.” P*ublic Culture,* 25(2): 249-260.

Shapira, Harel. “From the Nativist’s Point of View: How Ethnography Can Enrich Our Understanding of Political Identity.” *Sociological Quarterly*, 54(1): 35-50.

Calhoun, Craig, Richard Sennett, and Harel Shapira. “Poiesis Means Making.” *Pubic Culture*, 25(2): 195-200.

**Book Chapters**

2012 Manza, Jeff, and Harel Shapira. 2012. “Social Structure,” In *The Sociology Project: Introducing the Sociological Imagination*. Pearson Press.

2012 Jasso, Guillermina, Leslie Ann-Bolden, Carse Ramon, and Harel Shapira. “Immigration,” In *The Sociology* *Project: Introducing the Sociological Imagination*. Pearson Press.

**research grants**

2018 Shapira, H. (PI) “Examining College Students’ Attitudes About Guns to Develop Lessons for Intervention” Joyce Foundation, Chicago, Il.

Academic Enrichment Fund, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin

2016 Shapira, H. (PI). “The Right to Kill: Guns, Justifiable Homicide, and the Future of American

Democracy.” The Andrew Carnegie Foundation.

2015 Shapira, H. (PI). “An Education in Violence: Teaching and Learning to Kill in America.”

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation.

Academic Enrichment Fund, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin.

2014 Shapira, H. (PI) “Trends in Concealed Carry Applications.” Seed Grant, Population Research Center, The University of Texas at Austin.

2007 Shapira, H. (PI) “The Minutemen and the U.S. / Mexico Border.” Dissertation Improvement Grant, National Science Foundation. 2007.

**Awards & Fellowships**

2021 Member, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University

2017 Atlantic Fellow, International Inequalities Institute, The London School of Economics

2016 Carnegie Fellow, The Andrew Carnegie Foundation

Macatee Fellowship, College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin

2015 Guggenheim Fellow, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

Summer Research Assignment (Summer 2015), College of Liberal Arts, UT-Austin

2013 Fellow, C.B. Smith, Sr. Centennial Chair in U.S.-Mexico Relations, The University of Texas at Austin

2012 Young Leaders Fellow, BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt

2002-8 Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship, Columbia University.

**INVITED TALKS**

2019 “Civilized Violence: On the Etiquette of Gun Ownership.” Sociology Speakers Series, Rice University, Houston, TX.

2017 “‘It’s Just a Tool’: How Gun Owners Justify their Guns,” American Sociological Association, Montreal, QC.

“‘It’s Just a Tool’: Risk Perception Among Gun Owners,” Strategy meeting on public perceptions of risk of guns, Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL.

“The Right to Kill: Guns, Justifiable Homicide, and the Future of American Democracy,” Keynote Address at “Sites of Resistance” conference, Tulane University, New Orleans, LA.

“To Tell The Truth: What Constitutes Validity -- and Whose Validity -- in Qualitative Research,” Invited Panel, Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

“‘It’s Just a Tool’: How Gun Owners Justify their Guns,” (With Samantha Simon\*) Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.

“How to Use the Bathroom with a Gun and Other Techniques of the Armed Body,” Symposium on the Symbolic and Material Construction of Guns, Amherst College, Amherst, MA.

“Waiting for José” Monkey Wrench Books, Austin, TX.

2016 “Civilized Violence: On the Etiquette of Gun Ownership,”

Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.

“Civilized Violence: Lessons from Gun Schools,”

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, NC.

“An Education in Violence: Teaching and Learning to Kill in America,” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA.

2015 “The Mythology of Self Defense,” Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association, Denver, CO.

“From the Nativist’s Point of View: On the Limits of Ideology and Potentials of Ethnography to Enrich Our Understanding of Political Behavior.” Collective Behavior and Social Movements Mini-Conference, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, Il.

2014 “Patrolling the Border: Militias, Police, and a Region’s Most Vulnerable.” Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX.

“Waiting for José,” The Society, Politics, and Culture Workshop,

Boston University, Boston, MA.

2013 “Waiting for José,” Conference on Border and Boundaries, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden.

2012 “The Day Chris Simcox Stopped Being Popular: A Cautionary Tale about the Perils of Organizing the ‘People.’” Eastern Sociological Society Meeting, New York, New York.

2011 “Public Sociology and the Challenges of Studying Controversial Topics.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV.

“Waiting for José,” Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.

2010 “Waiting for José.” Center for Migration and Development,

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey.

2006 “Movement Under Conditions of Globalization.” Symposium on “Crossing Borders”, Columbia University, New York, New York.

**TEACHING**

University of Texas at Austin

*Undergraduate Courses*

“Introduction to the Study of Society” “Politics, Power, and Society”

*Graduate Courses*

“Field and Observational Methods”

“Political Sociology”

New York University

*Undergraduate Courses*

“Introduction to Sociology” (With Jeff Manza)

“Politics, Power, and Society”

Columbia University

*Undergraduate Courses*

“Ethnography and the African American Experience” (With Sudhir Venkatesh)

“The Sociological Imagination”

**STUDENT ADVISING**

Catherine Carter, Ph.D. in Architecture, completed, 2017 (Member).

Katherine Jensen, Ph.D. in Sociology, completed, 2017 (Member).

Corey McZeal, Ph.D Sociology, completed, 2018. (Member)

Samantha Simon, Ph.D. in Sociology, completed, 2019 (Member).

Mario Venegas, Sociology completed, 2019 (Member).

Thatcher Combs, Sociology, 2017-present (Member).

Alex Diamond, Sociology, 2018-present (Member).

Chen Liang, Sociology, 2018-present (Co-chair).

Ilana Friedman, Sociology 2019-present (Member)

**SERVICE**

Peer Reviewer (ad hoc since 2013):

Princeton University Press, *Social Forces, Ethnography*, *American Journal of Sociology, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, *Sociological Theory,* *Public Culture*, *Sociological Focus, City and Community, Mobilization*, *Journal of Hate Studies,* *Journal of the Pacific Sociological Association*, *Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute*.