

Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

2016 (Exp) **University of Michigan**
PhD Candidate Sociology, Demography

Dissertation:

Mass Incarceration, The Profession of Corrections, and the Ways Prison Workers Construct Meaning About Their Participation In Our Punishment State

Dissertation Committee:

Jeffery Morenoff Co-Chair David Harding Co-Chair

Jonathan Simon

Karyn Lacy

Reuben Jonathan Miller

2012 **University of Michigan**
M.A., Sociology

2010 **DePaul University**
B.A., Sociology
Summa cum Laude

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Prisons and Prisoners, Punishment, Law and Society, Social Theory, Criminology

PUBLICATIONS - Peer Reviewed

2015* **Borchert, Jay.** “A New Iron Closet: Failing to Extend *the Spirit of Lawrence v. Texas* to Prisons and Prisoners.” in *The War on Sex*. D. Halperin and T. Hoppe (Eds). Duke University Press. (in press)

* **2015 Best Graduate Student Paper Award.**
American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities.

* **2015 Best Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention.**
Society for the Study of Social Problems Division on Crime and Juvenile Delinquency.

Borchert, Jay. “State Correctional Department Leaders, Due Deference, and the Persistent Socio-Legal Control of Prison Sex.” **(Conditional Accept – Law & Social Inquiry)**

***Borchert, Jay.** “State Correctional Department Leadership, Career Trajectories, and the Unexpected Meanings of Prisons and Punishment 40 Years into the Era of Mass Incarceration.” (Under Review) ***Dissertation Chapter**

Manuscripts in Progress

Borchert, Jay. *We Just Keep ‘Em Safe: The Ways U.S. Prison Workers Negotiate Their Participation in Our Punishment State*

Requested Work in Progress

Borchert, Jay. Review of: “The Social Order of the Underworld: How Prison Gangs Govern the American Prison System.” by David Skarbek. Oxford University Press. (*Requested by: Social Justice*)

Work in Progress

Borchert, Jay. “*Interrogating Deference: Toward a valid and reliable jurisprudential tool to organize the penal field.*”

Borchert, Jay. “*No fighting and no mess. Prison gambling v. prison sex: How and why culture shapes dissimilar punishments for similarly motivated rules.*”

Borchert, Jay. “*Toward a “Pragmatic Model” of the prison: Why and how prison leadership is engaging a potential move from the punitive turn.*”

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, and GRANTS

2015-2016

- ◆ Mellon American Council of Learned Societies Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- ◆ Rackham School of Graduate Studies Doctoral Candidate Research Grant

2013-2016

- ◆ Visiting Scholar Center for the Study of Law and Society UC Berkeley Law

2010-2016

- ◆ Rackham Merit Fellow, Rackham School of Graduate Studies
- ◆ Population Studies Center Trainee – Institute for Social Research
- ◆ Conference Travel Grant Rackham School of Graduate Studies

2015

- ◆ Best Graduate Student Paper American Sociological Association Section on Sexualities
- ◆ Best Graduate Student Paper Honorable Mention Society for the Study of Social Problems Division on Crime and Juvenile Delinquency
- ◆ Rackham Graduate Student Spotlight

2014

- ◆ Rackham Debt Management Award

- ◆ Department of Sociology Research Grant
- ◆ Midwest Law and Society Retreat UW Madison School of Law

2013

- ◆ Eva L. Mueller New Directions in Economics and Demography Fund Grant
- ◆ Rackham School of Graduate Studies Centennial Fellowship
- ◆ Department of Sociology Research Grant
- ◆ *The Law and Society Association Graduate Student Workshop*

2012

- ◆ Community of Scholars Fellowship Institute for Research on Women & Gender
- ◆ Doctoral Pre-Candidate Research Grant
- ◆ Department of Sociology Practicum Research Grant
- ◆ Population Studies Center Conference Travel Grant
- ◆ Midwest Law and Society Graduate Student Retreat UW Madison School of Law

2011

- ◆ NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention
- ◆ Population Studies Center Conference Travel Grant

2010

- ◆ Rackham School of Graduate Studies Summer Institute Fellowship

DePaul University

- University of Michigan Summer Research Opportunity Program
- Vincentian Leadership and Service Award - Office of Mission and Values
- Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Scholar (2008-2010)
- Ronald E. McNair Study Abroad Scholarship to Kenya
- Dean's Award for Scholastic Excellence (2007-2010)
- Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship (2007-2010)
- Heveran Scholarship
- Vincentian Service Immersion Award to Ecuador

INVITED TALKS & GUEST LECTURES

- 2015 **Borchert, Jay.** A New Iron Closet: Failing to Extend *the Spirit of Lawrence v. Texas* to Prisons and Prisons. UC Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society. Summer Speakers Series.

Jenness, Val, Kitty Calavita, Jonathan Simon and **Jay Borchert.** *Appealing to Justice: Prisoner Grievances, Rights and Carceral Logic.* A panel discussion on the 2015 book from Jenness and Calavita. UC Press. UC Berkeley School of Law.

Borchert, Jay. "Being LGBT in the Criminal Justice System." Prisoner Creative Arts Project University of Michigan Annual Martin Luther King Day Celebrations. Ann Arbor, MI.

- 2014 **Borchert, Jay.** "Epistemological Ownership of the Punishment State in the Era of Mass Incarceration." in Whiteness as Property. UCLA School of Law Critical Race Symposium.

- Borchert, Jay.** *"Reflexivity, Subjectivity, and Research Methods in Prison Research."* Senior Capstone in Sociology. University of San Francisco.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Hanging by the Telephone: A True Prison Story"* LiveLaw 4 /Life of the Law. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TqsDhKuQ46o>
- Borchert, Jay.** 2014 (2010). *"Constructing a Successful Application to Graduate Departments of Sociology."* DePaul University. Chicago, IL.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Interrogating Deference: Toward a more reliable and valid tool to organize the penal field."* Social Theory Workshop, University of Michigan Department of Sociology.
- 2013 **Borchert, Jay.** *"Breaking Bars: A panel discussion to inspire change in the prison system."* Eastern Michigan University. Ypsilanti.
- Schlanger, Margo. **Jay Borchert** and Natalie Holbrook. 2013. *"Transgender Inequality in U.S. Prisons."* University of Michigan School of Law. Ann Arbor.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"An Introduction to Convict Criminology."* Criminology - Sociology 368. University of Michigan Ann Arbor.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"American Corrections: Why and how U.S. prisons reshape and refine American inequality"* Association of State Correctional Administrators.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Social Inequality as our Collective Untapped Potential."* TEDx. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.
- 2012 Young, Jr., Alford. David Halperin, and **Jay Borchert.** 2012. *"Stigma and Bias in American Society."* Prison and the Artist – English 411. University of Michigan Ann Arbor.
- 2011 **Borchert, Jay.** *DuBois and his Unheralded Contribution to Mainstream Social Theory.* Introduction to Sociological Theory. University of Michigan Ann Arbor.
- 2010 **Borchert, Jay.** *"The Social Geography of Inequality."* Honors Anthropology. Harold Washington College. Chicago, IL.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 **Borchert, Jay.** *"On the philosophical limits of agency: The impossibility of consensual sex among prisoners as constructed by the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003."* Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. (Upcoming)
- Borchert, Jay.** *"State-level Correctional Executives and the Unexpected Meanings of Punishment 40 Years into the Era of Mass Incarceration."* Society for the Study of Social Problems (Upcoming)
- Borchert, Jay.** *"State-level Correctional Executives and the Unexpected Meanings of Punishment 40 Years into the Era of Mass Incarceration."* American Society of Criminology (Upcoming)

- Borchert, Jay.** *"Politics, the Profession of Corrections, and the Ways Correctional Leaders Reveal the Failings of Mass Incarceration."* Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association.
- 2014 **Borchert, Jay.** *"No fighting and no mess: Prison gambling vs. Prison sex: How and why culture shapes dissimilar punishments for similarly motivated rules."* Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"No fighting and no mess: Prison gambling vs. Prison sex: How and why culture shapes dissimilar punishments for similarly motivated rules."* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Interrogating Deference: Toward a more valid and reliable tool to organize the penal field."* International Meeting of The Law and Society Association.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Examining change in a state-level monopoly: How and why the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and its Standards of 2012 changed American prisons."* MisFit Politics Conference, University of Michigan.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"A unified penal field: The variance among high-ranking correctional leaders on expertise, autonomy, and social trends."* Western Society of Criminology. Honolulu, HI.
- 2013 **Borchert, Jay.** *"The PREA: Challenging Deference, Expertise, and Best Practices to Reduce Inequality among Prisoners."* Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Why the PREA and why not Lawrence v Texas? How and why the PREA is quickly changing the carceral landscape for LGBT prisoners."* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems. New York, NY.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Why the PREA and why not Lawrence v Texas? How and why the PREA is quickly changing the carceral landscape for LGBT prisoners."* Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Why the PREA and Why Not Lawrence v. Texas? Reducing inequality for LGBT Prisoners in U.S. Prisons."* International Meeting of The Law and Society Association.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"A Propensity to Break Prison Rules? Security Classifications of LGBT and 'Seemingly' LGBT Prisoners in American Prisons."* Critical Criminology & Justice Studies Conference. University of California.
- 2012 **Borchert, Jay.** *"Classification and Punishment: Doing Hard Time without a Crime and the Logic of Protective Custody."* Institute for Research on Women & Gender Community of Scholars Fellows Symposium. University of Michigan.
- Borchert, Jay.** *"Lawrence v. Texas, PREA and the Possibility of Change in U.S. Prisons."* Sex & Justice Conference. University of Michigan.

Borchert, Jay. *“What is this a case of? Exploring Prison Rules as Criminal Statutes.”* Midwest Law & Society Retreat. Institute for Legal Studies University of Wisconsin Law School.

Borchert, Jay. *“The Continuing Criminalization of Consensual, Same-Sex, Sexual Activity: A Law & Society Perspective on U.S. Prisons.”* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

2011 **Borchert, Jay.** *“Why PREA and Why Not Lawrence v. Texas? How and Why PREA is Quickly Changing the Carceral Landscape for LGBT Prisoners.”* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

2010 **Borchert, Jay.** *“Will Perpetual Help End? Learned Roles and Sustainability in Small Community-based Organizations.”* Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

2009 **Borchert, Jay.** *“Race and Education: How do we move past race as a scary and sensitive topic?”* McNair Research Symposium. Chicago, IL.

Borchert, Jay. *“Displacement, Transience, and Social Capital: Prison Locations and Prisoner Movement in Michigan.”* McNair Research Conference. University of Maryland Baltimore County.

Borchert, Jay. *“Displacement, Transience, and Social Capital: Prison Locations and Prisoner Movement in Michigan.”* Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Conference.

Borchert, Jay. *“Ethnographic Documentary Film Methods and Community Service.”* 2nd Annual Service Speaks Conference, DePaul University.

Borchert, Jay. *“Articulating Illustrative Theory in Ethnography.”* 11th Annual Chicago Ethnography Conference. Northwestern University.

Borchert, Jay. *“Will Perpetual Help End?” an ethnographic documentary film.* jump/cut documentary film festival, Chicago, Illinois.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Designed Courses

Introduction to Sociology & Inequality.

Primary Instructor – University of Michigan (Summer 2014)

Co-Teaching

An Experiential Introduction to Social Inequality and Social Justice

Alliance for Change. San Quentin State Prison (Ongoing)

Graduate Student Instructor

Sociological Analysis of Deviance – Sociology 465, Psychology 488, Women’s Studies 465

University of Michigan, (Fall 2012) (Winter 2013)

Principles of Sociology – Sociology 100

University of Michigan, (Winter 2012)

Introduction to Social Theory - Sociology 305

University of Michigan (Fall 2011)

Community Health: Quantitative Data Analysis
Sociology 394/495
DePaul University, (Spring 2008) (Summer 2008)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator – American Corrections: Why and how U.S. prisons reshape and refine American Inequality. *University of Michigan Department of Sociology, Rackham School of Graduate Studies, Eva L. Mueller New Directions in Economics and Demography Fund University of Michigan Population Studies Center – Institute for Social Research. (University of Michigan IRB: HUM 00060663)*

Research Assistant – Michigan Study of Life after Prison.

University of Michigan Population Studies Center, National Institute of Justice, Jeffrey Morenoff and David Harding, Principal Investigators, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research (2009 to 2013)

Principal Investigator – Producer

Will Perpetual Help End?, © Sawbuck Productions.

Ethnographic documentary film examining how learned roles prevent the development of frameworks for sustainability within small community-based organizations. Mentored by Associate Professor Greg Scott, DePaul University (2009)

Research Assistant – Social Science Research Center, DePaul University.

Provide comprehensive methodological assistance to social science researchers at DePaul including training in NVivo, Atlas TI, and SPSS (2010)

Project Coordinator - Analyst - Research Assistant

Community Health and Needs Assessment Study (CHANA), DePaul University, Alivio Medical Center, Chicago Department of Public Health. P. Rafael Hernandez-Arias DePaul University and Carmen Vasquez, Alivio Medical Center, Principal Investigators. Mixed-methods study examining immigrant health in four, primarily Mexican, Chicago community areas. (2008-2009)

The Greenbelt Movement & DePaul University

- *Applied GIS Mapping project in Mt. Kenya National Park designed to assist the Greenbelt Movement in the establishment in the selection of viable geographies to place on the global bio-carbon credit market.*
- *Ethnography at the Family Level researching the impact and diffusion of Green Belt Movement interventions to protect food security with professors Howard Rosing and Patrick McHaffie*

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE

Chair, Law and Society Division.

Society for the Study of Social Problems (2014-2016)

Chair. Membership & Outreach Committee

Society for the Study of Social Problems (2013-14)

Organizer and Presider. “Punishment and Culture”

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (2014)

Organizer & Presider. “Critical Dialogues: The American Legal System.”

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (2013).

Organizer & Presider. “Sex, Justice, and the Law.” NY, NY.

Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (2013).

Co-Organizer. Sex & Justice Conference.*University of Michigan (2012)***Co-chair Sociology Graduate Students***University of Michigan Department of Sociology (2012-13)***Elected Graduate Student Representative, Membership & Outreach Committee***Society for the Study of Social Problems (2011-13)***Membership Committee Student Representative***American Sociological Association (2009-10)***OCCASIONAL REVIEWER***Law & Social Inquiry**Social Science & Medicine**Punishment & Society**International Journal of Criminology & Sociology**Social Justice***PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS***American Sociological Association**The Law & Society Association**Society for the Study of Social Problems**American Society of Criminology**American Correctional Association**Alpha Kappa Delta***REFERENCES**

Jeffrey Morenoff

Karyn Lacy

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Reuben Miller

David Harding

Jonathan Simon

Valerie Jenness

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