

## *Jules (Professor Abernathy)*

*Name:* Jules M. Abernathy, PhD.

*Descriptor:* Liberal Arts Professor of Sociology.



### *Quote:*

“The research I do is all about the cyclic relationship between the law and the people: it’s about how a society shapes its legal system and how a legal system impacts its society in turn. It’s dissolution of responsibility, normalization of punishment severity; and the cultural sense of justice is at the heart of all of it.”

### *Who is it?*

Jules is a 44-year-old (tenured) Professor of Anthropology at Pomona College in California. Originally from Richmond, Virginia, Jules obtained his PhD in criminal justice from Brown University before going on to teach at a variety of small colleges before attaining a tenure-track position at Pomona. Aside from teaching within the Sociology department, Jules teaches interdisciplinary electives involving the Psychology, Anthropology and Political Science departments.

### *What attitude?*

Jules is a common purveyor of digital humanities projects, and perceives this site as another in a line of attempts to compile and report statistics about crime. He looks at these projects for two reasons: he wants good resources to provide to his students, and he wants inspiration for new and interesting directions to take his research. He expects untainted data, access to data, proper citations, and ease of use; good visualization is a plus to him, but not a deal-breaker.

### *Which behavior?*

Jules is a browser, and astutely aware of design as he browses; he is patient with difficult websites, but he expects his students or peers to be less patient should he reference the site in instructional resources or publications, respectively. He expects all presentations of data to be purely factual; but so long as the data are treated fairly, he is agnostic towards the political agenda of a resource, being himself a politically-motivated individual. He makes decisions at a fairly slow speed and is very thorough in his treatment digital humanities works.