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EMPLOYMENT AND AFFILIATIONS

New York University, School of Law

Research Fellow, Civil Jury Project, 2018–present

University of Oslo, Department of Public and International Law

Fulbright Visiting Researcher, 2015–2016

EDUCATION

Princeton University

Ph.D. Candidate, Anthropology, 2018

Dissertation title: *Making the Case for Jurors: An Ethnographic Study of U.S. Prosecutors*

Princeton University

M.A., Anthropology, 2014

Georgetown University Law Center

J.D., 2012

Editor-in Chief, *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, 2011—2012

University of Cambridge

M.Phil., Social Anthropological Analysis, 2009

Princeton University

A.B., Anthropology, *summa cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, 2008

TEACHING AND RESEARCH INTERESTS

Ethics & Professional Responsibility

Criminal Law

Criminal Procedure

Evidence

Civil Procedure

Comparative Law

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles

Offit, Anna. Forthcoming. "The Jury is Out: An Ethnographic Study of Lay Participation in the Norwegian Legal System." *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.

Offit, Anna. Forthcoming. "With Jurors in Mind: An Ethnographic Study of Prosecutors' Narratives." *Law, Culture and the Humanities*.

Offit, Anna. 2016. "Peer Review: Navigating Uncertainty in the United States Jury System." 6 *U.C. Irvine L. Rev.* pp. 169-206.

Offit, Anna. 2011. "Ethical Guidance for a Grand Jury." *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, Vol. 24, Issue 3.

Reviews

Offit, Anna. Forthcoming. "Review Essay: Giving Life to the Death Penalty." *Political and Legal Anthropology Review*.

Offit, Anna. 2014. "Book Review: *The Humanities and Public Life* Peter Brooks with Hilary Jewett (eds)." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 48, Issue 4, pp. 992-994.

Reference Articles

Offit, Anna. Forthcoming. "Trial processes." In Callan (Ed.) *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. Oxford: Wiley Blackwell.

Other

Offit, Anna. 2016. "Trial processes." (adapted from Encyclopedia article, above) *The Art of Jury Selection: Beyond the Basics*. **City Bar Center for Continuing Legal Education**, New York City Bar, p. 189.

Offit, Anna. 2013. "Karl Llewellyn and Realism Revisited." Section News, **Association for Political and Legal Anthropology**.

Offit, Anna. 2012. "The Conscience and Culture of Prosecution: An Introduction." *Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics*, Vol. 25, Issue 4, 2012.

Offit, Anna. 2012. Report on Sexual Victimization in Prisons and Jails, **U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC**. (Contributing Law Clerk) *available at* http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/reviewpanel/pdfs/prea_finalreport_2012.pdf

Offit, Anna. "Letter to the Editor: The Jury's Duty When the Law Is Unfair." *New York Times*, December 22, 2011.

BOOK MANUSCRIPT IN PROGRESS

"Making the Case for Jurors: An Ethnographic Study of U.S. Prosecutors" (based on dissertation)

WORKING PAPERS IN PROGRESS

"Prosecution in the shadow of the jury" (job talk)

"Reasonable doubts: A case study of shifting attitudes toward lay-participation in Norway" (book chapter)

"An ethnographic study of prosecutors' trial narratives" (book chapter)

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Finalist, Graduate Student Paper Prize Competition, "Prosecution in the Shadow of the Jury," Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, 2017—2018

Law & Social Sciences Program Dissertation Research Grant, National Science Foundation, 2015—2018

Summer Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, 2017

Laurance S. Rockefeller Graduate Prize Fellowship, Princeton University, 2016—2017

Fellowship of Woodrow Wilson Scholars, (declined), Princeton University, 2016—2017

Research/Study Grant, U.S. Fulbright Foundation (Norway), 2015—2016

Summer Dissertation Research Grant, Princeton Institute for International and Regional Studies, Princeton University, 2016

Travel Grant, Wenner-Gren Foundation, European Association of Social Anthropologists, 2016

Lois Roth Award, Lois Roth Endowment, 2015—2016

William A. Dippel '50 Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University

Arthur J. Liman Fellowship, Princeton's Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University (declined), 2012—2013

St. Thomas More Award, Georgetown University Law Center, 2011—2012

Student Advocacy Award, International Academy of Trial Lawyers, Georgetown University Law Center, 2011—2012

Pro Bono Pledge Honoree, Georgetown University Law Center, 2011—2012

CALI Award in Literacy & Law Seminar, Georgetown University Law Center 2011—2012

CALI Award in Clinic, Georgetown University Law Center, 2011—2012

Phi Beta Kappa Society, Princeton University, 2008

Dean's List, Georgetown University Law Center, 2010—2011

Environmental Studies Senior Thesis Prize, Princeton University, 2007—2008

The Grace May Tilton Prize in Fine Arts, Princeton University, 2007—2008

Francis Biddle Sophomore English Prize, Princeton University, 2005—2006

Shapiro Prize for Academic Excellence, Princeton University, 2005—2006

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Clues, Evidence, Detection: Law's Stories

Assistant Instructor for Peter Brooks, Princeton University, 2014—2015

Women's Bodies, Women's Lives

Assistant Instructor for Alma Gottlieb, Princeton University, 2013—2014

Terrorism, Extradition and Abduction

Global Teaching Fellow, Law in a Global Context, Georgetown University Law Center, 2011—2012

Criminal Justice

Instructor of Elective, Bell Multicultural High School, Washington, D.C., 2010—2011

Death Penalty and Extradition

Global Teaching Fellow, Law in a Global Context, Georgetown University Law Center, 2010—2011

CONFERENCE AND SEMINAR ACTIVITIES

Sessions Organized

“Ethnographies of Corruption,” **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Washington, DC, 2017

"Narrative Constructions of Legal Ethics," **Association of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting**, Stanford University Law School, 2017

"Ethnographies of Legal Transformation," **Law & Society Association Annual Meeting**. Mexico City, 2017

"Narrative Constructions of Legal Evidence," **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Minneapolis, MN, 2016

"Narrative Constructions of Legal Reality," **Association of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting**, Georgetown University Law Center, 2015

“States of Agency: On the Creativity, Conscience, and Subjectivity of Civil Servants,” Co-Organized with Kelly McKowen, **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Washington, DC, 2014

Conference, Symposium, and Seminar Presentations

“Dismantling Alternative Facts: Prosecuting Public Corruption in an American Courtroom,” **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Washington, DC, 2017

“Prosecutorial Ethics and Imagined Jurors,” **Association of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting**, Stanford University Law School, 2017

“Narrating Public Corruption,” **Narrative Criminology Symposium, University of Oslo**, 2017

“Prosecution in the Shadow of the Jury,” **Criminal Justice Workshop, New York Law School**, 2017

“Democratizing Justice: The Vital Role of Jurors in the Age of the Vanishing Trial,” **Princeton Program in Law and Public Affairs**, Princeton University, 2017

“Participant Observation with Federal Prosecutors,” Post-field Presentation, **Department of Anthropology, Princeton University**, 2016

“An Ethnographic Study of Federal Prosecutors’ Stories,” **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Minneapolis, MN, 2016

“Norwegian Lawyers’ Evidentiary Practices during Jury Trials,” **European Association of Social Anthropologists Biennial Meeting**. University of Milano-Bicocca, 2016

“An Ethnographic Study of Lay Participation in the Norwegian Legal System,” **Narrative Criminology Seminar**. University of Oslo, 2016

“Making Sense of Strangers: An Ethnographic Study of the United States Federal Jury System,” Research Proposal Presentation, **Department of Anthropology, Princeton University**, 2016

“Uncertainty in the United States Jury System,” **Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center**, 2015

“When Certainty Enters the Story: Managing Narrative Logic in a Child Abuse Prosecution—Part II,” **Graduate Seminar, Princeton Program in Law and Public Affairs**, Princeton University, 2015

“When Certainty Enters the Story: Managing Narrative Logic in a Child Abuse Prosecution—Part I,” **Association of Law, Culture, and the Humanities Annual Meeting**, Georgetown University Law Center, 2015

“The Interplay of Place and Justice in Federal Jury Selection,” **American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting**. Washington, DC, 2014

“Opening Statements: Toward an Ethnographic Study of Legal Narrative,” **Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center**, 2014

“The Vital Role of Imagined Jurors in the Age of the Vanishing Trial,” **Law & Society Association Annual Meeting**. Minneapolis, MN, 2014

“Prosecuting Narratives: The Ethics of Opening Statements,” **Princeton-Rutgers Criminal Justice Working Group**, Princeton University, 2014

“The Peremptory Challenge: Jury Selection and Everyday Evaluation,” **American Ethnological Association Annual Meeting**. Boston, MA, 2014

“The Real Place of Imagined Jurors in Everyday Legal Practice,” **Princeton-Temple-Penn Graduate Student Conference**, University of Pennsylvania, 2014

“The Real Place of Imagined Jurors,” **Workshop, Georgetown University Law Center**, 2013

“Uneasy Lies the Head that Wears the Lawyer’s Hat,” **Law & Society Association Annual Meeting**. Boston, MA, 2013

“Getting out of Jury Duty: Subverting Law through Language,” American Ethnological Association and Association for Political and Legal Anthropology Conference Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2013

“Contested Agency in a Legal Movement,” Association of Law, Culture and the Humanities Annual Meeting. University of London Birkbeck United Kingdom, 2013

“Peer Review: Jury Selection in a Densely Populated City,” Princeton-Temple-Penn Graduate Conference. University of Pennsylvania, 2013

“Toward an Ethnographic Study of Voir Dire,” American Anthropological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, 2012

“Anatomy of a juror,” Princeton Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University, 2012

Invited Presentations and Lectures

“Prosecution in the Shadow of the Jury,” Georgetown University Law Center Fellows Colloquium, Washington, D.C., 2017

“Lay Participation in Legal Systems: The Cases of Norway and the United States,” Institute Talk, Department of Public and International Law, University of Oslo, 2016

“The Jury is Out: An Ethnographic Study of Lay Participation in Norway,” U.S.-Norway Fulbright Foundation Seminar, University of Oslo, 2016

“Jury Selection in American Courts: Current Issues,” Workshop for judges, prosecutors and researchers, University of Tromsø Law Faculty, 2015

“Comparative Jury Research,” Regional Public Prosecution Office in Oslo, Norway, 2015

“Ethnographic Jury Research,” New York Bar Association Continuing Legal Education Course, 2015

“Federal Jury Selection,” New York Bar Association Litigation Committee, 2015

“Federal Jury Selection Practices,” Continuing Legal Education Course for United States Attorney’s Office, 2014

“Peer Review: Managing Uncertainty in the United States Jury System,” Doctoral Scholarship Conference, Yale Law School, 2013

Other Activities

Discussant, *Ethics, Engaged Anthropology Workshop*, Department of Anthropology, Princeton University, 2014

Discussant, *Studies of prosecution*, **Law & Society Association Annual Meeting**. Seattle, WA, 2015

ACADEMIC SERVICE

Georgetown Law Scholar/Colloquium

Member, 2012—present

***Georgetown Journal of Legal Ethics* Advisory Board**

Member, 2016—2017

Ethnography, Law & Society Collaborative Research Network, Law & Society Association

Panel Organizing Committee Co-Chair, List Manager, 2016—2017

Coordinator, NSF-funded International Research Collaborative, “Ethnographies of Legal Transformation,” 2016-2017

Student Health Plan Advisory Council, Princeton University

Member, 2014—2017

Program in Law and Public Affairs, Princeton University

Seminar Coordinator, Graduate Student Seminar, 2013—2014

Interdisciplinary Undergraduate Thesis Workshop

Coordinator, Whitman College, Princeton University, 2013—2014

Residential Graduate Student, Princeton University

2013—2014

University Student Life Committee, Princeton University

Graduate Student Chair, 2012—2013

Department of Anthropology Faculty Committee, Princeton University

Graduate Student Liaison, 2012—2013

Society for Anthropological Studies, Cambridge University

Co-President, 2009

WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Justice, Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs

Law Clerk, 2010—2012

United States Attorney's Office
Law Student Summer Intern, 2010

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Bar Association
American Anthropological Association
American Ethnological Society
Association for Political and Legal Anthropology
Society for Cultural Anthropology
Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities
Law and Society Association

LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY

Norwegian Bokmål (Intermediate)

Spanish (Advanced)

Mandarin (Basic)

BAR ADMISSIONS

State Bar of New Jersey
2013—present

State Bar of New York
2013—present