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Traci Burch

Current Employment

- Assistant Professor, Northwestern University Department of Political Science
- Research Fellow, American Bar Foundation

Education

- *Harvard University*
Ph.D. in Government and Social Policy
Dissertation: *Punishment and Participation: How Criminal Convictions Threaten American Democracy*
Committee: Jennifer Hochschild (Chair), Sidney Verba, and Gary King
- *Princeton University*
A.B. in Politics, *magna cum laude*

Publications

- Burch, Traci. 2009. "Can the New Commander-In-Chief Sustain His All Volunteer Standing Army?" *The Dubois Review on Race* 6(1).
- Burch, Traci. Forthcoming. "American Politics and the Not-So-Benign Neglect of Criminal Justice," in The Future of American Politics, ed. Gary King, Kay Schlozman, and Norman Nie. (New York: Routledge).
- Schlozman, Kay Lehman and Traci Burch. 2009. "Political Voice in an Age of Inequality," in America at Risk: Threats to Liberal Self-Government in an Age of Uncertainty, ed. Robert Faulkner and Susan Shell (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press).
- Hochschild, Jennifer and Traci Burch. 2007. "Contingent Public Policies and the Stability of Racial Hierarchy: Lessons from Immigration and Census Policy," in Political Contingency: Studying the Unexpected, the Accidental, and the Unforeseen, ed. Ian Shapiro and Sonu Bedi (New York: NYU Press).

Honors and Fellowships

- American Political Science Association William Anderson Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of state and local politics, federalism, or intergovernmental relations (2008)

- American Political Science Association Urban Section Best Dissertation in Urban Politics Award (2008)
- Harvard University Robert Noxon Toppan Prize for the best dissertation in political science (2007)
- Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences Research Fellowship (2006-07)
- *European Network on Inequality* Fellowship (2005)
- Research Fellowship, The Sentencing Project (2005)
- Doctoral Fellow, Malcolm Weiner Center for Inequality and Social Policy (2004-07)

Professional Service

- Associate Editor, *Law and Social Inquiry*
- Reviewer for *The American Political Science Review*, *Public Opinion Quarterly*, *American Politics Research*, and *Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences*,

Conference Presentations and Invited Talks

- American Politics Workshop, Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago, Chicago IL, December 2008. "Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Participation."
- Law and Political Economy Colloquium, Northwestern Law, Chicago, IL, November 2008. "Did Disfranchisement Laws Help Elect President Bush? New Evidence on the Turnout Rates and Candidate Preferences of Florida's Ex-Felons."
- Center for the Study of Law and Society, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA, October 2008. "Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Participation."
- *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, [May](#) 2008. "Did Disfranchisement Laws Help Elect President Bush? New Evidence on the Turnout Rates and Candidate Preferences of Florida's Ex-Felons."
- *Law and Society Association Annual Meeting*, Montreal, Canada, [May](#) 2008. "Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Participation."
- *Midwest Political Science Association Conference*, Chicago, IL, April 2007. Paper: "Concentrated Incarceration: How Neighborhood Incarceration Decreases Voter Registration."

Ongoing Research Projects

- Book manuscript and articles on grassroots mobilizing in Atlanta, Charlotte, and Chicago
- Book and articles on the effects of increasing criminal conviction rates on the political behavior of individuals and communities
- Book manuscript on changing racial boundaries in the U. S. (with Jennifer Hochschild and Vesla Weaver)

- Research paper on the Supreme Court activity of interest groups (with Sidney Verba, Kay Schlozman, and Phil Jones)