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**Employment**

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- **Research Professor** 2019-present  
*American Bar Foundation*
- **Post-Doctoral Weinberg Fellow in Law & Inequality** 2018-2019  
*Northwestern University*

**Education**

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- **Ph.D., Sociology** 2018  
*University of Washington*  
Dissertation: "Tenant Screening and Fair Housing in the Information Age"  
Committee: Katherine Beckett (chair), Kyle Crowder, Alexes Harris,  
George Lovell (Political Science), Stewart Tolnay  
  
Major exam: Stratification, Race and Ethnicity  
Minor exam: Social Statistics
- **Certificate in Socio-Legal Studies** 2015  
*University of Washington, Comparative Law and Societies Studies Center*
- **M.A., Sociology** 2012  
*University of Washington*  
Thesis: "From Gender Blindness to Recognition of Difference: Litigation  
around Cross Gender Supervision in U.S. Correctional Facilities, 1972 – 2010"  
Thesis Committee: Katherine Beckett (chair), Alexes Harris
- **B.A., Sociology** 2007  
*Michigan State University*  
Summa Cum Laude

**Research and Teaching Interests**

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Housing Discrimination, Criminal Justice, Law and Society, Stratification, Gender, Race  
and Ethnicity

## Publications

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### *Journal Articles*

Anna Reosti. 2021. "The Costs of Seeking Shelter for Renters with Discrediting Background Records." *City & Community*, 20(3): 235–259.

Anna Reosti. 2020. "'We go totally subjective': Discretion, Discrimination, and Tenant Screening in a Landlord's Market." *Law & Social Inquiry*, 45(3), 618-657.

Katherine Beckett, Lindsey Beach, Emily Knaphus, and Anna Reosti. 2018. "US Criminal Justice Policy and Practice in the Twenty-First Century: Toward the End of Mass Incarceration?" *Law & Policy* 40(4): 321-345.

Katherine Beckett, Anna Reosti and Emily Knaphus. 2016. "The End of an Era? The Contradictions of Criminal Justice Reform." *The Annals of The American Academy of Political and Social Science*, 664(1): 238-259.

Merf Ehman and Anna Reosti. 2015. "Tenant Screening in an Era of Mass Incarceration: A Criminal Record is No Crystal Ball." *New York University Journal of Legislation & Public Policy Quorum*, 1: 1-28.

### *Book Chapters*

Stephanie Nawyn, Linda Gjokaj and Anna Reosti. 2009. "Gender in Motion: How Gender Precipitates International Migration." In M.T. Segal and V. Demos (eds.) *Advances in Gender Research*, vol. 13. Bingley, UK: Emerald Press.

### *Reports*

Anna Reosti and Allison Suppan Helmuth. 2021. "The Impact of COVID-19 on Small Rental Property Management: Insights from a Chicago Case Study." Released jointly by the Urban Institute Housing Crisis Research Collaborative and the American Bar Foundation.

Press coverage: Freishtat, Sarah. "Chicago's two-, three- and four-flats are a key source of affordable housing. The pandemic might be changing that." *Chicago Tribune*, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Katherine Beckett, Emily Knaphus and Anna Reosti. 2013. "The Impact of Prior Drug Convictions on Sentencing Outcomes: Evidence from King County." Report produced in cooperation with the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.

### *Working Papers*

Anna Reosti, Courtney Allen, Chris Hess, and Kyle Crowder. "How landlord ownership characteristics shape responses to tenant protection regulations."

Anna Reosti and Allison Suppan Helmuth "How durable are the tenant-friendly business practices of small landlords?"

Anna Reosti. "Tenant Background Screening and Fair Housing in the Information Age: An Experimental Investigation."

### **Research Grants**

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**2021** Urban Institute Housing Crisis Research Collaborative Grant, "The Impact of COVID-19 on Small Rental Property Management: Insights from a Chicago Case Study." \$25,885

**2016** National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Award, Sociology Division, "Tenant Screening in the Information Age: Implications for Housing Access" (#1636961, PI: Katherine Beckett) \$8,820

**2015** Doctoral Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Washington, \$500

### **Fellowships and Awards**

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**2017** Graduate School Presidential Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington

**2017** West Coast Poverty Center Dissertation Fellowship, University of Washington

**2015** Otto N. Larsen Dissertation Award, Department of Sociology, University of Washington

**2015** Selected Participant, Law and Society Association Graduate Workshop

**2013** Graduate Fellowship at the UW Comparative Law and Societies Studies Center (CLASS)

**2012** Outstanding Performance for the Masters of Arts Degree, Department of Sociology,

## Presentations

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**2023** (\*Invited Talk) "The Legal Life of the Rental Housing Crisis." Ellwood F. Curtis Family Lecture in Public Affairs, Augustana College, May 18th, 2023.

**2022** "Housing Inequality and the Law: The Case of Tenant Screening." Reimagining Justice Conference, JPB Foundation and American Bar Foundation, Chicago, June 23rd.

**2022** "How do landlords respond to tenant protection regulations? Understanding the connection between ownership characteristics, policy attitudes, and management practices among Seattle landlords." (with Courtney Allen, Kyle Crowder, and Chris Hess) West Coast Poverty Center Housing Roundtable, University of Washington, January 13<sup>th</sup>.

**2021** "Understanding Landlord Responses to Tenant Protection Policies during COVID-19." American Bar Foundation Louisiana Fellows Virtual Luncheon, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2021** "Housing Inequality and the Law: The Case of Tenant Screening." American Bar Endowment Board Meeting, June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**2021** "Regulating the Crisis, Phase I: An exploratory study of landlord responses to pandemic-era tenant protection regulations." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

**2020** "Tenant Background Screening and Fair Housing in the Information Age: An Experimental Investigation." American Bar Foundation New York Fellows Virtual Luncheon, September 17<sup>th</sup>.

**2020** "Tenant Background Screening and Fair Housing in the Information Age: An Experimental Investigation." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**2019** "Seeking Shelter in the Risk Society: The Costs of Housing Searches for Negatively Credentialed Renters." American Sociology Association Meeting, August 10<sup>th</sup>

**2018** "'We go totally subjective': Discretion, Bias and Benevolence in Private Rental Market Screening Practices." American Sociology Association Meeting, August 13<sup>th</sup>

- 2018** "Race and Negative Credentialism in the Private Rental Market: An Experimental Investigation." Southern Sociological Association Meeting, April 7<sup>th</sup>
- 2018** "The Promises and Limits of Tenant Screening Regulations." Power at the Margins: Mobilizing Across Housing Injustice, University of Minnesota, March 2<sup>nd</sup>
- 2017** "The Challenges of Regulating Landlord Discretion in Tenant Screening." West Coast Poverty Center Poverty and Policy Seminar Series, University of Washington, November 1st
- 2017** "Landlord Constructions of Fair Housing Compliance in the Information Age." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 23rd and American Sociology Association Meeting, August 14th
- 2016** "Tenant Screening and Fair Housing in the Information Age." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June 4th and American Sociology Association Meeting, August 20<sup>th</sup>
- 2015** "The Consequences of Tenant Screening Practices for Rental Housing Access and Discrimination." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- 2015** "A Criminal Record is No Crystal Ball – Tenant Screening in an Era of Mass Incarceration." (with Merf Ehman) West Coast Poverty Center Criminal Justice Roundtable, University of Washington, March 5<sup>th</sup>
- 2014** "The End of Mass Incarceration? The Contradictions of Criminal Justice Reform." (with Katherine Beckett and Emily Knaphus) West Coast Poverty Center Seminar Series, University of Washington, May 5th and Sociology Department Deviance Seminar, University of Washington, May 16<sup>th</sup>
- 2014** "Negative Credentialism and the Complex Mechanisms of Exclusion in 21st Century Rental Housing." Sociology Department Deviance Seminar at University of Washington, April 18<sup>th</sup>
- 2013** "The Puzzling Persistence of Racial Disproportionality in Criminal Sentencing in the Context of Drug Law Reform." (with Katherine Beckett and Emily Knaphus) Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 31<sup>st</sup>
- 2013** "The Potential and Limits of Drug Law Reform." (with Katherine Beckett and Emily Knaphus) Sociology Department Deviance Seminar, University of Washington, March 15<sup>th</sup>

2013 “Drug Law Reform and the Persistence of Racial Disproportionality in Criminal Sentencing Outcomes.” (with Emily Knaphus) Tangled Webs Conference, Western Washington University, January 18<sup>th</sup>

2010 “Equality or Neutrality? Cross-Gender Supervision in American Women’s Prisons.” Sociology Department Deviance Seminar, at University of Washington, May 28<sup>th</sup>

## Teaching Experience

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### *Instructor*

#### **LEGAL\_ST 376: Housing Inequality and the Law**

Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University (Spring 2019)

#### **LEGAL\_ST 376: Civil Rights and the Criminal Justice System**

Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University (Winter 2019)

#### **SOC 360: Introduction to Social Stratification**

Department of Sociology, University of Washington (Winter, Spring 2018)

#### **LSJ 490: Housing and Inequality**

Department of Law, Societies and Justice Program, University of Washington (Spring 2016 & 2017)

#### **SOC 372: Introduction to Criminal Justice**

Department of Sociology & Cross-Listed in Department of Law, Societies and Justice, University of Washington (Summer 2014 & 2016)

#### **SOC 101: Introduction to Sociology**

University Beyond Bars at Monroe Correctional Complex (Fall 2015)

## Service Activities and Professional Associations

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Book Review Co-Editor, *Law & Society Review*, 2023 - present

IRB Committee Chair, American Bar Foundation, 2022 – present

Policy Committee Chair, American Bar Foundation, 2022 - present

Appointments Committee Co-Chair, American Bar Foundation, 2021 - 2022

Faculty Coordinator for the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship at the American Bar Foundation, 2021 – present

Associate Editor, *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2020 - present

Seminar Series Co-Chair, American Bar Foundation, 2019 - 2020

Graduate Executive Committee Member, UW Comparative Law and Societies Studies Center (CLASS), 2015 - 2016

Associate Editor, *Social Problems*, 2013 – 2014

Volunteer Educator, University Beyond Bars, 2012 – 2015

Member: Law and Society Association (LSA), American Sociological Association (ASA)