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EDUCATION

- exp. 2020 Ph.D. (Sociology), University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: Getting Well: Using, Selling, and Quitting Opioids in California
Committee: Loïc Wacquant (chair), Jennifer Johnson-Hanks, Christopher Muller, and Seth Holmes (Public Health)
Exam Fields: Sociological Theory; Political Sociology; Deviance, Crime, and the Law
- 2015 Master of Arts (Sociology), University of California, Berkeley
Thesis: Social Crisis and Symbolic Power: Legalizing Syringe Exchange in California
Committee: Loïc Wacquant (chair) and Margaret Weir
- 2012 Bachelor of Arts (Tutorial Studies with Special Honors), University of Chicago
Thesis: ‘Safe and Useful Citizens’: The Legal Origins of the Sexual Psychopath
Supervisors: Bernard Harcourt (Law & Political Science) and Kristen Schilt (Sociology)

FELLOWSHIPS AND OTHER HONORS

- 2016 *Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award*, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Section, American Sociological Association
- 2016 *Martin Levine Student Paper Award*, Sociologists’ AIDS Network
- 2014 *Graduate Research Fellowship*, National Science Foundation
- 2013 *Regents Fellowship*, University of California, Berkeley
- 2011 *Student Marshal* (highest undergraduate honor), University of Chicago
- 2011 *Outstanding Social Sciences/Humanities Oral Presentation*, Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium

AREAS OF INTEREST

drugs, punishment, law, politics, health, public policy, “popular culture”

PUBLICATIONS

- Showalter, David. Forthcoming. “Epidemics, Crisis, and Policy Change: Spreading Syringe Services in California.” *Mobilization*.
Winner, 2016 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Section, American Sociological Association
Winner, 2016 Martin Levine Student Paper Award, Sociologists’ AIDS Network
- Wenger, Lynn, **David Showalter**, Barrot Lambdin, David Leiva, Eliza Wheeler, Peter Davidson, Phillip Coffin, Ingrid A. Binswanger, and Alex A. Kral. Forthcoming. “Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution in the San Francisco County Jail.” *Journal of Correctional Health Care*.
- Showalter, David. Forthcoming. “Misdiagnosing Medicalization: Penal Psychopathy and Psychiatric Practice.” *Theory & Society*.

- Showalter, David. 2018. "Federal Funding for Syringe Exchange: Explaining a Long-Term Policy Failure." *International Journal of Drug Policy* 55: 95-104.
- Showalter, David. 2017. "Donald Trump and the Political Aesthetics of Reality Television." *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*. (berkeleyjournal.org/2017/06/donald-trump-and-the-political-aesthetics-of-reality-television/)
- Showalter, David. 2011. "Thinking *Jersey Shore*." *Midway Review* 7(1): 19-25.
(<http://midwayreview.uchicago.edu/a/7/1/showalter/>)

ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 "Opioid Use and Informal Harm Reduction in a Remote California Town"
12th National Harm Reduction Conference, October, New Orleans LA
- 2018 113th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 12,
Philadelphia PA
- 2016 "Psychopathy in the Penal System: A Case of Medicalization?"
111th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20, Seattle
WA
- 2015 "The Penal Origins of the Psychopath in the United States: Bernard Glueck at Sing Sing,
1916-1918"
Inaugural UC Conference on Social Science and Law, October 23, Irvine CA
- 2015 "Federal Funding for Syringe Exchange: The More Things Change, the More They Stay
the Same"
110th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 22, Chicago
IL
- 2014 "Syringe Exchange and the State: A Case of Insurgency in the Bureaucratic Field"
109th Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 18, San
Francisco CA
- 2011 "Opening Remarks: *Jersey Shore* as a Model of Intellectual Life"
UChicago Conference on Jersey Shore Studies, October 28, Chicago IL (organizer)
Selected media coverage: *New York Times*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Inside Higher Ed*,
Huffington Post, *Daily Mail (UK)*
Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WBHQXaOmJj8>
- 2011 "Drone Strikes and the Discourse of Ungovernability in Pakistan's Tribal Regions"
Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science, April 8, Normal
IL
- 2011 Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 2, Chicago IL
Winner, Outstanding Social Sciences/Humanities Oral Presentation

NON-ACADEMIC PRESENTATIONS

- 2018 "Generations of East Bay Harm Reduction: Lessons from Three Decades of
Mobilization"
Ricky Bluthenthal, Ryan Dal Porto, Loris Mattox, Joy Rucker, **David Showalter**,
and Anna Steiner
- 2018 Panel discussion, 12th National Harm Reduction Conference, October, New Orleans
LA
- 2018 "Bridging Urban and Rural Responses to Opioid Use and Overdose"
Harm Reduction in Butte County, October 3, Chico CA

- 2018 Tools and Strategies for Rural Opioid Work, August 28, Quincy CA
 “Volunteers, Collectives, and Outlaws: Supporting Informal Harm Reduction in a Period of Partial Mainstreaming”
- 2016 Roundtable, 11th National Harm Reduction Conference, November 5, San Diego CA
 “Oral History Project: Berkeley’s Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution”
 Julia Klems, David Modersbach, **David Showalter**, and Mark Wilson
- 2016 Panel discussion, the Long Haul, August 14, Berkeley CA
 “Overdose Prevention in Criminal Justice Settings”
David Showalter, Eliza Wheeler, Lynn Wenger, Barrot Lambdin, Ingrid Binswanger, and Alex Kral
- 2016 Alameda County Joint Re-Entry One Table, August 10, Oakland CA
 “Building Intergenerational Ties in the Harm Reduction Community”
 LJ Johnson, **David Showalter**, and Ryan Wythe
- 2014 Roundtable, 10th National Harm Reduction Conference, October 23, Baltimore MD

WORK, SERVICE, & AFFILIATIONS

Work:

Graduate Student Instructor, University of California, Berkeley
 Fall 2016 “Evaluation of Evidence,” Heather Haveman, Sociology

Graduate Student Researcher, University of California, Berkeley
 2014–present Loïc Wacquant, Sociology
 2013–2015 Margaret Weir, Sociology & Political Science

Research Assistant, University of Chicago
 2012–2013 Jens Ludwig, Social Service Administration & Public Policy
 2009–2012 Cathy Cohen, Political Science

Service:

Reviewer
 2018–present *Harm Reduction Journal*
 2014–present *Berkeley Journal of Sociology*

Consultant
 2018 *Harm Reduction Coalition*
 2015 *Presbyterian Church USA Drug Policy Task Force*

Harm reduction
 2013–present *Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution (NEED)*
 2009–2013 *Chicago Recovery Alliance*

Affiliations:

2016–present *Sociologists’ AIDS Network*
 2016–present *Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco Section, American Sociological Association*

2015–present Research Associate, *RTI International*
2014–present *American Sociological Association*
2015–present President of the Board of Directors, *NEED*
2014–present Collective member, *NEED*
2012 *Phi Beta Kappa*