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Christopher Muller

- Employment
- 2016– Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2014–2016 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholar, Columbia University
- 2004–2007 Research Associate, Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law
- Education
- 2014 Ph.D., Sociology, Harvard University
- 2011 M.A., Sociology, Harvard University
- 2003 B.A., Public Policy and American Institutions; Ethnic Studies, Brown University
Magna Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa; Departmental Honors
- Publications
- Journal articles* (* equal authorship)
- Christopher Muller and Alexander F. Roehrkasse. 2022. “Racial and Class Inequality in US Incarceration in the Early Twenty-First Century.” *Social Forces* 1–26.
- *James J. Feigenbaum, Lauren Hoehn-Velasco, Christopher Muller, and Elizabeth Wrigley-Field. 2022. “1918 Every Year: Racial Inequality in Infectious Mortality, 1906–1942.” *American Economic Association Papers and Proceedings* 112:1–6.
- *Christopher Muller and Daniel Schrage. 2021. “The Political Economy of Incarceration in the Cotton South, 1910–1925.” *American Journal of Sociology* 127:828–866.
- Christopher Muller. 2021. “Exclusion and Exploitation: The Incarceration of Black Americans from Slavery to the Present.” *Science* 374:282–286.
- *James J. Feigenbaum, Christopher Muller, and Elizabeth Wrigley-Field. 2019. “Regional and Racial Inequality in Infectious Disease Mortality in U.S. Cities, 1900–1948.” *Demography* 56:1371–1388.
- Peter K. Enns, Youngmin Yi, Megan Comfort, Alyssa Goldman, Hedwig Lee, Christopher Muller, Sara Wakefield, Emily A. Wang, and Christopher Wildeman. 2019. “What Percentage of Americans Have Ever Had a Family Member Incarcerated?: Evidence from the Family History of Incarceration Survey (FamHIS).” *Socius* 6:1–45.

- Christopher Muller. 2018. "Freedom and Convict Leasing in the Postbellum South." *American Journal of Sociology* 124:367–405.
- *Christopher Muller, Robert J. Sampson, and Alix S. Winter. 2018. "Environmental Inequality: The Social Causes and Consequences of Lead Exposure." *Annual Review of Sociology* 44:263–282.
- Jonathan L. Zelner, Christopher Muller, and James J. Feigenbaum. 2017. "Racial Inequality in the Annual Risk of Tuberculosis Infection in the United States, 1910–1933." *Epidemiology & Infection* 145:1797–1804.
- *Deirdre Bloome, James J. Feigenbaum, and Christopher Muller. 2017. "Tenancy, Marriage, and the Boll Weevil Infestation, 1892–1930." *Demography* 54:1029–1049.
- Christopher Muller and Christopher Wildeman. 2016. "Geographic Variation in the Cumulative Risk of Imprisonment and Parental Imprisonment in the United States." *Demography* 53:1499–1509.
- *James J. Feigenbaum and Christopher Muller. 2016. "Lead Exposure and Violent Crime in the Early Twentieth Century." *Explorations in Economic History* 62:51–86.
- *Deirdre Bloome and Christopher Muller. 2015. "Tenancy and African American Marriage in the Postbellum South." *Demography* 52:1409–1430.
- *Christopher Muller and Daniel Schrage. 2014. "Mass Imprisonment and Trust in the Law." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 651:139–158.
- Bruce Western and Christopher Muller. 2013. "Mass Incarceration, Macrosociology, and the Poor." *Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 647:166–189.
- Christopher Muller. 2012. "Northward Migration and the Rise of Racial Disparity in American Incarceration, 1880–1950." *American Journal of Sociology* 118:281–326.
- Christopher Wildeman and Christopher Muller. 2012. "Mass Imprisonment and Inequality in Health and Family Life." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science* 8:11–30.
- Aziz Z. Huq and Christopher Muller. 2008. "The War on Crime as Precursor to the War on Terror." *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice* 36:215–229.

Book chapters

- Christopher Muller, Christopher Winship, and Stephen L. Morgan. 2014. "Instrumental Variables Regression," pp. 277–299 in *The SAGE Handbook of Regression Analysis and Causal Inference*, edited by Henning Best and Christof Wolf. London: Sage.

- Christopher Wildeman, Anna R. Haskins, and Christopher Muller. 2013. "Implications of Mass Imprisonment for Inequality Among American Children," pp. 177–191 in *The Punitive Turn: New Approaches to Race and Incarceration*, edited by Deborah E. McDowell, Claudrena N. Harold, and Juan Battle. Charlottesville, VA: University of Virginia Press.
- Christopher Muller and Christopher Wildeman. 2012. "Punishment and Inequality," pp. 169–185 in *The SAGE Handbook of Punishment and Society*, edited by Jonathan Simon and Richard Sparks. London: Sage.
- Christopher Muller and Christopher Winship. 2011. "John Dewey: The Sociology of Action," pp. 289–297 in *Sociological Insights of Great Thinkers: Sociology Through Literature, Philosophy, and Science*, edited by Christofer R. Edling and Jens Rydgren. Oxford: Praeger.

Short essays and reviews

- Christopher Muller. 2015. "Politics and Science in the Work of W. E. B. Du Bois." *European Journal of Sociology* 56:407–412.
- Christopher Winship and Christopher Muller. 2011. "Ethnomethodology and Consequences: Comment on Emirbayer and Maynard's 'Pragmatism and Ethnomethodology.'" *Qualitative Sociology* 34:283–286.
- Christopher Wildeman and Christopher Muller. 2009. "Incarceration, Adulthood," pp. 221–225 in *Encyclopedia of the Life Course and Human Development: Volume 2*, edited by Deborah Carr. Detroit: MacMillan.

Awards

- Charles Tilly Best Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on Comparative-Historical Sociology, 2019
- IPUMS Spatial Research Award for the best published paper using data from the National Historical Geographic Information System or IPUMS Terra, 2018
- Larry Neal Prize for the best article in *Explorations in Economic History*, 2017
- Outstanding Professor, Berkeley Undergraduate Sociology Association, 2017
- American Sociological Association Dissertation Award, 2015
- Roger V. Gould Prize, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2014
- Dorothy S. Thomas Award, Population Association of America, 2013
- Aage B. Sørensen Memorial Award for the most outstanding qualifying paper in sociology, Harvard University Department of Sociology, 2012
- Charles and Louise Tilly Prize for the best graduate student paper in Social Science History, Social Science History Association, 2011
- Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Distinguished Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, 2011
- Distinction in oral examination, Historical Social Science, Harvard University Department of Sociology, 2011
- Distinction in qualifying paper, Harvard University Department of Sociology, 2011

Derek Bok Certificate of Distinction in Teaching, Harvard University, Fall 2010, Spring 2010, Fall 2009

Undergraduate Teaching and Research Award, Brown University, *Imprisoned Intellectuals*, with Joy James, 2002

Grants and fellowships

Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Faculty Research Award, University of California, Berkeley, *Agricultural Mechanization and Mass Incarceration*, 2021

Hellman Fellows Fund Award, *The Political Economy of Mass Incarceration*, 2020

Berkeley Population Center Pilot Grant, *Agricultural Mechanization and Mass Incarceration*, 2020

Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Faculty Research Award, University of California, Berkeley, *Land and Racial Economic Inequality*, 2019

Institute for Research on Labor and Employment Faculty Research Award, University of California, Berkeley, *The Political Economy of Incarceration in the Cotton South, 1910–1925*, 2018

Russell Sage Foundation, Computational Social Science, *Reclaiming Lost Data on American Racial Inequality, 1865–1940*, with Marcella Alsan, Peter Bearman, James J. Feigenbaum, Trevon Logan, Mara Loveman, Suresh Naidu, and Eric Schickler, 2017

Regents' Junior Faculty Fellowship, University of California, Berkeley, 2017

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Seed Grant, *Digitizing the Historical Mortality Statistics*, with James J. Feigenbaum, Elizabeth Wrigley-Field, and Jonathan L. Zelner, 2015

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Seed Grant: *The Lawrence Bread and Roses Strike*, with Peter Bearman and Kinga Makovi, 2015

Josefina Cintron Tiryakian and Edward A. Tiryakian Graduate Student Dissertation Fellowship, 2013

National Science Foundation Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2013

Harvard University Institute for Quantitative Social Science (IQSS) Research Grant, 2012

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, 2008

Doctoral Fellow, Harvard Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, 2008

Invited talks

“The Political Economy of Incarceration in the Cotton South, 1910–1925”

- Sociology Department Colloquium, Northwestern University, February 10, 2022
- Center for the Study of Law and Society Speaker Series, University of California, Berkeley, November 8, 2021
- Sociology Department Colloquium, Stanford University, May 6, 2021
- Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin–Madison, April 29, 2021
- Harvard University Workshop in History, Culture, and Society, April 9, 2021

- Seminar for Comparative Social Analysis, University of California, Los Angeles, November 7, 2019
 - Columbia Justice Lab, Columbia University, August 9, 2019
- “Racial and Class Inequality in U.S. Incarceration in the Early Twenty-First Century”
- Urban Theory and Data Lab, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, March 25, 2021
- “Environmental Inequality: The Social Causes and Consequences of Lead Exposure”
- Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9, San Francisco, CA, November 7, 2018
- “Author Meets Critics. *Gone Home: Race and Roots through Appalachia* by Karida L. Brown”
- Center for the Study of International Migration, University of California, Los Angeles, October 5, 2018
- “Freedom and Convict Leasing in the Postbellum South”
- Center for the Study of Law and Society Speaker Series, University of California, Berkeley, September 24, 2018
- “Tenancy, Marriage, and the Boll Weevil Infestation, 1892–1930”
- Sociology Department Colloquium, Stanford University, June 1, 2017
 - Department of Demography Colloquium, University of California, Berkeley, April 19, 2017
 - Harvard University Workshop in History, Culture, and Society, April 15, 2016
- “The Lawrence Bread and Roses Strike”
- Lawrence History Center, Lawrence, MA, October 5, 2016
- “Lead Exposure and Violent Crime in the Early Twentieth Century”
- Chambers of Justice Mariano-Florentino Cuéllar, Supreme Court of California, San Francisco, CA, September 27, 2016
 - Harvard University Inequality & Social Policy Seminar, April 18, 2016
 - Center for the Study of Wealth and Inequality, Columbia University Institute for Social and Economic Research and Policy, April 23, 2015
 - Sociology Department Speaker Series, Emory University, April 13, 2015
 - Sociology Department Colloquium, Yale University, April 1, 2015
 - University Seminar in Economic History, Columbia University, March 5, 2015
 - Harvard University Workshop in History, Culture, and Society, March 14, 2014
- “Tools for Historical Sociologists”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, August 22, 2016
- “Politics and Science in the Work of W. E. B. Du Bois”
- *Berkeley Sociology Forum*, University of California, Berkeley, September 20, 2015
- “Pragmatism, Action, and Maps”
- *Pragmatism and Sociology*, University of Chicago, August 21, 2015

“Author Meets Critics. *The Perils of Federalism: Race, Poverty, and the Politics of Crime Control* by Lisa L. Miller”

- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 23, 2013

“Linking Historical Records of Georgia Prisoners”

- Harvard University Early Modern History Workshop, February 12, 2013

“Mass Imprisonment and Trust in the Law”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, August 11, 2013
- *Detaining Democracy: Criminal Justice and American Civic Life*, Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies, November 9, 2012

“Northward Migration and the Rise of Racial Disparity in American Incarceration, 1880–1950”

- Yale University Center for Research on Inequalities and the Life Course, September 16, 2011

Conference presentations

“The Political Economy of Incarceration in the Cotton South, 1910–1925”

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, August 8, 2020
- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 24, 2019

“Lead Exposure and Violent Crime in the Early Twentieth Century”

- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, May 5, 2016
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars Program Annual Meeting, Chapel Hill, NC, May 7, 2015

“Freedom and Convict Leasing in the Postbellum South”

- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, November 22, 2013

“Tenancy and African American Marriage in the Postbellum South”

- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, November 3, 2012
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO, August 18, 2012
- Harvard University Research in Economic History Workshop, March 26, 2012

“Northward Migration and the Rise of Racial Disparity in American Incarceration, 1880–1950”

- Social Science History Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, November 19, 2011
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, August 21, 2011
- Harvard University Inter-Ivy and Sørensen Memorial Sociology Conference, April 9, 2011

Teaching

University of California, Berkeley

- Sociology 101: Sociological Theory I, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2021
- Sociology 102: Sociological Theory II, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Sociology 190: Incarceration and Inequality in the United States, Spring 2018, Spring 2021
- Sociology 273C: Methods for Historical Social Science, Spring 2017, Fall 2018, Spring 2020, Fall 2021

Harvard University

- Sociology 97: Tutorial in Social Theory, Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Fall 2010

Service

Editorial Board, *Sociological Theory*, 2017–2020

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Criminal Justice Policy Review*; *Demographic Research*; *Demography*; *Environmental Research*; *Harvard Law Review*; *Journal of Development Economics*; *Journal of Health and Social Behavior*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Law & Society Review*; *Oxford University Press*; *Population Research and Policy Review*; *Quarterly Journal of Economics*; *Social Forces*; *Social Problems*; *Social Science Quarterly*; *Social Science & Medicine*; *Socio-Economic Review*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Methods and Research*; *Sociological Theory*; *Theory and Society*; *Urban Geography*

Member, Charles Tilly Best Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Section, 2020

Organizing committee, *Pragmatism and Sociology* Conference, University of Chicago, August 21, 2015

Member, Reinhard Bendix Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Comparative and Historical Section, 2014, 2016

Organizing committee, *Capitalism, the Politics of Inequality, and Historical Change* Conference, Comparative Historical and Political Sociology Sections of the American Sociological Association, Columbia University, August 14, 2013

Co-founder and co-coordinator, Harvard University *Workshop in History, Culture, and Society*, Fall 2011–Spring 2013

Affiliations

Member, American Sociological Association, 2007–

Member, Social Science History Association, 2008–

Member, Population Association of America, 2012–

Member, Scholars Strategy Network, 2014–

Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, 2018–

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, University of California, Berkeley, 2018–

Faculty Affiliate, Center for Race & Gender, University of California, Berkeley, 2020–

Faculty Affiliate, Population Center, University of California, Berkeley, 2020–

Faculty Affiliate, Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley, 2021–

Faculty Affiliate, Political Economy Designated Emphasis, University of California, Berkeley, 2021–