

Jesse Yeh

620 Lincoln Street, #204
Evanston, IL 60208
(847) 467 - 6158
jesse.yeh@northwestern.edu

Academic Positions

Northwestern University

2024 Assistant Professor of Instruction, Legal Studies

Education

University of Michigan

2023 Ph. D. in Public Policy and Sociology

2020 Graduate Teacher Certificate, Center for Research on Learning and Teaching

2019 M. A. in Sociology

University of California, Berkeley, Distinction (cum laude)

2013 B. A. in Political Economy

B. A. in Media Studies, Departmental High Honors

Publications

Yeh, Jesse. 2024. "Can He Say That? Who's Going to Stop Him?: Liberal and Conservative Racial Norm Enforcements against Trump's Racial Derogations." *American Journal of Cultural Sociology*. doi: [10.1057/s41290-024-00211-1](https://doi.org/10.1057/s41290-024-00211-1).

Levitsky, Sandra R., **Jesse Yeh**, and Elizabeth A. Armstrong. 2024. "Litigation Politics: Social Movement Activity in Campus Sexual Assault Litigation." *Law & Society Review* 58(3):505-34. doi: [10.1017/lsr.2024.28](https://doi.org/10.1017/lsr.2024.28).

Under Review "Meanings of Illegality: Punitive Consciousness and Politics of Lawbreaking."

Public Scholarship

2018 *Hate Magnified: Communities in Crisis*. Communities Against Hate. (<https://hatemagnified.org>)

Fellowships & Grants

- 2024 Baker Faculty Grant, Northwestern University
- 2023-24 Rackham Predoctoral Fellowship, University of Michigan
- 2021 Rackham Graduate Student Research Grant, University of Michigan
- 2020 Dissertation Research Grant, University of Michigan Department of Sociology
- 2017 Rackham Summer Training Award, University of Michigan Institute for Social Research
- 2016-22 Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan

Honors & Distinctions

- 2023 Honorable Mention, Katherine Luke Paper Award, University of Michigan Department of Sociology
- 2022 Honorable Mention, Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division (DREM)
- 2020 Winner, Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, University of Michigan

Teaching

Northwestern University Undergraduate Courses

- Advanced Research Seminar
- Law and Popular Culture
- Legal Studies Research Methods
- Race Terror: Sociological Readings of Race Horror Films (First-Year Writing Seminar)
- Race, Politics, and the Law
- Undocumented Americans (First-Year Writing Seminar)

University of Michigan Undergraduate Courses

- Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

Graduate Student Instructor, University of Michigan

Social Science Statistics
 Research Methodology
 Social Movements
 Introduction to Sociology
 Social Problems
 Terrorism, Torture, and Violence

Presentations

- 2024 "Intersectional Backlash: Exploring Convergences of Anti-Trans and Anti-CRT Mobilizations." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- 2023 "Constructing Solidarities: Explaining Convergence in Undocumented Policy Preferences." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- "Can He Say That? Who's Going to Stop Him? Liberal and Conservative Racial Norm Enforcement Against Trump's Racial Derogation." Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.
- "The Politics of 'Private' Lawsuits: Identifying Countermovement Activity in the Case of Campus Sexual Assault." Annual Meeting on Law and Society. (Co-Authors: Sandra R. Levitsky and Elizabeth A. Armstrong)
- 2022 "Empathy Across Differences: How Do Liberals and Conservatives Make Sense of Law-and-Order Politics?" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.
- "White Victimhood as Organizational Decoupling: The Case of Anti-White Hate Crime Reporting" Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.
- "Empathy Across Differences: How Do Liberals and Conservatives Interpret Law-and-Order Politics?" Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting.
- "Empathy Across Differences: How Do Liberals and Conservatives Respond to Law and Order Politics?" Annual Meeting on Law and Society.
- 2021 "I Support the Movement But...': How Non-Black Activists Interpret and Respond to 'Defund the Police.'" Society for the Study of Social Problems Virtual Annual Meeting.
- "Understanding Patterns in Litigation Involving Campus Sexual Assault, 1992 – 2019." Annual Meeting on Law and Society. (Presenter, Co-Authors: Sandra Levitsky, Elizabeth Armstrong, and Kamaria Porter)
- Police Reform and Abolition.* Invited Panelist. Hofstra University.
- "I Support the Movement But...': How Non-Black Activists Interpret and Respond to 'Defund the Police.'" *Imagining Abolition: Beyond Prisons, Wars, and Borders.*
- 2020 "Seeing Whiteness Like the State: Colliding Logics of Whiteness in Anti-White Hate Crime Reporting." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

Table Presider & Discussant. "Trump & US Politics: A View from Below." Refereed Roundtable. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.

2019 "Hateful Brutes: Disparate Trajectories of Hate Crime Cases in the US Criminal Justice Process" Annual Meeting on Law and Society.

Teaching Consultant

2022 Democracy Lab. University of Michigan Department of Sociology

2021 Anti-Racist Pedagogy Consultant. University of Michigan Department of Sociology

2019 SOC 100 Introduction to Sociology: iClicker and Discussion Section Design. University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Research Assistantship

2019-20 Racial Inequality, Culture, and Knowledge Lab (RICKLab), PI: Alford Young, Jr.

2017-21 University Responses to Sexual Assault (URSA), PI: Sandra Levitsky and Elizabeth A. Armstrong

2016-17 Models of Majority-Minority Relationships in National Constitutions, PI: Matthias Koenig and Kiyoteru Tsutsui

Professional Services & Positions

2025 Facilitator, "Backlash and Realignment: Global LGBT Politics Under Trump," SPAN (Sexualities Project at Northwestern) Reading Group, Northwestern University

2024 Founder and Coordinator, Legal Studies Interdisciplinary Workshop, Northwestern University

2024 Communications Committee, American Sociological Association Sociology of Law Section

2023- Subcommittee on Mentoring and Professionalization, American Sociological Association International Migration Section

2023 Joe Feagin Undergraduate Student Paper Award Committee, American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minority (SREM)

2022 Race, Ethnicity, and Immigration (REI) Preliminary Exam Mentor, University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Kimberlé Crenshaw Article Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division

- Student Coordinator, Social Movement and Political Sociology Workshop, University of Michigan
- 2021 Student Representative, Admission Committee, Ford School of Public Policy, University of Michigan
- 2020 Program Committee. American Sociological Association Section on Racial and Ethnic Minority (SREM)
- Student Coordinator, Social Movement and Political Sociology Workshop, University of Michigan Department of Sociology
- 2018-19 Student Representative, Admission Committee, University of Michigan Department of Sociology
- 2017-18 Co-Coordinator, Critical Intersectionality Rackham Interdisciplinary Workshop, University of Michigan
- 2017-18 Faculty Meeting Student Representative, University of Michigan Department of Sociology

Languages

English, Mandarin Chinese (native speaker), Spanish (intermediate)