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CURRENT POSITION

2015-present Lecturer, Department of Politics, University of Sheffield

PREVIOUS APPOINTMENTS

2012- 2015 *Harvard University*: Lecturer on Social Studies
2011-2012 *Harvard University*: Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History
2010-2011 *University of Oxford*: Research Fellow, Institute for Science, Innovation, and Society
2009 *The Ohio State University*: Postdoctoral Fellow, Mershon Center for International Security Studies
2008-2009 *European University Institute*: Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies

Visiting Appointments

January 2018 University of California, San Diego, Department of Sociology

EDUCATION

2008 Ph.D., Sociology, *University of California, Berkeley*
2001 M.A., Sociology, *University of California, Berkeley*
1996 B.A., Sociology, *New College of Florida*

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2013. *Disciplining terror: How experts invented "terrorism"* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.

-winner, 2015 *Francesco Guicciardini Prize for Best Book in Historical International Relations*, International Studies Association

-co-winner, 2015 *International Political Sociology Book Award*, International Studies Association

-honorable mention, 2015 *Mirra Komarovsky Book Award*, Eastern Sociological Society

-winner, 2012 *President's Book Award*, Social Science History Association

-reviewed in: *Contemporary Sociology*; *Choice*; *Geopolitics*; *International Politics Reviews*; *Sociology*; *The Sociological Review*; *Terrorism and Political Violence*; *Discourse and Communication*; *Journal of Strategic Security*
-non-English reviews: *Revista CIDOB d'Afers Internacionals*, *Relaciones Internacionales*; *Revue Francais de Science Politique*.
-author-meets-critics session, 2014 Eastern Sociological Society

Peer-reviewed journal articles

2016. "The lawyers' war: states and human rights in a transnational field." *The Sociological Review Monographs*. 64:2 pp 170-93 DOI: 10.1111/2059-7932.12007
2013. "Experts, États et théorie des champs. Quelques leçons tirées d'une sociologie de l'expertise sur le terrorisme" *Critique Internationale* 59: April-June 2013, pp. 89-104. (in French, English version available upon request).
2011. "Disciplining an unruly field: Terrorism experts and theories of scientific/intellectual production" *Qualitative Sociology* 34:1, pp.1-19.
2006. "How does "culture" become "capital"? Cultural and institutional struggles over "character and personality" at Harvard" *Sociological Perspectives* 49:4, pp. 461-481.

Book chapters

2017. "Can Terrorism Be Defined?" (chapter in *Constructions of Terrorism*, edited by Michael Stohl, Scott Englund, and Richard Burchill, Berkeley: University of California Press.)
2016. "The emergence of terrorism studies as a field" (chapter 2 (pp. 17-27) in Richard Jackson, ed., *The Routledge Handbook of Critical Terrorism Studies*, New York: Routledge.)
2015. (with Greggor Mattson). "Sociology: Security and Insecurities" (chapter 5 (pp. 90-110) in Philippe Bourbeau, ed., *Security: Dialogue Across Disciplines*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.)
2015. "Problematic knowledge: How "terrorism" resists expertise" (chapter 9 in Trine Villumsen Berling and Christian Bueger, eds., *Security Expertise: Practices, Power and Responsibility*, New York: Routledge.)

Reviews and short essays

2018. Review of Osamah F. Khalil, *America's Dream Palace: Middle East Expertise and the Rise of the National Security State*. H-Diplo roundtable review, XIX-18. <http://www.tiny.cc/Roundtable-XIX-18>
2018. "Torture" (entry in *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Politics and International Relations, 4th edition*, edited by Garrett W. Brown and Alistair Mc Millan, Oxford: Oxford University Press).
2017. "The (il)logic of networks" (essay for *Boston Review* forum "Islam on Trial" <http://bostonreview.net/forum/islam-trial/lisa-stampnitzky-lisa-stampnitzky-responds-amna-akbar-and-jeanne-theoharis>).
2016. Film review: Marie-Monique Robin *Torture: Made in the USA*. *Teaching Sociology*, 44(1), pp 66-67.
2016. Film review: Deborah Kaufman and Alan Snitow, *Drones in My Backyard*. *Teaching Sociology*, 44(1), pp 68.
2015. Review of Milan Zafirovski and Daniel G. Rodeheaver, *Modernity and terrorism: From anti-modernity to modern global terror*. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*: 44:5, pp.739-40.
2013. "Toward a sociology of 'security'" *Sociological Forum* 28:3, pp.631-33.
2013. Review of Susan N. Herman, *Taking liberties: The war on terror and the erosion of American democracy*. *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews*, 42:3, pp390-391
2010. Review of Bob Brecher, Mark Devenny, and Aaron Winter (eds.), *Discourses and practices of terrorism: Interrogating terror*. *E-Extreme: Electronic Newsletter of the ECPR Standing Group on Extremism and Democracy*.

Works in progress

How torture became speakable (monograph, under advance contract at Stanford University Press).

"The politics of secrecy" (in preparation)

"The last technocrats: anti-knowledge and the segmentation of policy fields since the 1970s" (in preparation).

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2017-18 Leverhulme Foundation Research Fellowship for “How Torture Became Speakable”
- 2016 Grant from Sheffield Methods Institute for “Hidden Power” workshop
- 2011-2012 Fellow, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University.
- 2009 Postdoctoral fellowship, Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University
- 2008-2009 Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies European University Institute (Florence, Italy)
- 2005-2007 National Science Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant

INVITED TALKS (last 5 years)

- 2018 *University of St. Andrews* (public lecture at Center for the Study of Terrorism and Political Violence) “How torture became speakable” 11/8/2018
- 2018 *Oxford University* keynote speaker at conference, “Political violence: Causes, character, and consequences” 05/29/2018
- 2018 *Sciences Po*, Center for the Study of Organizations “Justifying torture in the public sphere” 5/4/2018
- 2018 *LaGuardia Community College, City University of New York* (NEH funded seminar on “Meanings of war: its technologies and aftermaths”) “Justifying torture in the public sphere” 4/10/2018
- 2018 *University of Oxford, Institute for Science Innovation and Society* “How should we study truth?” 2/6/2018
- 2017 *Universite Paris 8*. Working group on terrorism and counterterrorism (*Groupe de travail sur le terrorisme et l’antiterrorisme – GT/C*). “How political violence became terrorism” 10/13/2017
- 2017 *Centre Alexandre Koyré, Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales* (Paris, France), Seminar on shaping and government of crises. 4/27/2017.
- 2017 *University of York* (UK). “Reading the Senate Intelligence Committee Report on Torture.” Department of Politics seminar series, 2/1/2017.
- 2016 *Uppsala University* (Sweden), “How political violence Became terrorism”, Invited seminar for research group on method and knowledge in conflict, 9/13/2016.
- 2016 *York University* (Canada), Department of Sociology. Annual Lecture: “How political violence became ‘terrorism,’” 3/23/16.
- 2016 *University of Cambridge*, Department of Politics and International Studies (Seminar on book: *Security: Dialogue Across Disciplines*; 2/15/16).
- 2016 *London School of Economics*, Department of International Relations. “The Academic Job Market” (*presentation to Professional Development Workshop*; 2/17/16)
- 2015 *Columbia University*, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Workshop, Department of Sociology “What is speakability?”

- 2014 *John Jay College, CUNY, Center on Terrorism.* "How Political Violence Became Terrorism"
- 2014 *Boston University, Society, Politics and Culture workshop, Department of Sociology* "How Torture Became Speakable"
- 2014 *Emory University, Project on War and Security in Law, Culture and Society, Emory Law School* "How Torture Became Speakable"
- 2013 *University of Michigan, Science, Technology, Medicine and Society Colloquium* "How Political Violence Became Terrorism"

CONFERENCE PANELS AND PRESENTATIONS (last 5 years)

- 2018 "The legalization of violence" *Law and Society Association, Toronto*
- 2018 Roundtable participant "Does truth matter? What are the rules of truth, facts and expert knowledge in a 'post-truth' climate?" *International Studies Association, San Francisco*
- 2018 "How torture became speakable" *International Studies Association, San Francisco*
- 2018 "What is the opposite of secrecy?" *International Studies Association, San Francisco*
- 2017 "Reading the *Senate Intelligence Committee Report on Torture*" *EISA (European International Studies Association), Sept 2017, Barcelona*
- 2017 Roundtable participant: "Emotions and IR Scholars: Towards a Feeling Discipline" *EISA (European International Studies Association)*
- 2017 "The power of discredited experts and discredited facts: Terrorism and truth, before and after Trump" *Society for the Social Studies of Science (4S), Aug 2017, Boston, Massachusetts*
- 2016 Roundtable participant: "The Use and Abuse of Field Theory in IR/International Political Sociology" *International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 16-19.*
- 2016 "Knowledge, "Anti-knowledge," and "Countering Violent Extremism" *International Studies Association, Atlanta, March 16-19.*
- 2015 "Can terrorism be defined?" *Constructions of Terrorism, UC Santa Barbara, Orfalea Centre for Global and International Studies, December 3-4.*
- 2015 "How torture became speakable" *International Politics Workshop, University of Sheffield, November 4.*
- 2015 "How torture became speakable (again): tracing the shifting meaning of "extraordinary" practices in American political discourse" *Revisiting Remaking Modernity: Comparative-Historical Sociology mini-conference, Chicago.*
- 2015 "The lawyers' war: states and human rights in a transnational field" *American Sociological Association, Chicago.*
- 2015 "Unknown knowns and open secrets: Towards a sociology of secrecy" *Eastern Sociological Society, New York.*
- 2014 "The last technocrats: anti-knowledge and the segmentation of policy fields since the 1970s." *Social Science History Association, Toronto.*
- 2014 Discussant, panel on "Bureaucrats, Beltway Bandits, and Political Struggles over Expertise and Public Policy." *Social Science History Association, Toronto.*
- 2014 "The lawyers' war: States and human rights in the transnational legal field" *Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, Lexington, KY (also presented at workshop on "Fielding Transnationalism," Boston University).*

- 2014 "Author meets critics session on *Disciplining Terror: How Experts Invented Terrorism.*" *Eastern Sociological Society*, Baltimore.
- 2013 "How torture became thinkable: The 'legalization' of human rights violations and the vagaries of state secrecy." *Social Science History Association, Chicago* (also presented at *mini-conference, "Re-Imagining Human Rights," SSSP, New York.*)
- 2013 "The only thing I know certain about him is that he's evil": Expert knowledge about the Middle East in the U.S. war on terror" *Middle East Studies Association, New Orleans*
- 2013 "The decline of technoscientific expertise in the 1970s." *Conference on "Zeitgeist," Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung (ZiF), Bielefeld, Germany.*
- 2013 "Governing around the law: The de-legalization and re-legalization of American counterterrorism, 1972-2012." *Law and Society Association, Boston.*
- 2013 "Techniques, practices, problematizations: Network analysis in the war on terror." *International Studies Association, San Francisco.*

TEACHING

University of Sheffield (Politics)

undergraduate courses

Contemporary U.S. Foreign Policy (L2, Lectures and seminars; Spring 2017, Fall 2015)

graduate courses

Qualitative Methods (MA seminar, Spring 2016)

Human Rights (MA seminar, Fall 2016, Spring 2016)

Harvard University (Social Studies)

undergraduate courses

Culture and Politics in American Society (Spring 2015/ 2014/2013)

Contemporary Social and Political Theory (Spring 2015/ 2014/2013)

Classical Social and Political Theory (Fall 2014/2013/ 2012)

Senior Thesis Seminar (Fall 2013)

From September 11th to the War on Terror (Fall 2012)

University of California at Berkeley (Sociology)

undergraduate courses

Sociology of Knowledge and Expertise (Fall 2007)

SERVICE

University of Sheffield

2015-2017 Graduate Teaching Assistant Coordinator

2015-2017 Learning and Teaching Committee

External examining: PhD theses

Spring 2018. (Department of International Politics, University of Aberystwyth)
Spring 2017. (Department of Sociology, University of Leeds)

Harvard University

2012-2015: Member of exam board, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies
2012-15: Concentration adviser, Committee on Degrees in Social Studies

University of Oxford

Student advising

2010-11: Student adviser, Kellogg College

Seminars organized

- 2011 Hilary Term Seminar Series: “Policy, Knowledge, and Expertise.”
Institute for Science, Innovation, and Society, University of Oxford.
2010 Hilary Term Seminar Series: “Markets: Infrastructures, Devices,
Governance.” Institute for Science, Innovation, and Society,
University of Oxford.

Service to the profession

Referee

American Journal of Sociology; American Political Science Review; American Sociological Review; British Journal of Sociology; Cambridge Review of International Affairs; Critical Studies on Security; Critical Studies on Terrorism; Economy and Society; European Journal of International Relations; International Security; M/C Journal: A Journal of Media and Culture; Review of International Studies; Qualitative Sociology; Social Forces; Sociological Focus.

I.B. Taurus Publishers, Oxford University Press, University of Minnesota Press.

Committees

Eastern Sociological Society Komarovsky Book Award (2016)
Social Science History Association President's Book Award (2013)

Panels organized

- 2018 Law and Society Association “Security, politics, and the law: Ethnographic, critical, and historical perspectives” (organized with Silvia Pasquetti)
2018 International Studies Association, roundtable: “Does truth matter? What are the rules of truth, facts, and expert knowledge in a ‘post-truth’ climate?” (organized with Helen Turton)
2018 International Studies Association, set of 2 panels, “Secrecy and security: New ways of studying secrecy in security discourses”; “Secrecy and security: Secrecy and transparency (and the spaces in between in international politics)” (organized with Elspeth Van Veeren)
2017 European International Studies Association, “The politics of torture”

- 2017 Society for Social Studies of Science “The politics of “facts” and science in an age of “post-truth””
- 2015 American Sociological Association, "Political discourse"
- 2015 Eastern Sociological Society, "Sociology of secrecy" (2 panels)
- 2013 Law and Society Association, "Law and the war(s) on terror"
- 2012 Social Science History Association, "Wars on terror, past and present"

Workshops/conferences organized

“Hidden Power: Innovative Methods for Researching Power in a Post-Snowden Era”. University of Sheffield, May 31, 2016. Funded by Sheffield Methods Institute, organized with Emma Briant, University of Sheffield Department of Journalism Studies.

MEDIA

Television/radio interviews:

Commentary on current events

ITV Calendar: on the attack in Manchester 5/24/17

BBC Radio Wales: on Trump’s cabinet appointments 12/12/16

BBC Radio 5: on the U.S. Presidential elections 11/9/16; on the November 13 2015 Paris terrorist attacks 11/16/15

BBC Radio Sheffield: on the attack in Manchester 5/23/17; on the Berlin Christmas market attack 12/21/16; on the U.S. Presidential elections 11/10/16; on Nice attacks 7/15/16

Hallam FM (Sheffield): on the attack in Manchester 5/23/17; on Nice attacks 7/15/16

WBUR (Boston NPR affiliate) "Radio Boston: Was the Charleston Massacre an Act of Terrorism?" 6/22/15

Interviews on my research

"Marginalia Review of Books" (*Los Angeles Review of Books* podcast) 3/31/15

"American Muslim 360" (online) 3/26/15

"Democracy Now!" (NPR/Pacifica) 1/13/2015

"Breaking the Set" (RT America) 10/8/2013

"Thinking Allowed" (BBC Radio4) 7/10/2013

"The Pippa Jones Show" (iTalk.fm) 5/29/2013

Documentary film

Interviewed for film “The Terrorist Hunter” (director Ann Shin, 2018)

Print interviews:

Sustainable Security Interview- November 7, 2017. Oxford Research Group.

<https://sustainablesecurity.org/2016/11/07/interview-lisa-stampnitzky/>

Tanqeed: A Magazine of Culture and Politics “Inventing Terrorism” (Interview).

August 2016 <http://www.tanqeed.org/2016/08/inventing-terrorism-lisa-stampnitzky-voices/>

[BBC Mundo \(Latin America world service\) June 22, 2017](#)

Quoted/ research discussed in:

Tikkun Magazine "Our Morbid Gaze: Terrorism as Entertainment" Winter 2016

The Globe and Mail "Questions surround reluctance to label Charleston shooting as 'terrorism'" 6/19/15

The Intercept "Refusal to Call Charleston Shootings "Terrorism" Again Shows It's a Meaningless Propaganda Term" 6/19/2015

The Chronicle of Higher Education, "Terrorism experts sought by public but not by academe" 6/24/2013

The Guardian, "Andrew Sullivan, terrorism, and the art of distortion" 5/25/2013

Salon.com, "The sham 'terrorism expert' industry," 8/15/12

Essays/opinion pieces

Boston Review "The Illogic of Networks" <http://bostonreview.net/forum/islam-trial/lisa-stampnitzky-lisa-stampnitzky-responds-amna-akbar-and-jeanne-theoharis> (2/27/17)

Policy Trajectories (blog of the American Sociological Association Comparative-Historical Section) "Fake Terrorism Experts?" <http://policytrajectories.asa-comparative-historical.org/2017/06/fake-terrorism-experts/> (6/27/17)