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EDUCATION

- 2016 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University
Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies
- 2011 M.A., Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2008 B.A., Sociology, Psychology, Bowling Green State University
Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa, University Honors, Sociology Dept. Honors

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2016 - present: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Purdue University
Affiliated Scholar, American Bar Foundation
- 2011 - 2016: Graduate Research Coordinator, American Bar Foundation

RESEARCH AREAS

Crime, Social Control, Inequality, Law, Organizations, Professions

PUBLICATIONS

Book

Headworth, Spencer, Robert L. Nelson, Ronit Dinovitzer, and David B. Wilkins, eds. 2016. *Diversity in Practice: Race, Gender, and Class in Legal and Professional Careers*. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Peer-reviewed journal articles

- Headworth, Spencer. 2019. "Getting to Know You: Welfare Fraud Investigation and the Appropriation of Social Ties." *American Sociological Review* 84(1):171–196.
- Headworth, Spencer and Shaun Ossei-Owusu. 2017. "The Accused Poor." *Social Justice* 44(2/3):55-82. Special Issue: "Neoliberal Confinements: Social Suffering in the Carceral State." (Invited.)
- Hagan, John, Gabriele Plickert, Alberto Palloni, and Spencer Headworth. 2015. "Making Punishment Pay: The Political Economy of Race and Regime in the California Prison Boom." *Du Bois Review* 12(1):95-118.
- Headworth, Spencer and Jeremy Freese. 2015. "Credential Privilege or Cumulative Advantage? Prestige, Productivity, and Placement in the Sociology Job Market." *Social Forces* 94(3):1257-1282.

Browne, M. Neil, Spencer Headworth, and Kandice Saum. 2009. "The Rare, but Promising, Involvement of Faculty in Residence Hall Programming." *College Student Journal* 43(1):22-30.

Book chapters

Headworth, Spencer and John Hagan. 2016. "White-Collar Crimes of the Financial Crisis." Pp. 275-293 in *The Oxford Handbook of White-Collar Crime*. Francis Cullen, Michael Benson, and Shanna Van Slyke, eds. New York: Oxford University Press.

Headworth, Spencer and Robert L. Nelson. 2016. "Introduction." Pp. 1-33 in *Diversity in Practice: Race, Gender, and Class in Legal and Professional Careers*. Spencer Headworth, Robert Nelson, Ronit Dinovitzer, and David Wilkins, eds. New York: Cambridge University Press.

Headworth, Spencer. 2015. "Class, Crime, and Social Control." Pp. 367-377 in *The Routledge Handbook on Poverty in the United States*. Stephen Nathan Haymes, María Vidal de Haymes, and Reuben Jonathan Miller, eds. New York: Routledge.

PROJECTS IN PREPARATION & UNDER REVIEW

Headworth, Spencer. *Policing Welfare: Procedural Criminalization in Public Assistance*.

Headworth, Spencer. "The Power of Second-Order Legal Consciousness: Perceptions of 'Street Policy' and Welfare Fraud Enforcement."

Headworth, Spencer and Viridiana Ríos. "Listening to Snitches: Race/Ethnicity, English Proficiency, and Access to State Agencies' Enforcement Systems."

Headworth, Spencer and John N. Robinson III. "Fiscal Obscurity and Backstage Policymaking."

Headworth, Spencer and Callie Zaborenko. "What Do Normative Endorsements Do? The Case of Correctional Health Care Certifications and Accreditations."

Headworth, Spencer and Callie Zaborenko. "Necessity and Sufficiency in Academic Sociology Job Placements."

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

2017-2018 Faculty Fellow, Cornerstone Integrated Liberal Arts Program

2017 - College of Liberal Arts Engage Grant: "Policing Welfare: From Provision to Punishment in Public Assistance." \$10,000.

- College of Liberal Arts ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grant: "Broke People, Broken Rules: Fraud Enforcement and the Production of the Welfare Rule Violator." Two grants totaling \$4,766.73.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

- 2015 - Department of Sociology MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Jeremy Freese):
“Causal Considerations in Academic Sociology Job Placement.” \$1,250
- 2014 - Department of Sociology MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Bob Nelson):
“Diversity in Practice: Persistent Inequalities in the Law and Other Professions.” \$1,150
- 2012 - Department of Sociology MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Laura Beth Nielsen):
“Answering the Call: The Organizational Lives of Contemporary 911 Operators.” \$1,500
- 2011 - Department of Sociology MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Jeremy Freese):
“Graduate School Achievement, Scientific Capital, and Career Paths in Academic Sociology.” \$1,222
- Department of Sociology Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Honorable Mention
- 2010 - Department of Sociology MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with John Hagan):
“Building Mass Incarceration: The Economics and Politics of Californian Prison Construction.” \$1,050
- Department of Sociology Course Enhancement Grant (with John Hagan): Sociology 308,
“The Politics of Crime.” \$1,500

BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY

- 2008 Dr. Aida K. Tomeh Memorial Award for Excellence in Sociology
- 2007 Ramona Cormier Award for Excellence in Philosophy
- 2006 J. Robert Bashore Scholarship for Pursuit of Liberal Education
- 2004 National Merit Finalist Scholarship

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

- Sociology 411: Social Stratification
- Sociology 419: Sociology of Law
- Sociology 686: Qualitative Research Methods

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

- Sociology 318: Sociology of Law

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Headworth, Spencer. 2018. “Getting to Know You: Welfare Fraud Investigation and the Appropriation of Social Ties.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. Regular Session on Social Welfare Programs.

- Headworth, Spencer and Viridiana Ríos. 2018. "Testing Public Agency Responses to Citizen Reports: A Field Experiment." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2018. "Getting to Know You: Welfare Fraud Investigation and the Appropriation of Social Ties." Invited lecture, University of Iowa Department of Sociology
- Headworth, Spencer. 2017. "Broke People, Broken Rules: The Production of the Welfare Rule Violator through Fraud Enforcement." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada. Regular Session on Sociology of Law.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2017. "Broke People, Broken Rules: The Production of the Welfare Rule Violator through Fraud Enforcement." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2016. "The Personal is Penal: The Intimacy of Welfare Fraud Enforcement and its Consequences." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2016. "The Personal is Penal: The Intimacy of Welfare Fraud Enforcement and its Consequences." Penal Boundaries Workshop: Excesses, Limits, and the Production of Inequality. Centre for Criminology and Socio-legal Studies, University of Toronto, Canada.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2015. "'I'm Looking at Your Neighbor Over Here': Databases and Shoe Leather in Welfare Fraud Control." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. Regular Session on Law and Society.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2015. "Policing Welfare." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA
- Headworth, Spencer and Jeremy Freese. 2013. "Academic Capital and Early Career Outcomes in Professional Sociology: An Exploratory Adventure in Quasi-Fuzzy Sets." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. Regular Session on Methodology.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2013. "*Landscape of Legal Diversity: By the Numbers*—American Bar Foundation Contributions." Law School Admission Council Annual Meeting and Educational Conference, Newport Beach, CA.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2012. "Seeing Sex Offenders Like a Bureaucracy: The Construction of a Narrowly Focused Penal Gaze." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2011. "Watching the Wicked: A Social History of GPS Tracking of Sex Offenders." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.
- Headworth, Spencer and Justin Rex. 2011. "The Perverse Consequences of Financial Deregulation and Street Crime Overregulation." Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2010. "An Inside Look at the History of Correctional Medical Care." National Conference on Correctional Health Care, Las Vegas, NV.

- Headworth, Spencer. 2008. "The 'I' that Resists: Hip-hop, Disadvantage, and Self-Concept." National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Salisbury University, Salisbury, MD.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2007. "Psychological Effects of Residency near an Industrial Meat Processing and Packaging Center." National Conference for Undergraduate Research, Dominican University of California, San Rafael, CA.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2007. "Psychophysiological Effects of Stereotype Threat Situations." Bowling Green State University Undergraduate Psychology Research Symposium.

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY & MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2017 - Television interview, WTHR, NBC Indianapolis. "Parents of Murdered Delphi Girls to Speak Publicly Thursday," March 6, 2017. Reporter: Rich Van Wyk. Provided expert commentary on incentives and provision of information to law enforcement.
- Newspaper interview, *Indianapolis Star*. "She spent 20 years in prison. Now Michelle Jones is pursuing her Ph.D.," December 20, 2017. Reporter: Stephanie Wang. Provided expert commentary on collateral consequences of incarceration and prisoner re-entry.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

- 2018-2019 Colloquium committee, Purdue Sociology
- 2017-2018 Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senator (alternate)
- 2017 Committee member, Law & Society senior faculty search, Purdue Sociology
- 2017 Committee member, Law & Society junior faculty search, Purdue Sociology
- 2016-2017 Member, American Sociological Association Section on Sociology of Law preconference meeting committee
- 2013 Invited session chair. "Parental Incarceration in the United States: Bringing Together Research and Policy to Reduce Collateral Costs for Children." The White House, Washington, DC. August 20.
- 2010-2011 Northwestern University Sociology Graduate Student Association Co-President

EDITORIAL BOARD AND REVIEWING SERVICE

- Editorial Board, *Landscape of Legal Diversity: By the Numbers: Compiled Statistics on Race and Ethnicity in Legal Education and the Profession*. American Bar Association/Law School Admission Council.
- Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, *Law & Society Review*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Punishment & Society*, *Sociological Inquiry*, *The Social Science Journal*, *Theoretical Criminology*, *Critical Criminology*, *PLOS ONE*

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Luke Hanna
Ty Miller

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Law and Society Association