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### **Education**

Ph.D., Justice Studies, Arizona State University, May 2013

Dissertation: "The Real American Court: Immigration Courts and the Ecology of Reform."

Committee Members: Doris Marie Provine, Chair; Marjorie S. Zatz; John M. Johnson; and Evelyn Cruz

M.S., Justice Studies, Arizona State University, August 2010

Capstone Writing Project: "Viewing Values, Constituting Courts: Documenting Court Actors' Constitution of the Phoenix Immigration Court."

Committee Chair: Doris Marie Provine

B.S. (Summa-Cum-Laude) and Honors degree, Justice Studies, Arizona State University, May 2007

Honors thesis: "Mental Health Courts, Substantive Justice, and Filtering: A Critical Time for Evaluation?"

Committee Members: Doris Marie Provine, Chair; Pat Lauderdale; and Rudolph Gerber

### **Teaching and Research Interests**

Courts and Justice  
Identities and (In)equality  
Immigration and Justice  
Institutions and Social Change  
Qualitative Methods

Justice Pedagogy and Theory  
Law and Society  
Principles of Justice Studies  
Media Studies  
Social Problems

### **Publications**

Johnson, J. M., Flett Prior, S., **Abbott, K.R.**, & Ableser, E. (Ed.s). (2013). *Theories on justice* (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing. (ISBN 978-1-4652-1336-5).

Johnson, J. M., Flett Prior, S., **Abbott, K.R.**, & Ableser, E. (Ed.s). (2011). *Theories on justice*. Dubuque, IA: Kendall Hunt Publishing. (ISBN 978-0-7575-9099-3).

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). Courting media: The applicability of mass media analysis on immigration courts. In S. Morewitz & M. Goldstein (Ed.s), *Handbook of Forensic Sociology and Psychology* (pp.403-431). Springer. (ISBN 978-1-4614-7177-6).

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). Social justice. In A. Michalos (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research* (pp. 6115-6119). Springer Reference. (ISBN 978-94-007-0752-8).

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). Participant observation. In A. Michalos (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research* (pp. 4632-4633). Springer Reference. (ISBN 978-94-007-0752-8).

### **Works in Progress**

**Abbott, K.R.** (2017). New medium, new messages, new immigrants?: Depictions of immigrants on Netflix. Unpublished manuscript. (To be presented at 2017 Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** (2017). Skittles and taco trucks: A content analysis of tweets and news coverage regarding immigration during the 2016 US presidential election race. Unpublished manuscript. (To be presented at 2017 Law and Society Association annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** (2016). Flood of images: Political cartoon analysis of Syrian and UAC Crises. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at 2016 Law and Society Association annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** (2015). Children, courts, and “crisis:” Unaccompanied children’s impact on the immigration courts. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at 2015 Law and Society Association annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** & Freis-Beattie, R. (2015). S-porous borders: Media content analysis of ISIS/ebola. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at 2015 The American Society of Criminology annual meeting.)

Freis-Beattie, R. & **Abbott, K.R.** (2015). Getting America safe again: Content analysis of ISIS imagery and narratives. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at 2015 The American Society of Criminology annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). "Choose your battles people!:" Immigration lawyers on the US immigration courts’ problems. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at the Society for the Study of Social Problems 2013 annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). Reforming the immigration system's bottleneck: The issues according to respondents' lawyers. (Presented at the 2013 Law and Society Association annual meeting.)

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). *The border divides: Paths for immigration court reform*. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at 2014 Law and Society Association annual meeting.)

## **Presentations**

**Abbott, K.R.** (2017). *New medium, new messages, new immigrants?: Depictions of immigrants on Netflix*. Presentation at the 2017 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting (2017): "Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, Transformation," Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2017). *Skittles and taco trucks: A content analysis of tweets and news coverage regarding immigration during the 2016 US presidential election race*. Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2017), 2017 International Conference on Law and Society: "Walls, Borders, and Bridges: Law and society in an Inter-Connected World," Mexico City, Mexico.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2016). *Flood of images: Political cartoon analysis of Syrian and UAC Crises*. Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2016): "At the Delta: Belonging, Place and Visions of Law and Social Change," New Orleans, LA.

**Abbott, K.R.** & Freis-Beattie, R. (2015). *S-porous borders: Media content analysis of ISIS/Ebola/immigration*. Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting (2015): "The Politics of Crime and Justice," Washington, DC.

Freis-Beattie, R. & **Abbott, K.R.** (2015). *Getting America safe again: Content analysis of ISIS imagery and narratives*. Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting (2015): "The Politics of Crime and Justice," Washington, DC.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2015). *Children, courts, and "crisis:" Unaccompanied children's impact on the immigration courts*. Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2015): "Law's Promise and Law's Pathos in the Global North and Global South," Seattle, WA.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2014). *The border divides: Paths for immigration court reform*. Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2014): "Law and Inequalities: Global and Local," Minneapolis, MN.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2013). *The real American court: Immigration courts and the ecology of reform*. Presentation at University of New Hampshire Sociology Department's Colloquium Series, Durham, NH.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2013). *"Choose your battles people!:" Immigration lawyers' suggestions on the issues of the immigration courts.* Presentation at the 2013 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting (2013): "Re-imagining Social Problems: Moving Beyond Social Constructionism," New York, NY.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2013). *Reforming the immigration system's bottleneck: The issues according to respondents' lawyers.* Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2013): "Power, Privilege, and the Pursuit of Justice: Legal Challenges in Precarious Times," Boston, MA.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2012). *Legitimate immigration... court.* Presentation at the 2012 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting (2012): "The Art of Activism," Denver, CO.

**Abbott, K. R.** (2012). *Viewing values, constituting courts: Documenting court actors' constitution of the Phoenix Immigration Court.* Presentation at the 2012 Society Law and Society (LSA) Annual Meeting (2012), 2012 International Conference on Law and Society: "Sociolegal Conversations across a Sea of Islands," Honolulu, HI.

**Abbott, K.R.** & Walker, M. (2011). *Punish patriots?!? Veterans' courts and the (de)construction of deviancy.* Presentation at the 2011 International Crime, Media & Popular Culture Studies Conference: A Cross Disciplinary Exploration, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2011). *Framing fear for immigrants: A mass media analysis of the framing of discourses around immigration courts.* Presentation at the 2011 American Sociological Association (ASA) Annual Meeting (2011): "Social Conflict: Multiple Dimensions and Arenas," Las Vegas, NV.

**Abbott, K.R.** (2011). *The relationship between immigrants' social identifiers and the construction of immigrants in newspaper articles on immigration courts.* Presentation at the 2011 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting (2011): "Service Sociology," Las Vegas, NV.

## **Teaching Experience**

Lecturer, Department of Sociology and Justice Studies Program, University of New Hampshire, Fall 2013-present

JUS 401: Introduction to Justice Studies

JUS 595: Breaking Down Breaking Bad: The Analysis of Hollywood Crime and Justice

JUS 602: Reading Internship

JUS 695: Breaking Down Breaking Bad: The Analysis of Hollywood Crime and Justice

JUS 701: War on the Border: Immigration Law and Justice

JUS 795: Reading and Research

SOC 515: Introductory Criminology

SOC 540: Private Troubles, Public Issues: Contemporary Social Problems  
WS 795 - Independent Study  
JUS 865: Crime and Conflict  
JUS 901: Proseminar - Introduction to Justice Studies  
JUS 905: Justice Theory

Faculty Adjunct, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, Summer 2013  
JUS 303: Justice Theory

Teaching/Faculty Associate, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2010-2012  
JUS 105: Introduction to Justice Studies  
JUS 303: Justice Theory  
JUS 308: Courts and Society

Teaching Assistant, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2008-2009  
JUS 200: Serial Killers  
JUS 394: Holocaust, Genocide and Human Rights  
JUS 500: Research Methods

## **Research Experience**

McNair Program, Mentor, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2017 - Current  
Research on politics of fashion. Mentees: Sala Risby (Spring 2017-Current)

Research Leader, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2015 - Current  
Dr. Katherine Abbott, Lecturer  
Research on immigration courts, unaccompanied children, and media. Mentees: Siri Cope, Sherry Li, and Rebeka Walker (Spring 2015)  
Research on Ebola, terrorism, and immigration in media. Mentees: Molly Biron, Michaela Chapter, Alexandra Traganos, and Michael Wynne (Fall 2015)  
Research on UAC and Syrian crises, and media. Mentees: Molly Biron, Michaela Chapter, Levi French, Russell MacMillan, and Brice Maloney (Spring 2016)  
Research on immigration and social media. Mentees: David Landry and Jacqueline Melius (Spring 2017)

Research Assistant, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2009-2010

Dr. Marjorie Zatz, Director and Professor  
Research on immigration, immigration policy, and collateral consequences of immigration policy. Tasks: content analysis of news stories, coordination of the NSF-funded conference "Social Science Research on Immigration: The Role of Transnational Migration, Communities & Policy," creation of annotated bibliography,

assistance with writing interim and final reports and prospectus for edited volume resulting from the conference (*Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics and Injustice*, NYU Press).

Aided in the development of the proposed volume on the John P. Frank Memorial Lecture Series (*Law and the Quest for Justice*, Quid Pro Books). Tasks: transcription, research, and editing.

Research Assistant, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2009

Dr. LaDawn Haglund, Assistant Professor

Study on natural resources management, specifically water and water-related resources.

Tasks: statistical analysis of water-related indicators in South Africa and Brazil.

## **Service**

### ***Student Committees***

Brice Maloney, Masters' Applied Project, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2017-Current

Sala Risby, McNair Program, University of New Hampshire, 2017-Current

Edward Brand, Masters' Thesis, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2015-2016, Co-chair

Melanie Rosen, Masters' Thesis, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2015-2016

Amy Oldenquist, Masters' Thesis, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2014-2015, Co-chair

Elizabeth Moschella, Masters' Thesis, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2014-2015

### ***Departmental***

Moderator. "Immigration Law and Vulnerable Populations Including: Migrant Children, Refugees & Victims of Human Trafficking." Panel sponsored by Justice Studies Program, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 2015.

Moderator, Session regarding getting the job you want [for undergraduates]. Session sponsored by Justice Studies Program, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH, 2015.

Chair, Undergraduate Research Committee, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2014-current.

Moderator. "Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts." Panel sponsored by Justice Studies Program, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH.

Graduate Student Representative, Justice and Social Inquiry Undergraduate Committee, Arizona State University, 2011-2012

Graduate Student Representative, Justice and Social Inquiry Graduate Committee, Arizona State University, 2010-2011

Committee Member, Justice and Social Inquiry Graduate Student Research Presentation Series, Arizona State University, 2008-2009

### ***Professional***

Chair and discussant. "Institutional Injustices: Discretion and Detention in Immigration Enforcement." (Sponsored by CRN02 Citizenship and Immigration). Panel at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2016): "At the Delta: Belonging, Place and Visions of Law and Social Change," New Orleans, LA.

Chair and discussant. "Providing Aid and Keeping Peace? The Role of the State and the Judiciary in Immigration Law" (Sponsored by CRN02 Citizenship and Immigration). Panel at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2015): "Law's Promise and Law's Pathos in the Global North and Global South," Seattle, WA.

Session organizer and chair. "Ideals and Legal Interpretations in Immigration Law Practice" (Sponsored by CRN02 Citizenship and Immigration). Panel at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2014): "Law and Inequalities: Global and Local," Minneapolis, MN.

Session organizer and chair. "Social-izing migration systems and issues" (Sponsored by CRN02 Citizenship and Immigration). Panel at the 2012 Society Law and Society (LSA) Annual Meeting (2012), 2012 International Conference on Law and Society: "Sociolegal conversations across a sea of islands," Honolulu, HI.

### ***Community***

Support Group Facilitator, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), National Alliance on Mental Illness of Arizona (NAMI Arizona)

### **Other Professional Experience**

Program Assistant, National Alliance on Mental Illness of Arizona (NAMI Arizona), Phoenix, Arizona, 2004-2008

Coordinated educational, informational, and support programs and trainings; created forms for the coordination of program information between NAMI Arizona and its local affiliates that were named and nationally-promoted as a NAMI "Best Practice" and featured in NAMI's Program Director's Guide.

Monitored the work of over 300 trained NAMI Arizona program volunteers and 10 local affiliates' programs.

Prepared quarterly reports of NAMI Arizona programs and trainings.

Assisted in planning and running training sessions.  
Constructed a variety of educational and informative documents.

## **Honors and Awards**

Graduate College Completion Fellowship (\$9,500). Graduate College, Arizona State University; Spring 2013.

Doctoral Research Grant (\$5,000). Sponsored by Arizona Board of Regents (ABOR) and Arizona State University's (ASU) Office of Knowledge Enterprise Development (OKED); administered by Graduate College, Arizona State University; 2012-2013.

Travel award. Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, August 2012.

Justice and Social Inquiry Summer Dissertation Completion Fellowship. Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2012.

Lionel E. Rombach Graduate Student Scholarship, 2012.

Travel award. Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, June 2012.

Travel award. Graduate College, Arizona State University, 2011.

Travel award. Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2011.

## **Professional Development**

### ***Academic Conference Invitations***

“Social science research on immigration: The role of transnational migration, communities & policy” Conference, Arizona State University, 2009.

### ***Academic Programs and Workshops***

Safe Zones Training, University of New Hampshire, 2017.

Boot Camp for Teaching Online, ASU Online, Arizona State University, 2013.

Preparing Future Faculty (PFF) Program, Graduate College, Arizona State University, 2010-2012.



Institutional Ethnography Workshop, Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), 2011.

Center for Learning and Teaching Excellence (CLTE) Teaching Box, Arizona State University, 2008 & 2010.

Teaching Assistant/Associate Development (TAD) Program, Graduate College, Arizona State University, 2008.

### **Professional Memberships**

Law and Society Association (LSA)

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)