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EMPLOYMENT

2025 Teaching Fellow, Department of Sociology
University of Chicago

2016-2017 Project Associate, Urban Labs
University of Chicago

EDUCATION

2025 PhD, Sociology
University of Chicago
College Teaching Certification from the Chicago Center for Teaching and Learning

2020 MA, Sociology
University of Chicago

2016 BA, Sociology with Honors and Public Policy Studies, Statistics (Minor)
University of Chicago

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Day, Cameron. 2025. "Beyond Postpositivism: Dialectics, Epistemology, and Critical Sociology with Adorno and Horkheimer." *Sociological Theory* 43(1):67-90.

Day, Cameron. 2025. "Making Civil Commitment: A Moral Panic in Washington State." *Deviant Behavior*.

Mosley, Jennifer E., Nicole P. Marwell, Emily Claypool & **Cameron Day.** 2024. "Impact, Equity and Philanthropic Foundations: Can Randomized Controlled Trials Help Account for The Democratic Deficit?" *Voluntas* 35(6):1058–1069.

Tentner, Andrea R., Amy Spellman, Allison Paulson, **Cameron Day**, Tonie Sadler, Ruth Coffman & Harold A. Pollack. 2019. "Identifying Chicago's High Users of Police-Involved Emergency Services." *American Journal of Public Health* 109(4):607-613.

PROFESSIONAL and PUBLIC LITERATURE

Cameron Day. 2025. “Science, Marxism, and the Critique of Positivism.” Contribution by invitation forthcoming in the Marxist Sociology blog of the Marxist Sociology section of the American Sociological Association.

Marwell, Nicole & **Cameron Day.** 2022. *Emerging Directions in the Data-Society Interface*. Report published by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

WORKS in PROGRESS

The Symbolic and the Law: The Emotional Politics of Child Murder. Book manuscript in development.

History of Mad Liberation and Mad Studies project with the organization Mad in Boston, supported by the University of Chicago Graduate Student Center’s PhD Advance Internship program. Academic journal article in development.

LECTURES and PRESENTATIONS

Invited Lectures

“Mass Media, Ideology, and Political Action.” Invited by Professor Eric Janus to present at the Mitchell Hamline School of Law’s fourth annual Sex Offense Litigation and Policy Resource Center convening, September 2025, St. Paul.

“Media, Theory, and History.” Presented in Professors Kristen Schilt and Patrick Jagoda’s course Digital Media & Social Life: Contemporary Methods, February 2022, Chicago.

“Max Weber’s Existential Theory of Religion.” Presented in Professor Andreas Glaeser’s course Sociological Theory, May 2021, Chicago.

Conference Presentations

“Adorno, Aesthetic Experience, Phenomenology, and Organization.” Presentation accepted to the Historical Materialism Conference, November 2025, London.

“Truth and Action: Existentialism, Critical Sociology, and Political Struggle.” Presentation at Emancipatory Politics in Times of Crises Mini-Conference, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 2024, Montreal.

Workshop Presentations

“Scientific Liberalism: The Institutional Diagnosis of ‘Sexually Dangerous Persons.’” Presented at the University of Chicago’s Politics, History, and Society workshop, November 2020.

“The Politics of Evidence and Rehabilitation: A Discourse Analysis of the Risk-Needs-Responsivity Paradigm in Community Supervision Policy and Practice.” Presented with Dr. Emily Claypool at the University of Chicago’s Medicine and Its Objects workshop, December 2019.

Discussant for Dr. Simon Schacter’s “Efficacy v. Legitimacy: The Many Hands of Foundation Political Activity” at the University of Chicago’s Politics, History, and Society workshop, October 2019.

Discussant for Dr. Alexandra Brewer’s “Moralizing the Opioid Shortage: Race, Pain, and Interpretations of Resource Scarcity in an Urban Hospital” at the University of Chicago’s Inequality Working Group, February 2019.

TEACHING

As Lecturer

SOSC 121: Self, Culture, and Society. University of Chicago, Fall, 2025

As Teaching Assistant

PBPL 28550: Social Experiments: Design and Generalization. University of Chicago, Winter, 2022

SOCI 20523: Digital Media & Social Life: Contemporary Methods. University of Chicago, Winter, 2022

SOCI 20005: Sociological Theory. University of Chicago, Spring, 2021

SOCI 20295: Morrissey's America: Contemporary Social Problems. University of Chicago, Spring, 2020

PBPL 2781: Philosophical Foundations of Public Policy. University of Chicago Fall, 2019

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE and VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

2024- Membership in the American Sociological Association. Membership in Crime, Law, and Deviance, Culture, and Marxist Sociology sections.

2025- Peer review contributions by invitation to *Sociological Theory* and *Social Epistemology*

2025- Volunteer editorial board membership with the Critical Theory Working Group, an international collective of scholars publishing on the first generation of the Frankfurt School and related topics.

2024-2025 Volunteer and internship work with Mad in Boston. Conducted original research for the group to help them situate their organization within the history of the Mad Liberation movement and Mad Studies, and to support their campaign to end involuntary psychiatric commitment. I was awarded funding for this work through the University of Chicago Graduate Student Center’s PhD Advance Internship program.

2018-2024 Volunteer and internship work with Free to Heal, formerly the Civil Commitment Working Group of the Chicago chapter of Black and Pink. Wrote materials and provided research for the group in

their campaign to end punitive civil commitment in Illinois. I was awarded funding for this work through the University of Chicago Graduate Student Center's PhD Advance Internship program.

2018-2020 Volunteer and organizing work with Black and Pink Chicago's Re-Entry Working Group. Assisted LGBTQ+ people recently released from Illinois prisons in finding housing, transportation, employment, mental health services, and other public resources.

INTERESTS

Social control, institutions, crime and deviance, pedagogy, qualitative methodology, cultural studies, critical theory, justice alternatives, public sociology.

RESEARCH SKILLS

Statistical analysis in Python, R, Stata, & SPSS; Survey design; Interviews and participant observation; Qualitative text analysis.

REFERENCES

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