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EDUCATION

- 2016 PhD, Sociology, Northwestern University
Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies
- 2011 MA, Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2008 BA, 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

Law, Social Control, Inequality, Organizations, Occupations

PUBLICATIONS

* indicates graduate student coauthor

BOOKS

- Headworth, Spencer. 2021. *Policing Welfare: Punitive Adversarialism in Public Assistance*. Chicago, IL: University of Chicago Press.
Reviewed in *Social Forces*.
- 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 and Viridiana Ríos. Forthcoming. "Listening to Snitches: Race/Ethnicity, English Proficiency, and Access to Welfare Fraud Enforcement Systems." *Law & Policy*.
- Headworth, Spencer and Callie Zaborenko.* 2021. "Legal Reactivity: Correctional Health Care Certifications as Responses to Litigation." *Law & Social Inquiry*. Online first: <https://www.doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2021.23>
- Headworth, Spencer. 2021. "Broke People, Broken Rules: Explaining Welfare Fraud Investigators' Attributions." *Punishment & Society* 23(1): 24-46.

- Headworth, Spencer. 2020. "The Power of Second-Order Legal Consciousness: Authorities' Perceptions of 'Street Policy' and Welfare Fraud Enforcement." *Law & Society Review* 54(2): 320-353.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2019. "Getting to Know You: Welfare Fraud Investigation and the Appropriation of Social Ties." *American Sociological Review* 84(1): 171-196.
- Winner, Distinguished Article Award, ASA Sociology of Law Section
 - Featured on Vox's *The Weeds* public policy podcast (January 22, 2019)
 - Abridged version posted on London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy blog: <http://bit.ly/2F4RAml>.
- 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.)
- Headworth, Spencer and Jeremy Freese. 2016. "Credential Privilege or Cumulative Advantage? Prestige, Productivity, and Placement in the Sociology Job Market." *Social Forces* 94(3): 1257-1282.
- 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.
- 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 & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Headworth, Spencer, and Nicholas Tucker Reyes.* Forthcoming. "Welfare Fraud." *Wiley Blackwell Encyclopedia of Sociology*.
- Rex, Justin and Spencer Headworth. 2021. "The Global Financial Crisis and White-Collar Crime." *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. Beth M. Huebner, ed. New York: Oxford University Press. Online: <https://www.oxfordbibliographies.com/view/document/obo-9780195396607/obo-9780195396607-0291.xml>
- Headworth, Spencer and Callie Zaborenko.* 2020. "Legal Reactivity: Correctional Health Care Certifications and Accreditations as Responses to Litigation." *Howard League for Penal Reform ECAN Bulletin* 44: 5-9.
- Thomeer, Mieke Beth and Spencer Headworth. 2020. "Field Note Activity for a Qualitative Methods Course (in Classroom or Online)." *Medical Sociology Newsletter* 56(4), Summer. American Sociological Association.
- 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.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Headworth, Spencer. *Rules of the Road: A Car-Window View of American Criminal Justice*. Monograph under contract with Stanford University Press.

AWARDS, GRANTS, & FELLOWSHIPS

NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL

2021-22 Principal Investigator, Russell Sage Foundation Presidential Grant. "The Repo Pandemic: Cars, Collections, and the Socioeconomic Fallout of COVID-19." Grant #2011-29368: \$21,500.

2019 Distinguished Article Award, American Sociological Association Section on the Sociology of Law

PURDUE UNIVERSITY

- 2021 - Kenneth T. Kofmehl Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award
- College of Liberal Arts Excellence in Discovery and Creative Endeavors Award
- 2020 - Office of the Vice President for Research/CLA Publication Subvention. \$1,200.
- College of Liberal Arts ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grant: Three grants, \$4,500.
- 2019 - Daryl P. Evans Outstanding Teaching Award
- College of Liberal Arts ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grant: Five grants, \$9,232.29.
- 2018 College of Liberal Arts ASPIRE Research Enhancement Grant: Two grants, \$3,374.98.
- 2017-18 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: Two grants, \$4,766.73.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

- 2015 - MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Jeremy Freese): "Causal Considerations in Academic Sociology Job Placement." \$1,250
- 2014 - MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Bob Nelson): "Diversity in Practice: Persistent Inequalities in the Law and Other Professions." \$1,150
- 2012 - MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Laura Beth Nielsen): "Answering the Call: The Organizational Lives of Contemporary 911 Operators." \$1,500

- 2011 - MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with Jeremy Freese): “Graduate School Achievement, Scientific Capital, and Career Paths in Academic Sociology.” \$1,222
- Robert F. Winch Memorial Award for Outstanding Teaching Assistant, Honorable Mention
- 2010 - MacArthur Summer Research Grant (with John Hagan): “Building Mass Incarceration: The Economics and Politics of Californian Prison Construction.” \$1,050
- 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

SCLA 200: Cornerstones in Constitutional Law

Sociology 328: Criminal Justice

- Class profiled in Purdue College of Liberal Arts' *THiNK Magazine*:
<https://cla.purdue.edu/think/vehicle-for-change/>

Sociology 411: Social Stratification

Sociology 419: Sociology of Law

Sociology 686: Qualitative Research Methods (graduate)

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Sociology 318: Sociology of Law

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Headworth, Spencer and Viridiana Ríos. 2019. “Listening to Snitches: Race/Ethnicity, English Proficiency, and Access to State Agencies’ Enforcement Systems.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY. Regular Session on Sociology of Law.
- Headworth, Spencer and Viridiana Ríos. 2019. “Listening to Snitches: Race/Ethnicity, English Proficiency, and Access to State Agencies’ Enforcement Systems.” British Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Lincoln, England.
- Headworth, Spencer. 2019. “The Power of Second-Order Legal Consciousness: Perceptions of ‘Street Policy’ and Welfare Fraud Enforcement.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

- 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." Invited lecture, 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

- 2021 - Television/radio interview on *Policing Welfare* on *The David Pakman Show*. September 21, 2021.
- Video/podcast interview on *Policing Welfare* on *The Majority Report with Sam Seder*. July 14, 2021.
- Radio/podcast interview on *Policing Welfare* with Chuck Mertz, *This is Hell!*, WNUR 89.3 FM Chicago. May 26, 2021.
- Podcast interview on *Policing Welfare, Proofing and Lies* social science podcast.
- 2019 - Research featured on Vox's *The Weeds* public policy podcast. January 22, 2019
- Guest speaker, McKinley Foundation (University of Illinois) public screening of *13th*. February 8, 2019.
- Invited post, London School of Economics' American Politics and Policy blog: <http://bit.ly/2F4RAml>.
- 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

- 2021-2022 Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee, Purdue Sociology
2021-2022 Digital Criminology Faculty Search committee, Purdue Sociology
2020-2021 Nominee, ASA Sociology of Law Section Council
2020-2021 Awards Committee, Purdue Sociology
2020 Law & Society Curriculum Committee, Purdue Sociology
2019-2020 Chair, ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Article Award Committee
2019-2020 Research Advisory Committee, Purdue Sociology
2018-2019 Colloquium committee, Purdue Sociology
2017-2019 Purdue University College of Liberal Arts Faculty Senator
2017 Law & Society Senior Faculty Search committee, Purdue Sociology
2017 Law & Society Junior Faculty Search committee, Purdue Sociology
2016-2017 ASA Sociology of Law Section 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, *Acta Sociologica*, *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *Critical Criminology*; *Law & Policy*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Law & Society Review*; *PLOS ONE*; *Politics, Groups and Identities*; *Punishment & Society*; *Social Forces*; *Social Problems*; *Social Science Journal*; *Sociological Inquiry*; *Theoretical Criminology*

GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORING

DOCTORAL COMMITTEES, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Vasundhara Kaul (Sociology)

Cait Parker (American Studies)

Danielle Crimmins (Technology)

Jaziel Ramos-Ortiz (Consumer Sciences: graduated 2020)

Ty Miller (Sociology: graduated 2017)

COLLABORATION AND RESEARCH ADVISING, PURDUE UNIVERSITY

Tony Loo Tat Tan (Sociology)

Callie Zaborenko (Sociology)

Luke Hanna (Sociology)

Brittany Mihalec-Adkins (Human Development and Family Studies)

Adam Kotanko (Sociology)

Nabil Julkif (Sociology)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Law and Society Association