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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

Lawyers, Courts and Justice
Immigration and Justice
Criminology and Justice Theory
Institutions and Social Change
Qualitative Methods

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

Publications

Abbott, K.R. (*Forthcoming*). Social justice. In A. Michalos (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research* (2nd ed.) (pp. TBD). Springer Reference. (ISBN TBD). Submitted for publication.

Abbott, K.R. (*Forthcoming*). Participant observation. In A. Michalos (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Quality of Life Research* (2nd ed.) (pp. TBD). Springer Reference. (ISBN TBD). Submitted for publication.

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).

Johnson, J. M., Flett Prior, S., **Abbott, K.R.**, & Ableser, E. (Ed.s). (2013). *Theories on justice* (2nd 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).

Works in Progress

Abbott, K.R. (2021). The education of the immigration lawyer. Unpublished manuscript. (To be presented at the 2021 The American Society of Criminology annual meeting.)

Abbott, K.R., Barak, M, & Kocher, A. (2020). Diversity among immigration lawyers?: A profile of today's immigration lawyer. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at the 2019 Law and Society Association (LSA) annual meeting.)

Barak, M, **Abbott, K.R.**, & Kocher, A. (2019). Are Immigration Attorneys Cause Lawyers: Activism, Advocacy, and Motivation in the Practice of Immigration Law. Unpublished manuscript. (Presented at the 2019 Law and Society Association (LSA) annual meeting.)

Abbott, K.R. (2017). New medium, new messages, new immigrants?: Depictions of immigrants on Netflix. Unpublished manuscript. (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. (Presented at 2017 Law and Society Association 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. (2021). The education of the immigration lawyer. Unpublished manuscript. Presentation for the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2021): "Science and Evidenced-Based Policy in a Fractured Era," Chicago.

Abbott, K.R. (2020). *Trump and immigration: How did we get here?* Presentation for Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary (as organized by Ágnes Beretzky), Budapest, Hungary.

Abbott, K.R. (2020). *Media pedagogy.* Presentation for Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary (as organized by Enikő Sepsi), Budapest, Hungary.

Abbott, K.R. (2019). *Are immigration lawyers reform-oriented?: Today's immigration lawyer interest and involvement with immigration reform.* Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting (2019): "Criminology in a New Era: Confronting Injustice and Inequalities," San Francisco, CA.

Abbott, K.R., Barak, M., & Kocher, A (2019). *National Immigration Lawyer's Survey Presentation.* Unpublished manuscript. Presentation for the American Immigration Lawyers' Association (AILA).

Abbott, K.R. (2019). *Diversity among immigration lawyers?: A profile of today's immigration lawyer.* Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2019): "Dignity," Washington DC.

Abbott, K.R., Barak, M., & Kocher, A. (2019). *National Immigration Lawyer's Survey Presentation.* Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the Washington College of Law, Washington DC.

Abbott, K.R. (2018). *Lawyers in the US Immigration Courts.* Unpublished manuscript. Presentation at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2018), 2018 joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association: "Law at the Crossroads: Le Droit À La Croisée Des Chemins," Toronto, Canada.

- 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

Senior Lecturer (and previously Lecturer), Department of Sociology and Justice Studies Program, University of New Hampshire, Fall 2013 – Current.

COLA 458: Global Preparedness (Budapest)

HUMA 550: Comparative Ideas (on Justice) (Budapest)

HUMA 551: Field Studies in Art & Culture (Budapest)

JUST 401: Introduction to Justice Studies

JUST 401: Introduction to Justice Studies (Online)

JUST 595: Breaking Down Breaking Bad: The Analysis of Hollywood Crime and Justice (Online)

JUST 595: Breaking Down Breaking Bad: The Analysis of Hollywood Crime and Justice (Hybrid)

JUST 595: Law and Society

JUST 601: Internship

JUST 602: Research Internship

JUST 695: Breaking Down Breaking Bad: The Analysis of Hollywood Crime and Justice (Online)
JUST 701: Prisons and Punishment
JUST 701: War on the Border: Immigration Law and Justice
JUST 865: Crime and Conflict (Graduate course)
JUST 901: Proseminar - Introduction to Justice Studies (Graduate course)
JUST 905: Justice Theory (Graduate course)
JUST 795: Reading and Research
JUST 865: Criminological Theory (Graduate course)
JUST 995: Readings and Research
SOC 450: Contemporary Social Problems
SOC 515: Introductory Criminology
SOC 515: Introductory Criminology (Online)
SOC 540: Private Troubles, Public Issues: Contemporary Social Problems
SOC 540: Private Troubles, Public Issues: Contemporary Social Problems (Online)
SOC 815: Criminological Theory (Graduate course)
WS 795: Independent Study

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

Principle Investigator, University of New Hampshire, Summer 2020 - Current.

- Survey research on student (dis)interest in policing as a career choice.
- *Co-researchers*: Dr. Reinmar Freis-Beattie, Lecturer, Northern Arizona University and Mr. Patrick Sullivan, University of New Hampshire.
 - *Mentees*: Kellee Gilcreast (Spring 2021).

Principle Investigator, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Summer 2016 – Current.

- Survey and interview research on US immigration lawyers and courts, known as the National Immigration Lawyers Survey (NILS).
- *Co-researchers*: Dr. Maya Barak, Assistant Professor, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Dr. Austin Kocher, Transactional Records Clearinghouse, Syracuse University.
 - *Mentees*: Carlid Infante and Caitlin Walsh (Fall 2018); Brennan Pouliot, Christopher Cicero, and Marinda Weaver (Spring 2019), and Faith Thompson (Fall 2019).

Research Leader, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Fall 2017 – Summer 2018.

- Research on mediation in New Hampshire.
 - *Mentees*: Evan Smith (Fall 2017 – Spring 2018) and Paige Templeton (Spring 2018).

McNair Program, Mentor, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2017 – Summer 2017.

- Research on politics of fashion.
 - *Mentees*: Sala Risby (Spring 2017 – Summer 2017).

Research Leader, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2015 – Spring 2017.

- Research on immigration and social media.
 - *Mentees*: David Landry and Jacqueline Melius (Spring 2017).
- Research on unaccompanied children and Syrian crises, and media.
 - *Mentees*: Molly Biron, Michaela Chapter, Levi French, Russell MacMillan, and Brice Maloney (Spring 2016).
- Research on Ebola, terrorism, and immigration in media.
 - *Mentees*: Molly Biron, Michaela Chapter, Alexandra Traganos, and Michael Wynne (Fall 2015).
- Research on immigration courts, unaccompanied children, and media.
 - *Mentees*: Siri Cope, Sherry Li, and Rebeka Walker (Spring 2015).

Research Assistant to Dr. Marjorie Zatz, Director and Professor, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2009-2010.

- Research on immigration, immigration policy, and collateral consequences of immigration policy.
 - *Tasks*: content analysis of news stories, coordination of the National Science Foundation-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 to Dr. LaDawn Haglund, Assistant Professor, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University, 2009 .

- 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

Jessica Willis, PhD Dissertation, Sociology, University of New Hampshire, Current, Committee member.

Denisa Okolie, Masters' Thesis, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Current, Committee member.

Mikayla Howes, Internship, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2021, Internship Supervisor.

Brennan Pouliot, Undergraduate Research Conference, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2019, Mentor.

Patrick Sullivan, Masters' Thesis, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2017-2018, Co-chair.

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

Sala Risby, McNair Program, University of New Hampshire, 2017, Mentor.

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

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

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, Committee member.

University

Faculty-in-Residence, Humanities and Justice Studies' Study Abroad Program in Budapest, Hungary, Spring 2020.

Moderator, Undergraduate Research Conference, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2019.

Representative for Sociology, Open House, University of New Hampshire, Spring 2019.

Departmental

Chair, Undergraduate Committee, Justice Studies, University of New Hampshire, 2017 – Current.

Committee Member, Senior Survey Committee, Sociology, University of New Hampshire, 2021 – Current.

Committee Member, Sociology Colloquium Committee, Sociology, University of New Hampshire, 2020 – Current.

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

Session organizer, chair and discussant. “The mobilization of immigration lawyers.” (Sponsored by CRN02 Citizenship and Immigration). Panel at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2019): “Dignity,” Washington DC.

Session organizer, chair and discussant. “Lawyers in the US Immigration Courts.” (Sponsored by CRN02 Citizenship and Immigration). Panel at the Law and Society Association (LSA) Annual Meeting (2018), 2018 joint meeting of the Law and Society Association and the Canadian Law and Society Association: “Law at the Crossroads: Le Droit À La Croisée Des Chemins,” Toronto, Canada.

Discussant. “Research that Challenges Dominant Stories.” Panel at the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) Annual Meeting (2017): “Narratives in the World of Social Problems: Power, Resistance, and Transformation,” Montreal, Canada.

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

The Fundamentals of Online Instruction, University of New Hampshire, 2020.

Fundamental of Active Learning, University of New Hampshire, 2020.

International SOS Training, University of New Hampshire, 2019.

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).
American Society of Criminology (ASC).