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EMPLOYMENT

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2023–      Assistant Professor of Sociology, Harvard University  
2022–23    Postdoctoral Fellow in Sociology, Harvard University

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EDUCATION

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2022      Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
            Title: *Going Nowhere: The Social Life of Opioids in Backcountry California*  
2015      M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley  
2012      B.A. in Tutorial Studies with Special Honors, University of Chicago

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PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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**Showalter, David**, Lynn D. Wenger, Barrot H. Lambdin, Eliza Wheeler, Ingrid Binswanger, and Alex H. Kral. 2021. “Bridging Institutional Logics: Implementing Naloxone Distribution for People Exiting Jail in Three California Counties.” *Social Science & Medicine* 285: 114293. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2021.114293>

Snell-Rood, Claire, Cathleen Willging, **David Showalter**, Hannah Peters, and Robin A. Pollini. 2020. “System-Level Factors Shaping the Implementation of ‘Hub and Spoke’ Systems to Expand MOUD in Rural Areas.” *Substance Abuse* 42(4): 716–725. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08897077.2020.1846149>

**Showalter, David**. 2020. “Steps Toward a Theory of Place Effects on Drug Use: Risk, Marginality, and Opportunity in Small and Remote California Towns.” *International Journal of Drug Policy* 85: 102269. Special issue on “Rural Risk Environments.” <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2019.102629>

**Showalter, David**. 2020. “Crisis and Policy Change: HIV/AIDS and Syringe Services in California.” *Mobilization: An International Quarterly* 25(1): 71–92. <https://doi.org/10.17813/1086-671X-25-1-71>  
*Winner*, 2016 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drugs and Society Section, American Sociological Association  
*Winner*, 2016 Martin Levine Student Paper Award, Sociologists’ AIDS Network

Wenger, Lynn D., **David Showalter**, Barrot Lambdin, David Leiva, Eliza Wheeler, Peter J. Davidson, Phillip O. Coffin, Ingrid A. Binswanger, and Alex H. Kral. 2019. “Overdose

Education and Naloxone Distribution in the San Francisco County Jail.” *Journal of Correctional Health Care* 25(4): 394–404. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1078345819882771>

**Showalter, David.** 2019. “Misdiagnosing Medicalization: Penal Psychopathy and Psychiatric Practice.” *Theory and Society* 48(1): 67–94. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-018-09336-y>

**Showalter, David.** 2018. “Federal Funding for Syringe Exchange: Explaining a Long-Term Policy Failure.” *International Journal of Drug Policy* 55: 95-104. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.drugpo.2018.02.006>

## WORK IN PROGRESS

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**Showalter, David.** “Place as a Fundamental Cause of Health: Heroin Use in Backcountry California.” *In preparation.*  
*Winner*, 2021 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drugs and Society Section, American Sociological Association  
*Honorable Mention*, 2021 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drinking and Drugs Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems

**Showalter, David.** “‘Everyone’s a Cop’: Acquainted Marginality and Small-Town Policing.” *In preparation.*  
*Winner*, 2020 Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drugs and Society Section, American Sociological Association

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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**Showalter, David.** Forthcoming. “Sam Quinones, *The Least of Us: True Tales of America and Hope in the Time of Fentanyl and Meth* (New York: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021).” *Social History of Alcohol and Drugs.*

Wenger, Lynn D., **David Showalter**, Eliza Wheeler, Jennie Harris, Ingrid Binswanger, Barrot H. Lambdin, and Alex H. Kral. 2019. *A Primer for Implementation of Overdose Education and Naloxone Distribution in Jails and Prisons.* Research Triangle Park, NC: RTI International. [https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/ResourceMaterials/Naloxone-Prison-Primer\\_v2.pdf](https://opioidresponsenetwork.org/ResourceMaterials/Naloxone-Prison-Primer_v2.pdf)

**Showalter, David.** 2017. “Donald Trump and the Political Aesthetics of Reality Television.” *Berkeley Journal of Sociology.* [berkeleyjournal.org/2017/06/donald-trump-and-the-political-aesthetics-of-reality-television/](http://berkeleyjournal.org/2017/06/donald-trump-and-the-political-aesthetics-of-reality-television/)

**Showalter, David.** 2011. “Thinking *Jersey Shore*.” *Midway Review* 7(1): 19-25. <http://midwayreview.uchicago.edu/a/7/1/showalter/>

## FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

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2021–22 *Dissertation Fellow*, Center for Engaged Scholarship

- 2021 *Summer Research Grant, UC Berkeley*
- 2020–21 *Duster Fellowship for Social Justice Research, UC Berkeley*
- 2019–20 *Graduate Fellow, Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies, UC Berkeley*
- 2019–20 *Dissertation Grant, Horowitz Foundation for Social Policy*
- 2019 *Dissertation Completion Fellowship, UC Berkeley*
- 2014–18 *Graduate Research Fellowship, National Science Foundation*
- 2013–15 *Regents Fellowship, UC Berkeley*

## HONORS AND AWARDS

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- 2021 *Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drugs and Society Section, American Sociological Association*
- 2021 *Honorable Mention, Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drinking and Drugs Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems*
- 2020 *Selected Participant, Drug Policy Research Incubator, Drug Policy Alliance (withdrew due to scheduling conflict)*
- 2020 *Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drugs and Society Section, American Sociological Association*
- 2019 *Graduate Fellow, Chicago Ethnography Incubator, University of Chicago*
- 2016 *Bruce D. Johnson Student Paper Award, Drugs and Society Section, American Sociological Association*
- 2016 *Martin Levine Student Paper Award, Sociologists' AIDS Network*
- 2011 *Student Marshal (highest undergraduate honor), University of Chicago*
- 2011 *Outstanding Social Sciences/Humanities Oral Presentation, Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium*

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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“Public Health and Medicalization: Promise or Peril?” (panelist)

- 2019 International Drug Policy Reform Conference, November 7, 2019, St. Louis, MO

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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“Place Effects on Health: Heroin Use in Backcountry California”

- 116<sup>th</sup> Virtual Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 10, 2021

“Bridging Institutional Logics: Implementing Naloxone Distribution for People Exiting Jail in Three California Counties”

- 116<sup>th</sup> Virtual Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 10, 2021
- Society for the Study of Social Problems 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting, August 5, 2021

“Acquainted Marginality: Social Structure and Inequality in Small Places”

- 115<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 11, 2020, San Francisco, CA (virtual due to COVID-19)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems 2020 Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA (cancelled due to COVID-19)

“Small-Town Heroin Use and the Pains of Place”

- 114<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 13, 2019, New York, NY
- “Opioid Use and Informal Harm Reduction in a Remote California Town”
- 12<sup>th</sup> National Harm Reduction Conference, October 20, 2018, New Orleans, LA
  - 113<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 12, 2018, Philadelphia, PA
- “Volunteers, Collectives, and Outlaws: Supporting Informal Harm Reduction in a Period of Partial Mainstreaming”
- 11<sup>th</sup> National Harm Reduction Conference, November 5, 2016, San Diego, CA
- “Psychopathy in the Penal System: A Case of Medicalization?”
- 111<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 20, 2016, Seattle, WA
- “Penal Origins of the Psychopath in the United States: Bernard Glueck at Sing, 1916-1918”
- Inaugural UC Conference on Social Science and Law, October 23, 2015, Irvine, CA
- “Federal Funding for Syringe Exchange: The More Things Change, the More They Stay the Same”
- 110<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 22, 2015, Chicago, IL
- “Building Intergenerational Ties in the Harm Reduction Community” (with LJ Johnson and Ryan Wythe)
- 10<sup>th</sup> National Harm Reduction Conference, October 23, 2014, Baltimore, MD
- “Syringe Exchange and the State: A Case of Insurgency in the Bureaucratic Field”
- 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, August 18, 2014, San Francisco, CA
- “Opening Remarks: *Jersey Shore* as a Model of Intellectual Life”
- UChicago Conference on Jersey Shore Studies, October 28, 2011, Chicago, IL (conference organizer)
    - Selected media coverage: *New York Times*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Inside Higher Ed*, *Huffington Post*, *Daily Mail (UK)*
- “Drone Strikes and the Discourse of Ungovernability in Pakistan’s Tribal Regions”
- Chicago Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, April 2, 2011, Chicago, IL  
*Winner*, Outstanding Social Sciences/Humanities Oral Presentation
  - Illinois State University Conference for Students of Political Science, April 8, 2011, Normal, IL

## TEACHING

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*Graduate Student Instructor (Teaching Assistant), University of California, Berkeley*  
 Spring 2020 “Sociological Theory I,” Sociology Department (Head Graduate Student Instructor)  
 Fall 2016 “Evaluation of Evidence,” Sociology Department

## SERVICE

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*Reviewer:* American Journal of Sociology, Harm Reduction Journal, Health Services Insights, International Journal of Drug Policy, Law and Policy, Public Health Reports, Social Forces, Social Problems, Substance Abuse, Substance Use and Misuse, Theory and Society

*Harm reduction:* Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution (NEED) (2013–present), Chicago  
Recovery Alliance (2009–2013)

#### AFFILIATIONS

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- 2020–pres. Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2015–pres. President of the Board of Directors, Needle Exchange Emergency Distribution
- 2015–19 Research Associate, RTI International
- 2014–pres. Member, American Sociological Association