

**Many Hands of the State**  
**May 15 – 17, 2014**  
**Conference Participants**

**Julia Adams** (Yale University)

Julia Adams is Professor of Sociology and International & Area Studies at Yale University. She teaches and conducts research in the areas of state formation; gender and family; social theory and knowledge; early modern European politics, and colonialism and empire. She is currently studying (1) large-scale forms of patriarchal politics; (2) the historical sociology of agency relations, and (3) gender and Wikipedia. Her monograph *The Familial State: Ruling Families and Merchant Capitalism in Early Modern Europe* (Cornell, 2005) won the Gaddis Smith Book Prize. With Mounira Charrad, she recently published *Patrimonial Politics in the Modern World* (The Annals, 2011).

**Elisabeth Clemens** (University of Chicago)

Elisabeth Clemens is a William Rainey Harper Professor and Chair in the Department of Sociology at the University of Chicago. Her research explores the role of social movements and organizational innovation in political change. Clemens' first book, *The People's Lobby: Organizational Innovation and the Rise of Interest Group Politics in the United States, 1890-1925* received best book awards in both organizational sociology and political sociology. She is now completing *Civic Gifts* which traces the tense but powerful entanglements of benevolence and liberalism in the development of the American nation-state. Clemens is currently collaborating with Bernard Harcourt, James Sparrow, and Stephen Sawyer on the Neubauer Collegium project, *The State as History and Theory*.

**Christian Davenport** (University of Michigan)

Christian Davenport is Professor of Political Science and Faculty Associate with the Center for Political Studies at the University of Michigan. His primary research interests include political conflict (e.g., human rights violations, genocide/politicide, torture, political surveillance, civil war and social movements), measurement, racism, and popular culture. Davenport is the Director of Radical Information Project and Stop Our States, and Co-Founder of New Jack Academics. He is the author of four books; two solo-authored: *State Repression and the Promise of Democratic Peace* and *Media Bias, Perspective and State Repression: The Black Panther Party* – winner of Best Book in Racial Politics and Social Movements by the American Political Science Association; and, two edited: *Repression and Mobilization* with Carol Mueller and Hank Johnston and *Paths to State Repression: Human Rights Violations and Contentious Politics*.

**Marion Fourcade** (University of California, Berkeley)

Marion Fourcade is Professor of Sociology at UC Berkeley. A comparative sociologist by training and taste, she is specifically interested in variations in economic and political knowledge and practice across nations. Her first book (*Economists and Societies*, Princeton University Press 2009) explored the distinctive character of the discipline and profession of economics in three countries. Her current work examines the cultural and

institutional logic of classificatory processes across a range of empirical domains, including wine, credit and libraries.

**Bernard Harcourt** (University of Chicago)

Bernard E. Harcourt is the Julius Kreeger Professor of Law and Political Science at the University of Chicago and directeur d'études at the École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales in Paris. During 2013-14, he is the Stephen and Barbara Friedman Visiting Professor of Law at Columbia University. He is the author, most recently, of *Occupy: Three Inquiries in Disobedience* with Michael Taussig and W.J.T. Mitchell (University of Chicago Press 2013). He is the editor of Michel Foucault's 1972-73 lectures at the Collège de France, *La Société punitive* (Gallimard 2013), and the co-editor of the forthcoming Foucault lectures delivered at Louvain in 1981, translated by Stephen Sawyer, *Wrong-Doing, Truth-Telling: The Function of Avowal in Justice* (Chicago 2014). He is author of several books, including *The Illusion of Free Markets: Punishment and the Myth of Natural Order* (Harvard University Press 2011), *Against Prediction: Profiling, Policing, and Punishing in an Actuarial Age* (University of Chicago Press 2007), which won the Gordon J. Laing Prize in 2009, *Language of the Gun: Youth, Crime, and Public Policy* (University of Chicago Press 2005), and *Illusion of Order: The False Promise of Broken-Windows Policing* (Harvard University Press 2001). He is a former death row lawyer, having represented inmates sentenced to death in Alabama since 1990, and continues that work on a pro bono basis today. He is currently collaborating with Elisabeth Clemens, James Sparrow, and Stephen Sawyer on the Neubauer Collegium project, *The State as History and Theory*.

**Iza Hussin** (University of Chicago)

Iza Hussin is a Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Chicago. Her recent work has focused upon the mobility of law and legal projects in empire, and upon the politics of Islamic law in both contemporary and colonial periods. Her book on the transformation of Islamic law and the Muslim state during British colonisation in India, Malaya and Egypt, *The Politics of Islamic Law: Local Elites, Colonial Authority and the Making of the Muslim State*, is forthcoming from the University of Chicago Press.

**Meyer Kestnbaum** (University of Maryland)

Meyer Kestnbaum is an Associate Professor of Sociology at the University of Maryland. He is interested in the sociological study of war and the military, citizenship, and popular politics. He is currently working on four interconnected projects: the historical transformation of patterns of war making in Europe and North American during the long nineteenth century; the gendered and gendering qualities of particular components of this transformation; close analysis of the re-emergence of intentional attack on civilians during interstate war in the latter nineteenth century; and more programmatically, what it means to do a sociology of war.

**Armando Lara-Millan** (University of Delaware )

Armando Lara-Millán's primary areas of interest are in the fields of political sociology, health, and mass imprisonment. In 2014, he will begin a Robert Wood Johnson

Fellowship in Health Policy at UC Berkeley/ UCSF. Upon completion of the fellowship he will start as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Sociology at UC Berkeley.

**Damon Mayrl** (Universidad Carlos III de Madrid)

Damon Mayrl is Assistant Professor of Comparative Sociology at the Universidad Carlos III de Madrid. He works in the areas of comparative-historical sociology, political sociology, and the sociology of religion. His research investigates how institutional forces contribute to the patterning of religious change; as well as how politics and public policy have been influenced by religious actors and their ideas. His writings have appeared in *Social Forces*, *Social Science Research*, *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*, *Sociological Inquiry*, and *European Journal of Sociology*, and he is currently completing a book examining patterns of secularization in Australian and American education since 1800.

**Ajay Mehrotra** (Indiana University, Bloomington)

Ajay K. Mehrotra is Associate Dean for Research, Professor of Law, and Louis F. Niezer Faculty Fellow at the Indiana University Maurer School of Law. He is also an adjunct Professor of History at Indiana University and an Affiliated Faculty member of the Vincent and Elinor Ostrom Workshop on Political Theory and Policy Analysis. Professor Mehrotra teaches tax law and legal history, and his research focuses on the historical relationship between taxation and American state formation. He is the author of *Making the Modern American Fiscal State: Law, Politics and the Rise of Progressive Taxation, 1877-1929* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013). He is also the co-editor (with Isaac William Martin and Monica Prasad) of *The New Fiscal Sociology: Taxation in Comparative and Historical Perspective* (New York: Cambridge University Press, 2009).

**Kimberly Morgan** (George Washington University)

Kimberly Morgan is Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at George Washington University. Her research focuses on the politics of social policy in the United States and Western Europe, with particular interests in family policies, health care, and immigration. She is the author of two books, co-editor of the forthcoming *Oxford Handbook of U.S. Social Policy*, and has published articles in numerous journals.

**William Novak** (University of Michigan)

William Novak is the Charles F. and Edith J. Clyne Professor of Law at the University of Michigan. In 1996, he published *The People's Welfare: Law and Regulation in Nineteenth-Century America*, which won the American Historical Association's Littleton-Griswold Prize and was named Best Book in the History of Law and Society. Novak is currently at work on *Creation of the Modern American State*, a study of the transformation in American liberal governance around the turn of the twentieth century.

**Ann Orloff** (Northwestern University)

Ann Orloff is Professor of Sociology and Political Science and Board of Lady Managers of the Columbian Exposition Chair at Northwestern University. Orloff's areas of interest include political sociology, social policy, sociology of gender, global, historical and comparative sociology, and social and feminist theory. Her research focuses on gendered

social policies and feminist politics in the global north. She is currently working on a manuscript, *Toward a Gender-Open Future? Transformations in Gender, Global Capitalism and Systems of Social Provision and Regulation*, which aims to describe and explain transformations in global capitalism, gender and social policy – most centrally the increasing support for mothers’ paid employment -- over the last half- century, in the U.S. and Sweden, and the implications of those shifts for feminism.

**Sarah Quinn (University of Washington)**

Sarah Quinn is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Washington. Her work broadly investigates the intersection of culture and politics in economic life, with a special focus on the historical development of housing finance and federal credit programs in the United States. Among other projects, she is currently working on a book manuscript that examines the early political history of mortgage securitization in the United States. She has a Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley (2010), and was a junior fellow at the Michigan Society of Fellows before joining the faculty of the University of Washington.

**Stephen Sawyer (The American University of Paris)**

Stephen Sawyer is an Associate Professor and Chair of the History Department, founder of the Urban Studies program, and co-founder of the History, Law, and Society program at The American University of Paris. He has published more than fifty articles and book reviews in six countries and leading journals including *Les Annales*, *The Journal of Modern History*, *The European History Quarterly* and *The Tocqueville Review*.

His translation of Michel Foucault lectures will appear in 2014 and he is currently completing two book manuscripts on the intersection of local and international scales in the construction of the modern state. As a 2013-2014 Neubauer Collegium Visiting Fellow, Sawyer is collaborating with Elisabeth Clemens, Bernard Harcourt, and James Sparrow on their project, *The State as History and Theory*.

**James Sparrow (University of Chicago)**

James Sparrow is an Associate Professor of U.S. History at the University of Chicago. His research and teaching focus on the state and social citizenship in the modern United States. He is especially interested in national political culture and its formation within specific social, cultural, and institutional contexts. His first book, *Warfare State*, is a history of the social politics of the national state as its foundations shifted from welfare to warfare during World War II. His second book project, *The New Leviathan*, examines changing notions and practices of sovereignty during the United States’ rise to globalism. He has co-edited three volumes on the American state in an ongoing collaboration with Neubauer Collegium Visiting Fellow Stephen Sawyer and another Neubauer Collegium participant, William Novak: two special issues of the *Tocqueville Review*, and a book under contract with the University of Chicago Press, titled *Boundaries of the State in U.S. History*. Sparrow is currently collaborating with Elisabeth Clemens, Bernard Harcourt, and Stephen Sawyer on the Neubauer Collegium project, *The State as History and Theory*.

**Loïc Wacquant** (University of California, Berkeley) *Managing Marginality, Projecting Sovereignty: The Rise and Return of the Penal State*  
Loïc Wacquant is Professor of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, and Researcher at the Centre européen de sociologie et de science politique, Paris. A MacArthur Foundation Fellow and recipient of the Lewis Coser Award of the American Sociological Association, his research spans urban relegation, ethnoracial domination, the penal state, incarnation, and social theory and the politics of reason. His books are translated in some twenty languages and include the trilogy *Urban Outcasts* (2008), *Punishing the Poor* (2009), and *Deadly Symbiosis* (2014), as well as *The Two Faces of the Ghetto* (2014) and *Tracking the Penal State* (2014).

**Laurel Weldon** (Purdue University)

S. Laurel Weldon is a Professor of Political Science and Interim Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs at Purdue University. She received her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh, where she won the Laurence Cabot Howard award for scholarly excellence and commitment to social justice. Weldon is the Founding Director of Purdue's Center for Research on Diversity and Inclusion, and co-Chaired the President's Task Force that established the Global Policy Research Institute at Purdue. She has worked with international organizations as well as national, state governments and local governments.

**Nick Wilson** (Yale University)

Nick Wilson is a Postdoctoral Associate at the Yale Program in British Studies, a Senior Fellow at the Center for Comparative Research, and a Lecturer in the Department of Sociology at Yale University. He studies political sociology and the sociology of culture, with a focus on historical comparative methods. In particular, Wilson has examined the English East India Trading Company and colonialism.