

Isaac Dalke

Curriculum Vitae – May 2026

Network Science Institute
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Subfields: Sociology of Law/Punishment, Political Sociology, Urban Sociology, Methods

Employment and Affiliations

Northeastern University Network Science Institute, August 2025 – Present

Data Justice Postdoctoral Fellow

Harvard University, August 2025 – Present

Institute for Policing, Incarceration, and Public Safety Postdoctoral Associate

Department of Sociology Fellow

Education

Ph.D. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley – 2025

Dissertation title: Making Community Count: Violence Prevention and the Delegated Penal State

Chris Muller (Harvard, co-chair), Loic Wacquant (co-chair)

M.A. in Sociology, University of California, Berkeley – 2020

B.A. in Sociology with honors, University of Chicago – 2013

Peer-Reviewed Publications

Greene, Joss and Isaac Dalke (equal authorship). 2025. "The Symbolic Weight of Penal Labor in Neoliberal Times." *Punishment & Society* 27(4): 694-712. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745251320357>

Dalke, Isaac. 2024. "I Come Before You a Changed Man: 'Insight', Compliance, and Refurbishing Penal Practice in California." *Law & Social Inquiry* 49(2): 1138 – 1168.

<https://doi.org/10.1017/lsi.2023.20>

- *ASA Sociology of Law Graduate Student Paper Award, Honorable Mention (2022)*

Dalke, Isaac and Joss Greene (equal authorship). 2024. "Prerequisites and Pathways: How social categorization helps administrators determine moral worth." *Theory and Society* 53 (1): 31-66.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s11186-023-09523-6>

Greene, Joss and Isaac Dalke (equal authorship). 2021. "'You're Still an Angry Man:' Parole Boards and Logics of Criminalized Masculinity." *Theoretical Criminology* 25(4): 639-662.

<https://doi.org/10.1177/1362480620910222>

Other Writing

Dalke, Isaac. 2020. Review of *Courting the Community: Legitimacy and Punishment in a Community Court* by Christine Zozula (2019 from Temple University Press). *Contemporary Sociology* (49)6: 547-548. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306120963121cc>

Manuscripts in Progress (available upon request)

"The Reluctant Bureaucrat: Decision-Making and Justification in Shifting Legal Contexts," with Brendon McConnell. *Revise & Resubmit at the American Journal of Sociology*

"Dissecting Resisting Arrest as a Cause of Police Violence," with Sandra Susan Smith and Jaqueline Lepe. *Under review at Law & Society Review*

"Trying Something New: Alternatives to Policing and the Structural Emergence of Perpetual Experimentation." *Preparing for submission to the American Sociological Review*

Fellowships and Affiliations

Graduate Research Fellow, National Science Foundation (2019-2024)

Synar Graduate Student Fellow, Institute of Governmental Studies, UC-Berkeley (2023)

Sociology Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Curriculum Fellow, UC-Berkeley (2022-2023)

Affiliated Graduate Student, Institute for the Study of Societal Issues (2019-present)

Presentations

"Making the Delegated Penal State: Violence Prevention in California, 1990-2005."

Building State Capacity Conference at UC-Berkeley Law School, May 27, 2026

Carceral Political Economy Conference at The New School, March 21, 2025

"Networks of Co-Criminalization: Building a Relational Approach to Local Law Enforcement Across Place"

International Conference of Computational Social Science, July 28, 2026

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, May 28, 2026

Harvard University Urban Data Lab, April 16, 2026

"Making Community Count: Community-Based Violence Intervention and Governing through Nonprofits"

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, June 8, 2024

UC-Berkeley Institute for Governmental Studies, February 24, 2023

"On Neoliberalism and Nonprofits: A Computational Approach to Cultural Ideology"

American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 12, 2024

Text as Data Association Annual Meeting, November 9, 2023 (poster)

Georgetown University Interdisciplinary Text Analysis Research Group, May 11, 2022

"Prerequisites and Pathways: How Administrative Classification Matters for Moral Evaluation"

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, July 14, 2022

"I come before you a changed man: Historical Changes in the Vocabulary of Parole Release Decisions"

UC-Berkeley Computational Social Science Forum, September 21, 2021

Virtual Workshop on Contemporary Parole Research, April 22, 2021

Law and Society Association Annual Conference, May 30, 2020

Text Analysis Across Domains (TextXD) Conference, December 4, 2019

UC-Berkeley Computational Text Analysis Working Group, October 17, 2019

Research Positions

Graduate Student Researcher, Professor Armando Lara-Millan (2023-2025)
Graduate Student Researcher, UC-Berkeley Criminal Law & Justice Center (2024)
Graduate Student Researcher, Professor Sandra Smith (2018-2021)
Participant, Bay Area Summer Institute in Computational Social Science (Bay-SICSS) (2020)

Teaching

Social Inequality in America – Reader, Spring 2025 (Instructor: Joanna Reed)
Sociology of Poverty – Reader, Fall 2024 (Instructor: Martin Sanchez-Jankowski)
Sociology of Health and Medicine – Reader, Spring 2022 (Instructor: Caitlin Daniel)
Contemporary Sociological Theory – GSI, Fall 2021 (Instructor: Fatmir Haskaj)
Classical Sociological Theory – GSI, Fall 2018 (Instructor: Marion Fourcade)

Service

Public

California Violence Intervention and Prevention (CalVIP) Program Grant Application Reviewer (2025-26)
California Violence Intervention and Prevention Coalition Steering Committee Member (2023-2025)

Disciplinary

International Conference on Computational Social Science Program Committee Member (2026)
Political Economy of Late Mass Incarceration Conference Program Committee Member (2026)
ASA Sociology of Law Student Paper Award Committee Member (2026)

Institutional

UC-Berkeley Underground Scholars Initiative Tutor (2022-2025)
UC-Berkeley Social Science Research Pathways Mentor (2022-2025)
UC-Berkeley Undergraduate Honors Thesis Mentor (2017-2024)
UC-Berkeley Sociology Department Graduate Student Lounge Redesign Committee (2023)
UC-Berkeley Sociology Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity Initiative Curriculum Fellow (2022-2023)
Text Across Domains Computational Text Analysis Conference Planning Committee (2022)
UC-Berkeley Sociology Anti-Racist Working Group Member (2020-2021)
UC-Berkeley Gender/Sexuality Workshop Coordinator (2019-2020)
UC-Berkeley Undergraduate-to-Graduate Pipeline Project Mentor (2018-2019)
UC-Berkeley Graduate Student Social Committee (2018-2019)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Social Forces, Punishment & Society