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## EDUCATION

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### Yale University

Ph.D., Sociology, Expected 2021

Dissertation: Policing and the Illusion of Public Input

Committee: Philip Smith (Yale Sociology), Issa Kohler-Hausmann (Yale Law), Tracey Meares (Yale Law), Andrew Papachristos (Northwestern Sociology)

M.A., Sociology, 2015

### New York University

J.D. (cum laude), 2018

Annual Survey of American Law, Notes Editor (2017-2018)

Program on Corporate Compliance and Enforcement, Student Fellow (2017-2018)

Annual Survey of American Law, Staff Editor (2016-2017)

Policing Project, Extern (2016-2017)

### Yale University

B.A., Political Science and Ethnicity Race, & Migration (with distinction), 2012

Thesis 1: Mass Incarceration: A Legal Dilemma of Prisoners' Civil Lawsuits

Thesis 2: Labor & Land-Use: Collective Mobilization in Chinatown Politics Since 1990

## PUBLICATIONS

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Cheng, Tony. 2020. "Input Without Influence: The Silence and Scripts of Police and Community Relations." *Social Problems* 67(1): 171-189.

Papachristos, Andrew, Noli Brazil, & Tony Cheng. 2018. "Understanding the Crime Gap: Violence and Inequality in an American City." *City & Community* 17(4): 1051-1074.

- Media: *The Atlantic CityLab*

Cheng, Tony. 2018. "Recruitment Through Rule-Breaking: Establishing Social Ties with Gang Members." *City & Community* 17(1): 150-169.

Cheng, Tony & Shelley Liu. 2018. "Service Cynicism: How Civic Disengagement Develops." *Politics & Society* 46(1): 101-129.

Cheng, Tony. 2017. "Violence Prevention and Targeting the Elusive Gang Member." *Law & Society Review* 51(1): 42-69.

## ARTICLES IN PROGRESS

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Cheng, Tony. “Social Media, Selective Transparency, and Pursuing Legitimation of Police Violence.” (revise and resubmit at *Criminology*)

- Winner, 2020 Law and Society Association Graduate Student Article Prize
- Winner, 2020 ASA Section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award
- Winner, 2020 SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Paper Award

Cheng, Tony. “The Cumulative Discretion of Police Over Community Complaints: Evidence from the NYPD.” (under review)

Cheng, Tony. “Police-Community Relations as an Alternative System of Neighborhood Representation.” (draft available)

Cheng, Tony & Jennifer Qu. “Disaggregating Community Orientations Towards Police Reform.” (in progress)

Cheng, Tony & Michael Sierra-Arévalo. “The Organizational Punishment of Police Misconduct.” (in progress)

## POLICY REPORTS, OP-EDS, & OTHER WRITING

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Cheng, Tony. “Asking Who in Gang Violence Prevention.” *Law and Society Review* Blog, July 2017.

Cheng, Tony. “Why Prosecuting, Firing, or Re-Training Cops Doesn’t Work and What We Can Do About It.” Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog, March 2015.

Cheng, Tony. “Do Alternatives to Police Militarization Exist?” Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog, September 2014.

Cheng, Tony. “Digital Reporting as a Community Empowerment Tool.” Yale Institution for Social and Policy Studies Blog, April 2014.

Sierra-Arevalo, Michael, Tony Cheng, John Epperson, John Hitzeman, David Lambert, and Andrew V. Papachristos. “Project Longevity: Gang/Group Database Summary.” Prepared for Project Longevity and the New Haven Police Department, February 2014.

Sierra-Arevalo, Michael, Tony Cheng, Isaac Katz-Justice, Andrew V. Papachristos, and Tracey Meares. “Project Longevity: Gang/Group Database Summary.” Prepared for Project Longevity and the Bridgeport Police Department, July 2013.

## RESEARCH ASSISTANT EXPERIENCE

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2016-2017 Professor Peter Schuck, U.C. Berkeley Law School/Yale Law School.

2013-2016 Dr. Andrew Papachristos, Yale University Department of Sociology.

2013-2016 Professor Tracey Meares, Yale Law School.

2012-2014 Dr. Christopher Wildeman, Yale University Department of Sociology.

## **WORK EXPERIENCES**

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2016	Summer Law Clerk, U.S. Attorney's Office, District of Maryland.
2013-2015	Researcher, Project Longevity, New Haven & Bridgeport, CT.
2012-2013	Rackets Bureau Paralegal, Manhattan District Attorney's Office, New York, NY
2011	Litigation Bureau Legal Intern, New York Attorney General's Office, New York, NY
2010	Democracy Program Intern, Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund, New York, NY
2009	Community Development Project Paralegal, Urban Justice Center, New York, NY
2009	Bureau of Consumer Protection Intern, Federal Trade Commission, Washington D.C.

## **GRANTS AND AWARDS**

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2020	Law and Society Association Graduate Student Article Prize ASA Section on Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology Graduate Student Paper Award SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Paper Award Law and Society Association Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop (\$300) University of Chicago Ethnography Incubator (\$500) (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
2018	Graduate Student Fellowship, Yale University Institution for Social and Policy Studies (\$2,073) Travel Fund, Yale University, Department of Sociology (\$350)
2016	Berkeley Law Summer Public Interest/Public Sector Fellowship (\$4,000)
2015	Jerome K. Myers Travel Fund, Yale University, Department of Sociology (\$350) Above and Beyond Award, Regional Youth Adult Social Action Partnership
2014	Institution for Social & Policy Studies (Graduate Student Policy Fellow) Community Action Research Initiative Grant, American Sociological Association (\$1,360)
2013	Camp Grant, Sociology Department, Yale University (\$200)
2012	Percival Wood Clement Prize for Best Political Science Thesis on the U.S. Constitution & its First Ten Amendments, Political Science Department, Yale University Yale Alumni Association of Bergen County and Vicinity Scholarship, Yale University
2011	Dwight Waterman Fellowship, Yale University (\$2,000)
2010	James A. Seymour Scholarship, Yale University

## **PRESENTATIONS/PANELS**

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### The Cumulative Discretion of Police on Community Complaints: Evidence from the NYPD

- Northwestern University Crime, Law, and Society Workshop (October 2020)
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (August 2020)
- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (November 2020) (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

### Social Media, Social Memory, and Pursuing Legitimation of Police Violence

- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (November 2020) (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting: Online Conference (May 2020)
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (August 2020) (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

### Readiness, Rule-Breaking, and Establishing Social Ties with Gang Members

- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting (November 2018)

### Scripted Police and Community Relations

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (August 2018)

The Rhetoric of Readiness: Street Worker Decision-Making Inside a Gang Violence Intervention Program

- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting (August 2015)

Recruitment through Rule-Breaking: Establishing Social Ties with Gang Members

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (August 2015);
- Violence & The City Conference (May 2015)

Special Session: Community Action Research Initiative Grant

- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (August 2015)

Teaching at Yale

- Yale Center for Teaching and Learning (August 2014)

Keeping the StreetSafe: Impact Presentation

- StreetSafe Bridgeport (March 2014)

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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*Instructor of Record*

SOCY S141: Sociology of Crime & Deviance (Summer 2020)

*Teaching Fellow*

SOCY 493: Senior Essay for Intensive Sociology Majors, Professor Jonathan Wyrzten (Fall 2019 - Spring 2020)

SOCY 493: Senior Essay for Intensive Sociology Majors, Professor Rene Almeling (Fall 2018 - Spring 2019)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AND MEMBERSHIPS**

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SERVICE:

- Student Representative, American Sociological Association's CITMAS Council (2020-2021).
- Table Presider, Roundtable on Crime, Law, and Deviance. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (August 2020).

MEMBER: American Sociological Association; Society for the Study of Social Problems; Law & Society Association; American Society of Criminology

PEER REVIEWER: *Social Forces*, *Law & Society Review*, *City & Community*, *Criminal Justice Review*