

SHAI KARP
Curriculum Vitae
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EDUCATION

- PhD Political Science** Expected May 2025
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
Dissertation: “Leasing Democracy: Private Power and Public Policy in American Rental Housing”
Committee: Chloe Thurston (chair), Daniel Galvin, Ann Orloff, Reuel Rogers
Major field: American politics
Minor field: Political theory
Certificates: Comparative-Historical Social Science, Critical Theory
- MA Political Science** 2020
Northwestern University, Evanston, IL
- BA Political Science** 2018
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Minor in sociology

RESEARCH

Publications (peer-reviewed)

“Performing Social Control: Poverty Governance, Public Finance, and the Politics of Visibility,” *Sociological Theory* 41, no. 1 (2024): 23–48, doi:10.1177/07352751231222476. With John N. Robinson III and Spencer Headworth.

Under Review

“Private Government at Home: Landlord Power and Rental Residential Domination in the United States”
Conditionally accepted at *Politics & Society*

Works in Progress

“The Anti-Renter Regime in American Housing Policy” (book project)
“Tenant Politics: Private Power, Race, and Inequality among Chicago Renters”
“From Public Housing to Private Subsidies: How Housing Delegation Demobilized Poor Renters of Color”
“The Great Recession and American Political Development”
“The Scale of Freedom: Machiavelli, Republicanism, and Empire”

Areas of Specialization

race-class inequality; housing; American political institutions; American political development; law & policy; urban studies; settler-colonial studies; contemporary political theory; qualitative methods

TEACHING

Northwestern University , Instructor of Record	
The American Presidency	Spring 2024
Northwestern University , Teaching Assistant	
Public Policy	Fall 2024
African American Politics	Spring 2022
International Political Economy	Winter 2022
Introduction to Law in the Political Arena	Spring 2020, Fall 2021
Constitutional Law II	Spring 2021
Law and Society	Fall 2020, Winter 2021
Introduction to Political Theory	Winter 2020
Constitutional Law I	Fall 2019
Pedagogical Training	
Searle Center for Advancing Teaching and Learning, Teaching Certificate	2022
Political Science Graduate Student Teaching Certificate	2021

GRANTS AND AWARDS

Northwestern University	
Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy Research Grant (\$2500)	2023
Minar Memorial Summer Award (\$1000)	2022
Vassar College	
Departmental honors in Political Science	2018
Ida Frank Guttman Prize for best thesis in Political Science (thesis: <i>Redeeming Political Myth: Walter Benjamin, History, and Politics</i>)	2018

PRESENTATIONS

Invited lectures

“The Origins of the Anti-Renter Regime in American Housing Policy” Political Science Speaker Series, Bowling Green State University	2024
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Conference presentations

“The Anti-Renter Regime in American Housing Policy” <i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2024
“Urbanization, Private Rental Housing, and the Anti-Renter Regime in American Housing Policy” <i>Political Economy and Economic Sociology Consortium Summer Conference</i>	2024
“Private Power, Rights Consciousness, and Collective Action among Chicago Renters” <i>Law and Society Association Annual Meeting</i>	2024
“Renter Politics: Race, Class, Landlords, and Power among Chicago Tenants” <i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2024
“Private Government at Home: Landlord Power and Rental Residential Domination” <i>Law and Society Association Annual Meeting</i>	2023
“Renters and the State: Housing, Urbanization, Real Estate, and Public Policy in the Long New Deal Era”	

<i>Social Science History Association Annual Meeting</i>	2022
<i>American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting</i>	2022
“The Eviction State: Housing, Tenancy, and Law in American Political Development”	
<i>Law and Society Association Annual Meeting</i>	2021
<i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	2021

Workshop presentations

“Renter Politics: Race, Class, Landlords, and Power among Chicago Tenants”	
<i>Northwestern Politics and Public Policy Lab</i>	2024
“Private Government at Home: Landlord Power and Rental Residential Domination”	
<i>Northwestern Political Theory Workshop</i>	2023
“Renters and the State: Housing, Urbanization, Real Estate, and Public Policy in the Long New Deal Era”	
<i>Northwestern APD Workshop</i>	2022
“Underwriting Social Control: Punishment, Provision, and the Insidious Public Eye”	
<i>Northwestern APD Workshop</i>	2022
“Housing, Law, and Court Development in Cook County, Illinois”	
<i>Northwestern Politics and Public Policy Lab</i>	2022
“The Eviction State: Housing, Tenancy, and Law in American Political Development”	
<i>Northwestern APD Workshop</i>	2021
“Machiavellian Empire: Expansion Between Domination and Freedom”	
<i>Northwestern Political Theory Workshop</i>	2020

SERVICE

Departmental, Northwestern University

Co-founder and co-chair of American Political Development Workshop	2021–2023
Political Science Teaching Committee	2020–2021

Professional

Panel organizer and chair	2024
“Housing and American Political Development”	
<i>American Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	
Panel organizer	2024
“Race, Inequality, and Qualitative Methods in Urban Politics”	
<i>Midwest Political Science Association Annual Meeting</i>	
Panel organizer and chair	2023
“How Economic Power Shapes Legal Structures, and Vice Versa”	
<i>Law and Society Association Annual Meeting</i>	
Panel organizer	2022
“Local Legal Institutions: Capitalism, Inequality, and the Grassroots Negotiation of Power in the U.S.”	
<i>American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting</i>	

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research (IQMR)	2022
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AFFILIATIONS AND MEMBERSHIPS

Professional Affiliations

American Political Science Association
American Sociological Association
Law and Society Association
Midwest Political Science Association
Social Science History Association

Northwestern Affiliations

Legal Studies (Graduate Fellow in Legal Studies)
American Politics Graduate Workshop
Political Theory Graduate Workshop
Comparative-Historical Social Science Cluster and Workshop
Critical Theory Cluster

SOFTWARE SKILLS

R (RStudio, tidyverse), ArcGIS, L^AT_EX, MaxQDA, NVivo, Markdown, Canvas, Microsoft Office

REFERENCES

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