Title:

American Bar Foundation/JPB Foundation Scholar Award, $74,000

Realizing a Clean Slate: Expanding Access and Improving Outcomes for Automated Criminal Record Expungement

Principal Investigator

Here is a link: [http://www.americanbarfoundation.org/research/Fellowshipopportunities/ABF\_JPB\_Foundation\_Access\_to\_Justice\_Scholars\_Program0/2020\_Access\_to\_Justice\_Scholars.html](https://nam02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.americanbarfoundation.org%2Fresearch%2FFellowshipopportunities%2FABF_JPB_Foundation_Access_to_Justice_Scholars_Program0%2F2020_Access_to_Justice_Scholars.html&data=02%7C01%7Clisaj%40newark.rutgers.edu%7C99c3ae9f1c024010669108d7f81c64ea%7Cb92d2b234d35447093ff69aca6632ffe%7C1%7C0%7C637250673156954452&sdata=gbrGJ9q3AuYK4lH%2FF6ezvN71RFMF3yGSHODmD3fu%2Fbk%3D&reserved=0)

Bio:

Sarah Lageson is a sociologist who studies criminal justice, law, privacy, surveillance, and tech. Her research examines the growth of online crime data, mugshots, and criminal records that create new forms of “digital punishment” and has been featured in the New York Times, the Guardian, National Public Radio’s Planet Money, WNYC’s the Takeaway, and other media outlets.

Sarah is an Assistant Professor at Rutgers University-Newark School of Criminal Justice and is a grant recipient of the National Institutes of Justice Early Career Award. Her research has been published in peer-reviewed journals including Criminology, Law and Society Review, Law and Social Inquiry, and Punishment & Society. Her forthcoming book, Digital Punishment, will be available in summer 2020 from Oxford University Press.

A former Americorps VISTA volunteer and nonprofit Research Coordinator, Sarah is interested in mixed methods research and producing scholarship for policy, litigation and public debate.

Project Description:

Across the United States, advocates and policymakers are working in earnest to pass ‘Clean Slate’ legislation, designed to seal or expunge criminal records and deliver civil justice for those who have been barred from employment and housing due to their records. Dr. Lageson is studying the development and implementation of Clean Slate, with a focus on the technological, cultural, and legal implications of these data-driven justice policies. Using a mixed methods approach, this project asks how automated systems will change our understandings of access to justice, the perpetuation of bias and inequality, and effective legal outcomes.