# Traci Burch

**Employment**

* Associate Professor, Northwestern University Department of Political Science (2014-Present)
* Research Professor, American Bar Foundation (2007- Present)
* Assistant Professor, Northwestern University Department of Political Science (2007-2014)

**Education**

* *Harvard University*

Ph.D. in Government and Social Policy

Dissertation: *Punishment and Participation: How Criminal Convictions Threaten American Democracy*

Committee: Jennifer Hochschild (Chair), Sidney Verba, and Gary King

* *Princeton University*

A.B. in Politics, *magna cum laude*

**Publications**

* Burch, Traci. 2022. “Adding Insult to Injury: the Justification Frame in Official Narratives of Officer-Involved Killings.” *Journal of Race, Ethnicity, and Politics.*
* Burch, Traci. 2022. “Officer-Involved Killings and the Repression of Protest.” *Urban Affairs Review.*
* Burch, Traci. 2021. “Not All Black Lives Matter: Officer-Involved Deaths and the Role of Victim Characteristics in Shaping Political Interest and Voter Turnout.” *Perspectives on Politics*.
* Kay Lehman Schlozman, Philip Edward Jones, Hye Young You, Traci Burch, Sidney Verba, Henry E. Brady. 2018. “Organizations and the Democratic Representation of Interests: What Happens When Those Organizations Have No Members?” *Perspectives on Politics*.
* Burch, Traci. 2016. “Political Equality and the Criminal Justice System.” In Resources, Engagement, and Recruitment. Casey Klofstad, ed. Philadelphia: Temple University Press.
* Burch, Traci. 2016. “Review of The First Civil Right by Naomi Murakawa.” *The Forum.*
* Kay Lehman Schlozman, Philip Edward Jones, Hye Young You, Traci Burch, Sidney Verba, Henry E. Brady. 2015. “Louder Chorus – Same Accent: The Representation of Interests in Pressure Politics, 1981-2011.” In Darren Halpin, David Lowery, Virginia Gray, eds. The Organization Ecology of Interest Communities. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.
* Burch, Traci. 2015. “Skin Color and the Criminal Justice System: Beyond Black-White Disparities in Criminal Sentencing." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* 12(3): 395-420.
* Burch, Traci. 2014. “The Old Jim Crow: Racial Residential Segregation and Neighborhood Imprisonment.” *Law & Policy* 36(3) 223-255.
* Burch, Traci. 2014. “The Effects of Imprisonment and Community Supervision on Political Participation.” Detaining Democracy Special Issue. *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 651 (1) 184-201.
* Burch, Traci. 2013. Trading Democracy for Justice: Criminal Convictions and the Decline of Neighborhood Political Participation. Chicago: University of Chicago Press.
* Hochschild, Jennifer, Vesla Weaver, and Traci Burch. 2012. Transforming the American Racial Order. Princeton: Princeton University Press.
* Schlozman, Kay Lehman, Sidney Verba, Henry Brady, Traci Burch, and Phillip Jones. 2012. “Who Sings in the Heavenly Chorus? The Shape of the Organized Interest System.” In Schlozman, Kay Lehman, Sidney Verba, and Henry Brady, The Unheavenly Chorus, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
* Schlozman, Kay Lehman, Sidney Verba, Henry Brady, Phillip Jones, and Traci Burch. 2012. “Political Voice through Organized Interest Activity.” In Schlozman, Kay Lehman, Sidney Verba, and Henry Brady, The Unheavenly Chorus, Princeton: Princeton University Press.
* Burch, Traci. 2012. “Did Disfranchisement Laws Help Elect President Bush? New Evidence on the Turnout and Party Registration of Florida’s Ex-Felons.” *Political Behavior* 34 (1); 1-26.
* Burch, Traci. 2011. "Turnout and Party Registration among Criminal Offenders in the 2008 General Election." *Law and Society Review* 45(3): 699-730.
* Burch, Traci. 2011. “Fixing the Broken System of Financial Sanctions.” *Criminology and Public Policy* 10(3).
* Hochschild, Jennifer; Vesla Weaver, and Traci Burch. 2011. “Destabilizing the American Racial Order.” *Daedalus* 140; 151-165.
* Burch, Traci. 2009. “Can the New Commander-In-Chief Sustain His All Volunteer Standing Army?” *The Dubois Review on Race* 6(1).
* Burch, Traci. 2009. “Review of *Imprisoning Communities,* by Todd Clear.” *Law and Society Review*43(3) 716-18.
* Burch, Traci. 2009. “American Politics and the Not-So-Benign Neglect of Criminal Justice,” in The Future of American Politics, ed. Gary King, Kay Schlozman, and Norman Nie. (New York: Routledge).
* Schlozman, Kay Lehman and Traci Burch. 2009. “Political Voice in an Age of Inequality,” in America at Risk: Threats to Liberal Self-Government in an Age of Uncertainty, ed.  Robert Faulkner and Susan Shell (Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press).
* Hochschild, Jennifer and Traci Burch. 2007. “Contingent Public Policies and the Stability of Racial Hierarchy: Lessons from Immigration and Census Policy,” in Political Contingency: Studying the Unexpected, the Accidental, and the Unforseen, ed. Ian Shapiro and Sonu Bedi (New York: NYU Press).

**Grants**

* Co-Principal Investigator. “Fellowship and Mentoring Program on Law and Inequality.” September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2023. $349, 313. National Science Foundation.

**Honors and Fellowships**

* **American Political Science Association 2014 Ralph J. Bunche Award (**for Trading Democracy for Justice).
* American Political Science Association Urban Section 2014 Best Book Award (for Trading Democracy for Justice).
* American Political Science Association Law and Courts Section 2014 C. Herman Pritchett Award (for Trading Democracy for Justice).
* Research grant, Stanford University Center for Poverty and Inequality (2012).
* American Political Science Association E. E. Schattschneider Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of American Government (2009)
* American Political Science Association William Anderson Award for the best doctoral dissertation in the field of state and local politics, federalism, or intergovernmental relations (2008)
* American Political Science Association Urban Section Best Dissertation in Urban Politics Award (2008)
* Harvard University Robert Noxon Toppan Prize for the best dissertation in political science (2007)
* Institute for Quantitative Social Sciences Research Fellowship (2006-07)
* *European Network on Inequality* Fellowship (2005)
* Research Fellowship, The Sentencing Project (2005)
* Doctoral Fellow, Malcolm Weiner Center for Inequality and Social Policy (2004-07)

**Professional Service**

* APSA Law and Courts Section Best Paper Award Committee (2020-2021)
* APSA Elections, Public Opinion, and Voting Behavior Executive Committee (2020-2023)
* General Social Survey Board of Overseers (2020-2025)
* APSA Kammerer Prize Committee (2017)
* Associate Editor, *Political Behavior* (2015-2019)
* APSA Law and Courts Section, Lifetime Achievement Award Prize Committee (2014-2015)
* Law and Society Association, Kalven Prize Committee (2013-2014)
* American Political Science Association, Urban Politics Section Dissertation Prize Committee (2012-13)
* American Political Science Association, Urban Politics Section Executive Committee (2012-13)
* Law and Society Association Diversity Committee, (2012-2013)
* American Political Science Association, Urban Politics Section Program Co-Chair (2011)
  + Associate Editor, *Law and Social Inquiry*
* American Political Science Association, Urban Politics Section Book Prize Committee (2009)
  + Reviewer for *The American Political Science Review, Public Opinion Quarterly, American Politics Research, and Time-Sharing Experiments in the Social Sciences.*

**Presentations and Invited Talks**

* University of Pennsylvania. Virtual. “Voice and Representation in American Politics.” April 2021.
* University of Michigan. Virtual. “Which Lives Matter? Factors Affecting Mobilization in Response to Officer-Involved Killings.” February 2021.
* University of Pittsburgh. Virtual. “Policing and Participation.” November 2020.
* Hamilton College Constitution Day Seminar. Virtual. “Racial Protests and the Constitution.” September 2020.
* New York Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. New York, NY. “Police Shootings and Political Participation.” March 2020.
* Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA. “Effect of Officer Involved Killings on Protest. November 2019.
* Princeton University. Princeton NJ. “Effects of Police Shootings on Protest among Young Blacks.” November 2019.
* Missouri Fellows of the American Bar Foundation. Branson, MO. Police Shootings and Political Participation in Chicago. September 2019.
* Northwestern University. “Police Shootings and Political Participation.” November, 2018.
* Princeton University. Princeton, NJ. “Police Shootings and Political Participation.” September, 2018.
* University of California at Los Angeles. Los Angeles, CA. “Police Shootings and Political Participation.” August, 2018.
* American Bar Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL. “Police Shootings and Political Participation.” August 2018.
* American Bar Endowment Annual Meeting. Lexington, KY. “Effects of Police Shooting in Chicago on Political Participation.” June 2018.
* Vanderbilt University. “Effects of Police Shootings in Chicago on Political Participation.” April 2018.
* Washington University in St. Louis. “Effects of Pedestrian and Auto Stops on Voter Turnout in St. Louis.” February 2018.
* Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, Los Angeles. “Assaulting Democracy.” January 2018.
* Northwestern University Reviving American Democracy Conference. Panel presentation. “Barriers to Voting.” January 2018.
* University of Illinois at Chicago. “Effects of Police Shootings in Chicago on Political Participation.” October, 2017.
* Chico State University. “Constitution Day Address: Policing and Political Participation.” September, 2017.
* Fellows of the American Bar Foundation, Atlanta, Georgia. “Policing in Georgia.” May 2017.
* United States Commission on Civil Rights. Testimony. “Collateral Consequences of Mass Incarceration.” May 2017.
* Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law. “Effects of Police Stops of Cars and Pedestrians on Voter Turnout in St. Louis.” April 2017.
* University of California at Los Angeles. Race and Ethnic Politics Workshop. “Effects of Police Stops of Cars and Pedestrians on Voter Turnout in St. Louis.” March 2017.
* University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. American Politics Workshop. “Effects of Police Stops of Cars and Pedestrians on Voter Turnout in St. Louis.” February 2017.
* National Bar Association, St. Louis MO. “Political Effects of Mass Incarceration.” July 2016.
* Harvard University, Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics. Inequalities/Equalities in Cities Workshop. April 2016.
* American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. September 2015. “Responsibility for Racial Justice.” Discussant.
* St. Olaf College. April 2015. “The Collateral Consequences of Mass Incarceration.”
* Northwestern University. Institute for Policy Research. February 2015. “The Civic ~~Culture~~ Structure.”
* Texas A&M University. Race, Ethnicity, and Politics Workshop. September 2014. “Trading Democracy for Justice.”
* Columbia University Teachers College. The Suburban Promise of Brown Conference. May 2014. “Can We All Get Along, Revisited: Racial Attitudes, the Tolerance for Diversity, and the Prospects for Integration in the 21st Century.”
* University of Kentucky. Reversing Trajectories: Incarceration, Violence, and Political Consequences Conference. April 2014. “Trading Democracy for Justice.”
* University of Chicago. American Politics Workshop. March 2014. “How Geographic Differences in Neighborhood Civic Capacity Affect Voter Turnout.”
* Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. February 2014. “Trading Democracy for Justice.
* University of Michigan. American Politics Workshop. December 2013. “Trading Democracy for Justice.”
* Yale University. American Politics and Public Policy Workshop. September 2013. “Trading Democracy for Justice.”
* American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. August 2013. “The Heavenly Chorus Is Even Louder: The Growth and Changing Composition of the Washington Pressure System.” With Kay Lehman Schlozman, Sidney Verba, Henry Brady, and Phillip Jones.
* National Bar Association, Miami Florida, July 2013. “The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment.”
* Loyola University. American Politics Workshop. December 2012. “Mass Imprisonment and Neighborhood Voter Turnout.”
* Marquette University School of Law. November 2012. “The Collateral Consequences of Mass Imprisonment.”
* Yale University. Detaining Democracy Conference. November 2012. “The Effects of Imprisonment and Community Supervision on Political Participation.”
* Brown University. American Politics Workshop. October 2012. “Mass Imprisonment and Neighborhood Voter Turnout.”
* American Bar Association National Meeting, August 2012. “Mass Imprisonment: Consequences for Society and Politics.”
* University of Madison-Wisconsin. American Politics Workshop. March 2012. “The Spatial Concentration of Imprisonment and Racial Political Inequality.”
* American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. 2011. **“Theme Panel: How Can Political Science Help Us Understand the Politics of Decarceration?”**
* University of Pennsylvania. Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism Conference. April, 2011. “Vicarious Imprisonment and Neighborhood Political Inequality.”
* University of Chicago School of Law. Public Laws Colloquium. Chicago, IL. November, 2010. ““The Effects of Neighborhood Incarceration Rates on Individual Political Efficacy and Perceptions of Discrimination.”
* Pomona College. November, 2010. “Incarceration Nation.”
* University of Washington. Surveying Social Marginality Workshop. October 2010. “Using Government Data to Study Current and Former Felons.”
* American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL, September 2010. “The Effects of Neighborhood Incarceration Rates on Individual Political Attitudes.”
* Northwestern University. Chicago Area Behavior Conference. May 2010. “Trading Democracy for Justice: The Spillover Effects of Incarceration on Voter Turnout in Charlotte and Atlanta.”
* Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL, May 2010. “Neighborhood Criminal Justice Involvement and Voter Turnout in the 2008 General Election.”
* Annual Meeting of the Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA, January 2010. “The Art and Science of Voter Mobilization: Grassroots Perspectives on Registration and GOTV from Charlotte, Atlanta, and Chicago.”
* University of Illinois at Chicago. Institute for Government and Public Affairs. November 2009. "Turnout and Party Registration among Convicted Offenders during the 2008 Presidential Election."
* Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, September 2009. "'I Wanted to Vote for History:' Turnout and Party Registration among Convicted Offenders during the 2008 Presidential Election."
* Harris School of Public Policy, University of Chicago. American Politics Workshop. December 2008. “Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Participation.”
* Northwestern University School of Law. Law and Political Economy Colloquium. November 2008. “Did Disfranchisement Laws Help Elect President Bush?  New Evidence on the Turnout Rates and Candidate Preferences of Florida's Ex-Felons."
* University of California, Berkeley. Center for the Study of Law and Society. October 2008. “Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Participation.”
* Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, May 2008. “Did Disfranchisement Laws Help Elect President Bush?  New Evidence on the Turnout Rates and Candidate Preferences of Florida's Ex-Felons."
* Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada, May 2008. "Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Participation."
* Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, April 2007. Paper: “Concentrated Incarceration: How Neighborhood Incarceration Decreases Voter Registration.”

**Working Papers**

* “Which Lives Matter? Factors Affecting Public Attention and Protest In Response to Officer-Involved Killings”
* “Not All Black Lives Matter: The Role of Victim Characteristics in Shaping Political Interest and Voter Turnout”
* “Explaining Protests of Officer-Involved Killings”
* “Introduction” (with Jenn Jackson and Periloux Peay) in *Freedom Dreams: A Symposium on Abolition*. Eds. Jenn Jackson, Periloux Peay, and Traci Burch. Social Science Quarterly.
* “The Effects of Community Police Performance on Protest in Chicago” (For Symposium Honoring John Hagan)
* “How Police Departments Frame Low-Threat Victims of Officer-Involved Killings”

**Additional Activities**

* Expert witness in *Kelvin Jones vs. Ron DeSantis, etc. et al.* (U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Florida Consolidated Case No. 4:19-cv-00).
* Expert witness in *Community Success Initiative, et al., Plaintiffs v. Timothy K. Moore* (Superior Court, Wake County, NC Case No. 19-cv-15941).
* Expert witness in *People First of Alabama v. Merrill* (U.S. District Court in Birmingham, Alabama, Case No. 2: 20-cv-00619-AKK)
* Expert witness in *Florida State Conference of the NAACP v. Lee* (U.S. District Court in the Northern District of Florida, Case No. 4:21-cv-00187-MW-MAF)
* Expert witness in *One Wisconsin Institute Inc. v. Jacobs* (U.S. District Court in the Western District of Wisconsin, Case No. 15-CV-324-JDP).