

# Aaron Rosenthal, Ph.D.

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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### Senior Research Specialist, Council on Criminal Justice

August 2022 – Present

- Created and managed the research agenda for our Veterans Justice Commission, resulting in my leading 15 research projects on criminal justice reform. These projects involved conducting original research independently and developing projects through contracts with external university partners and private research organizations.
- Translated findings from this research into presentations and written products for diverse audiences, including presentations for advocacy organizations, research briefs for public consumption, and sets of policy recommendations to influence individuals in government.
- Facilitated political action based on these policy recommendations, such as drafting model legislation that has subsequently been adopted by national organizations and is currently under consideration in multiple states.

### Assistant Professor, Simmons University

July 2018 – July 2022

- Conducted quantitative and qualitative research analyzing the impact of public policy on racial inequality, voter turnout, and public opinion, leading to the publication of one book, numerous peer-reviewed journal articles, and several articles in popular media outlets (e.g., *The Washington Post*)
- Advised 12 undergraduate research projects and Master of Public Policy theses (mix of quantitative and qualitative methods) while also working as the academic advisor for 20 first-year students and 17 political science majors.
- Co-founded a college-wide anti-racism faculty group and served on a committee overhauling the university's tenure and promotion processes to deal with racial and gender biases in student evaluations.

### Doctoral Researcher, University of Minnesota

August 2012 – July 2018

- Ran time series and panel regression analysis involving US Census data, American Community Survey data, and Current Population Survey data as a research assistant on a Russell Sage Foundation-funded project. Resulted in a peer-reviewed journal article on trends in racial inequality across the US States from 1940-2010.
- Conducted survey research using statistical analysis of secondary data and combined this with ethnographic research and 58 in-depth interviews to produce my dissertation.

### Midwest Field Organizer, J Street

March 2011 – May 2012

- Managed an internship program and a team of over 100 volunteers across 12 chapters and 6 states to advocate for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.
- Led advocacy actions, including meetings with Members of Congress and coordinating online petitions.
- Organized outreach and logistics for large public education events, ranging from Palestinian movement leaders speaking at college campuses to Israeli Members of Knesset speaking to synagogues.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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### Chair of the Executive Board, Devin Smith Scholarship Foundation

October 2021 – Present

- Oversee a board of 16 members and a \$500,000 scholarship fund for graduates of St. Paul Central High School.
- Create communication content, plan events, and coordinate volunteers for our annual fundraising activities.

### Co-Chair, Jewish Community Action Research Committee on Responsible Banking

September 2015 – July 2017

- Used quantitative analysis skills to communicate insights from an applied economics report on racial discrimination in Minnesota banking to coalition partners of Jewish Community Action, a St. Paul non-profit organization.
- Created a survey for community partners and analyzed survey data to identify priorities for advocacy campaign.

## EDUCATION

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PhD in Political Science, University of Minnesota

2018

Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Minnesota

2015

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Theater (Minor), Loyola University Chicago

2011

## SKILLS

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### Methods

- Cross-sectional and Panel Data Analysis, Ethnography, Interviews, Focus Groups, Survey and Sample Design.

### Languages/Software

- STATA, Excel, SQL, ArcGIS, Tableau, Spanish (conversational).

## SELECT PUBLICATIONS

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- Rosenthal, Aaron. 2023. *The State You See: How Government Visibility Creates Political Distrust and Racial Inequality*. University of Michigan Press.
- Rosenthal, Aaron and Christina Farhart. Forthcoming. "Timing Matters: How Adolescent Police Contact Shapes Political Lives." *Political Behavior*.
- Rosenthal, Aaron, and Erin O'Brien. July 2021. "Unmute' the Votes of Boston's Young People." *Commonwealth Magazine*. <https://commonwealthmagazine.org/politics/unmute-the-votes-of-bostons-young-people>
- Rosenthal, Aaron. 2021. "Submerged for Some: Government Visibility, Race, and American Political Trust." *Perspectives on Politics* 19 (4): 1098-1114.
- Rosenthal, Aaron. March 2021. "Biden's Pandemic Rescue Plan May Help Get White People to Trust the Government. People Life Benefits They Can See." *Washington Post (Monkey Cage)*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/2021/03/26/bidens-pandemic-rescue-plan-may-help-get-white-people-trust-government-people-like-benefits-they-can-see/>
- Rosenthal, Aaron. 2021 "Conflicting Messages: Multiple Policy Experiences and Political Participation." *Policy Studies Journal* 49 (2): 616-639.
- Rosenthal, Aaron. June 2020. "The People Protesting Police Brutality and Pandemic Lockdowns Have One Thing in Common." *Cognoscenti from WBUR (Boston's NPR)*. <https://www.wbur.org/cognoscenti/2020/06/29/covid-police-violence-voting-aaron-rosenthal>
- Rosenthal, Aaron. 2020. "Investment and Invisibility: Racially Divergent Consequences of Political Distrust." *Du Bois Review* 16 (2): 511-533.
- Bruch, Sarah K., Aaron Rosenthal and Joe Soss. 2019 "Unequal Positions: A Relational Approach to Racial Inequality Trends in the US States, 1940-2010." *Social Science History* 43 (1): 159-184.
- Karch, Andrew and Aaron Rosenthal. 2017. "Framing, Engagement and Policy Change: Lessons for the ACA." *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law* 42 (2): 341-362.

## SELECT AWARDS

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- Simmons University Post-Pandemic Innovative Teaching Award **Fall 2021**
- Simmons University- Hazel Dick Leonard Faculty Fellowship, Interdisciplinary Seminar on Race **Fall 2020**
- Simmons University- Innovation and Collaboration Grant **Spring 2020**
- University of Minnesota Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship **Fall 2017**
- University of Minnesota Foundation Fellowship **Fall 2016**
- Loyola University Chicago Department of Political Science, Woelfl Award **Spring 2011**
- Ignatian Honors Program Scholarship at Loyola University Chicago (full tuition) **Fall 2007**

## COURSE TAUGHT

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- Simmons University
  - POLS 101, Introduction to American Politics
  - POLS 217, American Public Policy
  - POLS 226, State and Local Politics
  - POLS 228, The War on Drugs
  - LCIS 201-07, Surveillance in Modern America
  - MPP 501, Policy Analysis and Theory
  - MPP 502, Social Policy Analysis
- Metropolitan State University
  - POL 101, Introduction to American Government and Politics