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EDUCATION	Harvard University Ph.D. Sociology and Social Policy, Spring 2026 (expected) M.A. Sociology and Social Policy, May 2022 Yale University B.A. Ethics, Politics, and Economics and Modern Middle East Studies, May 2018 (Phi Beta Kappa, Magna Cum Laude)
RESEARCH INTERESTS	Social Inequality, Criminology, Sociology of the State, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Quantitative and Qualitative Methods, Sociology of Knowledge, Science and Technology Studies.
PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS	Zanger-Tishler, Michael, Robert Sampson, Clair Uding, and David Weisburd. Forthcoming. "Reconceptualizing the Relationship between Legal Cynicism and Contacting the Police." <i>Social Problems</i> . Zanger-Tishler, Michael and Simone Zhang (equal authorship). Forthcoming. "The Sociology of Technical Choices in Predictive AI." <i>Social Science Computer Review</i> . Riesch, Nefara, Michael Zanger-Tishler, Kalisha Dessources Figures, and Joscha Legewie (equal first authorship). 2025. "School Discipline Policies and Educational Outcomes for Urban Youth: The Consequences of School Policing and the Impact Schools Initiative on Academic Achievement." <i>Educational Evaluation and Policy Analysis</i> . Neil, Roland and Michael Zanger-Tishler (equal authorship). 2025. "Algorithmic Bias in Criminal Risk Assessment: The Consequences of Racial Differences in Arrest as a Measure of Crime." <i>Annual Review of Criminology</i> , 8. Zanger-Tishler, Michael, Julian Nyarko, and Sharad Goel. 2024. "Risk Scores, Label Bias, and Everything but the Kitchen Sink." <i>Science Advances</i> , 10(13), eadi8411. Zanger-Tishler, Michael. 2022. "Ethnoracial classification and the Israeli Central Bureau of Statistics: constructing Palestinian criminality in Israel (1990 - 2019)." <i>Ethnic and Racial Studies</i> , 45(15): 2867-2891. Weaver, Vesla M., Andrew Papachristos, and Michael Zanger-Tishler. 2019. "The great decoupling: The disconnection between criminal offending and experience of arrest across two cohorts." <i>RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences</i> 5(1): 89-123.
UNDER REVIEW	Zanger-Tishler, Michael. "State Data and the Production of Quantitative Knowledge: The Case of Police Stops in the United States and France." Revise and Resubmit at the <i>American Journal of Sociology</i> .

Graef, Lindsay and Michael Zanger-Tishler (equal authorship). “Label Bias in Pretrial Risk Assessments.” Revise and Resubmit at the ***Journal of Legal Studies***.

- *Honorable Mention for the Theodore Eisenberg Poster Prize at the 2023 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies.*

Zanger-Tishler, Michael. “Visual Identifiability and Its Consequences: A Study of American Jews and Antisemitism.”

- *Winner of the 2025 Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award.*

WORKING PAPERS Zanger-Tishler, Michael. “A Theory of State Organizations and Informational Capital.”

Zanger-Tishler, Michael. “The Choice of (Selective) Ignorance: Ethnoracial Categories and their Presentation in Israeli State Statistics (1948-1964).”

Liu, Lydia T., Inioluwa Deborah Raji, Angela Zhou, Luke Guerdan, Jessica Hullman, Daniel Malinsky, Bryan Wilder, Simone Zhang, Hammaad Adam, Amanda Coston, Ben Laufer, Ezinne Nwankwo, Michael Zanger-Tishler, Eli Ben-Michael, Solon Barocas, Avi Feller, Marissa Gerchick, Talia Gillis, Shion Guha, Daniel Ho, Lily Hu, Kosuke Imai, Sayash Kapoor, Joshua Loftus, Razieh Nabi, Arvind Narayanan, Ben Recht, Juan Carlos Perdomo, Matthew Salganik, Mark Sendak, Alexander Tolbert, Berk Ustun, Suresh Venkatasubramanian, Angelina Wang, and Ashia Wilson. “Bridging Prediction and Intervention Problems in Social Systems.” <https://arxiv.org/abs/2507.05216>.

IN PROGRESS Empire and Incarceration: Incarceration Rates Over Time in 20th Century Colonial Empires (with Rachel Rood-Ojalvo).

Presumptive Nonprosecution, Discretion, and Racial Disparities in Two Jurisdictions (with Sandra Smith, Felix Owusu, and Pari Bishen).

The Promise of Citizenship: Citizenship and Migration Patterns among North African Jews (with Yael Berda).

OTHER WRITING Zanger-Tishler, Michael. 2024. “Rethinking Race Statistics in France- Thomas Piketty, Mesurer le racisme, vaincre les discriminations (Paris, Éditions du Seuil, 2022, 72 p.).” ***European Journal of Sociology/Archives Européennes de Sociologie***: 1-6.

Zanger-Tishler, Michael. 2017. “Demographic Projections for Hasidic School Enrollment.” In Alisa Partlan (Ed.) “Non Equivalent: The State of Education in New York City’s Hasidic Yeshivas” (pg. 44-50).

AWARDS Sociology of the Body and Embodiment Graduate Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, 2025.

Theodore Eisenberg Poster Prize. Honorable Mention, Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2023.

Frederick Fischer Memorial Prize (Harvard Kennedy School), 2022.

GRANTS AND
FELLOWSHIPS

Van Leer Institute Antisemitism Research Grant, “Antisemitism in Settled and Unsettled Times,” 2025.

Harvard Population Center Graduate Student Research Grant, 2025.

Harvard-Hebrew University Exchange Fellowship, 2024.

Visiting PhD Student Fellowship, CRIS, Sciences Po, 2024.

Augustus Clifford Tower Fellowship for Study at a French University (visiting student at INED, the French Institute for Demographic Studies), 2022-2023.

Graduate Student Associate, Weatherhead Center for International Affairs, 2023-2024; 2025-2026.

Harvard Jewish Studies Research Grant, 2021, 2022, 2024, 2025.

Malcolm Hewitt Wiener PhD Scholar in Poverty and Justice, Multidisciplinary Program in Inequality & Social Policy, Harvard University, 2020.

Center for American Politics Seed Grant, 2020, 2023.

Weatherhead Center for International Affairs Language Study Grant, 2020, 2021.

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention, 2020.

Presidential Scholar, Harvard University, 2019.

Center for Arabic Studies Abroad (CASA) Fellowship, Amman Jordan, 2018-2019.

Fulbright Research Fellowship, Morocco (Declined).

PRESENTATIONS
AND INVITED
LECTURES

“State Data and the Production of Quantitative Knowledge: The Case of Police Stops in the United States and France.” American Society of Criminology, 2025 (scheduled).

“State Data and the Production of Quantitative Knowledge: The Case of Police Stops in the United States and France.” American Sociological Association, 2025.

“Visual Identifiability and Its Consequences, A Study of American Jews and Antisemitism.” Van Leer Institute, 2025.

“State Data and the Production of Quantitative Knowledge: The Case of Police Stops in the United States and France.” Harvard STS Circle, 2025 (invited).

“Visual Identifiability and Its Consequences, A Study of American Jews and Antisemitism.” American Sociological Association, 2024.

“State Data and the Production of Quantitative Knowledge: The Case of Police Stops in the United States and France.” Society for Social Studies of Science, 2024.

“Risk Scores, Label Bias, and Everything but the Kitchen Sink.” Presented at the Banff International Research Station for Mathematical Discovery, 2024 (invited).

	“Label Bias and Risk Assessment.” Visiting lecture, Princeton Computer Science 598I Advanced Topics in Computer Science: Responsible AI in Societal Deployment, 2024 (invited). “Empire and Incarceration: Incarceration Rates over Time in 20th Century Colonial Empires.” Social Science History Association, 2023. “The Choice of (Selective) Ignorance: Theorizing the Omission of Ethnoracial Categories from Official Statistics.” Society for Social Studies of Science, 2023. “Une théorisation de l’identification visible, de la discrimination et des minorités ethnoraciales: Le cas des Juifs Américains et l’antisémitisme.” Presented at the Minorities and Migrations Unit, French Institute for Demographic Studies (INED), 2023. “The Choice of (Selective) Ignorance: Theorizing the Omission of Ethnoracial Categories from Official Statistics.” Social Science History Association, 2022. “Risk Scores, Label Bias, and Everything but the Kitchen Sink.” Conference on Empirical Legal Studies, 2022. “911 Cynicism? An Integrated Model Linking Crime Reporting among Individuals and Places.” Hebrew University Criminology Department, 2022 (Invited).
PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS	American Sociological Association; American Society of Criminology.
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	Harvard Sociology 2203: Advanced Quantitative Research Methods, 2021. (Teaching Fellow). Harvard Social Studies 50: Foundations of Social Science Research, 2022. (Teaching Fellow).
PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	Member, Harvard Sociology Department Committee for Inclusion and Professionalism (Harvard Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Belonging Fellow), 2023-2024. Organizer, Harvard Graduate Student Methods Reading Group, 2022, 2024. Organizer, Harvard Graduate Student Jewish Studies Workshop, 2020-2022. Ad Hoc Reviewer: <i>American Sociological Review</i>, <i>American Journal of Sociology</i>, <i>Social Science Computer Review</i>.
VOLUNTEER WORK	Prison Co-Chaplain for Jewish High Holidays, Rikers Island, 2019, 2023, 2024. Arabic to English Translator for International Refugee Assistance Project, Amman, Jordan, 2019.
LANGUAGES	English: Native Proficiency Hebrew: Superior Proficiency

Levantine Arabic (Dialect): Superior Proficiency

Formal Arabic: Advanced Proficiency Reading/Writing; Superior Proficiency Listening

French: Advanced Proficiency

PROGRAMMING
LANGUAGES

Proficient: R, L^AT_EX, GIS.

REFERENCES

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