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| Academic Publications | David Thacher. "Two Kinds of Problem-Solving", <i>Policing: A Journal of Policy and Practice</i> , forthcoming.<br><br>David Thacher. "The Emergence and Spread of the Summons in Lieu of Arrest, 1907–1980", <i>Journal of Criminal Justice</i> vol. 85 (March-April 2023).<br><br>David Thacher. "Shrinking the Police Footprint", <i>Criminal Justice Ethics</i> , vol. 41, no. 1 (April 2022), pp. 62-85.<br><br>David Thacher. "How Law Shapes Policing: The Regulation of Alcohol in the U.S., 1750-1860", <i>Policing and Society</i> , vol. 30, no. 10 (December 2020), pp. 1171-1190.<br><br>David Thacher. "The Learning Model of Use-of-Force Reviews", <i>Law and Social Inquiry</i> , Volume 45, Issue 3 (August 2020), pp. 755-786.<br><br>David Thacher. "The Limits of Procedural Justice", in eds. David Weisburd and Anthony Braga, <i>Police Innovation: Contrasting Perspectives</i> . (New York: Cambridge Univ. Press, 2019), pp. 95-118.<br><br>David Thacher. "The Aspiration of Scientific Policing", <i>Law and Social Inquiry</i> , vol. 44, no. 1 (Feb. 2019), pp. 273-297.<br><br>David Thacher. "Channeling Police Discretion: The Hidden Potential of Focused Deterrence", <i>University of Chicago Legal Forum</i> (November, 2016), pp. 533-577.<br><br>David Thacher, "The Perception of Value: Adam Smith on the Moral Role of Social Research", <i>European Journal of Social Theory</i> vol. 19 (February 2016), pp. 94-110. |   |

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David Thacher, "The Rise of Criminal Background Screening in Rental Housing", *Law and Social Inquiry*, vol. 33, no. 1 (March 2008), pp. 5-30.

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David Thacher. "Review of Maarten Hajer and Hendrik Wagenaar (eds.), *Deliberative Policy Analysis*", *Journal of Planning Education and Research*, vo. 24, no. 4 (Summer 2005), pp. 455-457.

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David Thacher. "Conflicting Values in Community Policing," *Law and Society Review*, vol. 35, no. 4 (2001), pp. 765-798.

David Thacher. "Policing is Not a Treatment: Alternatives to the Medical Model of Police Research," *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, vol. 38, no. 4 (November 2001), pp. 387-415.

David Thacher. "Equity and Community Policing: A New View of Community Partnerships," *Criminal Justice Ethics*, vol. 20, No. 1 (Winter/Spring, 2001), pp. 4-16.

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Other  
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Working  
Papers

Jessica Gillooly and David Thacher. "How the Public Became the Caller: The Emergence of Reactive Policing, 1880-1970", *under review*

David Thacher. "Policing a Neurodiverse World".

David Thacher. "Regulating Drugs Before Prohibition: The Short, Unhappy Life of the Opium Den Laws, 1875-1900"

Academic  
Presentations

"Icarus in Kevlar: Hot Spots Policing and the Limits of Scientific Criminology", UCSB Department of Sociology, April 6, 2023

"The Future(s) of Policing", Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice, March 30, 2023.

"A Brief History of Reactive Policing, 1880-1970", American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2022.

“How the Public Became the Caller: The Emergence of Reactive Policing, 1880-1970”, Northwestern University, Department of Sociology, Comparative-Historical Workshop, October 28, 2022 [with Jessica Gillooly]

“Alternative First Responder Models”, American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois, November 2021

“The Transformation of Police Authority: Arrest and Its Alternatives, 1600-2000”, Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May 2020 (virtual)

“Deconstructing the Power of Arrest”, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 14, 2018

“Acknowledging Historic Harm: A First Step Toward Police-Community Reconciliation”, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 14, 2018

“Policing Vice: 1776-1876”, Law and Society Association, Toronto, Ontario, June 6, 2018

“Beyond Deterrence: Strategies of Focus and Fairness”, American Society of Criminology, Nov. 15, 2017, Philadelphia.

“Focused Deterrence, Discretion and the Rule of Law,” Experts Workshop: Focus, Prevention, and Legitimacy in the Context of International Violence, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, March 2017

“A Theory of Use of Force Reviews”, American Society of Criminology Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2016

Author-Meets Reader Panel on Risa Goluboff’s *Vagrant Nation*, American Society of Legal History Conference, Toronto, Ontario, October 2016.

“Learning to Police Drugs”, Law and Society Association Conference, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2016.

“Channeling Police Discretion”, University of Chicago Law School, November 6, 2015

“The Discreet Nuisance: The Short, Unhappy Life of the Opium Den Laws, 1875-1889”. American Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Houston, Texas, October 23, 2015

“Auditing Compstat”, Law and Society Association Conference, May 30, 2015

“Regulating Drugs Before Prohibition: The Short, Unhappy Life of the Opium Den Laws, 1875-1900”, Law and Society Association Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 30, 2014

“Problem-Oriented Scholarship in Law and Society”, presentation for the Graduate Student Workshop, Law and Society Association, May 28, 2014.

“Policing After *Papachristou*: A Case Study of the Impact of Legal Change on the Police”, Law and Society Association Conference, Boston, Massachusetts, May 30, 2013.

“Policing the Public Realm”, presented at the American Collegiate Schools of Planning Conference, Cincinnati, Ohio, November 2013.

“Olmsted’s Police”, presented at the Law and Society Association Conference, San Francisco, California, June 2011.

“The Perception of Value”, presented at the Law and Society Association Conference, Denver, Colorado, June 2009

“Separating the Wheat from the Chaff: The Signaling Role of Prisoner Reentry Programs”

presented at the Law and Society Association Conference, Montreal, Canada, June 2008.

“Disorder through the Eyes of Science”, presented at the “Community Policing in Three Dimensions” conference, Australia National University, Canberra, Australia., December 2007.

“Values for Practice”, presented to the Interuniversity Consortium for Organizational Studies, University of Michigan, December 2007

“Availability as Resource and Bias”, presented at the Law and Society Association Conference, Berlin, Germany, July 2007

“The Sealed Records Debate in Adoption Policy”, presented to the National Center for Children and Families, Teacher’s College, Columbia University, March 27, 2007

“Research for the Front Lines”, Prepared for the Berkeley-ANU Conference, “Police Reform from the Bottom Up”. October 12-13, 2006.

“The Distribution of Policing”, presented to the Law and Society Association annual meeting, June, 2006.

“Ex-Convicts in the Risk Society: The Case of Landlord Screening”, presented to the Law and Society Association annual meeting, June, 2005.

“Prisoner Re-Entry and the Professionalization of Housing”, presented to the American Society Criminology annual meeting, November, 2004.

“Partnerships in the United States”, Presented to the 3rd International Conference of the Security and Society Department, CNRS – Institut d’Etudes Poliques, University of Grenoble, France, September 2004.

“Workshop on Post-9/11 Legality”, Presented to the meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, Illinois, May 2004.

“Institutions, Processes, Ethics, and Gender in the MPP Core Curriculum”. Presented to Association Public Policy Analysis and Management Annual Research Conference, November 2003.

“The Community Dynamics of Homeland Security: A Case Study of Dearborn, Michigan”. Presented to the meeting of the Law and Society Association, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 2003

“Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security and Community Policing in Dearborn, Michigan”. Presented to American Society of Criminology, November, 2002

“The Casuistical Turn in Planning Ethics: Lessons from Law and Medicine”. Presented to Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, November 2002.

“A Disparate Impact Standard for Police Stops and Searches,” presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2001.

“Governance Matters: What It Is and How to Teach It,” presented at the 24th Annual Teaching Public Administration Conference, Tempe, Arizona, February, 2001 (with Martha Feldman).

“The Rich Get Richer and the Poor Get Robbed: Inequality in U.S. Criminal Victimization, 1974-1998,” presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November 2000.

“Practice Problems in Interorganizational Networks,” Urban Affairs Association, Los Angeles, California, May 2000.

“Planning and Compromise,” American Collegiate Schools of Planning, Chicago, Illinois, October, 1999.

“Organizational Change in COPS-funded Police Departments,” American Society of Criminology, San Diego, California, November, 1997.

“Crime Prevention in Public Housing,” Association of Collegiate Schools of Planning, Detroit, Michigan, October, 1995.

Grants Received Russell Sage Foundation, Visiting Scholar Program, September 2006-June 2007.

“Public Management in City Planning: The Detroit Experience,” Horace H. Rackham School of Graduate Studies, University of Michigan. 2000.

David Thacher, “Beyond 9/11: Homeland Security and Community Policing in Dearborn, Michigan”, CLOSUP (Center for Local, State, and Urban Policy), University of Michigan. 2002.

Teaching and Research Experience UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN Ann Arbor, MI  
Assistant to Associate Professor of Public Policy and Urban Planning, *1999-present*  
Courses taught include values and ethics in public policy, crime policy, housing and community development, equality in public policy, and public management.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, KENNEDY SCHOOL OF GOVERNMENT Cambridge, MA  
Research Associate, *1997-1999*  
Planned, carried out, and published case studies of organizational change in police departments for the federal evaluation of Title I of the 1994 crime bill. Coauthored the cross-site analysis drawing out implications for the federal program and lessons for police practitioners.

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY Cambridge, MA  
Teaching Assistant, *1995-1997*  
Courses included the policymaking process, quantitative reasoning for urban planners, and planning and institutional processes.

Research Assistant, *1994-1996*  
Assisted in carrying out the federal evaluation of the HOPE VI comprehensive revitalization project at the Boston Housing Authority’s Orchard Park and Mission Main housing developments. Conducted interviews with key participants and analyzed BHA and Boston Police Department data to gauge project progress and early impacts.

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Consultant, *1994-1996*  
Developed plans for \$2.8 million public safety components of the HOPE VI comprehensive revitalization project at Mission Main and Orchard Park public housing developments. Interviewed or participated in strategic planning sessions with residents, site management, local police forces, youth workers, community organizations, and others.

STUDIES IN URBAN SECURITY GROUP Ann Arbor, MI  
Emergency Response Planner, *1993-1994*  
Emergency response planning for Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, Police Department, Fire Department, and Emergency Medical Services.

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Transportation Planner, *1991-1992*  
Projects included transit system modeling, parking studies, traffic impact studies, and transportation master plans.