

## **CURRENT POSITION**

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2025-            Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of  
                    Minnesota, Twin-Cities

## **EDUCATION**

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- 2018 – 2025        **Ph.D. in Sociology**  
                         University of Toronto  
Dissertation: *Car Wash Legacies: Lawyers, Globalization, and the Restructuring of the Brazilian Penal Field*  
Committee: Sida Liu, Ron Levi (co-supervisors), Chris Smith, Ronit Dinovitzer (internal reviewer), Bryant Garth (external appraiser)
- 2017 – 2018        **Master of Arts in Socio-Legal Studies**  
                         York University
- 2015 – 2017        **Master of Arts in Sociology**  
                         University of Sao Paulo  
*Visiting scholar at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain*
- 2009 – 2015        **Bachelor's Degree in Law**  
                         Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul  
*Summa cum laude*  
*With a semester at The University of Texas at Austin School of Law*

## **BOOK**

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Cornelius, E. (2018). *The Worst of Both Worlds: The Superior Court of Justice Behavior in Youth Justice Cases*. São Paulo: IBCCRIM. ISBN 978-85-99216-57-6 [In Portuguese].

- *Best MA thesis, University of Sao Paulo – Sociology Department, 2017*
- *Winner of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Theses and Dissertations Award, Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences, 2018*

## **ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS (in English)**

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Cornelius, E. 2023. 'Discursive Mismatch and Globalization by Stealth: The Fight against Corruption in the Brazilian Legal Field'. *Law & Society Review* 57(3):340–63.

- *Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section of Global and Transnational Sociology, 2025*
- *Student Paper Award, American Society of Criminology's Division of White-Collar and Corporate Crime, 2024*
- *Graduate Student Prize, Canadian Law and Society Association, 2021*

Cornelius, E. 2024. “**Democratizing Punishment**”: **Federal Prosecutors’ New Anticorruption Project and the Remaking of the Brazilian Penal Field**. *International Journal of the Legal Profession*, 32(1): 141–165.

Cornelius, E., Liu, S. 2021. **Law in Classical Sociological Theory: Coercion, Ideology, and Change**. Pp. 367–80 in *Handbook of Classical Sociological Theory, Handbooks of Sociology and Social Research*, edited by S. Abrutyn and O. Lizardo. Cham: Springer International Publishing.

Prado, M., Cornelius, E. 2020. **Institutional Multiplicity and the Fight Against Corruption: A Research Agenda for the Brazilian Accountability Network**. *Direito GV Law Review*, 16(3).

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

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Cornelius, E. **From the Fight Against Corruption to a War on Street Crime: Discursive Elasticity and Field Inertia in the Brazilian Penal State**. [Draft available]

Cornelius, E. **Ghostwriters, Ghost Erasers: Lawyers, Resistance, and Progressive Penal Change in Brazil**. [Draft available]

Cornelius, E. “**Apex Courts and Penal Policy: The Superior Court of Justice and the Punitive Turn in Brazilian Youth Justice**”. [Draft available]

Prado, M, Cornelius, E. **Trickle-Down Litigation: Can the ‘Haves’ Benefit the ‘Have Nots’? The Case of Adriana Ancelmo**. [Draft available]

## EXTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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2020 – 2023 Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship, Government of Canada (CAD150,000)

2023 Ontario Graduate Scholarship for International Students (CAD15,000)

2015 – 2017 M.A. Fellowship, Brazilian National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (BR 36,000)

## INTERNAL FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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2021 Faculty of Arts & Science Doctoral Excellence Scholarship, University of Toronto (CAD 5,000)

2020 Faculty of Arts & Science Doctoral Excellence Scholarship, University of Toronto (CAD 5,000)

2018 – 2020 University of Toronto Fellowship (CAD 40,000)

2017 – 2018 York University Graduate Fellowship (CAD 22,000)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

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2025 Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section of Global and Transnational Sociology, 2025

2024 Student Paper Award, American Society of Criminology’s Division of White-

## Collar and Corporate Crime

- 2024 Law and Society Association Early Career Workshop
- 2024 Global Fellow, Fundação Getúlio Vargas, Brazil
- 2022 Roderick A. Macdonald Graduate Student Prize, Canadian Law and Society Association
- 2018 Winner of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Theses and Dissertations Award, Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences
- 2018 Best thesis, Department of Sociology, University of Sao Paulo
- 2016 Residence fellowship, Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law

## PUBLICATIONS IN PORTUGUESE

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Cornelius, E. (2017). **The Contribution of Pierre Bourdieu to the Sociology of Punishment: A Theoretical and Methodological Approach to the Study of Judicial Decisions.** *Confluências*, 18(3), pp. 137-156.

Cornelius, E. (2017). **Criminalization, Racialization, and Pathologization: The Origins of California's Juvenile Justice System.** Book Review of *States of Delinquency: Race and Science in the Making of California's Juvenile Justice System*, by Miroslava Chavez-Garcia. *Plural Journal* 24(1), 185-193.

Cornelius, E. (2015). **An Adult-Only Principle: The Presumption of Innocence in Youth Justice Landmark Decisions.** Pp. 196-219 in *Contemporary Juvenile Justice*, edited by A. Costa. Porto Alegre: Evangraf. ISBN: 9788577278237.

Cornelius, E. (2014). **The Penal Control of Youth: The Example of Preventive Detention in Drug Trafficking Cases.** *Brazilian Journal of Empirical Legal Studies*, 1, 100-119.

Cornelius, E., Santos, M. (2014). **Diversion.** Pp. 297-299 in *Youth Justice Dictionary*, edited by G. Lazzarotto. Porto Alegre: UFRGS. ISBN: 9788577275939.

## INVITED PRESENTATIONS

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- 2024 **'The Worst of Both Worlds'? The Legitimate Construction of Juvenile Justice by the Superior Court of Justice.** Presented at the University of São Paulo Law School, Brazil.
- 2020 **'The Worst of Both Worlds'? The Legitimate Construction of Juvenile Justice by the Superior Court of Justice.** Presented at the Pampa Federal University, Brazil (online).
- 2018 **'The Worst of Both Worlds'? The Legitimate Construction of Juvenile Justice by the Superior Court of Justice.** Presented at the University of Sao Paulo's Sociology Department's Annual Conference of Awarded Theses and Dissertations, Brazil.
- 2016 **Are Brazilian Youth Offenders Getting 'the Worst of Both Worlds'? The Superior Court of Justice's Interpretation of the Statute of the Child and Adolescent.** Presented at the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Spain.

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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- 2025      **Ghostwriters, ‘Ghost Erasers’: Lawyers, Resistance, and Progressive Penal Change in Brazil.** Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2024      **The Globalization of White-Collar Crime and its Impact on Vulnerable Populations: Brazil’s Operation Car Wash as a Penal Project.** Presented at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.
- 2023      **Trickle-Down Litigation: Can the ‘Haves’ Benefit the ‘Have Nots’? Examples from Brazil.** Presented at the Canadian Law and Society Association Mid-Year Meeting, Brantford, ON, Canada.
- 2022      **Lawyers and Penal Change: A Field Analysis of White-Collar Criminal Law Transformation in Brazil.** Presented at the Third Narrative Criminology Symposium, Genoa, Italy.
- 2022      **Local Criminal Reform, Global Economic Discourses: The Global Fight Against Corruption in the Brazilian Legal Field.** Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA, United States.
- 2021      **Discursive Mismatch and Globalization by Stealth: The Fight against Corruption in the Brazilian Legal Field.** Presented at the 116th American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (online).
- 2019      **The Fight Against Corruption Translated: International Strategies and the Restructuring of the Brazilian Legal Field.** Presented at the Annual Meeting on Law and Society, Washington, DC, United States.

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2025      **Criminal Procedure in American Society**  
University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities (Instructor)
- 2025      **Sociological Perspectives on Punishment**  
University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities (Instructor)
- 2024      **Sociology of Punishment**  
University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities (Instructor)
- 2024      **Criminal Law in American Society**  
University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities (Instructor)

## MEMBER OF EDITORIAL STAFF

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- 2015 – 2017      Plural Journal (The University of São Paulo Sociology - Graduate Program Journal) <http://www.revistas.usp.br/plural>

## POLICY-RELATED WORKS

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Cornelius, E. G. et al. (2014). **The Problem with Lowering the Age of Criminal Responsibility**. Report sent to the Brazilian Congress. The Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul Centre for the Support of Court-Involved Youth. [In Portuguese].

Cornelius, E. G. (2014). **Human Trafficking and Forced Labour: A Sentencing Analysis**. The Rio Grande do Sul Public Safety Observatory. UFRGS/UNESCO. [In Portuguese].

Cornelius, E. G., et al. (2014). **The Fallacy of Increasing Youth Sentences**. Bulletin of the Brazilian Institute of Criminal Sciences. [In Portuguese].

Cornelius, E. G. et al. (2013). **Proposal for Reforming Youth Justice Appellate Courts**. Submitted in Response to the Brazilian National Council of Justice Public Consultation n. 56/2012. The Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul Pro-Bono Program. [In Portuguese]

## UNIVERSITY SERVICE

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| 2024       | Member of the Undergraduate Affairs Committee, University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities     |
| 2019 –2023 | Peer mentor at the Graduate Sociology Student Association (GSSA), University of Toronto |

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer: *Law and Society Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*, *Brazilian Journal of Criminal Sciences*, *Brazilian Journal of Public Safety*

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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Canadian Sociological Association  
Canadian Law and Society Association  
Law and Society Association  
American Society of Criminology  
American Sociological Association

## LANGUAGES

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Portuguese (native)  
English (fluent)  
Spanish (fluent)  
French (intermediate)