

# **Hadar Aviram**

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## **Description**

Prior to joining the Hastings faculty in 2007, Hadar Aviram practiced as a military defense attorney in the Israel Defense Forces for five years, completed her M.A. in Criminology at Hebrew University of Jerusalem and her Ph.D. in UC Berkeley's Jurisprudence and Social Policy program, where she studied as a Fulbright Fellow and a Regents Intern, and taught at Tel Aviv University. Professor Aviram's research focuses on the criminal justice system and examines policing, courtroom practices, and corrections through social science perspectives. Her methodology often combines quantitative, qualitative and experimental tools. Professor Aviram's award-winning book *Cheap on Crime: Recession-Era Politics and the Transformation of American Punishment* (University of California Press, 2015) analyzes the impact of the financial crisis on the American correctional landscape. Her current book in progress is an in-depth examination of parole hearings. Among other interests, Prof. Aviram has studied domestic violence, behavioral perspectives on prosecutorial and defense behavior, unconventional family units, elder abuse, public trust in the police, and the history of female crime and punishment. Prof. Aviram served at the President of the Western Society of Criminology and on the Board of Trustees of the Law and Society Association. She is one of the leading voices in the state against mass incarceration and is a frequent media commentator on politics, immigration, criminal justice policy, civil rights, and the Trump Administration. Her blog, *California Correctional Crisis*, covers issues pertaining to crime and punishment in California.

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## **Industry Expertise**

Education/Learning, Legal Services

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## **Topics**

Criminal Justice, Criminology, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law, Public Policy, Mass Incarceration, Criminal Procedure, California Prison Systems, Federal Prison Systems, War on Drugs, Social Movements, Law and Society

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## **Affiliations**

Law and Society Association (since 2004), American Sociological Association (since 2006), Society for Empirical Legal Studies (since 2008), The Israel Bar (since Nov. 1997), Western Society of Criminology, The California Bar (since November 2011), American Society of Criminology, UC Consortium on Health and Criminal Justice

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## **Past Talks**

## **Openness and Closure to the East: Insights from Israeli Criminal Law**

The West and the Rest in Comparative Law

## **Where Have All the Women Gone? The Decline of Women in the Criminal Justice Process**

Conference on Empirical Legal Studies

## **Trapped in the Law? How Lawyers Reconcile the Legal and Social Aspects of Their Work**

Denver University Faculty Colloquium

## **Who Cares If It's a Choice? Evaluating Determinism as a Platform for the GLBT Rights**

An Other Sex: The Israeli Queer Theory and Gay and Lesbian Studies Conference

## **Two Transitions in Criminal Courtroom Research**

Comparative Law Seminar

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## **Education**

### **University of California, Berkeley**

Ph.D. Jurisprudence and Social Policy

### **The Hebrew University**

M.A. Criminology

### **The Hebrew University**

LL.B. Law

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## **Accomplishments**

### **Chancellor's Dissertation Award**

Awarded by the University of California, Berkeley.

### **Graduate Assembly Research Award**

Awarded by the University of California at Berkeley.

### **Herman Goode Award for Outstanding Student of Criminology**

Awarded by Hebrew University.

### **CHOICE Award for Outstanding Academic Title**

Awarded to Cheap on Crime by the Academic Library Association

### **Rector's Award for Outstanding Graduate Student**

Awarded by Hebrew University.

**1066 Foundation Scholarship Award**

Awarded by UC Hastings for Scholarship and Research (2010)

**Rutter Award for Teaching Excellence**

Awarded by UC Hastings (2010)

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