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Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Princeton University, 2006.
M.A., Sociology, Princeton University, 2002.
B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Sociology, Fordham University, 1999.
A.A. Summa Cum Laude, Women's Studies, Bergen Community College, 1997.

Appointments

Director of Graduate Studies, Sociology, DePaul University, 2012-2014.
Associate Professor of Sociology, DePaul University, 2012-Present
Assistant Professor of Sociology, DePaul University, 2006-2012.
Visiting Scholar, Consortium for Women and Research, University of California at Davis, 2009-2010.

Scholarship

Journal Articles

2013. "Racial Disparities in Pretrial Diversions: An Analysis of Outcomes among Men Charged with Felonies and Processed in State Courts." *Race & Justice*. 3 (3):210-238.

2011. "Interpersonal Violence and Experiences of Criminal Legal Control: A Mixed Method Analysis". Co-authored with Jodie Michele Lawston. (8)16. *Sage Open*.

2011. "The Failure of Race-Neutral Policies: How Mandatory Terms and Sentencing Enhancements Increased Racial Disparities in Prison Admission Rates". *Crime & Delinquency*. 57(1): 56-81.

2008. "Equality at the Price of Justice: How Mandatory Terms and Sentencing Enhancements Disproportionately affect Women". *National Women's Studies Association Journal*, 20(2):27-47.

2007. "The Cumulative Effects of Racial Disparities in Criminal Processing". *The Journal of the Institute of Justice & International Studies*, 7:261-278. Reprinted in the 2008. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education & Research*, 30(3):22-35.

2005. "Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Pretrial Criminal Processing". *Justice Quarterly*, 22(2):170-192.

Reference Articles

- Forthcoming. "Mandatory Sentencing" In *Encyclopedia of Corrections*, Wiley-Blackwell Publications.
2013. "Criminal Justice and Ethnic Diversity" In *Multicultural Encyclopedia*, edited by Carlos Cortes. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
2012. "Race, Class, and Criminal Law" In *The Social History of Crime in America*, edited by Mark Kleiman, James Hawdon, and Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA:
2012. "The Concept of Equality" In *The Social History of Crime in America*, edited by Mark Kleiman, James Hawdon, and Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage
2011. "Narcotic Manufacturers Act" In *Encyclopedia of Drug Policy*, edited by Mark Kleiman, James Hawdon, and Geoffrey Golson. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
2008. "Criminal Processing". In *Encyclopedia of Race, Ethnicity, and Society*, edited by Richard Schaefer. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.
2008. "Sentencing Disparities". In *Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, edited by Vincent Parrillo. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Other Publications

2013. Review of *Punishing Race*. In *Law & Society*.
2011. Review of *Fire in the Heart: How White Activists Embrace Racial Justice*. In *Social Forces*.
2009. "Community College as a Structural and Cultural Intervention". *On Campus with Women*, 38(2).

Grants

- "The Gendered Nature of Racial Disparities in Sentencing." DePaul University Faculty Research and Development Summer Grant, 2013.
- "Making Asians Visible: An examination of anti-Asian racial disparities in criminal processing." DePaul University Faculty Research and Development Summer Grant, 2011.
- "Racially Disparate Processing." Competitive Paid Research Leave, DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2009-2010.
- "Seeing the big Picture: low SES as an intervening variable between experiences of violence and likelihoods of criminal justice intervention." DePaul University Faculty Research and Development Summer Grant, 2009.
- "Cumulative Effects of Racial Disparities in Criminal Processing." DePaul University Research Assistance Support, 2007-2008.

“Latino/a Immigration and Disparities in Pretrial Processing: a test of the racial threat hypothesis.” DePaul University Faculty Research and Development Summer Grant, 2007.

NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant 0425149, 2004.

Princeton University American Studies Program’s Summer Fellowship, 2004.

Princeton University African American Studies Dissertation Support Award, 2002.

Summer Language Grant, Princeton University, 2000.

Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University, 1999-2003.

Selected Conference Papers

“Transformative Justice & the Trayvon Martin Case: A Consideration” Invited lecture at the Jane Addams Hull House Museum, 2013.

“The Gendered Nature of Racial Disparities” Presented at the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2012.

“Racialized Depictions of Criminality in Print News” Presented at the Law & Society Associations Annual Meeting, 2012.

“Making Asians Visible: An Examination of Anti-Asian Racial Disparities in Criminal Processing” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2011.

“Racial Formations and Pretrial Processing” Presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, 2011.

“Prosecutorial Mercy: Race, Gender, and Pretrial Diversions” Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, 2010.

“The Rise of the Prosecutor: Racial Disparities and Prosecutorial Decision-Making” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2010.

“Charge Bargaining and Racial Disparities across Sentencing Structures” Presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, 2010.

“Equality, Neutrality, and Justice: An Analysis and Critique of Post Civil Rights Criminal Justice Policy” Co-Authored with Angela Willey and Presented at the National Women’s Studies Association Annual Meeting, 2009.

“Damaged Goods? Incarcerated Women’s Experiences of Violence and Social Vulnerability” Presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, 2009.

“Women’s Narratives: Stories of Interpersonal and State Violence” Presented with co-author Jodie Lawston at the Feminism and Legal Theory Workshop, "Women, Incarceration and Human Rights," at Emory University, 2009.

“Challenging Interpersonal Explanations of Women’s Imprisonment” Invited lecture at the Consortium for Research of Women and Gender at the University of California at Davis, 2009.

“Social Exclusion and Experiences of Violence: A Closer Look at Imprisoned Women” Presented at at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, 2008.

“Equality at the Price of Justice: How Mandatory Terms and Sentencing Enhancements Disproportionately Burden Women” Presented at at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2008.

“The Cumulative Effects of Racial Disparities in Criminal Processing” Invited lecture at the Miscarriages of Justice Conference, Central Missouri State University, 2007.

“Criminal Policies, Criminal Processing, and the Production of Mass Racialized Incarceration” Presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, 2006.

“The Failure of Race-Neutral Policies: How Mandatory Terms and Sentencing Enhancements Increased Racial Disparities in Prison Admission Rates” Invited lecture at the Probing the Penal State Workshop, Berkeley University, 2006.

“The Limits of Colorblind Anti-Discrimination Laws: An Empirical Assessment of Determinate Sentencing Policies” Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2005.

“An Evaluation of Racial Non-Recognition as an Anti-Discrimination Strategy” Presented at the Rendering Race Visible Annual Conference, University of Chicago,

“Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Pretrial Criminal Processing” Presented at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, 2004.

“Discrimination in Criminal Processing: A Spotlight on Pretrial Release” Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual meeting, 2003

Awards and Recognition

DePaul ENGAGE Outstanding Adviser, DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. 2014.

Educational Champion, Outstanding Community Activist, 7th Congressional District of Illinois. 2011.

Excellence in Teaching Award, DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 2011.

DePaul University, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences’ Distinguished Service Award, 2011.

Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problem’s Graduate Student Paper Competition: Honorable Mention. 2003.

Service

Profession

Advisory Committee Member for the University of Illinois, Chicago's *Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy's* Race, Sexuality and Violence Series, 2013-2014.

Faculty Mentor for Ohio State University's *Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute*. 2012.

Conference Roles: Chair, Law & Society's Annual Meeting, 2004 & 2012; Discussant, Criminology and Economics Summer Workshop, 2005; Moderator: Voicing Resistance Women's Center Panel at DePaul University, 2007. Thinking, Speaking, and Working Margin to Margin and Reconceptualizing Women's Studies within the Transnational at the Annual Meeting of the National Women's Studies Association, 2009.

Journal Reviewer: for *American Sociological Review*, *Criminology*, *Criminology & Public Policy*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Justice Quarterly*, *Law & Society Review*, *Race & Justice*, *Social Forces*, *Social Problems*, and *Women & Criminal Justice*, 2004-Present.

University

Core Committee Member for Sister Helen Prejean's Archives and Annual Visit, 2011-Present.

Self, Society and the Modern World Committee Member, 2009-Present.

College

American Studies Program Member, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, DePaul University, 2008-Present.

Difficult Dialogues Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, DePaul University, 2007-2008.

Excellence in Teaching and Cortelyou Lowery Award Selection Committee Member, 2012-2014.

Faculty Governance Council Taskforce on Tenure and Promotion, 2008 and 2009.

Social Science Research Center Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, DePaul University, 2007-2008.

Students Creating Knowledge, Behavioral and Social Sciences Review Board Member, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, DePaul University, 2010.

Women's Center Advisory Board Member, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, DePaul University, 2007-Present.

Women and Gender Studies Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, DePaul University, 2008-Present.

Department

Director of Graduate Studies. 2012-Present.

By-Law Committee, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, 2010-2011.

Chair of the Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, 2008.

Faculty Search Committee Member, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, 2006 and 2010.

Graduate Assessment Committee, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, 2008.

Graduate Application Committee Member, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, 2007-2009: 2010-Present.

Graduate Program Committee Member, Department of Sociology, DePaul University, 2006-2008: 2010-Present.

Undergraduate Program Committee Member, Department of Sociology, DePaul University. 2008-2009.

Community

Transformative Justice Law Project, 2011-Present. As a member of TJLP's name change mobilization, I help indigent trans people file for legal name changes and report those name changes, once they are finalized, to a number of government bureaucracies including the DMV and Social Security. I also do prisoner support work for trans* folks in jails and prisons throughout Illinois.

Chicago Books to Women in Prison Cooperative, 2007-2010. In addition to working with other people in the cooperative to fill book requests to imprisoned women, I help write grant applications, contribute facts on women in prison to our website, organize discussion groups on understanding prisons in society, help plan fundraisers, and help create calls for submissions, organize submissions, and edit our annual journal *Bound Struggles*, where we published incarcerated women's writing and artwork. This zine, *Bound Struggles*, is now a part of DePaul University's Library Collection.

Teaching and Advising

Courses Taught

Undergraduate: SOC 248 White Racism; SOC 305 Power, Constructions of Deviance, and Social Control; SOC 310 Critical Perspectives on Criminal Justice; SOC 315 Law, Power, and Resistance; HON 301 Junior Multicultural Seminar

Graduate: SOC 405 Contemporary Theory, SOC 415 Writing a Research Paper; SOC 442 Criminal Justice: History, Theory, and Analysis; SOC 443 Law and the Administration of Justice; SOC 447 Social Control and Deviance; SOC 494 Racism and Resistance

Training and Certification

Project PLS Certificate of Achievement Recipient. PLS Grant Faculty Summer Institute: Working with Students with Learning Disabilities, DePaul University's PLS Program, 2008.

Teaching Transcript Certificate Recipient. Princeton University's McGraw Center for Teaching and Learning, 2003-2005.

Organized and participated in an inter-university reading group on feminist and anti-racist pedagogy, 2005.

Graduate Student Mentor for PSURE (Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience), a summer research camp for undergraduate students from underrepresented backgrounds who plan to pursue PhDs, 2004.

PhD Advisees

Michael Brubacher, Department of Psychology, External Reader, 2014. *From Crime to Punishment: Moral Violations and the Social Function of Emotion*.

Jeremy Taylor, Department of Psychology, External Reader, 2012-2013. *The Impact of Exposure to Community Violence on the Trajectories of Internalizing and Externalizing Symptoms among Low-Income Urban Youth*.

Mark Brandt, Department of Psychology, External Reader, 2012. *The Effects of Motivation to Resist Social Change and Accept Inequality on Perceptions of System Legitimacy*.

Jennifer Zimmerman, Department of Psychology, External Reader, 2010. *Endorsement of Abstract Ideals Versus Actual Outcomes of American Ideologies: Nuances of a System of Justification Theory*.

MA Advisees (First Reader for Each Student)

Saba Ahmad, 2013-2014. *South Asian American Youth: Social Networks and Consumption*.

Stephanie Baran, 2012-2013. *Right Wing Party Affiliation and White Supremacy Ideologies*. Now an adjunct professor and a registrars office worker at Kennedy King College, City Colleges.

Leo Chavez, 2013-Present. *J-Def Peace Project: How Anti-Racist Organizations Rearticulate Racial Ideology*.

Shirien Damra, 2007-2010. *Why Do They Hate Us? An Analysis of the Rise in Islamism in the Arab World*. Now a community activist.

Kate Del Debbio, 2007-2011. *Gangs and the Life-Course*.

Christina Diaz, 2006-2009. *Problematizing White Birth Rates*. Now a PhD candidate at The University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Adrienne Dues, 2011-2012. *Mediating Effects of Perceived Belongingness to Suicidal Ideation*. Now working towards her PhD at the University of South Carolina.

Horace Duffy, 2006-2012. *Race, Sexuality, and Depictions of Women in Men's Magazines*. Now a highschool teacher in Houston, TX.

Frank Edwards, 2010-2011. *Punitive Juvenile Justice and Youth Crime Journalism: Chicago 1981-1982*. Now working towards his PhD at University of Washington, Seattle.

David Frank, 2008-2010. *The Trouble with Morality: An Examination of the Effects of 12-Step Discourse on Addicts' Decision Making*. Now working towards his PhD at The CUNY Graduate School.

Daniel Garcia, 2012-2013. *Globalization and Social Life along a Toxic River: The Case of the New River, California*. Community Organizer for the Environmental Leadership Summit in New River, CA.

Lori Garibay, 2012-2013. *Health Outcomes among Mixed-Raced Respondents*.

Glenance Green, 2010-2012. *Race(ism) and Punitive Measures in Public Schools*. Now a Policy Analyst for the American Institute of Research.

Cuitlahuac Heredia, 2012-Present. *Waging Peace on War: Chicago Gang Members who Constructively Contribute to their Communities*.

Peter Gene Hummel, 2007-2008. *Social Status and Homocide Clearance*.

Andrew Krebs, 2010-2012. *The (Non) Representative Jury Selection Process*. Now working towards his PhD at the University of Texas at Austin.

Meggan Lee, 2010-2012. *Reproductive Justice for Whom? An Analysis of Public Opinion on Abortion Access and the Criminalization of Pregnant Women*.

RayShonda Nicole Linzy, 2007-2008. *Racial Disparities and Juvenile Justice*.

Nerissa Osby, 2011-Present. *Navigating Life as a Triple Minority: How the intersectionality of discrimination affects queer women of color*.

Kenneth Pierce, 2009-2010. *Theories of Social Movements*.

Keisha Prowoznik, 2013-Present.

Nicholas Rochin, 2010-2012. *Perceptions of Courts and Policing Beyond the Black/White Binary*. Now working towards his PhD at the University of Illinois, Chicago.

Meghan Seewald, 2012-2013. *The Impact of Stigma on Relationships and Support among Sex Workers*.

Eric Tellschow, 2007-2009. *Policing Latino/as: How local law enforcement in immigration enforcement affects Latino/as' likelihood of calling the police*. Now a police officer in the Northwest suburbs of Chicago.

Julian Thompson, 2010-2012. *The Effects of Vocational and Educational Training on Recidivism Rates*. Now working towards his PhD at SSA at The University of Chicago.

Fatema Zohara, 2012-2013. *Formation of Ethnic Identity among South Asians Muslims in the Midwest*.

Other Advising

Committee Member for Women & Gender Studies MA Students, Hunter Leigh (2010-2012) & Amanda Helms (2012-2013).

Major Advising, 2008-2012, 2014-Present.

Pre-Law Adviser for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, DePaul University 2007-2009.

Summer Advising for Incoming Freshman and Transfer Students, College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, DePaul University, 2007-2012.

Selected Professional Memberships

American Criminological Society, 2010-Present; American Sociological Association, 2000-Present; Law & Society Association, 2002-Present; National Women's Studies Association, 2008-Present; Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2000-Present.