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Academic Appointments

Rutgers University-Newark, School of Criminal Justice

Associate Professor	2021-
Assistant Professor	2015-2021

American Bar Foundation

Affiliated Scholar	2021-
JPB Foundation Access to Justice Faculty Scholar	2020-2021

Universitat Pompeu Fabra School of Law, Barcelona, Spain

Visiting Researcher	2019
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Education

Rutgers Law School JD; Certificate in Criminal Law & Procedure	2023 (expected)
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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Department of Sociology PhD in Sociology	2015
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University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Department of Sociology MA in Sociology	2012
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Washington University in St. Louis, School of Arts & Sciences BA in Anthropology, BA in History	2007
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Books

Sarah Lageson. 2020. **Digital Punishment: Privacy, Stigma, and the Harms of Data-Driven Criminal Justice**. Oxford University Press.

Media: Slate, The Markup, CNN, The Crime Report, Team Human Podcast, Digital Privacy News, Collateral Consequences Resource Center, ApexArt, Probable Causation Podcast, Drexel Magazine, WDET 'Tracked and Traced' Podcast, Black Box Podcast

Reviews: American Journal of Sociology, European Journal of Sociology, Punishment & Society, Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Constitutional History, Security Dialogue, Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare, Surveillance & Society, Law Library Journal, European Journal of Probation, Religious Studies Review, Probation Journal

Awards: American Society of Criminology 2021 Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award; Honorable Mention for the 2021 Law and Society Association Jacob Prize; Privacy Law Scholars Conference Junior Scholar Award

Kyle Green and Sarah Lageson. 2018. **Give Methods a Chance**. New York: W.W. Norton.

Reviews: Teaching Sociology. 2019. 47(2): 161–163.

Peer Reviewed Articles

2022	Juan Sandoval and Sarah Lageson. "Patchwork Disclosure: Divergent public access and personal privacy across criminal record disclosure policy in the United States." <i>Law & Policy</i> 44(3):255-277. Media: Vox
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2022	Elizabeth Webster, Kathleen Powell, Sarah Lageson, and Valerio Baćak. "'Satan's Minions' and 'True Believers': How Criminal Defense Attorneys' Employ Quasi-Religious Rhetoric." OnlineFirst at <i>Justice System Journal</i> .
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2022	Sarah Lageson. "Digital Criminal Record Stigma and Surveillance." <i>Annual Review of Criminology</i> 5: 67-90.
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2022	Leslie Schneider, Mike Vuolo, Sarah Lageson, and Chris Uggen. "Before and After Ban the Box: Who Complies with Anti-Discrimination Law?" <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i> 47(3):749-482.
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- 2021 Sarah Lageson, Elizabeth Webster and Juan Sandoval. "Digitizing and Disclosing Personal Data: The Proliferation of State Criminal Records on the Internet." *Law & Social Inquiry* 46(3): 635-665.
Media: Vice, The Crime Report, Digital Privacy News, This Week in Sociological Perspectives Podcast, Criminal Legal News
- 2020 Alessandro Corda and Sarah Lageson. "Disordered Punishment: Workaround Technologies of Criminal Records Disclosure and the Rise of a New Penal Entrepreneurialism." *British Journal of Criminology* 60(2):245-264.
Media: *Collateral Consequences Resource Center blog*
- 2020 Valerio Baćak, Sarah Lageson, and Kathleen Powell. "Fighting the Good Fight: Why Do Public Defenders Remain on the Job?" *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 31:939–961.
- 2020 Sarah Lageson. "Privacy Loss as Collateral Consequence." *The Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research* 9:16-31.
- 2019 Sarah Lageson, Megan Denver, and Justin Pickett. "Privatizing Criminal Stigma: Experience, Intergroup Contact, and Public Views about Publicizing Arrest Records." *Punishment & Society* 21(3): 315–341.
- 2019 Sarah Lageson, Suzy Maves McElrath, and Krissinda Palmer. "Gendered Public Support for Criminalizing 'Revenge Porn.'" *Feminist Criminology* 14(5):560-583.
- 2019 Sarah Lageson. "Digital Legal Subjects and the Use of Online Criminal Court Records for Research." *The Elgar Research Handbook on Law and Courts*.
- 2018 Sarah Lageson and Shadd Maruna. "Digital Degradation: Stigma Management in the Internet Age." *Punishment & Society* 20(1):113-133.
- 2018 Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "To Match or Not to Match? Statistical and Substantive Considerations in Audit Design and Analysis." in S. Michael Gaddis, editor, *Audit Studies: Behind the Scenes with Theory, Method & Nuance*. New York: Springer.
- 2017 Sarah Lageson. "Crime Data, the Internet, and Free Speech: An Evolving Legal Consciousness." *Law & Society Review* 51(1):8-41.
- 2017 Mike Vuolo, Sarah Lageson, and Chris Uggen. "Criminal Record Questions in the Era of 'Ban the Box.'" *Criminology & Public Policy* 16(1):139-165.
- 2017 Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "Race, Recession, and Social Closure in the Low Wage Labor Market: Experimental and Observational Evidence." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 30:141-183.
- 2016 Sarah Lageson. "Found Out and Opting Out: The Consequences of Online Criminal Records for Families." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 665(1):127-141.
- 2016 Sarah Lageson. "Digital Punishment's Tangled Web." *Contexts* 15(1):22-27. Available [online](#). Reprinted in *Contexts Reader* 3rd Edition, 2018. Syed Ali & Philip N. Cohen, eds. New York: W.W. Norton.
- 2016 Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "Statistical Power in Experimental Audit Studies: Cautions and Calculations for Paired Tests with Dichotomous Outcomes." *Sociological Methods & Research* 45(2):260-303.
- 2015 Sarah Lageson, Mike Vuolo, and Chris Uggen. "Legal Ambiguity in Managerial Assessments of Criminal Records." *Law and Social Inquiry* 40(1):175-204.

- 2014 Chris Uggen, Mike Vuolo, Sarah Lageson, Ebony Ruhland, Hilary Whitham. "The Edge of Stigma: An Experimental Audit of the Effects of Low-level Criminal Records on Employment." *Criminology* 52(4):627-654.
- 2014 Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "Taste Clusters of Music and Drugs: Evidence from Three Analytical Levels." *British Journal of Sociology* 65(3):520-54.

Grants

- 2022-2025 William T. Grant Foundation
The Promise of Marijuana Legalization to Reduce Racial Disparities in Youth Legal System Contact in New Jersey, \$544,030
Co-PI with Kathleen Powell (PI, Drexel University), Jordan Hyatt (co-PI, Drexel University), Nate Link (co-PI, Rutgers University-Camden), Loni Tabb (co-PI, Drexel University), Chris Uggen (co-PI, University of Minnesota)
- 2022-2024 Chancellor's Impact Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$25,000
Expanding Access to Criminal Expungement in New Jersey
Co-PI with Meredith Schalick (Rutgers Law)
- 2021-2023 Clean Slate Initiative & New Venture Fund, \$441,093
The Impact of Automated Record Clearance on Individuals, Families, and Communities
Co-PI with Elsa Chen (Santa Clara University) and Ericka Adams (San Jose State University)
- 2020-2021 American Bar Foundation/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholar Award, \$74,000
Realizing a Clean Slate: Expanding Access and Improving Outcomes for Automated Criminal Record Expungement
Principal Investigator
- 2018-2020 National Institute of Justice, New Investigator/Early Career Award, \$190,909
Multi-level Analyses of Accuracy and Error in Digital Criminal Record Data
Principal Investigator
- 2017-2019 Chancellor's Office Award, Rutgers University, \$94,500
The Nebulous Nature of Criminal Records
Co-PI with Rob Stewart (University of Maryland)
- 2017 Big Data Analytics Grant Program, Rutgers University, \$40,000
Understanding Systems and Outcomes of Indigent Defense using Big Data
Co-PI with Valerio Bacak and Lee Dicker
- 2017 Chancellor's Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$31,500
Social and Administrative Networks in Prison-Based Higher Education
Co-PI with Sara Wakefield
- 2016 Chancellor's Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$75,000.
Community Court Mental Health Initiative
Co-PI with Andres Rengifo
- 2016 Chancellor's Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$25,000
Criminal Justice Data Practices in Newark
Principal Investigator

- 2015 Social Cohesion and Technology Grant, Univ. of MN, \$2,500
'Give Methods a Chance' Podcast Development
Co-PI with Kyle Green
- 2014-2015 Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, \$22,500
- 2013-2014 Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, \$25,500
- 2011-2013 Graduate Digital Media Fellowship, University of Minnesota, \$45,000

Journal & Editorial

- 2023-2025 *Law & Society Review* Editorial Board
- 2023-2025 *Law & Social Inquiry* Editorial Board
- 2023 *Punishment & Society, Special Issue: The Nexus Between Civil and Criminal Justice*. Co-guest editor with Kathryn Young and Karin Martin.
- 2022 *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Special Issue: Violence, Voice, and Incarceration*. All contributions by people experiencing incarceration. Co-guest editor with Todd R. Clear and Jennifer Yang.

Public Writing

- 2022 Formerly Incarcerated Job Seekers Need More Than Training. *Wired*.
- 2022 'Clean Slate' Laws Offer a Second Chance – Only for Some. *Wired*.
- 2022 Do People Caught on Ring Cameras Have Privacy Rights? *Wired*.
- 2022 Sex-Offender Laws sent a man to prison over a prayer livestream. *Wired*.
- 2021 Transparency laws let criminal records become commodities. *Wired*.
- 2021 How the Criminal Justice System Deploys Mass Surveillance on Innocent People. *Vice*.
- 2020 Companies accused of crimes get more digital privacy rights than people under new Trump policy (with Liz Chiarello). *The Conversation*.
- 2020 The Perils of Zoom Justice. *The Crime Report*.
- 2020 How criminal background checks lead to discrimination against millions of Americans. *Washington Post*.
- 2020 Mugshots don't belong on search engines. *San Francisco Chronicle*.
- 2020 The Purgatory of Digital Punishment. *Slate*.
- 2020 The Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative funds Clean Slate policy. So why won't Facebook take down mugshots? *The Appeal*.
- 2020 Small businesses just got a \$300B bailout but many who need a second chance won't get a dime (with Colleen Chien). *New Jersey Star Ledger*.
- 2020 The Problem with 'Clean Slate' policies: Could broader sealing of criminal records hurt more people than it helps (with Jen Doleac). *Niskanen Center*.
- 2020 The Criminal Justice System's Big Data Problem. *Oxford University Press Blog*.
- 2019 Model Law on Non-Conviction Records (advisor). *Collateral Consequences Resource Center*.
- 2019 It's Time for the Digital Mug Shot Industry to Die. *Slate*.
- 2019 Privacy Concerns Don't Stop People from Putting Their DNA on the Internet to Help Solve Crimes. *The Conversation*.
- 2019 There's No Such Thing as Expunging a Criminal Record Anymore. *Slate*.
- 2019 It's Time to Address the Damage of a 'Criminal' Digital Reputation (with Jordan Hyatt). *Collateral Consequences Resource Center*.
- 2019 Can a Criminal Record Ever Be Fully Expunged? *Pacific Standard*.
- 2019 Policy Proposals for the 2019 Legislative Session. *Scholars Strategy Network*.
- Provide Individual Access to Personal Criminal Records
 - Enforce Private Sector Compliance with Criminal Record Expungement Orders"
 - Reclassify Mugshots as Closed, Private Records
- 2019 Criminal Background Checks for Employment Screening. *New Jersey State Office of Innovation, Future of Work Task Force*.
- 2017 Online Criminal Records & Legal Consciousness Theory. *Law & Society Review Blog*.
- 2016 Op-Ed: The Downside of Highlighting Crime on Social Media. *Minneapolis Star-Tribune*.
- 2016 Briefing: The Harmful Effects of Online Criminal Records. *Scholars Strategy Network*.

- 2014 The Enduring Effects of Online Mug Shots. *The Society Pages*.
 2014 Health, Science, and Shared Disparities. *The Society Pages*
 2012 Correcting American Corrections. *The Society Pages*.
 2012 Love, Family and Incarceration: A Conversation with Megan Comfort. *The Society Pages*.
 2012 Social Scientists Studying Social Movements. With Kyle Green and Sinan Erensu. *The Society Pages*.

Book Chapters & Reviews

- 2021 "Digital Punishment." In *Fundamental Rights and Criminal Procedure in the Digital Age*. Sao Paolo, Brazil: InternetLab.
 2021 "Public Accusation on the Internet." With Kateryna Kaplun. In *Media and Law: Between Free Speech and Censorship, Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance, Volume 26*. Deflem, Mathieu and Derek M.D. Silva, eds. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.
 2021 "Book Review: Captivating Technology: Race, Carceral Technoscience, and Liberatory Imagination in Everyday Life edited by Ruha Benjamin." *Contemporary Sociology* 50(1): 28-29.
 2021 "Studying Surveillance and Tech Through 'Digital Punishment'" in *Society, Ethics & The Law: A Reader*, David A. Mackey and Kathryn M. Elvey, eds. Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett.
 2020 "Book Review: *The Digital Street* by Jeff Lane." *American Journal of Sociology* 125(4):1156-1158.
 2018 "The Politics of Public Punishment." *Criminology & Public Policy* 17(3): 635-642.
 2018 "Book Review: Policing and Social Media: Social Control in an Era of New Media by Christopher J. Schneider." *Contemporary Sociology* 47(2):217-219.
 2017 "Criminal Records," with Christiane Schwarz. *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology*. Ed. Beth M. Huebner. New York: Oxford University Press.
 2015 "Book Review: The Eternal Criminal Record by James B. Jacobs." *The Canadian Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice*. Available online.
 2015 "Music and the Quest for a Tribe." *Getting Culture*. New York: W.W. Norton
 2014 "Correcting American Corrections, with Francis Cullen, David Garland, David Jacobs, and Jeremy Travis." *Crime and the Punished*. New York: W.W. Norton.
 2014 "Discovering Desistance," with Sarah Shannon. *Crime and the Punished*. New York: W.W. Norton.
 2013 "How Work Affects Crime – and Crime Affects Work – Over the Life Course," with Chris Uggen. *Handbook of Life Course Criminology*, edited by Marvin Krohn and Chris Gibson. New York: Springer.
 2013 "Laughter and the Political Landscape," with Sinan Erensu and Kyle Green. *The Social Side of Politics*. New York: W.W. Norton.
 2011 The Wire Goes to College," with Kyle Green and Sinan Erensu. *Contexts* (10)3:12-15.

Awards

- 2021 Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award, American Society of Criminology
 2021 Herbert Jacob Book Prize, Honorable Mention, Law & Society Association
 2019 New Jersey State Office of Innovation Research Award, \$2,500
 2018 Privacy Law Scholars Conference Junior Scholar Paper Award, \$2,500
 2017 University of Minnesota Best Dissertation Award, \$1,000
 2012 Ron Anderson Technology and Social Cohesion Award, \$2,500
 2011-2013 Professional Development Award, University of Minnesota, \$3,000
 2010 Public Sociology Award, University of Minnesota
 2010 Graduate Research Partnership Program, University of Minnesota, \$4,000
 2010 Academic Technology Award Univ. Minn., Office of Information Technology
 2008 Segal Americorps Education Award, \$5,000
 2007 Helen & Isaac Izenberg History Writing Award, Washington University in St. Louis

Expert Testimony

2022	United States District Court, Western District of Missouri, <i>Doe v. Olson</i>
2022	United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, <i>Does v. Whitmer</i>
2021	California State Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection, AB-1475 Law Enforcement-Social Media Assembly Bill
2020	United States District Court, Central District of California. <i>Doe v. Barr et al.</i>
2020	United States District Court, District of New Mexico, <i>N. et al v. Alamogordo Police Department et al</i>
2019	United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, <i>Taha v. Bucks County Correctional Facility</i>
2018	New Jersey State Assembly Judiciary Committee, A-3620 Expedited Expungement Assembly Bill

Invited Presentations

2022	Duke Law School
2022	International Criminological Research Unit at The University of Liverpool
2022	Mitchell Hamline Sex Offense Litigation and Policy Resource Center
2022	National Institute of Justice
2022	UC-Berkeley Law
2022	Columbia University Sociology
2021	Detroit Science Gallery
2021	New York Office of the Appellate Defender
2021	County of Santa Barbara Public Defender
2021	SEARCH: National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics
2021	Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services
2021	Society for the Study of Social Problems Book Panel
2021	RAND Corporation and the Arnold Foundation
2021	Privacy Law Scholars Conference
2021	Texas A&M Law School
2021	Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University
2021	The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria, NYC
2021	Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong
2021	New York State Youth Justice Institute
2021	Zicklin Center for Corporate Responsibility at Baruch College, CUNY
2020	Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
2020	Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
2020	Baruch College, the City University of New York
2020	InternetLab pesquisa em direito e tecnologia Internation (Brazil) Conference on Fundamental Rights and Criminal Procedure in the Digital Age (Keynote)
2020	McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
2020	Cleveland Legal Aid Society
2020	Data Science for Public Service Meetup, Atlanta Regional Commission
2020	Department of Criminology, Georgia State University
2020	Crime, Law & Deviance Working Group, Dept of Sociology, UT-Austin
2020	American Bar Foundation Seminar Series
2020	School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati (postponed)
2019	Student-Invited Speaker, University of California-Irvine
2019	Sociology Workshop, University of Minnesota
2019	International Seminar, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
2019	Digitizing Justice Conference (Keynote), University of Winnipeg
2019	Drug Policy Alliance, New York City
2018	Tech/Law Colloquium, Cornell University
2018	Amsterdam Privacy Conference
2018	Department of Public Policy, Rochester Institute of Technology
2018	Department of Sociology, SUNY-Brockport
2018	Measures for Justice, Rochester NY
2018	Sociology Colloquium, Washington University in Saint Louis
2018	Media Studies Colloquium, Queens College New York
2018	Technology, Law and Society Institute, University of California-Irvine

2018 Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Washington DC
 2018 Automated Justice Workshop, Collegium Helveticum, Zurich
 2018 LSA Punishment & Society Digital Speaker Series
 2018 The University of Manchester Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice
 2018 Queens University Belfast School of Law
 2017 Law, Crime & Deviance Workshop, New York University Sociology
 2015 Robina Institute, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN.

Legal Experience

2022- Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, Expungement Clinic Volunteer
 2021- New Jersey Conviction Review Unit, Actual Innocence Project, Legal Volunteer
 2021 New York Office of the Appellate Defender, Legal Intern
 2021 Justice Catalyst, Expert consultant
 2020 Good Call NYC Emergency Arrest Hotline, Expert consultant

Research/Professional Experience

Research Consulting

2015 Minneapolis Police Officer Interview Project
 2014 Crime Victim Service Access Project
 2012 "Mind the Gap" Prisoner Reentry Project
 2012 Seward Towers Housing Complex Community Survey
 2010 Domestic Violence Research Initiative Report for United Way
 2010-2012 'Families in Focus' Prison Program, Minnesota Department of Corrections
 2007-2011 Prisoner Re-Entry Family Strengthening Project, Council on Crime and Justice
 2008-2010 Healthy Educational Lifestyles Project, Minnesota Department of Corrections
 2009 Minnesota FATHER Project Program Documentation
 2008 Minneapolis Public Schools Institutional Ethnography
 2008 The State of Fatherhood Programming, Minnesota Fathers & Families Network

Research Staff Positions

2008-2009 Research Coordinator, Council on Crime and Justice, Minneapolis, MN
 2007-2008 Research Assistant, Americorps VISTA MN Prisoner Reentry Initiative

Media/Production

2015-2018 Founding Producer and Host, Give Methods a Chance Social Science Podcast
 2014-2015 Founding Producer and Host, Office Hours Social Science Podcast
 2007-2012 Documentary Producer, On Air Host. KFAI Community Radio, Minneapolis MN

Community Education

2017-2018 Prison-based Tutor, Petey Greene Foundation Prison Education Program
 2008-2009 McNair Scholars Program Research Mentor, University of Minnesota
 2008 Instructor, C-Dreams Photography Class for Children of Incarcerated Parents
 2007 Mentor, Youth News Initiative. Minneapolis, MN
 2007 Mentor, International Women's Day Radio Programming. Minneapolis, MN

Courses Taught

Poynter Institute

Instructor for "A Journalist's Guide for Covering Jails and Police Reform"

Rutgers University

CJ 653 Criminal Justice Policy PhD Seminar
 CJ 652 Criminal Law & Society PhD Seminar
 CJ 653 Mixed Methods PhD Seminar (co-I with Sara Wakefield)
 CJ 529 Research & Evaluation MA Seminar
 CJ 202 Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice
 CJ 102 Introduction to Criminal Justice

University of Minnesota

SOC 4108 Current Issues in Crime Control

SOC 4161 Criminal Law in American Society

SOC 3101 Introduction to American Criminal Justice

Service

2023-2025	ABF/JPB Foundation Access to Scholars Advisory Council
2023-2025	Law and Society Association Board of Trustees
2022-2024	Rutgers University PhD Committee
2022	Rutgers University Faculty Hiring Committee
2021-2022	Rutgers University Research & Professional Development Committee Chair
2021	Rutgers University Undergraduate Bridge Program Committee Chair
2020-2021	Rutgers Law School Criminal Law Society, Evening Student Representative
2019-2021	Rutgers Univ., Program on Learning & Teaching Faculty Governance Committee
2018-	Crime & Justice Research Alliance (CJRA) Expert
2018-	Center for Advancing Correctional Excellence Board, George Mason Univ.
2018-2021	Rutgers University Research & Professional Development Committee
2018-	Law & Society Association, Tech/Law/Society Research Network Chair
2018-	National Incarceration Association (NIA) Expert Advisor
2015-2020	Rutgers University M.A. Program Committee
2017-2018	American Society of Criminology (ASC) Program Committee
2017-2018	Rutgers University Faculty Hiring Committee
2016-2018	National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Mentor
2016-2017	New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons Committee
2015-2016	Rutgers Engaged Scholarship & New Professoriate Committee (chair)
2013-2014	University of Minnesota Promotion, Tenure & Salary Committee
2010-2011	University of Minnesota Sociology Research Institute Committee

Review

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Criminology, Criminal Justice Policy Review, European Journal of Criminology, Feminist Criminology, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Information Society, Journal of Black Studies, Journal of Computer Mediated Communication, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Justice Quarterly, Law & Policy, Law & Social Inquiry, Law & Society Review, Punishment & Society, RAND, SAGE Open, Springer, Qualitative Sociology, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Theory

National Science Foundation, Dutch Research Council (NWO), Independent Social Research Foundation

Student Advising

Dissertation Advising

Lorena Ávila Jaimes

Kateryna Kaplun

Katherine Bright

Dissertation Committees

Brandan Turchan

Chris Chukwedo

Christiane Schwarz

Amanda D'Souza (Rutgers PhD 2022, Research Associate at NYU)

Lauren Kilgour (Cornell PhD 2021, Assistant Professor at University of Waterloo)

Elizabeth Webster (Rutgers PhD 2018, Assistant Professor at Loyola University Chicago)

Empirical Paper Committees

Christiane Schwarz (chair)

Kateryna Kaplun (chair)

Katherine Bright

Brandan Turchan

Morgan Pater

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Maram Tai-Elkarim

Conference Presentations

- 2022 Privatization of punishment through the commodification of sex offense registry data, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon
- 2022 The Impact of Automated Record Clearance on Individuals, Families, and Communities: A Qualitative Inquiry, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon
- 2021 Administrative and Technological Injustice in the Expungement Process. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago
- 2021 Criminal History Information, Automated Clean Slates and the American Way of Data Privacy. With Alessandro Corda. Privacy Law Scholars Conference (virtual)
- 2021 Author Meets Reviewer: *Predict & Surveil* and *Digital Punishment*. With Sarah Brayne, Mona Lynch, Matthew Clair, and Keith Guzik. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting (virtual)
- 2019 Technology, Privacy, and Criminal Records: Innovations and Challenges in Clean Slate and Expungement Policy, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco
- 2019 Tools for Communicating Sociology Outside the Discipline: What Works, What Doesn't Work, and What's Promising, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York City
- 2018 Criminal Records as Big Data Commodity. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- 2018 Error in Criminal Justice Data Across Public & Private Platforms. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta
- 2018 The Weight of Public Service: Occupational Stress and Wellbeing Among Public Defenders. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta. With Valerio Bacak and Kathleen Powell
- 2018 Surveillance and Social Control Through the Collection and Distribution of Mug Shots in the U.S. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta. With Sarah Muskovitz
- 2018 Mugshot Distribution in the U.S.: A Sociolegal Approach. Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto. With Anna Banchik and Sarah Muskovitz
- 2018 Satan's Minions & True Believers. Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Toronto. With Liz Webster and Kathleen Powell
- 2017 Intersecting Roles of Gender, Race and Skin Tone in Sentencing: Findings from Two Million Records. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. With Valerio Bacak
- 2017 Assessments of Public Defender Attrition." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia. With Valerio Bacak and Kathleen Powell
- 2017 Digital Cultures of Control & The Field of Online Crime Reporting. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal
- 2017 Banning the Box, Keeping the Stigma? Sustaining Attitudes Post Ban-the-Box. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal. With Lesley Schneider, Mike Vuolo, and Chris Uggen.
- 2017 From Handshakes to Mouse Clicks: The Technological Transformation of Commercial Bail. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City. With Josh Page
- 2017 Attrition in Public Defenders Offices. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City. With Valerio Bacak
- 2016 Uses, Abuses, and Error in Criminal History Data Across Platforms. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans
- 2016 Before and After Ban the Box: Employer Responses in Minnesota. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, New Orleans. With Lesley Schneider, Mike Vuolo, and Chris Uggen
- 2016 Digital Punishment in Online American Media. International Sociology Association Conference, Vienna, Austria
- 2016 Criminalizing Revenge Porn. Internet Law Works in Progress Conference, New York Law School.
- 2015 Tough on Crime, Tough on Families? Criminal Justice and Family Life in America. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC

- 2015 Legislating Revenge Porn: Protecting Victims and Preserving Civil Liberties. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
- 2015 The Consequences of Online Criminal Records for Children and Families. Tough on Crime, Tough on Families? Criminal Justice & Family Life Conference, Ithaca, NY
- 2014 Digital Punishment: The Production and Consequences of Online Crime Reporting. Sociology Workshop Talk, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 The Effects of Online Reader Comments on Crime News. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- 2014 How Do Employers Ask about Criminal Records on Entry-Level Job Applications? American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA. with Mike Vuolo and Chris Uggen
- 2014 Mass Media and the Public Sphere, Invited Discussant. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Omaha, NE
- 2014 Conceptions of the First Amendment and Online Crime Reporting. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 The Construction of Crime through News and Blogging. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 Statistical Power in Experimental Audit Studies: Cautions and Calculations for Paired Tests with Dichotomous Outcomes. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 Punishment, Society and Journalism: Interviews with Bloggers and Journalists. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA
- 2013 Critical Dialogue: New Media and Sociology. Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2013 Public Sociology Online. Media Sociology Pre-Conference to ASA Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- 2013 The Construction of Crime through News and Blogging. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2013 The Effect of the Great Recession on Entry-Level Job Applicants by Race: A Happenstance Field Experiment. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY, with Mike Vuolo and Chris Uggen
- 2013 Statistical Power in Experimental Audit Studies: Cautions and Calculations for Paired Tests with Dichotomous Outcomes. American Criminological Society Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA
- 2012 Evaluation of a Federally-Funded Prisoner Reentry Program. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting Chicago, IL, with Ebony Ruhland
- 2012 Employer Perspectives on Criminal Records. Midwest Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, with Mike Vuolo and Chris Uggen
- 2011 Music and Drugs: Evidence from Three Analytical Levels. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV
- 2011 Qualitative Evidence for Employer Decision-Making for Applicants with Criminal Records. Sociology Research Institute, University of Minnesota: Minneapolis, MN
- 2010 Employer Decisions Regarding Criminal Records: A Comparison of Self-Reported and Observed Behavior. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA., with Mike Vuolo and Chris Uggen

Media

- 2023 Slate, "The relentless mental toll of public defense." 1/4/23
- 2022 Oklahoma Watch, "OKC Police's Crowd-Sourced Effort Exploits Accused." 12/7/22
- Vox, "California could give more than a million people with criminal records a fresh start." 9/9/22
- Talk Justice Podcast, "Modern Approaches to Expungement." 7/12/22
- Apple News Today, "Doorbell cameras are becoming more ubiquitous, raising tough questions about the privacy rights of the people they record. Wired breaks the issue down." 6/9/22
- PBS Arizona, "New Arizona law on sealing criminal records may help some renters, but there are limitations." 5/23/22

Huffington Post, "Facebook Is Still Allowing Mug Shots Even Though They Can Ruin Lives." 5/14/22
 Black Box Podcast, "Episode 10: Conversation with Sarah Esther Lageson on Digital Punishment." 5/9/22
 Yahoo News 360, "'Experts say sex offender registries don't work. Can they be fixed?'" 3/24/22
 TechTarget, "Employment background checks shift to continuous." 3/21/22
 Marketplace, "The complications of adding background checks to dating apps." 3/15/22
 AFP, "'Tinder lets users run background checks before dates.'" 3/10/22
 Wall Street Journal, "Tinder adds background checks to its dating app." 3/9/22
 Science, "'Staggering' study reveals nearly half of unemployed U.S. men have criminal convictions." 2/18/22
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