**Raven A. Lewis**

School of Criminal Justice

Rutgers University, Newark

123 Washington Street

Newark, NJ 07102-3094

Phone: (202) 491-1502

Email: [ral221@scarletmail.rutgers.edu](mailto:ral221@scarletmail.rutgers.edu), [ral221@scj.rutgers.edu](mailto:ral221@scj.rutgers.edu)

# EDUCATION

**Rutgers University, Newark,** School of Criminal Justice

**Ph.D.** Criminal Justice Fall 2019-Present

* GPA: 4.00/4.00

**University of Delaware,** College of Arts and Sciences

**M.A.** Criminology Fall 2017-Spring 2019

* GPA: 4.00/4.00
* Master’s Thesis: *Perceived Collective Efficacy in Schools: Does It Predict Help-Seeking Behaviors Among Bullied Students?* Committee: Ronet Bachman (chair), Cresean Hughes, Aaron Kupchik

**University of Maryland, College Park,** College of Behavioral and Social Sciences

**B.A.** Criminology & Criminal Justice and Psychology (double major) Fall 2012-Spring 2016

* Short-term Study Abroad in Puerto Rico, Martinique, and Grenada Summer 2015
* *Cum Laude* (Overall GPA: 3.85/4.00 | Criminology GPA: 3.97/4.00 | Psychology GPA: 3.77/4.00)

# RESEARCH INTERESTS

* Juvenile Delinquency, Victimization, and Help-Seeking Behavior
* Corrections and Prisoner Reentry
* Collateral Consequences of Imprisonment
* Incarceration and Family Dynamics
* Race/Gender/Class, Crime, and Justice Nexus

# RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**National Institute of Justice** September 2021-Present

*Office of Research, Evaluation, and Technology; Research Assistant*

* Co-moderated webinar on sentencing reform comprising of an expert panel and 86 attendees
* Develop and maintain measurement and study databases
* Conduct research and analyses for projects on juvenile justice, school violence, jails/corrections, and terrorism
* Help prepare and facilitate NIJ-sponsored webinars
* Author and co-author NIJ Journal articles, summaries, briefs, reports to Congress, and white papers

**Clean Slate Study—The Impact of Automated Record Clearance on Individuals, Families, and Communities: A Qualitative Inquiry, Virtual** May 2021-Present

*Research Assistant for Dr. Sarah Lageson, Dr. Elsa Chen, and Dr. Ericka Adams*

* Constructed intake survey via Qualtrics to screen potential participants
* Manage interviewee recruitment and scheduling of interviewees
* Ensure participant interview incentives are disbursed electronically and maintain detailed records
* Maintain database of interviewees and interviewee transcripts
* Conduct interviews with people who have received or are eligible for criminal record expungement
* Assist in data analysis using NVivo
* Aid in drafting progress reports and academic manuscripts

**School Safety Study, Newark, DE** March 2018-October 2019

# Co-investigator with Dr. Adam Dunbar, Dr. Cresean Hughes, and Dr. Aaron Kupchik

* Collaborated with fellow researchers to write and edit drafts of manuscript
* Co-designed survey to assess how school demographics and racialized attitudes about crime influence school disciplinary decisions
* Analyzed free-response survey items

**Street PAR (Participatory Action Research) Health Project** October 2017-June 2019

**Wilmington, DE**

*Research Assistant for Dr. Yasser Payne*

* Coded and identified themes in narrative data with fellow researchers to establish inter-rater reliability
* Conducted field note observations, survey data entry, and data cleaning
* Participated in interviews with street-identified Black residents in Wilmington, Delaware

**Child Care and Mental Health Research Project, College Park, MD** June-July 2016*Research Assistant for Dr. Oscar Barbarin*

* Transcribed qualitative interviews with mental health care providers
* Provided input in meetings concerning the structure of the early child care and education system in Maryland and how it addresses children’s mental health needs

**Center for Substance Abuse Research (CESAR), College Park, MD** January-May 2015 *The Violence Intervention Research Project (VIRP)*

*Research Assistant for Dr. Joseph Richardson, Jr. and Dr. Christopher St. Vil*

* Coded and transcribed interviews from a longitudinal ethnographic study on risk factors for repeat violent injury among 25 Black male victims of violent injury (i.e., gunshot wound, stabbing or assault) treated by Prince George's Hospital Trauma Center
* Contributed to drafting a manuscript, which qualitatively examined post-traumatic stress disorder among Black male victims of violent injury
* Assisted in drafting a manuscript, which qualitatively examined HIV risk behaviors among Black male victims of violent injury

**The Study of Terrorism and Responses to Terrorism (START), College Park, MD** August-December 2014*Open Source Intelligence on Organized Crime and R/N Trafficking in the U.S.*

# Research Assistant for Dr. Andrew Godard

* Created and coded profiles for organized crime groups and terrorist organizations
* Engaged in independent research of specific criminal groups
* Discussed new projects and trends among criminal and terrorist group behavior in weekly team meetings

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Teaching Assistance**

* **Graduate**
  + CJ-542: Introduction to Statistics, Dr. Frank Edwards, Rutgers University (Fall 2020)
* **Undergraduate**
  + CJ-224: Community Corrections, Dr. Johnna Christian, Rutgers University (Spring 2021)
  + CJ-204: Corrections, Dr. Johnna Christian, Rutgers University (Spring 2020 and Spring 2021)
  + CJ-103: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Dr. Colleen Berryessa, Rutgers University (Fall 2019)

**Guest Lecture**

* “Police Reporting Behaviors of Juvenile Assault Victims.” CJ-103: Introduction to Criminal Justice, Rutgers University (October 2019)

# PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**Superior Court of the District of Columbia, Washington, DC** June-August 2019

*Office of the Auditor Master, Summer Intern*

* Drafted accountings of estates and assets to aid financial investigations conducted by Auditor-Master
* Devised survey to assess how other jurisdictions handle unsatisfactory account filing by fiduciaries
* Prepared legal documents such as motions, orders, certificates of mailing, and decrees for filing

**Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), Washington, DC** June-August 2017 *Summer Intern*

* Gathered Internet-related research concerning criminal and juvenile delinquency issues
* Employed various computer applications to complete projects supporting the Human Trafficking Task Force
* Updated CJCC Resource Locator website via research and calls to service providers

**The Jamison Law Group, LLP, Upper Marlboro, MD** November 2016-August 2017 *Law Clerk*

* Aided attorneys in filings of court briefs and motions
* Conducted legal investigations as necessary for clients, potential clients, and cases
* Corresponded with incarcerated clients on behalf of senior attorney

**District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Washington, DC** February-May 2014

# Urban Education Leaders Internship Program, Office of Human Capital, Intern

* Assembled spreadsheets for the Labor Management and Employee Relations team to track trends concerning cases of discrimination in District of Columbia Public Schools
* Researched DCPS database information for the purpose of data collection and entry
* Corresponded with teachers and staff to confirm receipt of mandatory drug and alcohol forms and information regarding District of Columbia Public Schools protocol

**Sasha Bruce Youthwork (SBY), Washington, DC** April-May 2012  *Intern*

* Produced Excel spreadsheets detailing publicly traded and privately held companies
* Organized files and helped to organize projects for Residential Empowerment Adolescent Community Home (REACH) residents (committed and detained youth aged 13-18)
* Updated SBY database of shelters via online research and phone calls to various organizations

# PUBLICATIONS

# Dunbar, A., Kupchik, A., Hughes, C., & **Lewis, R.A.** (2019). Fear of a Black (And Poor) School: Race, Class, and School Safety Spending Preferences. Race and Justice. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2153368719881679>

# PRESENTATIONS

Lewis, R.A. (2019). *Perceived Collective Efficacy in Schools: Does It Predict Help-Seeking Behaviors Among Bullied Students?* Roundtable Discussion: Education and Criminology section, The American Society of Criminology 2019 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA on November 15, 2019.

Lewis, R.A. (2018). *School-Based Violence as a Factor in the Underreporting of Assaults Against Adolescents to Police*. Student Panelist and Chair: School-Based Issues section, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences 56th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, MD on March 30, 2019.

Lewis, R.A. (2017). *Examining the Predictors of Police Reporting for Juvenile Assault Victims*. Roundtable Discussion: University of Delaware’s Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice 11th Annual Graduate Student Conference in Newark, DE on February 16, 2018.

# HONORS AND AWARDS

**National Institute of Justice’s Research Assistantship Program** September 2021-August 2022

Highly selective fellowship with a monetary stipend, health insurance, and tuition remission offered to most qualified doctoral students ($90,791)

**Norman Samuels Fellowship,** Rutgers University Fall 2019

Competitive one-year fellowship with a monetary stipend ($10,000)

**Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society** Spring 2019

**Alpha Kappa Delta**, Sociology Honors Society Spring 2018

**University Graduate Scholars Award**, University of Delaware September 2017-May 2019 Competitive fellowship with monetary stipend, which I consecutively earned for two academic years

($18,000 year 1, $19,000 year 2)

**Senior Marshal**, University of Maryland Spring 2016

Position granted to students who have demonstrated a strong commitment to academics and distinctive campus and community leadership and service. Senior Marshals lead the student procession during Commencement and represent each of the academic colleges and schools.

**Senior Scholar for the UMD College of Behavioral and Social Sciences** Spring 2016

**Nomination for Commencement Student Speaker**, University of Maryland Spring 2016

**Theta Nu 4.0 Club**, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. May 2015-May 2016

Award granted to sorority members who consecutively receive a 4.0 GPA

**Behavioral and Social Sciences Citation--CIVICUS Program**, University of Maryland Spring 2014 Two year invitational academic citation program based on the five themes: citizenship, leadership, community building in a diverse society, scholarship, and community service-learning

**W.E.B. Du Bois Honor Society** November 2013-May 2016

**Office of Multi-ethnic Student Education Academic Excellence Society** September 2013-May 2016

**Alpha Lambda Delta & Phi Eta Sigma Honor Society** April 2013-May 2016

**The National Society of Collegiate Scholars** February 2013-May 2016

**Dean’s List** (all semesters), University of Maryland Fall 2012-Spring 2016

# SERVICE AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Sociology and Criminal Justice Graduate Council**

Graduate Policy Committee Representative October 2018-June 2019

Service Committee Chair October 2017-May 2018

**Alternative Breaks** October 2015-March 2016

Education Reform in Chicago: Understanding Urban Education in America

Volunteer

**Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, Theta Nu Chapter**

Anti-Grammateus (Assistant Secretary) November 2013-May 2014

**Youth Court of the District of Columbia** August-December 2013 Volunteer

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **CIVICUS Living and Learning Program**  Alumna, Received Citation    *PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS* | August 2012-October 2014 |

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

American Society of Criminology

# SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint

Statistical/Computer Software Packages: SPSS, Stata, R Studio, NVivo

Survey Design

Transcription

Data entry, cleaning, and coding

Field note observation

Quantitative and qualitative data analysis