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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Rutgers University, Newark, NJ
Assistant Professor Sept. 2022 - Present
School of Criminal Justice

New York University, New York, NY
Assistant Professor/Faculty Fellow Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2022
Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship
Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development
Department of Applied Psychology

EDUCATION

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
PhD., Clinical Psychology June 2020
• *Doctoral Dissertation*: Let's "talk" about the police: The role of race and the intergenerational transmission of police legitimacy attitudes in the legal socialization of youth.
M.S., Psychology Dec. 2018
• *Master's Thesis*: Police endorsement of color-blind racial beliefs and propensity to interact with youth of color.
Major Area of Study: Forensic Psychology

Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, New Haven, CT
Pre-Doctoral Internship in Clinical and Community Psychology June 2020
The Connecticut Mental Health Center/The Consultation Center

Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY
J.D. May 2013
Concentrations in Criminal Law & Family Law

Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
A.B., *magna cum laude* in Psychology June 2010
Certificates in African American & East Asian Studies

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

April, K., Cole, L. M., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2022) Let's "Talk" about the police: The role of race and police legitimacy attitudes in the legal socialization of youth. *Current Psychology*.
<https://doi.org/10.1007/s12144-022-02709-8>

April, K., Cole, L. M., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2019). Police endorsement of color-blind racial beliefs and propensity to interact with youth of color. *Behavioral Sciences & the Law*, 37(6), 681-695.
<https://doi.org/10.1002/bsl.2438>

April, K. (2018). To cross or not to cross?: Special considerations for boundary crossings with racially and ethnically diverse populations. *The Pennsylvania Psychologist*, 78(1), 5-6.

April, K. (2012). Cartoons aren't real people: Does the regulation of virtual child pornography violate the first amendment and criminalize subversive thought? *Cardozo Journal of Law & Gender*, 19(1), 241-270.

BOOK CHAPTERS & OTHER WORKS

April, K. (2022). *Programmatic data report for JustUs: A gender-responsive diversion program-demonstration project*. [Unpublished technical report]. Research Partnership for the National Initiative to End Girls Incarceration. Sub-award in partnership with the Vera Institute of Justice (PIs: Javdani & Godfrey). New York University. New York, NY.

Cole, L. M., **April, K.**, & Trinkner, R. (2020). The black and white reality: Historical and post-Ferguson era perspectives on public attitudes toward the police. In M. Miller & B. Bornstein (Eds.), *Advances in psychology and law* (Vol. 5). Springer Press.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-54678-6_8

Heilbrun, K., Pietruszka, V., Janssen, J., & **April, K.** (2020). Violence risk and threat assessment. In A. B. Batastini & M. J. Vitacco (Eds.), *Forensic mental health evaluations in the digital age: A practitioner's guide to using internet-based data*. Springer Press.
https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-33908-1_4

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION & UNDER REVIEW

April, K., & Cole, L. M. "Prepared for when it happens to me": A mixed methods examination of racial differences in messages young people receive from parents about the police. Revise & resubmit.

April, K., Schrader, S. W., Walker, T. E., Francis, R. M., Glynn, H., & Gordon, D. M. Conceptualizing juvenile justice reform: Integrating the public health, social ecological, and restorative justice models. Revise & resubmit.

April, K., Stenersen, M. R., Deslandes, M., Ford, T., Gaylord, P., Patterson, J., Wilson, B., & Kaufman, J. S. "Give Up Your Mic": Building capacity and sustainability within community-based participatory research initiatives. Revise & resubmit.

Baker, S., Haney-Caron, E. H., **April, K.**, & Hellgren, J. The impact of race on predictors of parents' advice to children regarding *Miranda* waivers. In preparation.

Grant, N., Merrin, G. J., **April, K.**, April-Sanders, A. K., & Gordon, D. M. Sexual risk patterns associated with delinquency and justice involvement among adolescent males involved in the child welfare system. In preparation.

Javdani, S., Berezin, M. N., & **April, K.** An undeniable alliance between mental health and juvenile justice: The emergence and influence of residential treatment facilities as spaces of confinement for children of color. Revise & resubmit.

GRANTS

Loan Repayment Program Award - Health Disparities Research National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)/National Institutes of Health (NIH)	2022 - 2024
Dissertation Year Award Southern Regional Education Board	2019
Dissertation Grant American Academy of Forensic Psychology	2019
Teck-Kah Lim Graduate Student Travel Subsidy Drexel University Graduate College	2019
International Experience Award Drexel University Office of International Programs	2018
Minority Affairs Committee Student Travel Award American Psychology-Law Society	2017

HONORS & AWARDS

Drexel Magazine – “40 Under Forty” Drexel University	2022
Arthur Nezu Diversity Dissertation Award American Board of Professional Psychology	2021
Credentialing Scholarship National Register of Health Service Psychologists	2020
Patricia M. Bricklin Student Ethics Award Pennsylvania Psychological Association	2017
Outstanding Student Paper Award American Psychology Law-Society Student Committee	2017
Dean’s Doctoral Award Drexel University, College of Arts and Sciences	2015-2019
E. Nathaniel Gates Scholarship Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	2010-2013

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS, WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

Summer Research Institute Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network (National Science Foundation, SES-1823882)	2022
episummer@Columbia– Rethinking Criminal Justice as Public Health Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health	2022
Leadership Education to Advance Diversity (LEAD) Fellowship Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology	2021
Reviewer Mentoring Program Law and Human Behavior	2019
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention) National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine	2017

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- April, K., & Cole, L. M.** (Under Review). Examining racial differences in messages young people receive from parents about the police. In J. Salerno (Chair), *Innovations in Detecting Racial Bias in Experimental and Real-World Data*. Symposium to be presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.
- Cole L. M. & **April, K.** (Under Review). It's not whether, but why it happens: Racial differences in youth feelings after parental conversations about the police. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.
- Ratkalkar, M., **April, K.**, & Goldstein, N. E. S. (Under Review). Understanding the impact of child abuse and dependency history on potential jurors' sentencing decisions for youth prosecuted in criminal court. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.
- April, K., Cole, L. M., & Goldstein, N. E. S.** (2022, March). The role of parent race and police legitimacy attitudes in the legal socialization of youth. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Denver, CO.
- April, K., & Goldstein, N. E. S.** (2021, March). What parents want children to know about the police: Differences by race. Poster presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Virtual.
- April, K., Gale-Bentz, E., Janssen, J., Gravesande, K., Jushchyshyn, J., & Goldstein, N. E. S.** (2019, March). Police endorsement of color-blind racial beliefs and propensity to interact with youth of color. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Portland, OR.

- Haney-Caron, E., Goldstein, N. E. S., DeMatteo, D., Bomysoad, R., Fishel, S., Singer, S. C., Lankford, C. M., Desai, A., Ratkalkar, M., McKibben, K., & **April, K.** (2019, March). Ecological validity of a measure of self-reported likelihood of false confession. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Portland, OR.
- Ratkalkar, M., Singer, S., **April, K.**, Oliver, M. K., Calio, E., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2019, March). Creating the female Pennsylvania DMC youth/law enforcement curriculum: A gender-responsive approach. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Portland, OR.
- April, K.** (2018, June). The changing face of juvenile justice in the Caribbean: A focus on progress. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *Caribbean Studies Association*, Havana, Cuba.
- April, K.**, Haney-Caron, E., Wagage, S., Kreimer, I. R., Cole, L., Jushchyshyn, J., Gale-Bentz, E., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2018, March). Understanding school safety officers: The relationship between experience and beliefs about officers' roles in schools. Poster presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Memphis, TN.
- Haney-Caron, E., **April, K.**, Goldstein, N. E. S., DeMatteo, D., Bomysoad, R., Fishel, S., Moore, C., Singer, S. C., McKibben, K., Desai, A., & Ratkalkar, M. (2018, March). False confession in the lab: Questions raised from use of a novel paradigm. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Memphis, TN.
- April, K.**, Wagage, S., Cole, L.M., Nelson, S., Simon, H., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2017, March). Minority perceptions matter: The relationship between minority youth attitudes toward police and perceptions of unfair treatment. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Seattle, WA.
- Bethel, K., Haney-Caron, E., Cole, L.M., Tiger, A., **April, K.**, & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). The Philadelphia Police School Diversion Program: A 21st century juvenile policing initiative. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Seattle, WA.
- Giles, E. S., Simon, H., NeMoyer, A., **April, K.**, Gale-Bentz, E., Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). Factors associated with youths' opportunity for post-petition, pre-adjudication diversion. Poster presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Seattle, WA.
- Newsham, R., **April, K.**, Janssen, J., Pietruszka, V., Ratkalkar, M., Thornewill, A., & Heilbrun, K. (2017, March). The Drexel Reentry Project: Empirical data. In K. Heilbrun (Chair), *The Drexel Reentry Project*. Symposium presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Seattle, WA.
- Wagage, S., **April, K.**, Ratkalkar, M., Singer, S., & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2017, March). A call to action: National efforts to address disproportionate minority contact. In N.E.S. Goldstein (Chair), *Addressing Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) in 21st Century Policing: National and Local Efforts*. Symposium presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Seattle, WA.

Vora, S., NeMoyer, A., Gale-Bentz, E., **April, K.**, Barry, M., Cole, L., & Goldstein, N.E.S. (2016, August). Do Youth Level of Service Inventory (YLS) scores predict recidivism in youth? Poster presented at the *Drexel STAR Scholars Summer Showcase*, Philadelphia, PA.

Gale-Bentz, E., NeMoyer, A., Durham, K., **April, K.**, & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2016, March). Impact of community-based provider reports on juvenile probation officers' recommendations: Effects of positive and negative framing on decision making. Paper presented at the annual conference of the *American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41)*, Atlanta, GA.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS

April, K. (2022, April). Careers in forensic psychology. Guest lecturer for Topics in Psychology course at Indiana University Bloomington. Bloomington, IN.

April, K. (2021, June). Social research design through diverse perspectives. Invited lecturer for the NYU Department of Applied Psychology Quality Undergraduate Education and Scholarly Training (QUEST) program. New York, NY.

April, K., & Gordon, D. M. (2020, September). Conceptualizing juvenile justice reform: Integrating public health, social-ecological, and restorative justice models. Invited presenter for the Connecticut Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee, Hartford, CT.

April, K. (2018, October). Bias in juvenile justice. Guest lecturer for Psychology and Juvenile Justice seminar at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. New York, NY.

Bergkamp, J. (Presenter) & **April, K.** (Moderator) (2018, June). Applied cultural competency in Competency to Stand Trial (CST) evaluations: Two cases studies of the jinni. [Webinar]. In *American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41) Student Committee Webinar Series*.
<http://www.apls-students.org/webinars>

UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University

Research and Professional Development Committee – Member (2022 – Present)

Special Events Committee – Member (2022 – Present)

Yale School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry

Psychology Fellows Advisory Committee -Member (2019-2020)

American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41)

Reviewer, Annual Conference (2018-2022)

Student Committee – Secretary (2017-2018)

Drexel University, Department of Brain & Psychological Sciences

Department of Psychology Diversity Advocacy Committee - Chair (2016-2019)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

American Journal of Community Psychology
Children and Youth Services Review
Criminal Justice and Behavior
Journal of Adolescent Research
Journal of Community Psychology
Justice Quarterly
Law and Human Behavior
Race & Justice

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Researching Inequity in Society Ecologically (RISE) Team Sept. 2020—June 2022
New York University, New York, NY
Postdoctoral Fellow
Mentors: Shabnam Javdani, PhD & Erin Godfrey, PhD

The Consultation Center July 2019—June 2020
Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
Psychology Fellow
Mentors: Derrick Gordon, PhD & Joy Kaufman, PhD

Juvenile Justice Research and Reform Lab Sept. 2015—June 2020
Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA
Graduate Research Assistant
Undergraduate Research Assistant Supervisor Sept. 2015—Dec. 2017
Mentor: Naomi Goldstein, PhD

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor

Rutgers University
Delinquency & Juvenile Justice (Undergraduate), Youth Violence (Undergraduate)
New York University
Abnormal Psychology (Graduate)

Teaching Assistant

Drexel University
Pre-Professional Psychology I & II (Undergraduate), Neuropsychology (Undergraduate)
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
Lawyering Skills & Legal Writing (Graduate)

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Systems Aligning for Equity (SAFE) Spaces Sep. 2020—June 2022
New York, NY

The Consultation Center July 2019—June 2020

New Haven, CT

West Haven Mental Health Clinic, Child & Adolescent Services July 2019—June 2020
West Haven, CT

Drexel Forensic Assessment Clinic July 2018—June 2019
Philadelphia, PA

Penn Memory Center, University of Pennsylvania Hospital July 2018—June 2019
Philadelphia, PA

Terry Children's Center Jan. 2018—June 2018
New Castle, DE

Child Diagnostic Service, Drexel Psychological Services Clinic Nov. 2017—Mar. 2018
Philadelphia, PA

Friends Hospital June 2017—Dec. 2017
Philadelphia, PA

Reentry Project, Drexel Psychological Services Clinic June 2016—June 2017
Philadelphia, PA

Child & Adolescent Team, Drexel Psychological Services Clinic June 2016—June 2017
Philadelphia, PA

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Drexel Writing Center, Philadelphia, PA
Graduate Writing Consultant Jan. 2018—June 2019

Drexel Committee on Technology-Enhanced Teaching, Philadelphia, PA
Accessibility Instructional Design Consultant Aug. 2017—June 2019

New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Union County, Elizabeth, NJ
Attorney Sept. 2013—Aug. 2014

CBS Corporation, Law Department, New York, NY
Legal Intern Jan. 2013—April 2013

Levy Ratner, P.C., New York, NY
Law Clerk Sept. 2012—Dec. 2012

New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, NY
Legal Intern, Trial Bureau 80 June 2012—Aug. 2012

The Innocence Project Clinic, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY
Legal Intern and Clinic Student June 2011—May 2012

Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, Princeton, NJ
Programming Intern Sept. 2007—Dec. 2009

New Jersey Parents' Caucus, Elizabeth, NJ
Intern for Youth Justice Initiative June 2009—Aug. 2009

North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, Newark, NJ
Intern (Princeton Internships in Civic Service) June 2008—Aug. 2008

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, LICENSES & CERTIFICATIONS

Memberships

American Psychological Association
American Psychology-Law Society
American Society of Criminology
Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network
Scholars for Elevating Equity and Diversity (SEED)
Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology
Society for Community Research and Action
Society for Personality and Social Psychology
Society for the Psychological Study of Culture, Ethnicity, and Race

Licenses

Psychology - New York (Licensed: Nov. 2021)
Law - New York Bar (Admitted: Jan. 2014)
Law - New Jersey Bar (Admitted: Dec. 2013)

Certifications

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT Web 2.0 course) (2019)