

## KEISHA A. APRIL

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### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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**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

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**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

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**April, K.**, Schrader, S. W., Walker, T. E., Francis, R. M., Glynn, H., & Gordon, D. M. (2023). Conceptualizing juvenile justice reform: Integrating the public health, social ecological, and restorative justice models. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 148, 106887. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.chilyouth.2023.106887>

**April, K.**, Stenersen, M. R., Deslandes, M., Ford, T., Gaylord, P., Patterson, J., Wilson, B., & Kaufman, J. S. (2023). "Give up your mic": Building capacity and sustainability within community-based

participatory research initiatives. *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 72(1-2), 203-216.  
<https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12674>

Javdani, S., Berezin, M. N., & **April, K.** (2023). A treatment-to-prison-pipeline? Scoping review and multimethod examination of legal consequences of residential treatment among adolescents. *Journal of Clinical Child & Adolescent Psychology*, 52(3), 376-395.  
<https://doi.org/10.1080/15374416.2023.2178003>

**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**

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**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](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](https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-33908-1_4)

## **MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION & UNDER REVIEW**

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**April, K.** Wired different?: Adolescent development and implications for juvenile justice. In preparation.

**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. In preparation.

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

Burke, S. C., McPhee, J., Anjaria, N., DeYoung, L., NeMoyer, A., Perkins, E., Kina, F., Parker, L. E., **April, K.,** McKitten, R., & Goldstein, N. E. Evaluating a model program for improving law enforcement officers’ perceptions of and interactions with youth in a diverse urban setting. Under review.

Grant, N., Merrin, G. J., **April, K.,** April-Sanders, A. K., Arora, I., & Gordon, D. M. A prospective study of sexual risk patterns associated with delinquency and justice involvement among child welfare system-involved males. Revise & resubmit.

## **GRANTS**

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**Loan Repayment Program Award - Health Disparities Research** 2022 - 2024  
National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)/National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
(L60 MH131154-01)

**Dissertation Year Award** 2019  
Southern Regional Education Board

**Dissertation Grant** 2019  
American Academy of Forensic Psychology

**Teck-Kah Lim Graduate Student Travel Subsidy** 2019  
Drexel University Graduate College

**International Experience Award** 2018  
Drexel University Office of International Programs

**Minority Affairs Committee Student Travel Award** 2017  
American Psychology-Law Society

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

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**Drexel Magazine – “40 Under Forty”** 2022  
Drexel University

**Arthur Nezu Diversity Dissertation Award** 2021  
American Board of Professional Psychology

**Credentialing Scholarship** 2020  
National Register of Health Service Psychologists

<b>Patricia M. Bricklin Student Ethics Award</b> Pennsylvania Psychological Association	2017
<b>Outstanding Student Paper Award</b> American Psychology Law-Society Student Committee	2017
<b>Dean's Doctoral Award</b> Drexel University, College of Arts and Sciences	2015-2019
<b>E. Nathaniel Gates Scholarship</b> Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law	2010-2013

### **COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS, WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS**

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<b>Editorial Fellowship, <i>Psychology, Public Policy, and Law</i></b> American Psychological Association	2023
<b>Summer Research Institute</b> Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network National Science Foundation (SES-1823882)	2022
<b>episummer@Columbia– Rethinking Criminal Justice as Public Health</b> Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health	2022
<b>Leadership Education to Advance Diversity (LEAD) Fellowship</b> Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology	2021
<b>Reviewer Mentoring Program</b> <i>Law and Human Behavior</i>	2019
<b>Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention)</b> National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine	2017

### **PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS**

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**April, K.** & Cole, L. M. (2023, November). When parents ‘talk,’ what are youth hearing? Racial group differences in messages received about police. Paper to be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.

**April, K.,** & Cole, L. M. (2023, March). 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 presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Cole L. M. & **April, K.** (2023, March). Racial differences in who is socializing youth and youths’

affective responses following parental conversations about the police. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *American Psychology-Law Society* (APA Div. 41), Philadelphia, PA.

Ratkalkar, M., **April, K.**, & Goldstein, N. E. S. (2023, March). Understanding the impact of child abuse and dependency history on potential jurors' sentencing decisions for youth prosecuted in criminal court. Paper 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

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- April, K.** & Kaufman, J. (2023, October). Give up your mic: Exploring capacity building in community-based participatory research partnerships. Invited speaker for the Spark Centre for Social Research Innovation at McMaster University. Hamilton, ON, Canada.
- 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**

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

Undergraduate Program Committee – Member (2023 – Present)  
Research and Professional Development Committee – Member (2022 – 2023)  
Special Events Committee – Member (2022 – 2023)

### **Yale School of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry**

Psychology Fellows Advisory Committee -Member (2019-2020)

### **American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41)**

Reviewer, Annual Conference (2018-2023)  
Student Committee – Secretary (2017-2018)

### **Drexel University, Department of Brain & Psychological Sciences**

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

### **Journal Editorial Boards**

Psychology, Public Policy, and Law  
Policing: An International Journal

### **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**

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### **Researching Inequity in Society Ecologically (RISE) Team**

New York University, New York, NY

Postdoctoral Fellow

Mentors: Shabnam Javdani, PhD & Erin Godfrey, PhD

Sept. 2020—June 2022

### **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

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### Instructor

*Rutgers University*

Delinquency & Juvenile Justice (Undergraduate), Juvenile Justice (Graduate), Youth Violence (Undergraduate)

*New York University*

Abnormal Psychology (Graduate)

### Teaching Assistant

*Drexel University*

Neuropsychology (Undergraduate), Pre-Professional Psychology I & II (Undergraduate)

*Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law*

Lawyering Skills & Legal Writing (Graduate)

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

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**Systems Aligning for Equity (SAFE) Spaces** Sept. 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**

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**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**

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### *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)