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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 (Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship)

Sept. 2020 – Aug. 2022

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

Grant, N., Merrin, G. J., **April, K.**, April-Sanders, A. K., Arora, I., & Gordon, D. M. (2024) A prospective study of sexual risk patterns associated with delinquency and justice involvement among child welfare system-involved male adolescents. *Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health*, 56(1), 30-40. <https://doi.org/10.1111/psrh.12255>

Baker, S., Haney-Caron, E. H., **April, K.**, & Hellgren, J. (2024). The impact of race on predictors of parents' advice to children regarding *Miranda* waivers. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*. <https://dx.doi.org/10.1037/law0000418>

- 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. (2023). Evaluating a model program for improving law enforcement officers' perceptions of and interactions with youth in a diverse urban setting. *Psychology, Crime & Law*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/1068316X.2023.2292515>
- 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*, 42, 15422–15437. <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. In preparation. Getting the police “Talk:” Racial differences in messages young people receive from parents about the police.

GRANTS

Loan Repayment Program Award - Health Disparities Research National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)/National Institutes of Health (NIH) (L60 MH131154-01)	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	2017

American Psychology Law-Society Student Committee

Dean's Doctoral Award 2015-2019
Drexel University, College of Arts and Sciences

E. Nathaniel Gates Scholarship 2010-2013
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS, WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS

Editorial Fellowship, *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law* 2023
American Psychological Association

Summer Research Institute 2022
Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network
National Science Foundation (SES-1823882)

episummer@Columbia– Rethinking Criminal Justice as Public Health 2022
Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health

Leadership Education to Advance Diversity (LEAD) Fellowship 2021
Society of Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology

Reviewer Mentoring Program 2019
Law and Human Behavior

Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship Program (Honorable Mention) 2017
National Academy of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

April, K., Baker, S., & April-Sanders, A. (2024, March). Ripple effects of police encounters: Understanding police stops' impact on adolescent wellbeing. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society (APA Div. 41), Los Angeles, CA.

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

Cole, L. M., & **April, K.** (2023, November). The impact of the "Talk" on youth. Paper 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 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

- Javdani, S., Berezin, M. N., & **April, K.** (2024, January). A treatment-to-prison pipeline? Invited speaker for the New York County Psychiatric Society's *Dismantling Racism* series. New York, NY.
- 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

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 (2018-2024)

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

Grant Reviewer

Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS), National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR)

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

Mentor: Naomi Goldstein, PhD

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

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 Philadelphia, PA	July 2018—June 2019
Terry Children's Center New Castle, DE	Jan. 2018—June 2018
Child Diagnostic Service, Drexel Psychological Services Clinic Philadelphia, PA	Nov. 2017—Mar. 2018
Friends Hospital Philadelphia, PA	June 2017—Dec. 2017
Reentry Project, Drexel Psychological Services Clinic Philadelphia, PA	June 2016—June 2017
Child & Adolescent Team, Drexel Psychological Services Clinic Philadelphia, PA	June 2016—June 2017

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Drexel Writing Center, Philadelphia, PA <i>Graduate Writing Consultant</i>	Jan. 2018—June 2019
Drexel Committee on Technology-Enhanced Teaching, Philadelphia, PA <i>Accessibility Instructional Design Consultant</i>	Aug. 2017—June 2019
New Jersey Office of the Public Defender, Union County, Elizabeth, NJ <i>Attorney</i>	Sept. 2013—Aug. 2014
CBS Corporation, Law Department, New York, NY <i>Legal Intern</i>	Jan. 2013—April 2013
Levy Ratner, P.C., New York, NY <i>Law Clerk</i>	Sept. 2012—Dec. 2012
New York County District Attorney's Office, New York, NY <i>Legal Intern, Trial Bureau 80</i>	June 2012—Aug. 2012
The Innocence Project Clinic, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York, NY <i>Legal Intern and Clinic Student</i>	June 2011—May 2012
Carl A. Fields Center for Equality and Cultural Understanding, Princeton, NJ <i>Programming Intern</i>	Sept. 2007—Dec. 2009
New Jersey Parents' Caucus, Elizabeth, NJ <i>Intern for Youth Justice Initiative</i>	June 2009—Aug. 2009
North Star Academy Charter School of Newark, Newark, NJ	

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)