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EMPLOYMENT

- 2023- Associate Professor, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, Newark
- 2020-2023 Assistant Professor, Sociology, University of Colorado, Denver
- 2018-2020 Assistant Professor, Sociology, Criminology, & Law, University of Florida

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., Sociology, City University of New York – Graduate Center
- 2007 B.A., Political Science, Bard College

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*graduate student co-author)

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- 2024 Beck, Brenden, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald*, and Joseph Antonelli. "Neck-restraint Bans, Law Enforcement Officer Unions, and Police Killings." *Criminology and Public Policy*.
- 2023 Simes, Jessica, **Brenden Beck**, and John Eason. "Policing, Punishment, and Place: Spatial-Contextual Analyses of the Criminal Legal System." *Annual Review of Sociology* 49:221-240.
- 2023 Beck, Brenden. "Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 9(2): 161–81.
- 2023 Antonelli, Joseph and **Brenden Beck**. "Heterogeneous Causal Effects of Neighborhood Policing in New York City with Staggered Adoption of the Policy." *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Statistics in Society, Series A*.
- 2023 Beck, Brenden, Eaven Holder*, Abigail Novak, and Jacob Kaplan. "The Material of Policing: Budgets, Personnel, and the United States' Misdemeanor Arrest Decline." *The British Journal of Criminology* 63(2): 330-347.
- 2022 Beck, Brenden and Eaven Holder*. "Proximity and Policing: Spatial Dynamics of the Misdemeanor Arrest Decline." *Socius* 8: 1-12.
- 2022 Beck, Brenden, Joseph Antonelli, and Gabriela Piñeros*. "Effects of New York City's Neighborhood Policing Policy." *Police Quarterly* 25(4): 470-496.
- 2021 Zapatka, Kasey* and **Brenden Beck**. "Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification." *Urban Studies* 58(11): 2348-2368.

- 2020 Beck, Brenden. "Policing Gentrification: Stops and Low-Level Arrests during Demographic Change and Real Estate Reinvestment." *City & Community* 19(1): 245-272.
 - Third-most downloaded article from *City & Community* in 2020, 2021, and 2022.
- 2019 Beck, Brenden. "Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac: Race/Ethnicity and Quality-of-Life Policing in the Changing Suburbs." *Crime & Delinquency* 65(2):270-292.
 - Winner, American Society of Criminology, Division of Critical Criminology, Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 2018 Beck, Brenden and Adam Goldstein. "Governing Through Police? Housing Market Reliance, Welfare Retrenchment, and Police Budgeting in an Era of Declining Crime." *Social Forces* 96(3):1183-1210.
 - Winner, American Society of Criminology, Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award.
- 2018 Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. "The Rise of Mixed Parentage: A Sociological and Demographic Phenomenon to be Reckoned with." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 677(1): 26-38.
- 2018 Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. "The American Mainstream Expands—Again." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(1): 99-117.
- 2016 Beck, Brenden, Anthony Buttaro Jr., and Mary Clare Lennon. "Home Moves and Child Well-being in the First Five Years of Life in the United States." *Journal of Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* 7(3): 240-264.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (*graduate student co-author)

- Beck, Brenden. "Do Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets? Fiscal Crises and the Shift from Social Services to Law Enforcement in U.S. Cities."
- Mikulas, Alex*, **Brenden Beck**, and Max Besbris. "Home Value Change and Racial Residential Segregation: Temporal Relationships at the Metro-level."
- Kendall, Emmett*, **Brenden Beck**, and Joseph Antonelli. "Robust Inference for Geographic Regression Discontinuity Designs: Assessing the Impact of Police Precincts."

GRANT APPLICATIONS

- 2023 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Effects of State Preemption Policies on Racial Justice and Health Equity." Co-PI with Texas Center for Justice Equity. \$290,847 requested, unfunded.
- 2022 Early Career Professional Development Grant. CU Denver Center for Faculty Development. \$500, funded.
- 2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Policies to Reduce Racial Inequities in Policing," \$255,515 requested, finalist, unfunded.
- 2021 CU Denver, Office of Research Services, "Gathering and Validating Data on Racial Inequities in Police Killings," \$23,000 funded.
- 2020 William C. Mullen Fund, Bard College, \$500 funded.
- 2020 University of Florida Seed Grant, \$10,000 requested, unfunded.

- 2017 Center for Place Culture and Politics, Dissertation Fellowship, \$11,000 funded.
- 2017 Bureau of Justice Statistics, Research Fellowship, \$22,000 requested, unfunded.
- 2016 CUNY Law School, Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship, \$19,000 funded.
- 2012-2015 CUNY Graduate Center, Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship, \$19,000 funded.
- 2014, 2016 CUNY Graduate Center, Doctoral Research Grant, \$900 and \$1,100 funded.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2017 Beck, Brenden. "Policed in the Suburbs: Review of Race, Place, and Suburban Policing, by Andrea S. Boyle." *Sociological Forum* 32(1): 240-242.
- 2015 Beck, Brenden. "Review: Immigrants and Crime in the New Destinations, by Vincent A. Ferraro." *Contemporary Sociology* 42(2): 288-289, 292.

INVITED TALKS

- "Austerity Governance." University of Texas Austin Population Research Center. November 10, 2023.
- "Fiscal Crises and the Budgetary Shift from Social Services to Law Enforcement." University of Texas Austin Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop. November 15, 2022.
- "Do Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets?" Law & Society Association's Punishment Collaborative Research Network Digital Speaker Series. November 9, 2022.
- "The Economic Determinants of Policing." Boston University Department of Sociology. February 21, 2020.
- "Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification." Boston University Urban Inequality Workshop. February 21, 2020.
- "Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac?" New York University's Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop. September 16, 2016.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- "Do Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets?" American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. November 2023.
- "Gentrification and Policing." Gentrification and Displacement: An International Dialogue. Boston University. October 2023. Panel chair and presider.
- "Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. August 2022. Thematic Session "Geographies of Legal Displacement" co-organized with Jessica Simes.
- "Police Killings and the Reallocation of Municipal Expenditures from Police to Social Services." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 2021.

“How Many Michael Browns in How Many Fergusons? Police Killings and Municipal Budgeting in Unequal Suburbs.” Russell Sage Foundation Conference, Suburban Inequality in the United States, New York City, NY. November 4-5, 2021.

“Incarcerating Recession? Budgets, Crime, and Jail Admissions during Economic Decline.” Vera Institute of Justice Symposium, In Our Backyards. Scheduled for April 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

“Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification,” Quantitative Approaches to Studying Gentrification in the United States, University of Cincinnati. October 2019.

Introductory Remarks, “Coded for Crime: Challenges and Opportunities in AI-Directed Criminal Justice.” University of Florida conference. March 1, 2019.

“The Chicken or the Egg? Temporality in the Analysis of Gentrification,” American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. March 2019.

“The Decline of Broken Windows Policing,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

“Policing Housing Markets: Real Estate Speculation, Demographic Change, and Broken-Windows Arrests in Gentrifying New York,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

“Gentrification and Proactive Policing in New York City, 2006-2012,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

“Gentrification and Proactive Policing in New York City, 2006-2012,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

“Is Misdemeanor-Focused Policing Following Poor People to the Suburbs?” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 2016.

“Geographic Limits to the Diffusion of Broken Windows-style Policing,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. March 2016.

“In a Time of Falling Crime Rates and Rising Home Prices: Housing Market Reliance as a Predictor of Penalty,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

“The Housing Bubble and the Penal State: Testing Simon’s ‘Governing Through Crime’ Thesis,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2013.

COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

“Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue.” Fine and Fee Justice Center. April 28, 2023.

“Racial Equity in Denver’s Police Stops.” Denver Streets Partnership. December 18, 2020.

“Denver’s Police Data in Context.” Denver Task Force to Reimagine Policing. October 15, 2020.

“Policing and Crime Trends in Denver, 1990-2020.” Reclaim the Block Community Organization, at the invitation of Denver City Councilwoman CdeBaca. August 18, 2020.

TEACHING

Graduate

Research Methods (MA course), CU Denver, Fall 2021, Fall 2022

Crime, Justice, and the City (MA course), CU Denver, Fall 2020, Spring 2022

Urban Sociology, University of Florida (PhD course), Fall 2019

Undergraduate

Criminology, CU Denver, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022; Hunter College, Spring 2015

Urban Sociology, CU Denver, online Spring 2021; University of Florida, Spring 2019 & Fall 2019

Race & Policing, University of Florida, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

Introduction to Sociology, Hunter College, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

GRADUATE ADVISING

University of Colorado Denver

Kiana Smith, MA Student thesis chair, 2021-2022, graduated

Jay Pecenka, MA Student thesis chair, 2021-2023, graduated

Abigail Grzyb, MA Student thesis chair, 2021-2023, graduated

Angelina Vongsaraphanh, MA Student thesis co-chair, 2022-2023, graduated

UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE, AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, Undergraduate Committee, School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers Newark, 2023-present

Member, University Curriculum Committee, CU Denver, 2021-2023.

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, CU Denver, 2020-2023.

Member, Hiring Committee for Associate Dean for Student Success, CLAS, CU Denver, 2022.

Member, Executive Committee, Dept. of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver, 2021-2023.

Member, Graduate Student Committee, Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law, University of Florida, 2019-2020.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Florida, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Member: *Social Forces*, 2023-

Reviewer: *American Sociological Review* (4x), *American Journal of Sociology* (3x), *Criminology* (3x), *Social Forces* (11x), *Social Problems* (6x), *Urban Studies* (3x), *Justice Quarterly* (3x), *Punishment & Society* (3x), *British Journal of Sociology*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Journal of Urban Affairs*, *Urban Affairs Review* (2x), *American Journal of Criminal Justice* (2x), *City & Community* (4x), *Police Quarterly* (2x), *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Race & Justice*, *Police Practice and Research*, *Longitudinal and Life-Course Studies*, and *Routledge Textbooks*.

Committee member: American Sociological Association Community and Urban Sociology Section Mentorship Committee, 2022-present.

Reviewer: American Sociological Association Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2021.

Panelist: American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance graduate student paper award, 2020.

Panelist: American Society of Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology graduate student paper award, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association, member 2012 – present

American Society of Criminology, member 2013 – present

AWARDS

2023 Visiting Scholar. Population Research Center, University of Texas Austin.

2020 Joan Petersilia Article Award for “Governing Through Police.” American Society of Criminology.

2017 Graduate Student Paper Award for “Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac.” American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology.

PRESS COVERAGE IN

Vox, Reuters, the New York Daily News, the San Francisco Chronicle, the Toronto Star, Wisconsin Public Radio, Science News, KTVU Fox 2 Oakland, KMGH ABC 7 Denver, the Daily Beast, Colorado Sun, Citations Needed, Urban Institute’s Housing Matters, Salon, City Cast Denver, the Denver Gazette, the Coast News, the Dig, KUNC 91.5 FM Greely, CBS Radio 880 AM New York, TheCity.nyc, and The Brother Jeff Show.

PUBLIC WRITING IN

Slate, New York Daily News, the Appeal, Westword, Gainesville Sun, Gotham Gazette, Philadelphia Weekly, the Philadelphia Notebook, the New York Times Local Blog, City Limits, AM New York, and Newsday.