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CURRENT APPOINTMENT **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa**
2021 to Present: Associate Professor, Department of Sociology
2019–2021: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

PRIOR APPOINTMENTS **University of Toronto**
2016–2019: Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology (Mississauga)
2016–2019: Graduate Faculty, Department of Sociology (St. George/Downtown)

Florida State University
2013–2016: Assistant Professor, College of Criminology and Criminal Justice

EDUCATION **University of California, Berkeley**
Ph.D., Jurisprudence and Social Policy, May 2013
Dissertation: "Institutionalizing the Pennsylvania System: Organizational Exceptionalism, Administrative Support, and Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1875"
B.A., Legal Studies and History, May 2007
Department Citation and Highest Honors (Legal Studies); Highest Honors (History); and High Distinction in General Scholarship

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS Punishment & Society, Sociology of Punishment, Prison Sociology, Penal History, Historical Criminology, Law & Society, Sociology of Law, Organizational Sociology, Qualitative & Quantitative Methods, Research Design

METRICS h-index = 17 | i10-index = 23 | Total Citations = 1210
([Google Scholar Link](#))

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BOOKS
(PEER
REVIEWED)

Rubin, Ashley T. 2021. *Rocking Qualitative Social Science: An Irreverent Guide to Rigorous Research*. **Stanford University Press**. ([Link](#))

- ★ *Benefited from a book workshop sponsored by the University of Toronto Department of Sociology, with feedback from Ellen Berrey, Jerry Flores, Philip Goodman, Neda Maghbouleh, and Gail Super.*
- ★ *Also reviewed by [Dr. Raul Pacheco-Vega](#), [Rachel Aalders](#), and in [Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Quarterly](#) (Sheldon Brennemann)*
- ★ *Selected for Author Meets Reader panel at the Law and Society Association annual meeting in Lisbon (July 2022)*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2021. *The Deviant Prison: Philadelphia's Eastern State Penitentiary and the Origins of America's Modern Penal System, 1829–1913*. **Cambridge University Press** (Series: Historical Studies in Law and Society, Series Editor: Chris Tomlins). ([Link](#))

- ★ *Featured in “[Too Many Police, Too Many Jails](#)” (July 23, 2020) on [Fifteen Eighty-Four: Academic Perspectives from Cambridge University Press](#) (Blog), “[Inventing Solitary](#)” (June 8, 2022) in [The Philadelphia Inquirer](#), and “[The History of the World's First Penitentiary](#)” (January 2, 2023) in [Grunge](#)*
- ★ *Also reviewed in [Law & Society Review](#) (Lawrence Friedman), [Punishment & Society](#) (Daniel LaChance), [Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books](#) (Mary Gibson), [Law & History Review](#) (Katherine Thorsteinson), [Choice Reviews](#) (R. D. McCrie), [Society for U.S. Intellectual History Blog](#) (Jeffrey S. Adler), [Social Forces](#) (Sarah Shannon), [The Journal of the Civil War](#) (Erica Rhodes Hayden), [Journal of the Early Republic](#) (Morgan Shahan), and [Journal of American History](#) (Richard F. Hamm)*

EDITED WORKS [Law & Society Review](#) (January 2023–January 2026) Volume 57, Issue 2–Volume 60, Issue 1 (Co-Editor with Katharina Heyer and Shauhin Talesh)

[Review Symposium](#) (2023) on Miller's *Halfway Home* in *[Punishment & Society](#)* (Editor)

[Special Issue](#) (2023) on “Path Dependencies and Criminal Justice Reform: Investigating Continuity and Change Across Historical Time” in *[Howard Journal of Crime and Justice](#)* (Guest Co-Editor with Henry Yeomans and Thomas Guiney)

Book Reviews (North and South America) in *[Punishment & Society](#)* (Editor, Fall 2019–Spring 2023)

[Review Symposium](#) (2019) on Goodman, Page, and Phelps' *Breaking the Pendulum* in *[Law & Social Inquiry](#)* (Guest Editor)

Special Issue (2019) on Punishment and History in *Social Justice* (Guest Editor)

ARTICLES AND
INVITED BOOK
CHAPTERS

* = Peer Reviewed; ° = Editor Reviewed; ^S = Graduate Student

Rubin, Ashley T. 2026 (forthcoming). “Theorizing the Carceral: Micro and Macro Perspectives on Prisons and Jails.” In Kevin Haggerty and Lois Presser (Eds.), *Oxford University Handbook of Critical and Cultural Criminological Theory*. Oxford University Press, pp. XX-XX.°

Rubin, Ashley T. 2026. “Penal Policy and Penal Change.” In Alessandro Corda (Ed.), *Research Handbook on Penal Policy*. Edward Elgar, pp. 21-42. ([Link](#))°

Rubin, Ashley T. 2025. “The Emergence, Reception, and Decline of the Pennsylvania System and its Relevance to Italian Penal History.” In Ciancio, C., Conti, G., De Giudici, G., Pignotti, M., and Schirru, M. (Eds.) *Gli istituti penitenziari tra Otto e Novecento: Dottrina, legislazione e applicazione*. Roma: Associazione culturale *Historia et ius*. (Series: Collana di Studi di storia del diritto medievale e moderno, 17.), pp. 37–54. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2025. “Normativity is Not a Replacement for Theory.” *Theory & Society*, Vol. 54, Issue 5, pp. 795–850. ([Link](#))*

★ Featured in “A Polemical Critique of Activist Sociology” (July 14, 2025) in “The Review” for *Chronicle of Higher Education*, “Politically Linked” (November 21, 2025) in “Findings: A Daily Roundup of Academic Studies: Serious, Sublime, Surreal and Otherwise compiled by Kevin Lewis” for *National Affairs*

Rubin, Ashley T., and Alena K. Shalaby^S. 2025. “Stagnated, on the Verge of Breakthrough, or Both? The State of Big Theories of Legal Phenomena.” *Law & Social Inquiry*, Vol. 50, Issue 3, pp. 791–822. ([Link](#))*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2024. “Penal Reform in the Early United States.” In James Campbell and Vivien Miller (Eds.), *The Routledge History of Crime in America*. Routledge, pp. 425–441. ([Link](#))°

Rubin, Ashley T., Paige E. Vaughn, and Danielle S. Rudes. 2024. “Neo-Institutional Analyses of Criminal Legal Organizations and Policies.” *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, Vol. 20, pp. 331–352. ([Link](#))*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2023. “The Defects of Total Power Revisited: Excavating Sykes’ Four Versions of Power in Prison.” In Danielle S. Rudes,

Gaylene S. Armstrong, Kimberly R. Kras, and TaLisa J. Carter (Eds.), *Handbook on Prisons and Jails*. Taylor and Francis, pp. 94–111. ([Link](#))^o

Rubin, Ashley T. 2023. “That Time We Tried to Build the Perfect Prison: Learning from Episodes Across U.S. Prison History.” In Dominique Moran, Yvonne Jewkes, Kwan-Lamar Blount-Hill, and Victor St. John (Eds.), *The Palgrave Handbook of Prison Design*. Palgrave Macmillan, pp. 21–50. ([Link](#))^o

★ *Lead chapter*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2023. “The Promises and Pitfalls of Path Dependence for Analyzing Penal Change.” *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 25, Issue 1, pp. 264–284. ([Link](#))*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. “Revisiting the *Discovery of the Asylum*: Early U.S. Prison History Since David Rothman.” *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, Vol. 15, pp. 137–154. ([Link](#))*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. “The Birth of the Penal Organization: Why Prisons Were Born to Fail.” In Jonathan Simon, Hadar Aviram, and Rosann Greenspan (Eds.), *The Legal Process and the Promise of Justice: Studies Inspired by the Work of Malcolm Feeley*. New York: Cambridge University Press. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. “History of the Prison.” In Mathieu Deflem (Ed.), *The Handbook of Social Control*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. “Punishment’s Legal Templates: A Theory of Formal Penal Change.” *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 53, Issue 2, pp. 518–553. ([Link](#))*

Rubin, Ashley T., and Keramet Reiter. 2018. “Continuity in the Face of Penal Innovation: Revisiting the History of American Solitary Confinement.” *Law & Social Inquiry*, Vol. 43, Issue 4, pp. 1604–1632. ([Link](#))*

★ *Featured in* [Criminological Highlights](#)

★ *Quoted in* [Lateral Magazine](#)

Rubin, Ashley T. 2018. “Prison History.” In *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Ed. Henry Pontell. New York: Oxford University Press. ([Link](#))*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2018. “The Prehistory of Innovation: A Longer View of Penal Change.” *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 20, Issue 2, pp. 192–216. ([Link](#))*

- Rubin, Ashley T. 2018. "Professionalizing Prison: Primitive Professionalization and the Administrative Defense of Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1879." *Law & Social Inquiry*, Vol. 43, Issue 1, pp. 182–211. ([Link](#))*
- Rubin, Ashley T., and Michelle S. Phelps. 2017. "Fracturing the 'Penal State': State Actors and the Role of Conflict in Penal Change." *Theoretical Criminology*, Vol. 21, Issue 4, pp. 422–440. ([Link](#))*
- ★ *Lead article*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. "Resistance as Agency? Incorporating the Structural Determinants of Prisoner Behaviour." *British Journal of Criminology*, Vol. 57, Issue 3, pp. 644–663. ([Link](#))*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. "The Consequences of Prisoners' Micro-resistance." *Law & Social Inquiry*, Vol. 42, Issue 1, pp. 138–162. ([Link](#))*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2016. "Penal Change as Penal Layering: A Case Study of Proto-Prison Adoption and Capital Punishment Reduction, 1785–1822." *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 18, Issue 4, pp. 420–441. ([Link](#))*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2015. "A Neo-Institutional Account of Prison Diffusion." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 49, Issue 2, pp. 365–399. ([Link](#))*
- ★ *Lead article, special section on "Penal Law & Society"*
- ★ *Law and Society Association Article Prize, 2016*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2015. "Resistance or Friction: Understanding the Significance of Prisoners' Secondary Adjustments." *Theoretical Criminology*, Vol. 19, Issue 1, pp. 23–42. ([Link](#))*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2014. "Three Waves of American Prison Development, 1790–1920." In Mathieu Deflem (Ed.), *Punishment and Incarceration: A Global Perspective (Sociology of Crime, Law and Deviance, Vol. 19)*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Group Publishing, 139–158. ([Link](#))
- ★ *Outstanding Author Contribution, Emerald Literati Network Awards, 2015*
- Rubin, Ashley T. 2012. "The Unintended Consequences of Penal Reform: A Case Study of Transportation in Eighteenth-Century London." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 46, Issue 4, 815–851. ([Link](#))*
- ★ *Honorable Mention, Law and Society Association Graduate Student Award, 2013*

Rubin, Ashley T. 2011. "Punitive Penal Preferences and Support for Welfare: Applying the 'Governance of Social Marginality' Thesis to the Individual Level." *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 13, Issue 2, 198–229. ([Link](#))*

EDITORIALS, °= *Editor reviewed*

SPECIAL ISSUE

INTRODUC-

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OTHER

INVITED

COMMENTARIES

Katharina Heyer, Ashley Rubin, and Shauhin Talesh. 2026 (forthcoming). "From the Editors." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 60, No. 1, pp. 1-12. ([Link](#))

Katharina Heyer, Ashley Rubin, and Shauhin Talesh. 2025. "From the Editors." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 59, No. 1, pp. 1-8. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley. 2024. "Taking Some Positions on Positionality: A Comment on Massoud's Introduction to *Out Of Place*." *SLR Forum (Socio-Legal Review)*. Posted Nov. 13, 2024. ([Link](#))

Katharina Heyer, Ashley Rubin, and Shauhin Talesh. 2023. "Editors' introduction to special memorial issue honoring Professor Lauren B. Edelman." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 57, No. 3, pp. 364-369. ([Link](#))

Katharina Heyer, Ashley Rubin, and Shauhin Talesh. 2023. "From the Editors." *Law & Society Review*, Vol. 57, No. 2, pp. 1-8. ([Link](#))

Thomas Guiney, Ashley Rubin, and Henry Yeomans. 2023. "Path Dependence and Criminal Justice Reform: Introducing the Special Issue." *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, Vol. 62, No. 1, pp. 3-10. ([Link](#))

Rosemary Gido, Derek S. Jeffreys, Cormac Behan, Kimmett Edgar, Bethany E. Schmidt, Gorazd Mesko, Mary K. Stohr, and Ashley T. Rubin. 2023. "A Symposium to Mark the Publication, by New York University Press, of Ian O'Donnell's *Prison Life: Pain, Resistance, and Purpose*." *The Prison Journal*, Vol. 103, Issue 2, pp. 159-176. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2021. "Revisiting 'America's Penal Experiments' 100 Years Later." *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice* (Special Issue on the Centenary of the Howard League for Penal Reform and the *Howard Journal*), Vol. 60 Issue 1, pp. 29-37. ([Link](#))°

Rubin, Ashley T. 2020. "True Believers, Rational Actors, and Bad Actors: Reconsidering *The Prison and the Factory* in Light of Recent Penal Historiography." *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 22, Issue 5, pp. 736-744. ([Link](#))°

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. "Editor's Introduction: Punishment and History." *Social Justice*, Vol. 46, Issue 4, pp. 1-3. ([Link](#))°

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. "Interrogating the Penal Pendulum: An Introduction to the Review Symposium Issue on *Breaking the Pendulum: The Long Struggle Over Criminal Justice*." *Law & Social Inquiry*, Vol. 44, Issue 3, pp. 791–798. ([Link](#))^o

BOOK REVIEWS Rubin, Ashley T. 2021. Review of Chris M. Smith's *Syndicate Women: Gender and Networks in Chicago Organized Crime*. *Theoretical Criminology*, Vol. 25 Issue 2, pp. 355–357. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2020. Review of Heather Schoenfeld's *Building the Prison State: Race and the Politics of Mass Incarceration*. *Theoretical Criminology*, Vol. 24 Issue 2, pp. 406–407. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2020. Review of Fergus McNeill's *Pervasive Punishment: Making Sense of Mass Supervision*. *British Journal of Criminology*. Vol. 60, Issue 3, pp. 803–805. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2019. Review of Heather Ann Thompson's *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy*. *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 21, Issue 1, pp. 131–137. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2018. Review of Keramet Reiter's *23/7: Pelican Bay Prison and the Rise of Long-Term Solitary*. *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 20, Issue 4, pp. 529–532. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. Review of Michael Welch's *Escape to Prison: Penal Tourism and the Pull of Punishment*. *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 19, Issue 5, pp. 655–658. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. Review of Hadar Aviram's *Cheap on Crime: Recession-Era Politics and the Transformation of American Punishment*. *Punishment & Society*, Vol. 19, Issue 5, pp. 611–617. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. Review of Jen Manion's *Liberty's Prisoners: Carceral Culture in Early America*. *Journal of the Early Republic*, Vol. 37, Issue 2, pp. 367–370. ([Link](#))

OTHER

ACADEMIC
PUBLICATIONS

^S = Graduate Student

Rubin, Ashley T., and Alena K. Shalaby.^S 2024. "Where has all the big theory gone?" *Crime, Law, and Deviance News* (Newsletter for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the American Sociological Association, Summer 2024), p. 1–3. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley. 2024. "Prisons from Historical Perspectives." In Jennifer Anne Rainbow, *Researching Prisons* (Routledge), pp. 112–114. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2021. “Not the Eastern State Penitentiary You Know and Love.” *Crime, Law, and Deviance News* (Newsletter for the Crime, Law, and Deviance section of the American Sociological Association, Fall/Winter 2021), p. 1–4. ([Link](#))

Selected Blog Posts from the *Punishment & Society* Blog

- “Jails, Prisons, and COVID-19: A Roundup of the Resources,” April 15, 2020. ([Link](#))
- “Are you a criminologist or a sociologist? Introduction,” February 8, 2019. ([Link](#))
- “How do you explain punishment and society to your non-punishment colleagues?” October 18, 2018. ([Link](#))
- “What is Criminology? Who is a Criminologist?” November 18, 2017. ([Link](#))
- “Big Ideas in Punishment and Society: Reboot,” December 26, 2016. ([Link](#))
- “The Angola Tour at LSA 2016 – A Followup, Part III,” July 29, 2016. ([Link](#))
- “The Angola Tour at LSA 2016 – A Followup, Part II,” July 26, 2016. ([Link](#))
- “The Angola Tour at LSA 2016 – A Followup, Part I,” July 23, 2016. ([Link](#))
- “Angola - Louisiana State Penitentiary,” May 31, 2016. ([Link](#))
- “I think the tide is really turning...,” August 22, 2015. ([Link](#))
- “How Great is the American-European Punishment Divide?,” August 14, 2015. ([Link](#))
- “Common Ground? Law and Society, Punishment and Society, and Social Theory,” June 20, 2015. ([Link](#))
- “The 12 Big Ideas in Punishment and Society - Teaser,” June 9, 2015. ([Link](#))
- “Teaching Notes: The Evolution of My Punishment and Society Syllabus,” June 4, 2015. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. “Pennsylvania Prison System.” In Kent R. Kerley, Heath Copes, Spencer De Li, Jodi Lane, and Susan F. Sharp (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Corrections* (Wiley Blackwell), pp. 706–710. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2017. “New York (Auburn) Prison System.” In Kent R. Kerley, Heath Copes, Spencer De Li, Jodi Lane, and Susan F. Sharp (Eds.), *The Encyclopedia of Corrections* (Wiley Blackwell), pp. 631–634. ([Link](#))

Rubin, Ashley T. 2012. “Walnut Street Jail.” In *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America: An Encyclopedia* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage), pp. 1903–1905.

Rubin, Ashley T. 2012. “History of Crime and Punishment in America: 1783–1850.” In *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America: An Encyclopedia* (Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage), pp. 761–768.

PUBLIC
SCHOLARSHIP:
WRITTEN

^U = Undergraduate Student

Ashley Rubin, Emma Burnkrant^U, and Jesus Romero^U. “What Social Science Tells Us About Violent Crime On O‘ahu.” *Honolulu Civil Beat*, March 14, 2025. ([Link](#))

Crime Observatory of O‘ahu, *Hawai‘i Crime Lab* Website

- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in April (2025),” May 10, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in March (2025),” April 30, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in February (2025),” March 5, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Crime Trends in Longer-Term Comparisons,” February 14, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Regional Spotlight: Violent Crime in Leeward v. the Pearl City Area/Center Island,” February 13, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in January (2025): New Graphs,” February 5, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in January (2025),” February 2, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Regional Spotlight: Windward and Leeward O‘ahu,” January 31, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in 2024 Compared to Prior Years,” January 30, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in December (2024),” January 2, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in November (2024),” December 18, 2024. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in October (2024),” December 18, 2024. ([Link](#))

- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in September (2024),” October 1, 2024. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Comparing Violent Crime in Honolulu to Other U.S. Cities,” September 19, 2024. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Location Spotlight: Violent Crime in West O‘ahu in August (2024),” September 11, 2024. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Violent Crime in August (2024),” September 6, 2024. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Understanding Crime Rates,” No Date (Webpage added in 2024). ([Link](#))

Cambridge Core Blog

- Rubin, Ashley. “The Publication of the First Translated Article in LSR,” February 2, 2025. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Law & Society Review announces articles in translation,” November 6, 2024. ([Link](#))
- Rubin, Ashley. “Law & Society Review showcases Law and Society Scholarship,” April 10, 2024. ([Link](#))

“Trump Is Peddling Fake News About Rising Crime Rates in America.” *The UnPopulist*, November 4, 2024. Commissioned article. ([Link](#))

- Cross-posted by Radley Balko as “Trump is Still Lying About Crime” (November 4, 2024). ([Link](#))

“Want To Fight Crime? Build Communities Where People Can Thrive.” *Honolulu Civil Beat*, September 6, 2024. ([Link](#))

“The best books on the origins of American prisons.” *Shepherd.com*, June 19, 2021. ([Link](#))

“Solitary Confinement in Nineteenth-Century Prisons.” *Fifteen Eighty-Four: Academic Perspectives from Cambridge University Press* (Blog), February 4, 2021. ([Link](#))

“Prisons and jails are coronavirus epicenters – but they were once designed to prevent disease outbreaks.” *The Conversation*, April 15, 2020. ([Link](#))

★ *Lead article on April 16, 2020.*

★ *Reprinted in multiple outlets across the US and abroad.*

Foreword to the *Safest City Report 2017* by Gregory Grzymek, Safe City Mississauga, 2019. ([Link](#))

“What a widely attacked experiment got right on the harmful effects of prisons.” *The Conversation*, October 2, 2018. ([Link](#))

★ *Reprinted in The National Post (Canada).* ([Link](#))

IN PROGRESS: *The Magic Box: A History of American Prisons* (Under Contract with
MONOGRAPHS **Oxford University Press**)

★ *Benefited from a book workshop sponsored by the University of California, Irvine, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, with feedback from Simon Cole, Mona Lynch, Keramet Reiter, Chris Seeds, and Naomi Sugie.*

A Dirtbagger's Guide to Writing: Becoming (and Staying) a Dynamic, Productive Qualitative Social Scientist

IN PROGRESS: ^S = Graduate Student

RESEARCH
PAPERS

“Politicized Scholarship? Science and Scholactivism around Crime and Crime Control, 2000–2025” (In Prep)

“The Birth of the Penal State: Historicizing a Central Concept” (In Prep)

“Typologizing Carcerality: What is a Prison, What was the First Prison, and Why it Matters” (In Prep)

“Evaluating Emergent Research Methods” (With Alena K. Shalaby^S)

“Locked Out of Prisons? Understanding Trends in U.S. Research on Carceral Facilities” (Revising)

SELECT
SCHOLARLY
PUBLICATIONS
ABOUT MY
WORK

Adriana Romero (2025), “Cambio Penal Y Continuidad: La Invitación de Ashley Rubin Para Entender las Tecnologías Penales” (“Penal Change and Continuity: Ashley Rubin’s Invitation to Understand Penal Technologies”), in *Pensamiento contemporáneo sobre el castigo* (Contemporary Thinking on Punishment), Ed. Fernando León Tamayo Arboleda, Siglo Editorial, pp. 411–438.

GRANTS AND
HONORS

National/International

- The Chicago Forum for Free Expression and Inquiry (University of Chicago), (Invited) Visiting Fellow, April 6-10, 2026
- American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant (\$5,000), 2017
- Law and Society Association Article Prize, 2016, *for article entitled, “A Neo-Institutional Account of Prison Diffusion”*
- Outstanding Author Contribution (Emerald Literati Network Awards), 2015, *for book chapter entitled, “Three Waves of American Penal Development, 1790–1920”*

- Law and Society Association Graduate Student Award, Honorable Mention, 2013, *for paper entitled, “The Unintended Consequences of Penal Reform: A Case Study of Transportation in Eighteenth-Century London”*
- American Philosophical Society, 2011–2012 Library Resident Research Fellow (\$2,500)
- American Society of Criminology, Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Student Paper Award, 2nd Place, 2010, *for paper entitled, “The Effect of County Demographics on Sentencing Outcomes: A Quasi-Experiment Using Data from Inmates of Eastern State Penitentiary between 1829 and 1859”*
- Law and Society Association Graduate Student Award, 2010, *for paper entitled, “Race, Ethnicity, and Nativity at Eastern State Penitentiary: A Study of the Variation in Sentence Length, 1829–1871”*
- Phi Beta Kappa, 2006

The State of Hawai‘i*

**Contracts with/grants from the State of Hawai‘i or its agencies do not constitute an endorsement of the University of Hawai‘i or the Hawai‘i Crime Lab*

- The Judiciary (\$20,000), Probation Treatment Program Evaluation Project, February 1–September 30, 2026

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

- College of Social Sciences Travel Funds for Professional Development in Research (\$2,000), 2025
- College of Social Sciences Travel Funds for Professional Development in Research (\$2,440), 2024
- Office of the Vice Provost for Research and Scholarship Manoa Faculty Research Travel Award, (\$1,500), 2023
- College of Social Sciences Travel Funds for Professional Development in Research (\$1,833), 2023
- College of Social Sciences Award for Excellence in Research, 2022
- College of Social Sciences Travel Funds for Professional Development in Research (\$2,301), 2022
- Excellence in Teaching Fellowship (\$1,500), 2022–2024
- College of Social Sciences College Travel Funds for Professional Development in Research (\$2,370), 2019

- Office of the Vice Chancellor of Research Faculty Travel Fund Grant (\$1,985), 2019

University of Toronto (Mississauga and/or St. George Campus)

- U of T Sociology Book Workshop Funding (\$500), 2019
- U of T Sociology Summer RA Funding (\$930), 2019
- U of T Sociology Summer RA Funding (\$1,500), 2018
- UTM Sociology Graduate Expansion Fund Award (\$2,574), 2018
- Jackman Humanities Institute Scholars-in-Residence Faculty Supervisor (\$7,500), 2017
- UTM Sociology Departmental Small Award (\$2,437.50), 2017

Florida State University

- Faculty Travel Grant (\$1,000), 2015
- FSU Research Recognition Dinner invitee, 2015
- Faculty Travel Grant (\$1,000), 2014
- First-Year Assistant Professor Grant (\$20,000), 2014
- Faculty Research Library Materials Grant (\$624), 2013

University of California, Berkeley

- Visiting Scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society, July 2014
- JSP Continuing Student Fellowship, 2013
- JSP Dissertation Grant (\$810), 2012
- UC Berkeley Dean's Normative Time Fellowship, 2012
- Berkeley Empirical Legal Studies (BELS) Fellowship, 2011–2012
- Graduate Division Conference Travel Grant, 2011
- JSP Continuing Student Fellowship, 2010
- William K. Colbentz Civil Rights Endowment Student Research Fellowship (Center for the Study of Law and Society), 2009
- JSP Continuing Student Fellowship, 2009
- Selznick Fellowship, 2007–2008

- Library Prize for Undergraduate Research, 2007, *for paper entitled, “A Means to an End: The Role of Religion in Eastern State Penitentiary during the Experimental Years, 1829–1849”*
- Dean’s Honor List, 2003–2005

PUBLIC
SCHOLARSHIP:
AUDIO AND
VIDEO

Invited Virtual Talk, “Thinking Beyond Abolition: Taking Prisons’ Limitations Seriously.” Associação Portuguesa de Apoio ao Recluso (Portuguese Association for Support to Prisoners) [2º Congresso Internacional da APAR](#) (Second International Congress on the Prison System), November 22, 2025.

Invited Guest, *Generalist Universe* interview and podcast, “Is Activism Killing Science? Normativity vs Theory in Social Sciences (Dr. Ashley Rubin),” aired August 5, 2025. ([Link](#))

Invited Guest, *Don’t Drink the Milk: The Curious History of Things* (the English-language podcast produced by German broadcasting company *Deutsche Welle*) interview and podcast, “Prisons: Why Can’t We Break Free,” aired December 3, 2024. ([Link](#))

Invited Guest, *Evolving Prisons* interview and podcast, “History of Prisons in America,” aired September 16, 2024. ([Link](#))

Invited Virtual Talk, “Thinking Beyond Abolition: Taking Prisons’ Limitations Seriously.” Associação Portuguesa de Apoio ao Recluso (Portuguese Association for Support to Prisoners) [international congress](#) on the prison system ([Congresso sobre Sistema Prisional em Fátima](#)), April 7, 2024.

Invited Guest, *History Extra* (Podcast of the BBC History Magazine) interview and podcast, “Alcatraz: everything you wanted to know,” aired March 3, 2024. ([Link to Recording](#)) ([Link to Video](#))

- Covered in *BBC History Magazine* (April 2024)

Invited Guest, *The Rational Egoist* interview and podcast, “Behind Bars: Unveiling the History of the Prison System with Professor Ashley Rubin,” aired February 19, 2024. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Virtual Talk, “Making the Case for Reform: Eastern State Penitentiary’s Impact on the Modern Penal System,” hosted by the [Smithsonian Associates](#), the Smithsonian’s educational talk series, on November 1, 2023.

Invited Panelist in “[Why is criminal justice reform so difficult? Lessons from historical and international comparative research](#)” (Short Remarks

and Q&A) hosted by the Howard League of Penal Reform, on May 4, 2023.

Invited Guest, *Geschichte Daily* (a German podcast) interview and podcast, “Gefängnis: Als Tourist in der Zelle” (“Prison: As a Tourist in the Cell”), aired October 27, 2022. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Panelist, “Engaged Scholars” Panel (a Q&A) at “Like-Minded Endeavors: Education Programs in U.S. and Japanese Prisons through Film and Lived Experience,” hosted by the William S. Richardson School of Law Pacific-Asian Legal Studies Program, on September 4, 2022. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Virtual Talk, “The Deviant Prison: Philadelphia’s Eastern State Penitentiary and the Origins of America’s Modern Penal System, 1829–1913,” hosted by The (Philadelphia) Athenaeum, on July 27, 2022. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Participant in “Behind bars: The invention of mass incarceration” (a conversation and Q&A), hosted by *Knowable Magazine* and co-sponsored by *JSTOR Daily*, on March 23, 2022. ([Link to Recording](#))

Featured in “The invention of incarceration” (Article and Q&A) by Greg Miller, published in *Knowable Magazine* on March 18, 2022. ([Link to Article](#))

- Republished on JSTOR Daily ([Link](#))

Invited Guest, *WORLD Radio* interview and podcast, “Effective Compassion: Belief in rehabilitation - S3.E1,” published January 18, 2022. ([Link to Recording and Text](#))

Invited Guest, *PA Books* interview and television program, “Interview about the book ‘The Deviant Prison’ with author Ashley Rubin,” first aired on PCNTV December 12, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

- Available as a podcast on PA Books Podcasts ([Link to Recording](#)) and Apple Podcasts ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Guest, *Derecho y Sociedad* interview and podcast, “Dirtbagging sociolegal research!” (discussing *Rocking Qualitative Social Science*), aired on November 17, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Panelist in “100 Years of the *Howard Journal*: Lessons for Contemporary Penal Policy” (Short Remarks and Q&A), hosted by the Howard League of Penal Reform, on October 14, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Guest, *Ipsa Dixit* interview and podcast (discussing *Rocking Qualitative Social Science*), aired on July 24, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Guest, New Books Network interview and podcast (discussing *Rocking Qualitative Social Science*), aired on July 2, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Virtual Talk, “The Deviant Prison: Philadelphia’s Eastern State Penitentiary and the Origins of America’s Modern Penal System, 1829–1913,” hosted by the American Philosophical Society, March 31, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

In Conversation with Cecelia Cancellaro (discussing *The Deviant Prison*), *Cambridge University Press’s Winter History Festival*, January 21, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Guest (Q&A Session), “Unpacking the Origins of America’s Modern Prison System: A Conversation with Ashley T. Rubin” (discussing *The Deviant Prison*), Searchlight Series at Eastern State Penitentiary, January 5, 2021. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Panelist (Virtual Talk and Q&A), “¿Qué Hacer Con Las Cárcel-les?” as part of the “Mesa debate: Pandemia Mundial” series, *Comisión Provincial por la Memoria* (Argentina), May 15, 2020. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Guest, On the Media (WNYC) radio interview and podcast, “Cruel and Unusual” (discussing “Prisons and jails are coronavirus epicenters”), April 24, 2020. ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Talk, “When Did Sending People to Prison Become So Normal?” hosted by TEDxMississauga, January 19, 2019. ([Link to Recording](#))

Panel member, Life of the Law Episodes: “In-Studio: Locking People Up” ([Link to Recording](#)) and “Inside San Quentin – To Be Heard” ([Link to Recording](#)), recorded March 2-3, 2017, aired July 17 & 25, 2017.

OTHER LOCAL
AND NATIONAL
MEDIA
APPEARANCES
(SINCE 2019)

Interviewed for and quoted in *Chronicle of Higher Education* article (April 8, 2026), “Lots of Social Science Didn’t Replicate. Does That Mean it’s Bunk?” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *Chronicle of Higher Education* article (March 16, 2026), “Is Sociology Being Saved—or Debased—in Florida?” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *ABC News* article (November 14, 2025), “Using detainees and prisoners as photo props has a long history in American politics.” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *Honolulu Civil Beat* article (July 3, 2025), “Data Dive: Crime On O’ahu Is Down Except In One Category—Murder.” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *Die Presse* article (May 5, 2025), “Nicht nur Alcatraz: Was Trumps liebste Gefängnisse über die USA verraten” (“Not Just Alcatraz: What Trump’s Favorite Prisons Reveal About the USA”) ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *TIME* article (May 5, 2025), “What to Know About Trump’s Plan to Reopen Alcatraz.” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *Courthouse News* article (May 5, 2025), “Critics call Trump plan to reopen Alcatraz ‘absurd’ and unrealistic.” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and appeared/quoted in KHON2 segment (Aug. 17, 2024), “Experts Weigh in on Juvenile Crime.” ([Link](#))

Interviewed for and quoted in *Honolulu Civil Beat* article (October 7, 2019), “Honolulu’s Property Crime Problem: ‘Tourists Make Great Victims.’” ([Link](#))

PRESENTATIONS * = *invited or refereed*

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“The Politicization of Academic Research from the Inside and Outside.” *Invited presentation and curated discussion with Prof. Kimberly Hoang at The Chicago Forum for Free Inquiry and Expression at the University of Chicago; invited by Prof. Tom Ginsberg, April 7, 2026.**

“Theorizing Punishment.” *Invited virtual presentation for University of Nebraska, Omaha, Speaker Series; invited by Prof. Sadaf Hashimi, April 3, 2026.**

“Approaches to Incarceration in the United States: Debate, Policy, and Practice.” *Invited presentation for “Punitive circulations. Comparative perspectives on methods and archives,” a conference hosted at the École Française de Rome (Italy), invited by Prof. Chiara Lucrezio Monticelli, February 12, 2026.**

“Thinking Beyond Abolition: Taking Seriously Prisons’ Limitations.”

- *Invited Keynote Address for the History of Prison Reform in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts Workshop (Jerusalem, Israel), December 16, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Orna Alyagon Darr.)**
- *Paper presentation at the May 2025 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Chicago, IL).*
- *Paper presentation at the November 2024 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA).*

“The Birth of the Penal State: Historicizing a Central Concept.” *Paper presentation at the November 2025 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Washington, DC).*

“Rocking Qualitative Social Science Nearly Five Years Later: What’s Changed?” *Invited talk for the Qualitative Research Interest Group and Community Justice and Equity Group (University of Maryland School of Social Work), November 3, 2025. (Invited by Linda-Jeanne M. Mack, LICSW.)**

“Normativity is Not a Replacement for Theory.” *Invited Sociology of Law Roundtable presentation at the August 2025 conference for the American Sociological Association (in Chicago, IL).**

“A Brief History of the U.S. Prison.” *Invited talk for the Justice Research Group (Honolulu, HI), July 25, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Adam Cohen and Dr. Erin Harbinson, Hawai‘i State Judiciary.)**

“The Emergence and Reception of the Pennsylvania System.” *Invited presentation for “Gli Istituti Penitenziari Tra Otto e Novecento: Dottrina, legislazione e applicazione” (“Penitentiary institutions between the nineteenth and twentieth centuries: doctrine, legislation, and application”), a conference hosted at the Università di Cagliari, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza (Italy), invited by Prof. Giuseppina De Giudici, October 24, 2024.**

“The Magic Box: Theorizing the Prison’s Persistence Throughout US History.”

- *Paper presentation at the June 2024 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Denver, CO).*
- *Paper presentation at the November 2023 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA).*

“The Magic Box: A Longer Historical View on the Question of How We Arrived at Mass Incarceration.”

- *Invited workshop session in the Socio-legal Studies Workshop at the University of California, Irvine, Center in Law, Society, and Culture, September 29, 2023.**
- *Paper presentation at the June 2023 conference for the Law and Society Association (San Juan, Puerto Rico).*

“Rocking Qualitative Social Science: An Irreverent Guide to Rigorous Research.”

- *Invited virtual book talk at the Research Meetings of the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society at Leiden University, March 22, 2023.**

- *Invited virtual book talk at Cornell University’s Critical Development Studies Seminar Series (Co-hosted by Cornell Global Development, the Cornell Center for Social Sciences Qualitative & Interpretive Research Institute, and the Graduate Field of Development Studies), February 3, 2023.* ([Link to Recording](#))*
- *Invited virtual book talk at Universidade Nova de Lisboa/NOVA School of Law’s Permanent Seminar on the State and Study of Law (SPEED EN), with Discussant Professor Raquel Barradas de Freitas, September 28, 2022.**
- *Invited virtual book talk at University of Amsterdam’s Center for Law and Behavior, September 13, 2022.**
- *Invited virtual book talk at Indiana University at Bloomington’s Workshop in Methods, January 21, 2022.* ([Link to Recording](#))*
- *Invited virtual book talk at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Department of Sociology’s Qualitative Methods Workshop, September 21, 2021.**

“The ‘Curious Eclipse’ of Carceral Ethnography in International Comparison: Trends Across the US, Canada, Ireland, and the UK.”

- *Paper presentation at the August 2022 conference for the American Sociological Association (in Los Angeles, CA).**
- *Paper presentation at the February 2022 conference for the Western Society of Criminology (in Honolulu, HI).*
- *Invited virtual talk in the Workshop Series on The Social Analysis of Penalty Across Boundaries hosted by The Scottish Centre for Crime & Justice Research (Universities of Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stirling and Strathclyde) and the Crime and Society Program of the National University of Litoral, December 7, 2021.* ([Link to Recording](#))*

“The Promises and Pitfalls of Path Dependence for Analyzing Penal Change.”
*Invited plenary talk for a virtual workshop for a special issue (on Path Dependencies and Criminal Justice Reform) of the Howard Journal of Crime and Justice, November 3, 2021.**

“The ‘Curious Eclipse’ of Carceral Ethnography Revisited in an Age of Abolition.”

- *Invited paper presentation at the August 2021 virtual conference for the American Sociological Association (originally scheduled to be in Chicago, Illinois).**
- *Paper presentation at the May 2021 virtual conference for the Law and Society Association (originally scheduled to be in Chicago, Illinois).*

“The Deviant Prison: Philadelphia’s Eastern State Penitentiary and the Origins of America’s Modern Penal System, 1829–1913.”

- *Invited virtual talk at the Department of Criminology, Law and Society, UC Irvine, April 5, 2021.**
- *Invited virtual talk at the Department of Sociology and Program for Politics, Law, and Social Thought, Rice University, March 16, 2021.**
- *Invited virtual talk for the JSP Reunion Book Panel at UC Berkeley’s Center for the Study of Law and Society, February 26, 2021.**
- *Invited virtual talk at the Mannheim Centre for Criminology, London School of Economics, December 9, 2020.**
- ~~*Invited talk at the United States Centre, London School of Economics, May 11, 2020.**~~ (Cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.)
- *Invited talk for the Faculty Research Luncheon Series at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa William S. Richardson School of Law, January 23, 2020.**

“Punishment Before Prisons.” *Invited paper for circulation and feedback at the UCLA–University of Michigan Prisons and Law (Virtual) Workshop, March 5, 2021.**

“The Influence of Disease and Disease Prevention on the Development of Prisons.” *Invited (opening) talk for the “California Correctional Crisis, Meet COVID-19” (Virtual) Symposium at UC Hastings School of Law, February 5, 2021.** ([Link to Recording](#))

“Locked Out or Displaced? Understanding Trends in U.S. In-Prison Research Through an Analysis of Doctoral Dissertations.” *Invited paper presentation for the (virtual) Conference on Prisons and Punishment organized by the University of Alberta’s Centre for Criminological Research, November 17–19, 2020.**

~~“The ‘Curious Eclipse’ of Carceral Ethnography Revisited: Using Doctoral Dissertations to Analyze Changes in Researchers’ Access to US Jails, Prisons, and Other Carceral Facilities.” *Paper presentation at the November 2020 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Washington, DC).*~~ (Cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.)

“The Promises and Pitfalls of Path Dependence for Analyzing Penal History.” *Invited plenary talk for a workshop on Path Dependence at the British Society of Criminology’s Historical Criminology Network (HC-Net) Virtual Event, June 15, 2020.**

- ★ *Mentioned in blog post, “[Seven New Conversations in Historical Criminology: Report on discussions at BSC Historical Criminology](#)”*

Network Workshop 2020” by David Churchill for The BSC Blog, August 5, 2020.

“Locked Out or Displaced? Understanding Trends in U.S. In-Prison Research Through an Analysis of Doctoral Dissertations.” *Paper presentation at the May 2020 virtual conference for the Law and Society Association (originally scheduled to be in Denver, Colorado).*

~~“That Time We Tried to Build the Perfect Prison: Lessons from US History.” Invited talk for the *What Works in Custodial Design* workshop at the University of Birmingham (Birmingham, UK), March 30, 2020.* (Cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.)~~

“What Took So Long to Use Prisons as Places of Punishment? A History of Incarceration in the Western World.” *Invited talk for the Women’s Studies Colloquium Series at the University of Hawaii at Mānoa, January 28, 2020.**

“Where Did Our Prison Come From?” *Invited talk at “Undoing Time: Art + Histories of Incarceration” Exhibition Convening at the ASU Art Museum (in Tempe, Arizona), January 10, 2020.**

“Benevolent Discretion: Prison Administration and Legal Ambiguity in Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1849.” *Refereed paper presentation at the November 2019 conference for the American Society of Legal History (in Boston, MA).**

“The Defects of Total Power: Sykes’ Conceptions of Penal Power in a 21st-Century Context.” *Paper presentation at the November 2019 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA).*

“Target Populations or Caught in the Net: How Race and Gender have Structured Prison Reform Efforts Throughout American History.” *Paper presentation at the November 2019 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA).*

“Target Populations or Caught in the Net: How Race and Gender have Structured Prison Reform Efforts Throughout American History—and What it Means for Reforming Mass Incarceration.” *Invited paper presentation for a Presidential Panel on Reforming Mass Incarceration at the August 2019 conference for the American Sociological Association (in New York, New York).**

“Scientific Shenanigans: How American Astrophysicists Respond to Academic Malfeasance.” *Invited workshop presentation for the “Access to Civil Justice: Integrating and Advancing Theory and Practice” Workshop at the American Bar Foundation, June 13-14, 2019.**

- “Constructing Quantitative Datasets from Archival Prison Records: Common Pitfalls and Possible Solutions.” *Invited paper presentation for A Workshop to Examine Prisons, Prisoners, and Prison Records in Historical Perspective held at the University of Guelph*, April 23-24, 2019.*
- “Personal Institutionalization: Re-articulating a Strand of Selznick’s Theory After the Institutionalization of Institutional Theory.” *Invited paper presentation for “Organizations and Change: Philip Selznick Centennial Symposium” at UC Berkeley*, April 12, 2019.*
- “Deviance, Deviants, and Dirtbags: Toward a Neo-Institutional Criminology of Rock Climbing.” *Invited talk at the Centre for Ethics at the University of Toronto*, February 13, 2019.*
- “Eschewing Sentimentality?: The Role of Emotions in Nineteenth-Century Prison Policy and Practice.” *Paper presentation at the November 2018 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Atlanta, GA)*.
- “The Deviant Prison: Eastern State Penitentiary and the Advantage of Difference, 1829–1913.” *Invited talk at the Centre for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Toronto*, October 26, 2018.*
- “The Defects of Total Power: Sykes’ Conceptions of Penal Power, Compliance, and Resistance in a 21st-Century Perspective.” *Invited paper presentation for “The Society of Captives Today: Celebrating the 60th Anniversary” at the University of Leicester*, June 27–28, 2018.*
- “True Believers and Bad Actors: Toward A Different Understanding of Prison Administrators.” *Paper presentation at the June 2018 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Toronto, Canada)*.
- “The Deviant Prison: Eastern State Penitentiary and the Advantage of Difference.” *Paper presentation at the June 2017 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Mexico City, Mexico)*.
- “The Penal State Revisited: The Role of Prison Administrators in Agonistic Penal Change.” *Paper presentation at the November 2016 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in New Orleans, LA)*.
- “Iterating Punishment: The Three Stages of Penal Innovation.” *Invited presentation for the Problems of Corrections Speaker Series at the University of Delaware (organized by Professor Santhi Leon)*, June 16, 2016.*
- “Iterating Punishment: The Process of Penal Innovation.” *Paper presentation at the June 2016 conference for the Law and Society Association (in New Orleans, LA)*.

- “In the Shadow of Penal Change: Speculations on the Constitutive Power of Punishment’s Templates.” *Invited paper presentation for the April 2016 Penal Boundaries Workshop at the University of Toronto.**
- “After Institutionalization: The Post–Civil War Proliferation of Carceral Forms.” *Paper presentation at the November 2015 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Washington, DC).*
- “The Birth of the Penal Organization: Why Prisons Were Born to Fail.” *Invited paper presentation for “The Legal Process and the Promise of Justice: A Conference to Honor the Work of Malcolm M. Feeley” at UC Berkeley, October 22, 2015.**
- “Investigating the Creation and Diffusion of Proto-Prisons, 1776–1835.” *Paper presentation at the May 2015 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Seattle, WA).*
- “Institutionalizing the Pennsylvania System: Organizational Exceptionalism, Administrative Support, and Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1875.” *Invited paper presentation at the November 2014 Jurisprudence and Social Policy Dissertation Colloquium at UC Berkeley.**
- “Constructing Deviance: Re-analyzing the Diffusion of Antebellum Prisons.” *Paper presentation at the November 2014 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA).*
- “Analyzing Prisoner Behavior: Risks and Benefits.” *Roundtable presentation at the November 2014 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA).*
- “Becoming a Deviant Prison: A Neo-Institutional Theory of Organizational Deviance.” *Invited paper presentation at the Center for the Study of Law and Society at UC Berkeley, July 17, 2014.**
- “Becoming a Deviant Prison: A Neo-Institutional Theory of Organizational Deviance.” *Paper presentation at the May 2014 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Minneapolis, MN).*
- “Resistance or Friction: Understanding the Significance of Secondary Adjustments.” *Paper presentation at the November 2013 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Atlanta, GA).*
- “Professionalization as Strategy and Identity at Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1871.” *Refereed paper presentation at the November 2013 conference for the American Society of Legal History (in Miami, FL).**
- “The Declining Death Penalty in Eighteenth-Century London? Exploring the Role of Ecological Fallacy.” *Refereed paper presentation at the October 2013 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (in Philadelphia, PA).**

- “Violating the Pennsylvania System: An Organizational Framework.” *Paper presentation at the February 2013 conference for the Western Society of Criminology (in Berkeley, CA).*
- “Violating the Pennsylvania System: An Organizational Framework.” *Paper presentation at the November 2012 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Chicago, IL)*
- “Penal Transportation in Eighteenth-Century London: Alternative to a Death Sentence or Netwidening Innovation?” *Refereed paper presentation at the November 2011 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (in Chicago, IL).**
- “Group Threat Theory and the Impact of Social Change on Nineteenth-Century Sentencing Disparities.” *Paper presentation at the August 2011 conference for the American Sociological Association (in Las Vegas, NV).*
- “Penal Transportation in Eighteenth-Century London: Alternative to a Death Sentence or Netwidening Innovation?” *Paper presentation at the June 2011 conference for the Law and Society Association (in San Francisco, CA).*
- “The Effect of County Demographics on Sentencing Outcomes: A Quasi-Experiment Using Data from Inmates of Eastern State Penitentiary between 1829 and 1859.” *Refereed poster presentation at the November 2010 Conference for Empirical Legal Studies (in New Haven, CT).**
- “Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Sentence Length: Irish, German, Black, and Female Inmates in Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1870.” *Paper presentation at the November 2009 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA).*
- “Rehabilitating Durkheim: Social Solidarity and Rehabilitation in Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1850.” *Poster presentation at the November 2008 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in St. Louis, MO).*

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OF

COAUTHORED
RESEARCH

Ashley T. Rubin (presenter) and Alena K. Shalaby^S. “Stagnated, on the Verge of Breakthrough, or Both? The State of Grand Theories of Legal Phenomena.”

- *Invited Colloquium for the American Bar Foundation, April 8, 2026.*
- *Invited Colloquium for the Department of Sociology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, November 7, 2023.*

Ashley T. Rubin and Alena K. Shalaby^S (copresenters). “Stagnated, on the Verge of Breakthrough, or Both? The State of Grand Theories of Legal Phenomena.” *Invited Sociology of Law Roundtable presentation at the August 2023 conference for the American Sociological Association (in Philadelphia, PA)*.

Rose Ricciardelli and Ashley Rubin (copresenters). “‘The Real Man’: A Problematic Concept or Exceptionally Progressive for 1950s Punishment Scholarship.” *Paper presentation at the November 2019 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA)*.

Dixie Rocker^S (presenter), Jennifer M. Brown^S, Ashley Rubin, and Ted Chiricos. “‘She Lied’: Exploring Trends in Newspaper Reports of Alleged False Rape Accusations.” *Paper presentation at the November 2018 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Atlanta, GA)*.

Katie Quinn^S and Ashley Rubin (copresenters). “National Context and the International Mobility of Ideas: Conceptions and Theories of Risk Across Borders.” *Paper presentation at the June 2018 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Toronto, Canada)*.

Tiffany Tomlinson^S (presenter), Jennifer M. Brown^S, Ashley Rubin, and Ted Chiricos. “Do News Articles on Rape and Sexual Assault Perpetuate Social Inequalities?” *Paper presentation at the November 2017 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA)*.

Mayra Picon^S (presenter), Ashley Rubin, Jennifer M. Brown^S, and Ted Chiricos. “How Does Rape Coverage Correspond to Increasing Gender Equality?: A Test of Feminist and Gender Threat Hypotheses.” *Paper presentation at the November 2017 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA)*.

Johann Koehler^S and Ashley Rubin (copresenters). “New Institutionalism and Theory Building in Criminal Justice.” *Paper presentation at the November 2017 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA)*.

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COMMENTARY
AND SERVICE
PRESENTATIONS
FOR
ACADEMICS

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Invited Speaker, *Virtual Q&A with the Heterodox Academy’s Segal Center Fellows, April 16, 2026*.*

Invited Panelist, “The Erosion of Scholarly Standards in the Humanities and Humanistic Social Sciences.” *Panel discussion at the Summit on Open Inquiry at Vanderbilt University (in Nashville, TN), March 27, 2026*.*

Invited Panelist, “Advancing Viewpoint Diversity and Open Inquiry in American Criminology.” *Panel discussion at the November 2025 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Washington, DC).**

Invited Panelist, “Social Theories and Normativity.” *Panel discussion at the Department of Sociology at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa, September 30, 2025.**

Invited Panelist speaking on “Social Norms and Deviance” for “Blind Spots in Academic Sociology” panel. *Panel in “Taboos, Blind Spots, and Missed Opportunities: Getting Sociology Back on Track,” a Pre-Conference Workshop at the Annual Meeting of the Heterodox Academy in New York City, NY, June 22, 2025.**

Panelist, “Publishing in Socio-Legal Friendly Journals: Meet the Editors and Get Advice on Publishing.” *Professional development panel at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in Chicago, IL, May 24, 2025.*

Invited Panelist, “Building and Sustaining a Flourishing Academic Career.” *LSA Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop in Chicago, IL, May 21, 2025.**

Invited Panelist, “How to Conference (as a CLD Scholar).” *Professional development virtual panel organized by the Crime, Law, and Deviance Section of the American Sociological Association, May 13, 2025.**

Invited Discussant, Session 3. *Panel at the Penal Reform in Colonial and Postcolonial Contexts (Virtual) Conference (Sapir College Law School, Israel), December 19, 2024.**

Invited Comments on Silvia Gomes and Dixie Rocker’s (2024) *Gender, Prison and Reentry Experiences: A Matter of Time. Author Meets Critic* panel at the November 2024 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in San Francisco, CA).*

Invited Panelist, “Writing Better Research Articles.” *Professional development panel at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in Denver, CO, June 8, 2024.**

Panelist, “Publishing in Socio-Legal Friendly Journals: Meet the Editors and Get Advice on Publishing.” *Professional development panel at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in Denver, CO, June 7, 2024.*

Invited Consultant (with Fabio de Sa e Silva), Roundtable on “Article publishing, US focus.” *LSA Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop in Denver, CO, June 7, 2024.**

- Invited Panelist, “Publishing & Grants in Law & Society Research.” *LSA Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop in Denver, CO*, June 7, 2024.*
- Invited Discussant, “Community Engaged Methods.” *Panel at the Punishment Beyond Mass Incarceration Symposium* (Brown University), April 5, 2024.*
- Discussant, “Qualitative Methods” Regular Session. *Refereed regular session at the August 2023 Annual Meeting for the American Sociological Association* (in Philadelphia, PA), August 18, 2023.
- Panelist, “Publishing in Socio-Legal Friendly Journals: Meet the Editors and Get Advice on Publishing.” *Professional development panel at the Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association in San Juan, Puerto Rico*, June 1, 2023.
- Invited Consultant (with Christopher Schmidt), Roundtable on “Article publishing, US focus.” *LSA Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop in San Juan, Puerto Rico*, May 31, 2023.*
- Invited Panelist, “Publishing & Grants in Law & Society Research.” *LSA Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop in San Juan, Puerto Rico*, May 31, 2023.*
- Invited Panelist, “Becoming a Sociologist of Law.” *Professional Development panel at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association in Los Angeles, California*, August 9, 2022.*
- Invited Consultant, Roundtable on “On the Job: Navigating the workplace, stress, productivity, balancing research/teaching/service/public engagement.” *LSA Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop in Lisbon, Portugal*, July 12, 2022.*
- Discussant, Multiple Panels. *Virtual Workshop on Path Dependencies and Criminal Justice Reform: Investigating Continuity and Change across Historical Time Online Workshop*, November 3-4, 2021.
- Invited Co-Discussant, Prisons and Police Panel. *New Directions in Law and Society Virtual Graduate Student and Junior Scholar Workshop hosted by the Center for Justice, Law, and Societies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst*, October 8-9, 2021.*
- Invited Panel Discussant. *Panel at the Punishment in Global Peripheries: Contemporary Changes and Historical Continuities Virtual Workshop at the University of Oxford*, June 23, 2021.*

Discussant, “Finding the Sociology in Punishment & Society” Panel. *Refereed panel at the August 2020 “Virtual Engagement Event” for the American Sociological Association* (originally scheduled to be held in San Francisco, CA).

Invited Comments on Chris Smith’s (2019) *Syndicate Women: Gender and Networks in Chicago Organized Crime*. *Author Meets Reader panel at the May 2020 virtual conference for the Law and Society Association* (originally scheduled to be held in Denver, Colorado).*

Invited Comments on Fergus McNeill’s (2018) *Pervasive Punishment: Making Sense of Mass Supervision*. *Author Meets Critic panel at the November 2019 conference for the American Society of Criminology* (in San Francisco, CA).*

Invited Comments on *Law & Social Inquiry*’s past, present, and future, “Celebrating Law & Social Inquiry.” *Invited service panel at the May-June 2019 conference for the Law and Society Association* (in Washington, D.C.).*

★ Covered on the Cambridge Core Blog ([Link to Recording](#))

Invited Panel member, “Histories of the Carceral State.” *Roundtable discussion at the May-June 2019 conference for the Law and Society Association* (in Washington, D.C.).*

Invited Comments on Heather Schoenfeld’s (2018) *Building the Prison State: Race and the Politics of Mass Incarceration*. *Author Meets Critic panel at the November 2018 conference for the American Society of Criminology* (in Atlanta, GA).*

Invited Panel member, “Teaching in the Global Village: Employing Blogs, Podcasts, Twitter and YouTube in Pedagogy and Research.” *Roundtable discussion at the November 2018 conference for the American Society of Criminology* (in Atlanta, GA).*

Invited Discussant for Noga Keidar’s “Cities and their Gurus: Why the Links Between Urban Studies and Cities Took the Shape of ‘Gurus’ and Their ‘Followers’?” *Toronto Theory Working Group, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto*, October 10, 2018.*

Invited Discussant, “Legal Resistance” Panel. *Refereed panel at the August 2018 conference for the American Sociological Association* (in Philadelphia, PA).*

Panel member, Panels on “Productivity” and “Navigating the Job Market.” *Junior Scholars Workshop at the June 2018 joint conference for the Law and Society Association and Canadian Society of Law and Society* (in Toronto, Canada), June 5-6, 2018.

Invited Comments on Sarah Lageson's (then-forthcoming) *Undeleteable: Criminal Records in the Age of Big Data*. Book symposium held at Rutgers University–Newark, May 25, 2018.*

Invited Comments on John Eason's (2017) *Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation*. Author Meets Critic panel at the November 2017 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA).*

Invited Comments on Dario Melossi and Massimo Pavarini's (2017) *The Prison and the Factory (Updated Edition): Origins of the Penitentiary System*. Author Meets Critic panel at the November 2017 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in Philadelphia, PA).*

Invited Comments on Keramet Reiter's (2016) *23/7: Pelican Bay Prison and the Rise of Long-Term Solitary*. Author Meets Reader panel at the June 2017 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Mexico City, Mexico).*

Invited Discussant for Katy Rozad's "Responding to the Failure of Law: News Media Coverage of the 'Correction' of Wrongful Conviction" *Invited Comments for the Department of Sociology's Annual Practicum Conference at the University of Toronto*, April 3, 2017.*

Invited Roundtable participant, "Prisons: Past, Present, and Future." *Roundtable with the Society of Professional Journalists (at San Quentin State Prison, San Quentin, CA)*, March 3, 2017.*

Invited Panel participant, *Invited presentation for "A Symposium on Attica & its Legacy for the American Prison: How Prisoner Resistance Shapes the Evolution of Punishment" organized by the Center for the Study of Law and Society, U.C., Berkeley*), March 2, 2017.*

Invited Comments on "The Historians' Role in Criminal Justice Research: Past, Present, and Future." *Roundtable presentation at the November 2016 conference for the American Society of Criminology (in New Orleans, LA)*.*

Invited Comments on the publishing process with *Law & Society Review*. *Invited service panel at the May 2015 conference for the Law and Society Association (in Seattle, WA)*.*

Invited Comments on Hadar Aviram's (2015) *Cheap on Crime*. *Author Meets Reader panel at the February 2015 conference for the Western Society of Criminology (in Phoenix, AZ)*.*

Invited Discussant for Beth Freeborn and Monica Hartmann's "Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Federal Sentencing: A Quantile Regression Approach." *Invited comments at the November 2010 Conference on Empirical Legal Studies (in New Haven, CT).**

(SELECTED)
EDUCATIONAL
TALKS, LOCAL
SERVICE PRE-
SENTATIONS,
AND GUEST
LECTURES

Q&A about Normativity is Not a Replacement for Theory, November 20, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Sun-Ki Chai, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

"Rocking Qualitative Social Science." *Guest lecture for a graduate class*, September 3, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Priyam Das, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

"A Brief History of the U.S. Prison." *Lecture as part of the NEH Summer Institute for School Teachers (Amherst College), Punishment: The American Story*, July 14, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Austin Sarat, Amherst College.)

"Qualitative Social Science: A Starter Kit." *3-hour virtual workshop*, June 4, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Taja-Nia Henderson, Rutgers University–Newark.)

"Qualitative Social Science: An Action-Packed Overview." *Guest lecture for a graduate seminar*, April 2, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Eunjeong Paek, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

"Rocking Qualitative Social Science." *Guest lecture for a graduate class*, February 3, 2025. (Invited by Dr. Kathleen Padilla, Texas State University.)

"Rocking Qualitative Social Science." *Guest lecture for a graduate class*, September 4, 2024. (Invited by Dr. Priyam Das, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

"Qualitative Social Science: A Starter Kit." *3.5-hour virtual workshop*, June 18, 2024. (Invited by Dr. Taja-Nia Henderson, Rutgers University–Newark.)

"Qualitative Social Science: Getting Started." *2-hour workshop*, June 4, 2024. (Invited by Prof. Bernard Chao, Sturm College of Law, University of Denver.)

Q&A about Rocking Qualitative Social Science, March 5, 2024. (Invited by Dr. Jennifer Kagan, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

"A History of the Prison: Focusing on the US and the Early Atlantic World." *Lecture for UHM College of Social Sciences International Coop. Program (Law & Society Program)*, February 28, 2024. (Invited by Dr.

Spencer Kimura and Austin J.A.K. Davis, MA, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

“Balance, Efficiency, and Time Management.” *Guest lecture for a graduate seminar*, October 30, 2023. (Invited by Dr. Krysia Mossakowski, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

“Qualitative Social Science: An Action-Packed Overview.” *Guest lecture for a graduate seminar*, October 19, 2023. (Invited by Dr. Wei Zhang, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

Panel member, Virtual Panel on “Envisioning Careers after JSP.” *Panel event for graduate students in the Jurisprudence and Social Policy Program*, October 10, 2023. (Invited by Dr. Sarah Song, University of California at Berkeley.)

“Responding to Quantitative Critiques of Qualitative Research.” *A mini [15-minute] guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, April 5, 2023. (Invited by Dr. Mareike Schomerus, University of Chicago.)

“Rocking Qualitative Social Science: Getting Started with Qualitative Methods.” *Invited talk for the Faculty Research Series*, March 30, 2023. (Invited by Prof. Susan Serrano, Richardson School of Law, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

“Qualitative Social Science: An Action-Packed Overview.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, January 18, 2023. (Invited by Dr. Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles.)

“Rocking Qualitative Social Science.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, November 15, 2022. (Invited by Dr. Martha Lincoln, San Francisco State University.)

Virtual “celebrity” guest appearance in Dr. Michael Campbell’s “Content Analysis, Interviews, and Data Management in Case Study Research,” *American Society of Criminology Sponsored Pre-Meeting Workshop*, November 15, 2022.

“Qualitative Social Science: A Crash Course.” *9-hour virtual workshop, hosted by the Law and Society Association*, October 27-29, 2022. (Invited by Dr. Steve Boutcher, Law and Society Association.)

“Qualitative Social Science: An Action-Packed Overview.” *Guest lecture for a graduate seminar*, October 20, 2022. (Invited by Dr. Wei Zhang, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)

Panel member, Panel on the Hidden Curriculum. *Panel event for graduate students, hosted by the Department of Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa*, September 16, 2022.

“The History and Development of Incarceration in the US.” *Lecture and colloquy as part of the NEH Summer Institute for School Teachers (Amherst College), Punishment: The American Story*, July 18, 2022. (Invited by Dr. Austin Sarat, Amherst College.)

“Qualitative Social Science: A Crash Course.” *5-hour virtual workshop, hosted by the Law and Society Association*, April 28-29, 2022. (Invited by Dr. Steve Boutcher, Law and Society Association.)

“Fieldnotes! And Other Topics Relating to Observational Data Collection.” *Workshop given at the Northwestern Neighborhood & Network Initiative (N3)*, March 28, 2022. (Invited by Dr. Andrew Papachristos, Northwestern University.)

Panel member, Roundtable on How to Succeed in College. *Panel event for undergraduate students at the Department of Sociology, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*, March 3, 2022.

Panel member, Workshop on Abstracts. *Panel event for graduate students at the Department of Sociology, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa*, November 19, 2021.

“Qualitative Data Analysis and Causal Inference.” *A short undergraduate lecture followed by an extended Q&A*, November 11, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Amanda McMillan Lequieu, Drexel University.)

“Qualitative Social Science: An Action-Packed Overview.” *Guest lecture for graduate seminar*, October 21, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Wei Zhang, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.)

“Qualitative Social Science: An Action-Packed Overview.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, October 13, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Jason Sexton, University of California, Los Angeles.)

“Qualitative Social Science: A Fun Overview.” *3.5-hour virtual workshop*, October 1, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Taja-Nia Henderson, Rutgers University–Newark.)

Invited Speaker and Discussant. *Workshop on research questions for graduate students*, September 15, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Jen Darrah-Okike, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.)

Invited Speaker for Q&A, *Guest speaker for undergraduate class*, September 7, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Robert Perkinson, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.)

“Historical and Archival Research: An Overview.” *Guest lecture for a graduate seminar*, April 27, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Le Lin, University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa.)

- Panel member, "Publication Matters." *Panel event for graduate students at the Department of Sociology, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa, March 12, 2021.*
- "Balance and Time Management." *Graduate lecture for a graduate seminar, February 25, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Kryisia Mossakowski, University of Hawai'i at Mānoa.)*
- "The Rise of the Prison Across the Atlantic World." *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class, February 11, 2021. (Invited by Dr. Ciara Bracken-Roche, Maynooth University.)*
- Panel member, "Compiling Your Research into a Book." *Grad Student Lunch Series Workshop at the School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University, February 8, 2021.*
- "The American Prison: A History of the Magic Box." *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class, September 17, 2020. (Invited by Dr. Holly Pelvin, University of Toronto.)*
- "Qualitative Social Science: A Fun Overview." *Half-day course as part of a cross-campus methods week organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, April 29, 2019.*
- "Introduction to Qualitative and Historical/Archival Methods." *Half-day course as part of a cross-campus methods week organized by the Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, May 2, 2018.*
- "My Research on Prison History." *Lecture for high school students visiting University of Toronto, Mississauga, March 27, 2018.*
- Panel member, "Academic Publishing." *Professional Development Workshop for graduate students at the Centre for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies, University of Toronto, March 16, 2018.*
- Panel member, "CV Workshop: The CV as a Document and Motivational Force." *Workshop for graduate students at the Department of Sociology, University of Toronto, November 8, 2016.*
- "The Publication Process: Insights for the Prospective Author." *Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series presentation at College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University, March 20, 2015.*
- "Qualitative Data Analysis: A Primer." *Graduate-Faculty Workshop Series presentation at College of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Florida State University, March 21, 2014.*
- "The Rise of the Prison." *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class, April 17, 2013. (Invited by Professor Edi Kinney, Mills College.)*

- “The Birth of the Penitentiary.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, January 31, 2013. (Invited by Professor Jonathan Simon, UC Berkeley.)
- “The Penitentiary Project: Auburn v. Eastern.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, March 10, 2011. (Invited by Professor Richard Perry, UC Berkeley.)
- “Historical and Archival Research.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, October 27, 2010, October 26, 2011, and October 24, 2012. (Invited by Professor Michael Musheno, UC Berkeley.)
- “The Penitentiary Project: Auburn v. Eastern.” *Guest lecture for an undergraduate class*, March 10, 2010. (Invited by Professor Jonathan Simon, UC Berkeley.)

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

Department of Sociology: Undergraduate

- Introduction to the Sociology of Punishment (SOC 232/HON 291/IS 291)
Spring 2023, Spring 2024
- Sociology of Law (SOC 332)
Spring 2020 (Transitioned Online), Spring 2022 (Hybrid)
- Criminology (SOC 333)
Fall 2021 (Online), Fall 2022 (Online), Fall 2023 (Online), Fall 2024 (Online), Fall 2025 (Online)
- Deviant Behavior and Social Control (SOC 336)
Fall 2019
- Criminal Justice Organizations (SOC 337) (Previously: Topics in Sociology, SOC 495)
Spring 2020 (Transitioned Online), Spring 2021 (Online), Spring 2022 (Hybrid), Spring 2023 (Online), Spring 2024 (Online), Spring 2025 (Online)
- Advanced Criminology (SOC 431)
Fall 2022 (Online) taught as Prison Sociology, Spring 2025 taught as Public Criminology
- Punishment & Society (Previously: Corrections) (SOC 432)
Summer 2020 (Online), Spring 2021 (Online), Summer 2022 (Online)

- Prisons (SOC 438) (Previously: Topics in Sociology, SOC 495)
Fall 2020 (Online), Fall 2021 (Online), Summer 2022 (Online), Summer 2023 (Online), Summer 2024 (Online), Summer 2025 (Online)
- Directed Research or Reading (SOC 499)
Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Fall 2020, Summer 2021, Fall 2021
- Directed Research or Reading: Hawai'i Crime Lab (SOC 499)
Spring 2025, Fall 2025
- Directed Research or Reading: SOC 333 Discussion Section (SOC 499)
Fall 2025
- Directed Reading or Research (SOC 699)
Fall 2021, Spring 2023, Fall 2023
- Research and Teaching Practicum (SW 699)
Spring 2025

University of Toronto

Department of Sociology (Mississauga): Undergraduate

- Criminal Justice Organizations (SOC 320), formerly, Special Topics in Criminology: Criminal Justice Organizations (SOC 300)
Fall 2016, Winter 2017, Fall 2017, Fall 2018
- Law, Punishment, and Social Control (SOC 211)
Winter 2019
- Theories in Criminology (SOC 205)
Winter 2017, Winter 2018, Fall 2018

Department of Sociology (St. George): Graduate

- Qualitative Methods (SOC 6712)
Winter 2018, Winter 2019

Jackman Humanities Scholars-in-Residence (SiR) Program

- Conflict in the Process of Normalizing the Prison
Summer 2018

Research Opportunity Program (ROP)

- Understanding the Influence of National Context on Socio-Legal Scholarship

Fall 2018–Winter 2019

- Understanding America's Deviant Prison: Eastern State Penitentiary, 1829–1913
Fall 2017–Winter 2018

Florida State University

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice: Undergraduate

- Law, Society, and the Administration of Justice (CJL 4038)
Fall 2013, Fall 2014, Fall 2015
- Criminal Justice Administration (CCJ 4450)
Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Spring 2016
- Special Topics in Criminology: Punishment & Society (CCJ 4938)
Spring 2014, Fall 2014, Fall 2015

College of Criminology and Criminal Justice: Graduate

- Qualitative Methods in Criminology (CCJ 5707)
Spring 2016
- Seminar in Theoretical Criminology: The History of the Modern Prison (CCJ 6920)
Spring 2015
- Qualitative and Mixed-Methods Working Group
Spring 2014

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)

- American Mass Incarceration: Causes and Consequences
Spring 2016

Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP)

- Nineteenth-Century Prisons in Practice
Fall 2014–Spring 2015

University of California, Berkeley

Legal Studies: Undergraduate

- Graduate Student Instructor, five semesters (2008–2013)
- Acting Instructor, one semester (2011)

Jurisprudence and Social Policy: Graduate

- Graduate Student Instructor, (statistics and quantitative methods) two semesters (2010–2011)
- Graduate Student Instructor, (pedagogy) two semesters (2010–2011)

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP)

- Project Supervisor, three semesters (2011–2012)

San Quentin State Prison

Prison University Project

- English Study Hall Tutor (Spring 2008)

ADDITIONAL
TRAINING AND
ACTIVITIES

Law and Society Association (LSA)

- Early Career Workshop, Minneapolis meeting, 2014

Consortium on Qualitative Research Methods (CQRM)

- The Institute for Qualitative and Multi-Method Research at Syracuse University, 2011

Workshops on Research Design for Causal Inference (Northwestern Law)

- Causal Inference: Frequentist Methods Workshop at Northwestern Law, 2011

Interuniversity Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR)

- Designing, Conducting, and Analyzing Field Experiments, Professor Donald Green, at Yale University, 2008

Proficient in:

- Qualitative Software: Atlas.ti & NVivo
- Quantitative Software: R & STATA
- Document Preparation Software: LaTeX

SERVICE:
UNIVERSITY
(SINCE 2013)

University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa

- (Sociology) Recruitment Committee (I-2 Position), (Chair) 2022
- (Sociology) Acting Department Chair, 2025 (March 13-21, June 2-6, August 1-7), 2024 (June 5-15, October 7-8), 2023 (June 27-August 4), 2022 (April 11-15)

- (Sociology) Professional Development Committee, (Member) 2022–2023
- (UHM) Undergraduate Research Opportunities Council (UROC), (Member) 2021 to present
 - UROC Subcommittee for Award for Excellence in Mentoring Undergraduate Research and Creative Work, (Member) 2025
 - UROC Working Group on Different Ways of Knowing, (Member) 2022
- (Sociology) Department Personnel Committee, (Chair) 2024–fall 2025, (Member) 2021–2024
- (Sociology) Department Policy Review Committee, (Member) 2021–2022, fall 2025
- (Sociology) Undergraduate Studies Committee, (Member) 2020–(December) 2022
- (Sociology) Departmental Web Page Committee, (Member) 2022–2024, (Chair) 2020–2022, (Member) 2019
- (Sociology) Colloquium Committee, (Chair) Spring 2024, (Member) Fall 2023, (Co-Chair) 2021–2022, (Member) 2019–2020

University of Toronto

- (Tri-Campus) Delegated Ethics Review Committee, 2018–2019
- (Tri-Campus) Graduate Program & Curriculum Committee, 2017–2019
- (Tri-Campus) Qualitative Methods Area Committee, 2017–2019
 - (Tri-Campus) Qualitative Methods Area Exam Committee, 2018–2019
- (Tri-Campus) Sociology of Crime and Law (formerly Crime, Law, and Deviance) Area Committee, 2017–2019
 - (Tri-Campus) Sociology of Crime and Law Area Exam Committee, 2017–2019
- (Tri-Campus) Crime, Law, and Punishment Salon Organizer, 2017
- (UTM) Punishment & Society Working Group Organizer, 2016–2017, 2018–2019
- (UTM) Peel Social Lab Student Survey Committee, 2016–2019

- (UTM) Criminology, Law and Society Curriculum Committee, 2016–2019

Florida State University

- Faculty Senate Library Committee, 2014–2016
 - Library Budget Crisis Taskforce, Summer 2015
 - Robert B. Bradley Library Research Grant Committee, Fall 2014
- College of Criminology and Criminal Justice Recruitment Committee, Fall 2014

SERVICE:
PROFESSION
(SINCE 2013)

Editorial Work & Guest Editorships

- Co-Editor (with Katharina Heyer and Shauhin Talesh), *Law & Society Review*, 2023–2026 (January to January; Volumes 57–59)
- Committee Member, *Punishment & Society* Paper Prize for 2021 Committee, 2022
- Guest Co-Editor (with Henry Yeomans and Thomas Guiney), *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, [Special Issue](#) (2023) on “Path Dependencies and Criminal Justice Reform: Investigating Continuity and Change Across Historical Time”
 - Co-organizers (with Ian Loader, Howard League staff, Henry Yeomans, and Thomas Guiney), [Virtual Event](#) hosted by the Howard League for Penal Reform (showcasing the special issue), “Why is criminal justice reform so difficult? Lessons from historical and international comparative research,” May 4, 2023
 - Co-Convener (with Henry Yeomans and Thomas Guiney), Virtual Workshop on Path Dependencies and Criminal Justice Reform: Investigating Continuity and Change across Historical Time Online Workshop, November 3-4, 2021
- Editorial Advisory Board Member, *Law & Society Review*, 2021–2022
- Book Review Editor (North & South American Desk), *Punishment & Society*, 2019–2023
- Guest Editor, *Law & Social Inquiry*, [Review Symposium](#) (2019) on Goodman, Page, and Phelps’ *Breaking the Pendulum*
- Guest Editor, *Social Justice*, [Special Issue](#) (2019) on Punishment and History

Editorial Board Memberships

- Editorial Board Member, *Evidence Base*, 2025 to present
- Editorial Board Member, *Criminology & Public Policy*, 2025–2026
- Editorial Board Member, *Punishment & Society*, 2019–2023 (*ex officio*), 2023 to Present (Co-Editor Board Member)
- Advisory Board Member, *Incarceration*, 2019 to Present
- Editorial Board Member, *Law & Social Inquiry*, 2018–2020
- Editorial Board Member, *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*, 2016 to Present

American Sociological Association

- Annual Meeting Guide (for first-time attendees) for the 2025 ASA Annual Meeting in Chicago, IL (August 2025)
- (Invited) Session Organizer, Qualitative Methodology Regular Session for the August 2023 Annual Meeting (2022–2023)
- (Invited) Session Organizer, Deviance and Social Control Regular Session for the August 2021 Annual Meeting (2020–2021)
- Crime, Law, and Deviance Section
 - Mentoring Program, Mentor (2022)
 - “Challenges and Innovations in Researching Crime, Law, and Deviance,” for August 2022 Annual Meeting, Session Organizer (2021–2022)
 - Nominations Committee, Chair (2020–2021), Immediate-Past-Chair (2021–2022), Member (2022–2023)
 - Section Council, Member (2019–2022)
 - Roundtable and Open Sessions Organizer for August 2020 Annual Meeting (2019–2020)
- Sociology of Law Section
 - Communications and Publications Committee, Chair, and *Law in Action* Blog Editor (January 2022–2023)
 - Section Secretary/Treasurer (2021–2023)
 - “Finding the Sociology in Punishment and Society,” Annual Meeting held (virtually) August 2020, Session Presider (*Presiding involved arranging and hosting a “virtual engagement” panel.*)

- “Finding the Sociology in Punishment and Society,” for August 2020 Annual Meeting, Session Organizer (2019–2020)
- Publications Committee, Chair (2019–2021)
- Nominations Committee, Chair-Elect (2017–2018), Chair (2018–2019), Member (2023–2024)
- Section Council, Member (2017–2019)
- Mentoring Match Program, Mentor (2016–2020, 2025)
- Student Paper Prize Committee, Member (2016–2017)

American Society of Criminology

- Program Committee for the 2025 Annual Meeting, Sub-Area Chair: Law Making and Legal Change (2024–2025)
- Program Committee for the 2024 Annual Meeting, Sub-Area Chair: Historical Comparisons of Crime & Justice (2023–2024)
- ASC Division of Historical Criminology, Executive Counselor (2023–2024)
- Program Committee for the 2022 Annual Meeting, Sub-Area Chair: Historical Comparisons of Crime & Justice (2021–2022)
- Committee on Teaching, Member (2020–2021)
- Division of Corrections and Sentencing Mentoring Programs, Mentor (2019–2020, 2021–2022, 2024–2025)
- Organizer, Penal History Collaborative Research Group, Division of Corrections and Sentencing (2013–2014)

Law and Society Association

- Member, Publications Committee, 2024–2025
- Member (*ex officio*), Executive Board, 2023–2025
- Chair, Membership Committee, 2022–2023
- Small Group Mentor, (Virtual) Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop, May 25, 2021
- Small Group Mentor, (Virtual) Junior Scholars Workshop, May 26, 2020
- Member, Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop Committee, 2019–2021

- Member, Ad Hoc Website Committee, 2019–2020
- Member, 2019 LSA Article Prize Committee, 2019
- Founder and Chair, Punishment & Society CRN Digital Speaker Series Committee, 2018–2023
- Chair, LSA–CSLA Junior Scholars Workshop Committee, 2017–2018
- Trustee, Board of Trustees, Class of 2019, 2016–2019
- Member, 2017 LSA Student Paper Prize Committee, 2016–2017
- Founder and Blog Editor and Lead Blogger/Webmaster, “The Punishment & Society Blog” (the official blog and website of CRN 27: Punishment and Society), 2015 to Present
- Co-Organizer, CRN 27: Punishment and Society, 2015 to Present

Western Society of Criminology

- Councilor at Large, 2021–2022

Professional Twitter Account Maintenance

- *Punishment & Society* (@pun_soc), November 2019–January 2023
- ASA Sociology of Law Section (@SocLawSection), November 2019–August 2023
- Law & Society Association (@law_soc), July 2019–September 2019, November 2022–October 2023
- Punishment & Society CRN (@punishment_crn), October 2018–October 2023

Named or Anonymous Referee

- External Evaluator, University of Tasmania, May–June 2024
- Member, Hughes Ruud Committee, University of Denver Sturm College of Law, (Jan.) 2023–(May) 2024
- Grant Proposals: Israel Science Foundation, National Science Foundation
- Books and Book Proposals: Bristol University Press, Columbia University Press, Oxford University Press, Routledge, Stanford University Press, University of British Columbia Press
- Fellowships: Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences (NIAS)

- Articles: *American Journal of Sociology*; *American Sociological Review*; *American Journal of Criminal Justice*; *American Quarterly*; *British Journal of Sociology*; *Canadian Journal of Law & Society*; *Contexts*; *Crime & Delinquency*; *Criminology*; *Criminology & Criminal Justice*; *Critical Criminology*; *Critical Studies in Education*; *Du Bois Review*; *Eighteenth-Century Studies*; *Howard Journal of Crime and Justice*; *Incarceration*; *International Journal of Qualitative Methods*; *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice*; *International Review of Social History*; *Journal of Criminal Justice*; *Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology*; *Journal of Historical Sociology*; *Journal of Policy Analysis and Management*; *Journal of Policy History*; *Journal of Positive Sexuality*; *Journal of Public Administration Research and Theory*; *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*; *Journal of Urban History*; *Latino Studies*; *Law & History Review*; *Law & Society Review*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Men & Masculinities*; *Oñati Socio-legal Series*; *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*; *Punishment & Society*; *Qualitative Sociology*; *Social History of Medicine*; *Social Problems*; *Sociological Forum*; *Sociological Perspectives*; *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*; *Studies in Law, Politics, & Society*; *Theoretical Criminology*; *Theory & Society*; *William & Mary Quarterly*

EXPERT
WITNESS
TESTIMONY

State v. Manu Sorensen (First Circuit Court of O‘ahu, 2023–2024)

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