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Academic Appointments	
Northeastern University	
School of Criminology and Criminal Justice	
School of Law	
Associate Professor	2025-
Affiliated Faculty, Center for Law, Information & Creativity (CLIC)	
Affiliated Faculty, Corrections and Reentry Lab	
Rutgers University-Newark	
School of Criminal Justice	
Associate Professor	2021-2025
Assistant Professor	2015-2021
American Bar Foundation	
Affiliated Scholar	2021-
JPB Foundation Access to Justice Faculty Scholar	2020-2021
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Visiting Academic Appointments	
Columbia University, Department of Sociology	
Visiting Scholar	2023
Universitat Pompeu Fabra School of Law, Barcelona, Spain	
Visiting Researcher	2019
Education	
Rutgers Law School	2023
JD, Certificate in Criminal Law & Procedure	
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities, Department of Sociology	2015
MA, PhD in Sociology	
Washington University in St. Louis, School of Arts & Sciences	2007
BA in Anthropology, BA in History	

Books Sarah Lageson. 2020. Digital Punishment: Privacy, Stigma, and the Harms of Data-Driven

Sarah Lageson. 2020. Digital Punishment: Privacy, Stigma, and the Harms of Data-Driven Criminal Justice. Oxford University Press.

Media: Slate, The Markup, CNN, The Crime Report, Team Human Podcast, Digital Privacy News, Collateral Consequences Resource Center, ApexArt, Probable Causation Podcast, Drexel Magazine, WDET 'Tracked and Traced' Podcast, Black Box Podcast

Reviews: American Journal of Sociology, European Journal of Sociology, Punishment & Society, British Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Constitutional History, Security Dialogue, Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare, Surveillance & Society, Law Library Journal, European Journal of Probation, Religious Studies Review, Probation Journal

Awards: American Society of Criminology 2021 Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award; Honorable Mention for the 2021 Law and Society Association Jacob Prize; Privacy Law Scholars Conference Junior Scholar Award

Kyle Green and Sarah Lageson. 2018. **Give Methods a Chance**. New York: W.W. Norton. **Reviews**: Teaching Sociology. 2019. 47(2): 161–163.

2026	Sarah Lageson. "Criminal Data Function Creep." Forthcoming in <i>Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology</i> .	
2025	Sarah Lageson. "The Artificially Unintelligent Data Double." Forthcoming in Surveillance & Society.	
2025	Sarah Lageson and Robert Apel. "The Mark or Trace of a Criminal Record: A Survey Experiment of Race and Criminal Record Signaling." <i>Criminology</i> 63(2):382-410, https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12406	
2025	Sarah Lageson and Chloé Sudduth. "Digital Punishment, Lateral Surveillance & The Sex Offense Registry." <i>Punishment & Society</i> , https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745251370758	
2025	Elsa Chen, Sarah Lageson, and Ericka Adams. "This is Everyone's Issue': Policy Entrepreneurs, Issue Framing, and Coalition Building in the Passage of Automatic Criminal Record Expungement." Criminology & Public Policy, https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.70003	
2025	Sarah Lageson, Carolina R. Caliman, Elsa Chen, and Ericka Adams. "Online Recruitment for Interview Participants Impacted by the Criminal Legal System. <i>Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice & Criminology</i> 15(1):129-164, https://doi.org/10.21428/88de04a1.feded292	
2025	Ericka Adams, Elsa Chen, and Sarah Lageson. "The Symbiotic Harms of a Criminal Record." <i>Criminal Justice and Behavior</i> , https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00938548251379861	
2025	Kathleen Powell, Sarah Lageson, Nate Link, Jordan M. Hyatt, Christopher Uggen, and Loni Tabb. "The Intersection of Cannabis Legalization, Criminal Record Relief, and Emerging Adulthood." The Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law 22(2):235-271.	
2024	Sarah Lageson and Alessandro Corda. "Chasing a Clean Slate: The Shifting Roles of Privacy and Technology in Criminal Record Expungement Law and Policy." Harvard Journal of Law & Technology 38(1):1-48.	
2024	Valerio Baćak, Sarah Lageson, and Kathleen Powell. "The Stress of Injustice: Public Defenders and the Frontline of American Inequality." <i>Social Forces</i> . https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soae027	
2024	Sarah Lageson and Robert Stewart. " <u>The Problem with Criminal Records:</u> <u>Discrepancies Between Official State Records and Private Sector Background Checks.</u> " <i>Criminology</i> 62(1):5-34. Selected by journal editors as lead article, February 2024 issue Media: The Appeal, The Hill, The Marshall Project, Empirical Legal Studies Blog. Sentencing Law and Policy Blog, Maryland Today, HR Dive	
2024	Katie Young, Karin Martin, and Sarah Lageson. "Access to Justice at the Intersection of Civil and Criminal Law." <i>Punishment & Society</i> 26(4):599-609.	

2023	Sarah Brayne, Sarah Lageson, and Karen Levy. " <u>Surveillance Deputies: When Ordinary People Surveil for the State</u> ." <i>Law & Society Review</i> 57(4), 462-488. Media: Jotwell, Contexts Magazine		
2023	Sarah Lageson. "Criminally Bad Data: Inaccurate Criminal Records, Data Brokers, and Algorithmic Injustice." University of Illinois Law Review 5, 1771-1810. Media: Legal Theory Blog		
2022	Sarah Lageson. "Digital Criminal Record Stigma and Surveillance." <i>Annual Review of Criminology</i> 5: 67-90.		
2022	Leslie Schneider, Mike Vuolo, Sarah Lageson, and Chris Uggen. "Before and After Ban the Box: Who Complies with Anti-Discrimination Law?" <i>Law & Social Inquiry</i> 47(3):749-482.		
2022	Juan Sandoval and Sarah Lageson. "Patchwork Disclosure: Divergent Public Access and Personal Privacy Across Criminal Record Disclosure Policy in the United States." <i>Law & Policy</i> 44(3):255-277.		
2022	Elizabeth Webster, Kathleen Powell, Sarah Lageson, and Valerio Baćak. "'Satan's Minions' and 'True Believers': How Criminal Defense Attorneys' Employ Quasi-Religious Rhetoric." <i>Justice System Journal</i> 43(1): 53-67.		
2021	Sarah Lageson, Elizabeth Webster and Juan Sandoval. "Digitizing and Disclosing Personal Data: The Proliferation of State Criminal Records on the Internet." Law & Social Inquiry 46(3): 635-665. Media: Vice, The Crime Report, Digital Privacy News, This Week in Sociological Perspectives Podcast, Criminal Legal News		
2020	Alessandro Corda and Sarah Lageson. "Disordered Punishment: Workaround Technologies of Criminal Records Disclosure and the Rise of a New Penal Entrepreneurialism." <i>British Journal of Criminology</i> 60(2):245-264. Media: Collateral Consequences Resource Center blog		
2020	Valerio Baćak, Sarah Lageson, and Kathleen Powell. "Fighting the Good Fight: Why Do Public Defenders Remain on the Job?" <i>Criminal Justice Policy Review</i> 31:939–961.		
2020	Sarah Lageson. "Privacy Loss as Collateral Consequence." The Annual Review of Interdisciplinary Justice Research 9:16-31.		
2019	Sarah Lageson, Megan Denver, and Justin Pickett. "Privatizing Criminal Stigma: Experience, Intergroup Contact, and Public Views about Publicizing Arrest Records." <i>Punishment & Society</i> 21(3): 315–341.		
2019	Sarah Lageson, Suzy Maves McElrath, and Krissinda Palmer. "Gendered Public Support for Criminalizing 'Revenge Porn." Feminist Criminology 14(5):560-583.		
2018	Sarah Lageson and Shadd Maruna. "Digital Degradation: Stigma Management in the Internet Age." <i>Punishment & Society</i> 20(1):113-133.		
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2018	Sarah Lageson. "The Politics of Public Punishment." Criminology & Public Policy 17(3): 635-642.		
2017	Sarah Lageson. "Crime Data, the Internet, and Free Speech: An Evolving Legal Consciousness." <i>Law & Society Review</i> 51(1):8-41.		
2017	Mike Vuolo, Sarah Lageson, and Chris Uggen. "Criminal Record Questions in the Era of 'Ban the Box." <i>Criminology & Public Policy</i> 16(1):139-165.		
2017	Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "Race, Recession, and Social Closure in the Low Wage Labor Market: Experimental and Observational Evidence." Research in the Sociology of Work 30:141-183.		
2016	Sarah Lageson. "Found Out and Opting Out: The Consequences of Online Criminal Records for Families." <i>The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science</i> 665(1):127-141.		
2016	Sarah Lageson. "Digital Punishment's Tangled Web." <i>Contexts</i> 15(1):22-27. Reprinted in <i>Contexts Reader</i> 3rd Edition, 2018. Syed Ali & Philip N. Cohen, eds. New York: W.W. Norton.		
2016	Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "Statistical Power in Experimental Audit Studies: Cautions and Calculations for Paired Tests with Dichotomous Outcomes." <i>Sociological Methods &</i> Research 45(2):260-303.		
2015	Sarah Lageson, Mike Vuolo, and Chris Uggen. "Legal Ambiguity in Managerial Assessments of Criminal Records." <i>Law and Social Inquiry</i> 40(1):175-204.		
2014	Chris Uggen, Mike Vuolo, Sarah Lageson, Ebony Ruhland, Hilary Whitham. "The Edge of Stigma: An Experimental Audit of the Effects of Low-level Criminal Records on Employment." <i>Criminology</i> 52(4):627-654.		
2014	Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "Taste Clusters of Music and Drugs: Evidence from Three Analytical Levels." <i>British Journal of Sociology</i> 65(3):520-54.		
Grants_			
2025-2026	The Mills Institute Innovation Lab, Northeastern University Oakland, \$12,000 Bridging the Expungement Gap: Race, Gender, and Access to Clean Slate Relief in California		
	Co-PI with Bay Area Legal Aid and The Access Project		
2024-2026	Clean Slate Initiative \$322,435 Do Data Brokers Comply with Clean Slate? Co-PI with Robert Stewart (University of Maryland)		

Clean Slate Initiative, \$424,881 2024-2026 Impact and Awareness of Clean Slate Policy: A Longitudinal Multistate Investigation Co-PI with Elsa Chen (Santa Clara University) and Ericka Adams (San Jose State University) 2024-2026 Russell Sage Foundation, \$74,973 The Consequences of Expungement Policy on Immigration Outcomes Principal Investigator, co-PI Lorena Avila (Villanova University) U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, \$2 million 2024-2027 U.S. Civil Legal Needs Survey Project Advisor; led by co-PI's Jeanette Hussemann (NORC), John Roman (NORC), and Rebecca Sandefur (ABF) 2023-2025 William T. Grant Foundation, \$544,030 The Promise of Marijuana Legalization to Reduce Racial Disparities in Youth Legal System Contact in New Jersey Co-PI with Jordan Hyatt (co-PI, Drexel University), Nate Link (co-PI, Rutgers University-Camden), Loni Tabb (co-PI, Drexel University), Chris Uggen (co-PI, University of Minnesota) Chancellor's Impact Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$25,000 2022-2024 Expanding Access to Criminal Expungement in New Jersey Co-PI with Meredith Schalick (Rutgers Law) 2021-2023 Clean Slate Initiative & New Venture Fund, \$441,093 The Impact of Automated Record Clearance on Individuals, Families, and Communities Co-PI with Elsa Chen (Santa Clara University) and Ericka Adams (San Jose State University) 2020-2021 American Bar Foundation/JPB Foundation Access to Justice Scholar Award, Realizing a Clean Slate: Expanding Access and Improving Outcomes for Automated Criminal Record Expungement Principal Investigator 2018-2020 National Institute of Justice, New Investigator/Early Career Award, \$190,909 Multi-level Analyses of Accuracy and Error in Digital Criminal Record Data Principal Investigator Chancellor's Office Award, Rutgers University, \$94,500 2017-2019 The Nebulous Nature of Criminal Records Co-PI with Rob Stewart (University of Maryland) 2017 Big Data Analytics Grant Program, Rutgers University, \$40,000 Understanding Systems and Outcomes of Indigent Defense using Big Data Co-PI with Valerio Baćak and Lee Dicker

2017	Chancellor's Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$31,500 Social and Administrative Networks in Prison-Based Higher Education Co-PI with Sara Wakefield	
2016	Chancellor's Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$75,000 Community Court Mental Health Initiative Co-PI with Andres Rengifo	
2016	Chancellor's Seed Grant, Rutgers University, \$25,000 Criminal Justice Data Practices in Newark Principal Investigator	
2015	Social Cohesion and Technology Grant, Univ. of MN, \$2,500 'Give Methods a Chance' Podcast Development Co-PI with Kyle Green	
2014-2015	Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship, University of Minnesota, \$22,500	
2013-2014	Bilinski Educational Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, \$25,500	
2011-2013	Graduate Digital Media Fellowship, University of Minnesota, \$45,000	
Awards		
2023	Rutgers Law School Scholarship and Leadership Award	
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2022	Sex-Offender Laws sent a man to prison over a prayer livestream. Wired.		
2021	Transparency laws let criminal records become commodities. Wired.		
2021	How the Criminal Justice System Deploys Mass Surveillance on Innocent People. <i>Vice</i> .		
2020	Companies accused of crimes get more digital privacy rights than people under new Trump policy (with Liz Chiarello). <i>The Conversation</i> .		
2020	The Perils of Zoom Justice. The Crime Report.		
2020	How criminal background checks lead to discrimination against millions of Americans. Washington Post.		
2020	Mugshots don't belong on search engines. San Francisco Chronicle.		
2020	The Purgatory of Digital Punishment. Slate.		
2020	The Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative funds Clean Slate policy. So why won't Facebook take down mugshots? <i>The Appeal.</i>		
2020	Small businesses just got a \$300B bailout but many who need a second chance won't get a dime (with Colleen Chien). <i>New Jersey Star Ledger</i> .		
2020	The Problem with 'Clean Slate' policies: Could broader sealing of criminal records hurt more people than it helps (with Jen Doleac). Niskanen Center.		
2020	The Criminal Justice System's Big Data Problem. Oxford University Press Blog.		
2019	Model Law on Non-Conviction Records (advisor). Collateral Consequences Resource Center.		
2019	It's Time for the Digital Mug Shot Industry to Die. Slate.		
2019	Privacy Concerns Don't Stop People from Putting Their DNA on the Internet to Help Solve Crimes. <i>The Conversation</i> .		
2019	There's No Such Thing as Expunging a Criminal Record Anymore. Slate.		
2019	It's Time to Address the Damage of a 'Criminal' Digital Reputation (with Jordan Hyatt). Collateral Consequences Resource Center.		
2019	Can a Criminal Record Ever Be Fully Expunged? Pacific Standard.		
2019	Policy Proposals for the 2019 Legislative Session. <i>Scholars Strategy Network</i> . • Provide Individual Access to Personal Criminal Records		
	 Enforce Private Sector Compliance with Criminal Record Expungement Orders" 		
	 Reclassify Mugshots as Closed, Private Records 		
2019	Criminal Background Checks for Employment Screening. New Jersey State Office of Innovation, Future of Work Task Force.		
2017	Online Criminal Records & Legal Consciousness Theory. Law & Society Review Blog.		
2016	Op-Ed: The Downside of Highlighting Crime on Social Media. <i>Minneapolis Star-Tribune</i> .		
2016	Briefing: The Harmful Effects of Online Criminal Records. Scholars Strategy Network.		
2014	The Enduring Effects of Online Mug Shots. The Society Pages.		
2014	Health, Science, and Shared Disparities. The Society Pages		
2012	Correcting American Corrections. The Society Pages.		
2012	Love, Family and Incarceration: A Conversation with Megan Comfort. <i>The Society Pages</i> .		
2012	Social Scientists Studying Social Movements. With Kyle Green and Sinan Erensu. <i>The Society Pages</i> .		

Book Chapt	ers & Reviews
2023	Sarah Lageson. "Privacy and Rehabilitation after a Criminal Conviction in the Digital
	Age." In <i>Privacy, Technology, and the Criminal Process.</i> Andrew Roberts, Joe Pursehouse, Jason Bosland, eds. Routledge.
2021	Sarah Lageson. "Digital Punishment." In Fundamental Rights and Criminal Procedure in
	the Digital Age. Sao Paolo, Brazil: InternetLab.
2021	Sarah Lageson and Kateryna Kaplun. "Public Accusation on the Internet." In Media
	and Law: Between Free Speech and Censorship. Sociology of Crime, Law, and Deviance, Volume
	26. Deflem, Mathieu and Derek M.D. Silva, eds. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing.
2021	Sarah Lageson. "Book Review: Captivating Technology: Race, Carceral
	Technoscience, and Liberatory Imagination in Everyday Life edited by Ruha
	Benjamin." Contemporary Sociology 50(1): 28-29.
2021	Sarah Lageson. "Studying Surveillance and Tech Through 'Digital Punishment'" in
	Society, Ethics & The Law: A Reader, David A. Mackey and Kathryn M. Elvey, eds.
	Burlington, MA: Jones & Bartlett.
2020	Sarah Lageson. "Book Review: The Digital Street by Jeff Lane." American Journal of Sociology 125(4):1156-1158.
2019	Sarah Lageson. "Digital Legal Subjects and the Use of Online Criminal Court
	Records for Research." The Elgar Research Handbook on Law and Courts.
2018	Mike Vuolo, Chris Uggen, and Sarah Lageson. "To Match or Not to Match?
	Statistical and Substantive Considerations in Audit Design and Analysis." in S.
	Michael Gaddis, editor, Audit Studies: Behind the Scenes with Theory, Method & Nuance.
	New York: Springer.
2018	Sarah Lageson. "Book Review: Policing and Social Media: Social Control in an Era of
	New Media by Christopher J. Schneider." Contemporary Sociology 47(2):217-219.
2017	Sarah Lageson and Christiane Schwarz. "Criminal Records." In Oxford Bibliographies in
	Criminology. Ed. Beth M. Huebner. New York: Oxford University Press.
2015	Sarah Lageson. "Book Review: The Eternal Criminal Record by James B. Jacobs."
	The Canadian Journal of Crime and Criminal Justice. Available online.
2015	Sarah Lageson. "Music and the Quest for a Tribe." Getting Culture. New York: W.W.
	Norton
2014	Sarah Lageson. "Correcting American Corrections, with Francis Cullen, David
	Garland, David Jacobs, and Jeremy Travis." Crime and the Punished. New York: W.W.
	Norton.
2014	Sarah Lageson and Sarah Shannon. "Discovering Desistance." In Crime and the
2012	Punished. New York: W.W. Norton.
2013	Sarah Lageson and Chris Uggen. "How Work Affects Crime – and Crime Affects
	Work – Over the Life Course." In Handbook of Life Course Criminology, edited by
2012	Marvin Krohn and Chris Gibson. New York: Springer.
2013	Sarah Lageson, Kyle Green, and Sinan Erensu. "Laughter and the Political
2011	Landscape." In The Social Side of Politics. New York: W.W. Norton.
2011	Sarah Lageson, Kyle Green, and Sinan Erensu." The Wire Goes to College." <i>Contexts</i>
	(10)3:12-15.
Expert Test	imony
2025	United States District Court for the District of Idaho, Does v. Wasden
2023	Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pugh v. CHHS Hospital Co.
2022	United States District Court, Western District of Missouri, Doe v. Olson
2022	United States District Court, Eastern District of Michigan, Does v. Whitmer

2021	California State Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection, AB-	
	1475 Law Enforcement-Social Media Assembly Bill	
2020	United States District Court, Central District of California. Doe v. Barr et al.	
2020	United States District Court, District of New Mexico, N. et al v. Alamogordo Police	
	Department et al	
2019	United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Taha v. Bucks	
	County Correctional Facility	
2018	New Jersey State Assembly Judiciary Committee, A-3620 Expedited	
	Expungement Assembly Bill	
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Invited Prese		
2026	Drexel University School of Law	
2025	University of Texas at Austin Law School	
2025	Justice, Law and Inequality Working Group at UAlbany	
2025	University of Denver Sturm College of Law	
2025	University of Nebraska	
2025	Access to Justice Network, Stanford University	
2025	Duke Law School (seminar)	
2024	ABF Access to Justice Initiative's Early-Career Scholar Workshop Series	
2024	Privacy Law Scholars Conference	
2024	Columbia University Sociology, Science Knowledge and Technology	
	Workshop	
2024	American Bar Foundation & Wayne State University Law School	
2024	Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University	
2024	Northeastern University, College of Social Sciences and Humanities	
2023	Mitchell Hamline Law School	
2023	University of California-Berkeley, Jurisprudence & Social Policy	
2023	Duke Law School	
2023	University of Alberta	
2022	Duke Law School Empirical Criminal Law Roundtable	
2022	International Criminological Research Unit at The University of Liverpool	
2022	Global Dating Insights San Francisco Conference	
2022	Mitchell Hamline Sex Offense Litigation and Policy Resource Center	
2022	National Institute of Justice	
2022	University of California -Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society	
2022	Columbia University Sociology	
2021	Detroit Science Gallery	
2021	New York Office of the Appellate Defender	
2021	County of Santa Barbara Public Defender	
2021	SEARCH: National Consortium for Justice Information and Statistics	
2021	Massachusetts Committee for Public Counsel Services	
2021	Society for the Study of Social Problems Book Panel	
2021	RAND Corporation and the Arnold Foundation	
2021	Privacy Law Scholars Conference	
2021	Texas A&M Law School	
2021	Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University	
2021	The Young Women's Leadership School of Astoria, NYC	
2021	Department of Sociology, University of Hong Kong	
2021	New York State Youth Justice Institute	
2021	Zicklin Center for Corporate Responsibility at Baruch College, CUNY	

2020	Philadelphia District Attorney's Office
2020	Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland
2020	Baruch College, the City University of New York
2020	InternetLab perquisa em direito e tecnologia Internation (Brazil) Conference on Fundamental Rights and Criminal Procedure in the Digital Age (Keynote)
2020	McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
2020	Cleveland Legal Aid Society
2020	Data Science for Public Service Meetup, Atlanta Regional Commission
2020	Department of Criminology, Georgia State University
2020	Crime, Law & Deviance Working Group, Dept of Sociology, UT-Austin
2020	American Bar Foundation Seminar Series
2020	School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati (postponed)
2019	Student-Invited Speaker, University of California-Irvine
2019	Sociology Workshop, University of Minnesota
2019	International Seminar, Universitat Pompeo Fabra, Barcelona, Spain
2019	Digitizing Justice Conference (Keynote), University of Winnipeg
2019	Drug Policy Alliance, New York City
2018	Tech/Law Colloquium, Cornell University
2018	Amsterdam Privacy Conference
2018	Department of Public Policy, Rochester Institute of Technology
2018	Department of Sociology, SUNY-Brockport
2018	Measures for Justice, Rochester NY
2018	Sociology Colloquium, Washington University in Saint Louis
2018	Media Studies Colloquium, Queens College New York
2018	Technology, Law and Society Institute, University of California-Irvine
2018	Privacy Law Scholars Conference, Washington DC
2018	Automated Justice Workshop, Collegium Helveticum, Zurich
2018	LSA Punishment & Society Digital Speaker Series
2018	The University of Manchester Centre for Criminology and Criminal Justice
2018	Queens University Belfast School of Law
2017	Law, Crime & Deviance Workshop, New York University Sociology
2015	Robina Institute, University of Minnesota Law School, Minneapolis, MN.

Courses Taught_

Law Courses: Data Privacy Compliance

Graduate Courses: Justice, Technology & AI; Criminal Justice Policy; Criminal Law & Society; Mixed Methods; Research & Evaluation

Undergraduate Courses: Introduction to Criminal Justice; Constitutional Issues in Criminal Justice; Current Issues in Crime Control; Criminal Law in American Society; Introduction to American Criminal Justice

Poynter Institute for Media Studies: Journalist's Guide for Covering Jails and Police Reform

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Service to t	the Discipline
2025-2026	Michael J. Hindelang Book Award Committee
2024-2026	National Science Foundation/ASU Law and Science Dissertation
	Improvement Grant Program Advisory Council
2024-2026	University of Denver Law School Hughes-Ruud Research Grant Advisory Committee
2024	Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN) Mentor
2023-2026	American Bar Foundation Access to Justice Scholars Advisory Council
2023-2026	Law and Society Association Board of Trustees
2023	Duke Law School Criminology Roundtable Co-Organizer (with Ben
2022	Grunwald)
2023	Law and Society Association Graduate Student Workshop Mentor
2018-2023	Law & Society Association, Tech/Law/Society Research Network Chair
2018-	Crime & Justice Research Alliance (CJRA) Expert
2018- 2017-	National Incarceration Association (NIA) Expert Advisor American Society of Criminology (ASC) Program Committee (three 1-year
2017-	terms)
2016-2018	National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates Menton
2016-2017	New Jersey Scholarship and Transformative Education in Prisons Committee
2008-2009	McNair Scholars Program Research Mentor, University of Minnesota
Service to 1	the University
2025-	Northeastern University Institutional Review Board Faculty Member
2025-2026	Northeastern University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Graduate Program Committee
2022-2024	Rutgers University PhD Committee
2023	Rutgers University Presidential Fellowship Selection Committee
2022-2023	Rutgers University Mentor to New Faculty
2022	Rutgers University Faculty Hiring Committee
2021-2022	Rutgers University Research & Professional Development Committee Chair
2021	Rutgers University Undergraduate Bridge Program Committee Chair
2020-2021	Rutgers Law School Criminal Law Society, Evening Student Representative
2019-2021	Rutgers University Program on Learning & Teaching Faculty Governance
	Committee
2018-2021	Rutgers University Research & Professional Development Committee
2015-2020	Rutgers University M.A. Program Committee
2017-2018	Rutgers University Faculty Hiring Committee
2015-2016	Rutgers Engaged Scholarship & New Professoriate Committee (chair)
2013-2014	University of Minnesota Promotion, Tenure & Salary Committee
2010-2011	University of Minnesota Sociology Research Institute Committee

Journal and Editorial Service

2023-2026	Criminology Editorial Board
2023-2025	Law & Society Review Editorial Board
2023-2025	Law & Social Inquiry Editorial Board
2024	Punishment & Society, Special Issue: The Nexus Between Civil and Criminal Justice. Co-
	guest editor with Kathryn Young and Karin Martin

Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice, Special Issue: Violence, Voice, and Incarceration. All contributions by people experiencing incarceration. Co-guest editor with Todd R. Clear and Jennifer Yang.

Review

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Criminology, Criminology & Public Policy, Criminal Justice Policy Review, European Journal of Criminology, Feminist Criminology, Humanities and Social Sciences, The Information Society, Journal of Black Studies, Journal of Computer Mediated Communication, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal of Human Resources Management, Justice Quarterly, Law & Policy, Law & Social Inquiry, Law & Society Review, Punishment & Society, RAND, SAGE Open, Springer, Qualitative Sociology, Social Inclusion, Social Forces, Social Problems, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Theory, National Science Foundation, Dutch Research Council (NWO), Independent Social Research Foundation, Israel Science Foundation

Professional Experience_

Legal	&	Policy
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2025-	Kizuna Advisory Board
2024-	RecordFixer Advisoy Board
2022-2024	Volunteer Lawyers for Justice, Expungement Clinic Volunteer
2021	New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) Federal Pro Se Program, Legal
	Intern
2021-2023	New Jersey Conviction Review Unit, Actual Innocence Project, Legal Volunteer
2021	New York Office of the Appellate Defender, Legal Intern
2021	Justice Catalyst, Expert consultant
2020	Good Call NYC Emergency Arrest Hotline, Expert consultant

Research Consulting

2015	Minneapolis Police Officer Interview Project
2014	Crime Victim Service Access Project
2012	"Mind the Gap" Prisoner Reentry Project
2012	Seward Towers Housing Complex Community Survey
2010	Domestic Violence Research Initiative Report for United Way
2010-2012	'Families in Focus' Program Evaluation, Minnesota Department of
	Corrections
2007-2011	Prisoner Re-Entry Family Strengthening Project, Council on Crime and Justice
2008-2010	Healthy Educational Lifestyles Project, Minnesota Department of Corrections
2009	Minnesota FATHER Project Program Documentation
2008	Minneapolis Public Schools Institutional Ethnography
2008	The State of Fatherhood Programming, Minnesota Fathers & Families
	Network
Nonprofit	

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2008-2009	Research Coordinator, Council on Crime and Justice, Minneapolis, MN
2007-2008	Research Assistant, Americorps VISTA MN Prisoner Reentry Initiative

Media/Production

2015-2018	Founding Producer and Host, Give Methods a Chance Social Science Podcast
2014-2015	Founding Producer and Host, Office Hours Social Science Podcast
2007-2012	Documentary Producer, On Air Host. KFAI Community Radio, Minneapolis
	MN

Community Education

2017-2018	Prison-based Tutor, Petey Greene Foundation Prison Education Program
2008	Instructor, C-Dreams Photography Class for Children of Incarcerated Parents
2007	Mentor, Youth News Initiative. Minneapolis, MN
2007	Mentor, International Women's Day Radio Programming. Minneapolis, MN

Student Advising

Dissertation Advising: Chloé Sudduth (Rutgers, in progress); Lorena Ávila Jaimes (Rutgers PhD 2024, Assistant Professor at Villanova University); Kateryna Kaplun (Rutgers PhD 2023, Assistant Professor at Johnson & Wales University); Katherine Bright (Rutgers PhD 2023, Assistant Professor at University of Colorado, Colorado Springs)

Dissertation Committees: Christiane Schwarz (Rutgers PhD 2024, Assistant Professor at Gonzaga University); Juan Sandoval (UC-Irvine PhD 2024, United States Probation Office); Angela Hick (University of Toronto PhD, 2023); Brandan Turchan (Rutgers PhD 2023, Assistant Professor at Michigan State University); Amanda D'Souza (Rutgers PhD 2022, Research Coordinator at Princeton University); Lauren Kilgour (Cornell PhD 2021, Assistant Professor at University of Waterloo); Elizabeth Webster (Rutgers PhD 2018, Associate Professor at Loyola University Chicago)

PhD Program Empirical Paper Committees: Christiane Schwarz (chair); Kateryna Kaplun (chair); Lorena Ávila Jaimes (chair); Katherine Bright; Brandan Turchan; Morgan Pater

Undergraduate Honors Theses: Maram Tai-Elkarim

Media

Marketplace, "Nonprofits help formerly incarcerated firefighters get jobs." 1/31/25 Forbes, "How Companies Can Evaluate Third-Party Background Check Providers." 1/3/25

HR Dive, "Background checks include 'lots of inaccuracies,' researchers find." 2/23/24 Maryland Today, "Study shows background checks don't always check out." 2/15/24 RU-N Report, "Criminal justice professor gets law degree to fight digital punishment." 1/18/24

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MarketWatch, "An estimated 78 million people in the U.S. have a criminal record, restricting their employment and housing opportunities long after an arrest or conviction." 7/27/23

The Appeal, "Background check industry profits off 'digital punishment,' despite flawed data." 4/17/23

The Markup, "Special Database 18." 3/18/23

Slate, "The relentless mental toll of public defense." 1/4/23

Oklahoma Watch, "OKC Police's Crowd-Sourced Effort Exploits Accused." 12/7/22

TV Chosun (South Korea), "South Korea's controversial criminal identity disclosure policy." 9/26/22

Vox, "California could give more than a million people with criminal records a fresh start." 9/9/22

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- Apple News Today, "Doorbell cameras are becoming more ubiquitous, raising tough questions about the privacy rights of the people they record. Wired breaks the issue down." 6/9/22
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- Rutgers News, "SCJ Associate Professor Sarah Lageson honored with prestigious award." 1/7/22
- The Marshall Project, "Mugshots Stay Online Forever. Some Say the Police Should Stop Making Them Public." 11/11/21
- The San Francisco Standard, "Data Offer Clues on San Francisco's Crime Paradox. Police Chief and Academics Have Some Ideas Too." 11/4/21
- North Jersey News, "Newark police department says it will no longer publish mugshots for minor offenses." 10/25/21
- Deseret News, "Neighborhood, watched." 8/31/21
- LA Times, "Police take 'wanted' posters onto social media, nabbing suspects and ruining lives." 6/29/21
- Legal Talk Today, "Citizen Sleuths: What happens when amateur crime investigators go too far?" 6/11/21
- USA Today, "Death threats to vitriol: New England families pay a price in public fights for justice" 6/10/21
- CNN, "Helicopters, a patrol car and virtual bodyguards: Inside Citizen's scattered push to upend public safety." 6/3/21
- Milford Daily News, "Public pressure is influencing Mikayla Miller's death investigation. Should it have to?" 6/3/21
- The Sunday Times, "US Confidential: Live crime apps fuel fear and vigilantism in New York City." 5/28/21
- The Marshall Project, "Does Banning People with Felonies on Dating Apps Really Make Anyone Safer?" 5/20/21
- The Guardian, "Citizen: crime app falsely accused a homeless man of starting a wildfire." 5/19/21
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- Criminal Legal News, "Online Records Impose Digital Punishment for Millions." 5/15/21
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- American Bar Association Legal Rebels Podcast, "Expunging Records with New Technology." 10/16/19
- Center for American Progress, "NeighborhoodStat: Strengthening public safety through community empowerment." 10/2/19
- Springfield News-Leader, "Facebook groups work to expose child predators in the Ozarks. Are they doing harm or good?" 10/2/19
- The John Howard Society of Canada Blog, "Internet info on people and crime is damaging and often inaccurate: Lageson." 9/21/19
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Affiliations

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