

# CURRICULUM VITAE

John M. Eason

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## ACADEMIC EMPLOYMENT

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- 2024-25 Visiting William H. Neukom Fellows Research Chair in Diversity and Law “Visiting Neukom Chair”. American Bar Foundation.
- 2022- Associate Professor. Watson Institute of International and Public Affairs & Department of Sociology. Brown University.
- 2021- Senior Fellow. Justice Policy Center/Office of Race and Equity Research. Urban Institute.
- 2022-23 Visiting Scholar. Department of Sociology. University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2021-23 Equity Scholar. Justice Policy Center/Office of Race and Equity Research. Urban Institute.
- 2018-22 Associate Professor. Department of Sociology. University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2020-21 Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Center for Diversity Innovation’s Inaugural Class. Department of Sociology. University of Buffalo.
- 2017-18 Associate Professor. Department of Sociology. Texas A&M University.
- 2013-17 Assistant Professor. Department of Sociology. Texas A&M University.
- 2010-13 Assistant Professor. School of Criminology & Criminal Justice. Arizona State University.
- 2008-10 Provost’s Postdoctoral Fellow. Department of Sociology. Duke University.

## Academic Affiliations

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- 2024- Founder & Director. Justice Policy Lab @the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Brown University.
- 2024- Faculty Affiliate. Brown University. Spatial Structures in the Social Sciences (S4).
- 2024- Faculty Affiliate. Brown University. Institute at Brown for Environment and Society.
- 2023- Faculty Affiliate. Brown University. Population Study & Training Center.
- 2020- Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Carbone Cancer Center.
- 2018- Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Institute for Research on Poverty.
- 2018- Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Applied Population Lab.
- 2020-22 Founder & Director. Justice Lab at University of Wisconsin.
- 2020-22 Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Sandra Rosenbaum School of Social Work.
- 2020-22 Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Community and Environmental Sociology.
- 2019-22 Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Robert M. LaFollette School of Public Affairs.
- 2018-22 Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Department of Afro-American Studies.
- 2018-22 Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Center for Demography and Ecology.
- 2018-22 Faculty Affiliate. University of Wisconsin. Center for Law, Society, and Justice.
- 2014-18 Faculty Affiliate. Texas A&M University. Africana Studies.

## EDUCATION

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- 2008 Ph.D. Department of Sociology. University of Chicago.
- 2004 M.A. Department of Sociology. University of Chicago.
- 2002 M.P.P. Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy. University of Chicago.
- 1995 B.A. Department of Urban & Regional Planning. University of Illinois. Urbana-Champaign.

## AREAS OF INTEREST

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Crime, Ethnography, Health Disparities, Mixed-Methods, Punishment, Race, Rural, and Urban.

## BOOK MANUSCRIPT

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**Eason, John M.** 2017. "Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto & Prison Proliferation." Chicago: University of Chicago Press. *SSSP 2017 C. Wright Mills Best Book Award Finalist.*

## ARTICLES PUBLISHED, ACCEPTED, AND FORTHCOMING ^= graduate student ^^=undergraduate student

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31. **Eason, John M.**, Sarah Jensen, and Chloe Haimson. "Crime, Violence, and Criminal Justice in Rural America". Article in press at the *American Criminological Review*.

30. Kaitlin Sims, Isabel Anadon, **John M. Eason**, and Chloe Haimson. 2024. "[The Prison Boom, Local Interpersonal Violence, and Domestic Violence Homicide](#)". *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 10(2).

29. Varela, K. S., Iwama, J., Marchbanks, M. P., Caraballo, K., Peguero, A. A., Blake, J., Eason, J.M., and Hong, J. S. 2024. "[Are Schools Stricter at the Border? Investigating the Relationships Between School Strictness, Juvenile Justice, and the Border.](#)" *Journal of School Violence*, 23(2), 165-186.

28. Kaiksow, F. A., Burns, M., Krebsbach, J., Lasarev, M. R., Rapport, K., **Eason, J.**, Merss, K., Reece, K, & LoConte, N. K. 2024. "Cervical Cancer and a History of Incarceration: Examining a Social Determinant of Health." *Journal of Correctional Health Care*, 30(2), 131-134.

27. Owusu-Bempah, Akwasi, Danielle Wallace, Shytierra Gaston, **John M. Eason**, and Eric Sevell^. 2024. "[Assessing the Impact of Cannabis Decriminalization on Racial Disparities in Chicago's Cannabis Possession Arrests](#)". *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* 10(2).

26. ^Harris, Jacob, Kaitlyn M. Sims, **John M. Eason**, ^^Louis Chuang, ^^Victoria Ylizaliturri, ^Isabel Anadón, and Erin Eife. 2024. "The Prison Bust: Declining carceral capacity in an era of mass incarceration." *Punishment & Society* 26 (2): 345-367.

25. **Eason, John M.**, Mary Campbell, ^Benjamin Ghasemi, and ^Eileen Huey. 2024. "[Punishment is Purple: The Political Economy of Prison Building](#)". *Punishment & Society*, (0).

24. Chloe Haimson, Jessica Simes, **John M. Eason**, and Jienian Zhang. 2023. "[The impact of carceral churn and healthcare organizations on HIV/AIDS incidence in Arkansas](#)". *SSM-Population Health*, 21.

23. Iwama, Janice, Anthony A. Peguero, Miner P. "Trey" Marchbanks III, **John M. Eason**, Jamilya Blake, and ^Jienian Zhang. "Immigration and school threat?: Exploring the significance of the border." 2023. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 60, 6: 703-739.

22. Kaiksow, Farah Acher, Mustafa Quadir, Andrea Gilmore-Bykovskiy, Kaelin Rapport, Yonghe Yan, Noelle K. LoConte, **John Eason**, Blair P. Golden, and Marguerite Burns. 2023. "Delirium identification among older adults hospitalized while incarcerated", article Accepted at *Delirium Communications*.

21. Jessica Simes, Brendan Beck, and **John M. Eason**. 2023. "Police, Prisons, and Place: Spatial Analyses of the Criminal Legal System", article at the *Annual Review of Sociology* 49.

20. Pajarita Charles, Luke Muentner^, Sarah Jensen^, Chiara Packard^, Chloe Haimson^, **John M. Eason**, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2022. "Incarcerated during a Pandemic: Implications of COVID-19 for Jailed Individuals and their Families". *Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research* 7(5): 357-368.

19. Grubestic, Tony H., Jake R Nelson, Danielle Wallace, **John M. Eason**, Sherry Towers, Jason Walker. 2022. "[Geodemographic insights on the COVID-19 pandemic in the State of Wisconsin and the role of risky facilities](#)". *GeoJournal* 87: 4311-4333.

18. Towers, Sherry, Danielle Wallace, ^Jason Walker, **John M. Eason**, Jake R Nelson, Tony H Grubestic. 2022. "[A Study of SARS-COV-2 Outbreaks in US Federal Prisons: the Linkage Between Staff, Inmate, and Community Transmission](#)", article at *BMC Public Health* 22(1), 1-11.

17. Andrea M. Schiefelbein, MSPH; John K. Krebsbach, BS; Amy K. Taylor, MD; Jienian Zhang, MS; Chloe E. Haimson, MS; Amy Trentham-Dietz, PhD; Melissa C. Skala, PhD; **John M. Eason**, PhD; Sharon M. Weber, MD; Patrick R. Varley, MD, MS; Syed Nabeel Zafar, MD, MPH; Noelle K. LoConte, MD. 2022. Treatment Inequity: Examining the Influence of Non-Hispanic Black Race and Ethnicity on Pancreatic Cancer Care and Survival in Wisconsin. 2022 The Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System and The Medical College of Wisconsin, Inc.
16. Wallace D, Walker J<sup>^</sup>, Nelson J, Towers S, **Eason JM**, Grubestic TH. [The 2020 Coronavirus Pandemic and Its Corresponding Data Boon: Issues With Pandemic-Related Data From Criminal Justice Organizations](#). *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*. July 2021. doi:10.1177/10439862211027993.
15. Marquez, Beatriz Aldana, Guadalupe Marquez-Velarde, **John M. Eason**, and Linda Aldana. 2021. "Pushing Them to the Edge: Suicide in Immigrant Detention Centers as a Product of Organizational Failure", *Social Science & Medicine* 283 (2021): 114177.
14. Wallace D, **Eason JM**, Walker J<sup>^</sup>, Towers S, Grubestic TH, Nelson JR. [Is There a Temporal Relationship between COVID-19 Infections among Prison Staff, Incarcerated Persons and the Larger Community in the United States?](#) *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2021 Jun 26;18(13):6873. doi: 10.3390/ijerph18136873. PMID: 34206845.
13. Blake, J. J., Smith, D., Unni, A., Marchbanks, M. P., **Eason, J.M.**, & Wood, S. 2020. "Behind the eight ball: The effects of race and number of infractions on the severity of exclusionary discipline sanctions issued in schools". *Journal of Emotional and Behavioral Disorders*.
12. Peguero, Anthony A., Miner P. "Trey" Marchbanks III, Kay S. Varela<sup>^</sup>, **John M. Eason**, and Jamilia Blake. 2018. "School Punishment and Education: Racial/Ethnic Disparities with Grade Retention and the Role of Urbanicity", *Urban Education*.
11. Peguero, Anthony A., Miner P. "Trey" Marchbanks III, Kay S. Varela<sup>^</sup>, **John M. Eason**, and Jamilia Blake. 2018. "Too Strict or Too Lenient?: Examining the Role of School Strictness with Educational and Juvenile Justice Outcomes", *Sociological Spectrum* 38 (4): 223-242.
10. Marchbanks III, Miner P. "Trey", 2018. Anthony A. Peguero, Kay S. Varela<sup>^</sup>, Jamilia Blake, and **John M. Eason**. "School Strictness and Disproportionate Minority Contact: Investigating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in the 'School-to-Prison Pipeline.'" *Youth Violence & Juvenile Justice* 16(2): 241-259.
9. Kay S. Varela<sup>^</sup>, Peguero, Anthony A., **John M. Eason**, Miner P. "Trey" Marchbanks III, and Jamilia Blake. 2018. "School Strictness and Education: Investigating Racial and Ethnic Educational Inequalities Associated with Being Pushed Out." *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 4(2): 261-280.
8. **Eason, John M.**, Danielle Zucker<sup>^^</sup>, and Christopher Wildeman. 2017. "Mass imprisonment across the rural-urban interface." *The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 672(1): 202-216.
7. **Eason, John M.** 2017. "Privilege and Peril in Prison Town Studies: Position and Power in Fieldwork Encounters." *Sociological Focus* 50(1): 81-98.
6. **Eason, John M.** 2017. "Prisons as Panacea or Pariah?: The Countervailing Consequences of the Prison Boom on the Political Economy of Rural Towns." *Social Sciences* 6(1): 7.
5. **Eason, John M.** 2016. "Reclaiming the Prison Boom: Considering Prison Proliferation in the Era of Mass Imprisonment." *Sociology Compass* 10(4): 261-271.
4. Wallace, Danielle, **John M. Eason**, and Andrea M. Lindsey<sup>^</sup>. 2015. "The influence of incarceration and Re-entry on the availability of health care organizations in Arkansas." *Health & Justice* 3(1): 1-11.
3. Burton, Linda M., Daniel T. Lichter, Regina S. Baker<sup>^</sup>, and **John M. Eason**. 2013. "Inequality, Family Process, and Health in the 'New' Rural America." *American Behavioral Scientist* 57(8): 1128-1151.
2. **Eason, John M.** 2012. "Extending the Hyperghetto: Towards a Theory of Punishment, Race, and Rural Disadvantage." *Journal of Poverty* 16(3): 274-295.

1. **Eason, John M.** 2010. "Mapping Prison Proliferation: Region, Rurality, Race, and Disadvantage in Prison Placement." *Social Science Research* 39: 1015-1028. **Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Student Paper Competition Award Recipient, American Sociological Association, 2009.**

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**BOOK CHAPTERS PUBLISHED** ^= graduate student ^^=undergraduate student

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5. **Eason, John M.** 2018. "The Puzzle of Prison Towns: Race, Rurality, and Reflexivity in Community Studies", book chapter in *The Handbook of Race, Ethnicity, Crime, and Justice*, edited by Ramiro Martinez, Jacob Stowell, and Meghan Hollis.

4. Hernandez, David, **John M. Eason**, Patrick Rubio-Goldsmith, Richard Abel^, and Andrew McNeely^. 2018. "With Mass Deportation Comes Mass Punishment: Punitive Capacity, Health, and Standards in US Immigrant Detention", book chapter in *The Routledge Handbook of Immigration & Crime*, edited by Holly Ventura Miller and Anthony Peguero.

3. **Eason, John M.**, L. Ash Smith, Jason Greenberg, Richard Abel^, and Corey Sparks. 2017. "Crime, Punishment, and Spatial Inequality", invited peer reviewed book chapter in *Rural Poverty in the U.S.*, edited by Ann R. Tickamyer, Jennifer Sherman, and Jennifer Warlick. New York: Columbia University Press.

2. Martin, William G, **John M. Eason**, and Luis R. Gonzalez^^. 2016. "Prison Towns Come and Prison Towns Go: The Lessons from New York State's Prison Town Boom and Bust", chapter in *After Prisons?: Freedom, Decarceration, and Justice Disinvestment*, edited by William G. Martin and Joshua Price, Lexington Press.

1. Burton, Linda M., Raymond Garrett-Peters, and **John M. Eason**. 2011. "Morality, Identity, and Mental Health in Rural Ghettos", p. 91-110, book chapter in *Communities, Neighborhoods, and Health: Extending the Boundaries of Place*, edited by Linda M. Burton, Susan P. Kemp, Man Chui Leung, Stephen Matthews, and David T. Takeuchi. New York: Springer Press.

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**ABSTRACTS** ^= graduate student ^^=undergraduate student

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Andrea Schiefelbein, Amy K Taylor, John Krebsbach^^, Patrick Varley, John M. Hampton, Amy Trentham-Dietz, Melissa C Skala, **John Eason**, Noelle K LoConte. 2021. Treatment and survival outcomes for Medicaid patients with pancreatic, colon-rectosigmoid, and liver cancers at a national comprehensive cancer center. *Journal of Oncology*, 39 (15).

Amy K Taylor, Andrea Schiefelbein, Jienian Zhang^, John Krebsbach^^, Melissa C Skala, **John Eason**, Noelle K LoConte. 2020. Getting Rurality Right. *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

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**WORKS UNDER REVIEW** ^= graduate student ^^=undergraduate student

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Marquez, Beatriz A., **John M. Eason**, Kay Varela^, David Hernandez, and Amorette T. Young^. "Permanent Injury Beyond Medical Intervention: Disguising Death in U.S. Immigrant Detention", article under review.

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**BOOKS IN PROGRESS**

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**Eason, John M.** "Bringing Down the Big House: From the Invisible Land to the Upcycled Place", in progress.

**Eason, John M.**, Beatriz Marquez-Aldana, and David Hernandez. "The End of ICE: Death, Sexual Assault, and Solitary Confinement", in progress.

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Isabel Anadon, Cecilia Mejivar, ^Victoria Ylizaliturri, and **John M. Eason**. "Relocating the Border: The Geography of Prisons and Detention Centers as a New Internal Enforcement Strategy", article for submission.

**John M. Eason**, ^Benny Witkovsky, ^^Angelina Rios-Galindo, and Isabel Anadon. "Local Partisanship and the Prison Boom", article for submission.

Marquez, Beatriz A., **John M. Eason**, and David Hernandez, "Silencing Sexual Assault in Immigrant Detention", article for submission.

**Eason, John M.**, David Schaliol, Isabel Anadon. "In Our Backyards: A Tale of Two Prison Towns", article for submission.

Schulz, Michael, ^^Fengyu Seah, Chloe Haimson, and **John M. Eason**. "The Rural Ghetto, Punishment, and Access to Healthcare", book chapter for submission to Research Handbook of Rural Sociology.

**Eason, John M.**, ^^Fengyu Seah, Michael Schulz, and Chloe Haimson. "Rise of the Rural Ghetto & Prison Proliferation", article for submission.

**Eason, John M.** and Regina Baker. "Historical Racial Regimes and the Prison Boom", article for submission.

## GRANTS

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Principal Investigator. Brown University. Annenberg Institute, 2024-2025, \$37,000 for *After Mass Incarceration: Supporting Youth and Families in Rural Communities of Color Who Relied on Economies of Prison Expansion*.

Principal Investigator. Brown University. Population Study Training Center, 2024-2025, \$20,000 for *Investigating the Connections Between the Supervised Society and the Great American Migration Slow Down*.

Principal Investigator. Brown University. Birkelund Fund for Watson Institute Faculty Research, 2023-2024, \$20,000 for *The Prison Bust?: Responsible Prison Closures & Harm Reduction in Rural Communities*.

Principal Investigator w/Co-PI's Regina Baker and Mary Campbell. National Science Foundation (NSF), 2023-2026, \$400,000 for *The Prison Proliferation Project: Historical Racial Regimes and the Political Economy of Place Across the Prison Boom and Bust*.

Co-Principal Investigator w/Co-PI Mari McGilton. National Institute of Justice (NIJ), 2023-2025, \$651,522, for *How Do Credible Messenger Mentors Promote Positive Youth Development?*

FDI Career Boost. University of Wisconsin-Madison \$50,000 for the *UW Justice Lab*.

University of Wisconsin, Fall Competition, 2021-2022, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Student. \$42,000 for *COVID in Confined Spaces*.

Principal Investigator. University of Wisconsin-Madison, Carbone Cancer Center, Cancer Health Disparities Initiative, 2020-2021, \$50,000. *Churn, HCC, & HCV*.

Co-Principal Investigator. National Science Foundation (NSF), 2020-2021, \$199, 887 for Rapid: Estimating the Reciprocal Relationship between COVID-19 Infections of Prisoners and Staff and Infections in the Surrounding Communities.

University of Wisconsin, Fall Competition, 2020-2021, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Student. \$42,000 for the *Prison Proliferation Project*.

University of Wisconsin, Vilas Mid-Career Investigator Award, 2019-2022, Office of Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Student. \$75,000 for the *Prison Proliferation Project*.

Texas A&M University, Division of Research, PESCA Award Recipient, 2016-2017. \$18,000 for the *Immigrant Detention Center Project*.

Texas A&M University, College of Liberal Arts Seed Grant Program, Award Recipient, 2013-2015. \$15,000 for the *Prison Profiteers Project*.

Arizona State University Institute for Social Science Research Award Recipient, 2011-2012. \$34,000 for the *Prison Proliferation Project*.

American Sociological Association Funds for the Advancement of the Discipline Award Recipient, 2009. \$7,000 for the *Rural Disadvantage and Prison Proliferation Project*.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (WHITE PAPERS, TESTIMONIES, REPORTS, & LONGER FORM MEDIA)** ^= graduate student  
^^=undergraduate student

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Rudy Perez and John M. Eason. [ICE Says Immigrant Detention is "Non-Punitive." The Evidence Tells a Different Story](#). *Urban Wire*, June 1, 2024.

Susan Nembhard, Travis Reginal, and John M. Eason. [Curbing Rural Prison Demand and Responsibly Closing Prison](#). *Urban Wire*, April 1, 2024.

John M. Eason and Susan Nembhard. . [Debunking Four Myths about the Prison Boom Supporting Mass Incarceration](#). *Urban Wire*, June 16, 2023.

Visher, Christie and John M. Eason. [Changing the Prison to Help People](#). *Context* 20 (4), 22-27, November 24, 2021.

John M. Eason, Chloe Haimson, Tarsha Harelle, and Major Eason. [Flowers Grown in Concrete: Exploring the Healing Power of the Arts for People Experiencing Incarceration](#). Transformative Arts Program. California Arts Council. June 2021.

[SDMAC VDS Phase 1b Recommendations for Public Comment](#) to State of Wisconsin Disaster Medical Advisory Committee (SDMAC) Vaccine Subcommittee, January 12, 2021.

Pajarita Charles, John Eason, Chloe Haimson, Sarah Jensen, Luke Muentner, Chiara Packard, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. Report: Incarcerated during a Pandemic: COVID-19 and its Implications for Jailed Individuals and their Families. 2021.

Witkovsky, Benny, John M. Eason, Chloe Haimson, and Jungmyung Kim. [There Could Be Many More Kenoshas Across Wisconsin](#), Brief for The University of Wisconsin Justice Lab. December 2020.

Eason, John M. 2019. [Prisons and the Rural Ghetto](#), *Dissent* 66(4):58-63

Airbnb, Housing, and the District of Columbia. The Coalition for Nonprofit Housing and Economic Development (CNHED). 2017.

Forsyth County Gang Assessment and Program Final Report: "North Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention- 2010 Forsyth County Comprehensive Gang Assessment".

Criminal Law Edit Alignment and Reform (CLEAR) Commission Report to streamline the Illinois Criminal Code. Illinois General Assembly. 2007.

Chicago Metropolis 2020 Chicago Criminal Justice Index. 2006.

Westside Federation Restoring the Legacy Project, report on the "State of the Westside", 2003-2004.

**PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (OPINION EDITORIALS & MEDIA APPEARANCES)** ^= graduate student ^^=undergraduate student

Public Broadcast Station. "Here & Now". [Sociology Professor John Eason discusses how the issue of rising crime and attitudes on race intersect in the U.S. Senate contest between Sen. Ron Johnson and Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes](#). Aired October 21, 2022.

Zocalo Public Square podcast on Spotify: [What Would the End of Mass Incarceration Mean for Prison Towns](#). Appearance, April 7, 2022. The Marshall Project w/Keri Blakinger.

[Vaccinating the Prison Population Will Help Protect All of America](#), OpEd w/ Brent Orrell, Rashawn Ray, Howard Henderson, and John Eason, December 19, 2020.

[Reflections on Race and Kenosha's Protests](#), appearance on *The Morning Show* with Kate Archer, Wisconsin Public Radio, December 15, 2020.

[Fear and Unrest in Smaller Wisconsin Cities](#), OpEd w/ Benny Witkovsky^, Chloe Haimson^, and Jungmyung Kim^, *Wisconsin State Journal*, December 5, 2020.

[In Wisconsin's Diversifying Cities Like Kenosha There's Fear and Unrest](#), OpEd w/Benny Witkovsky^, Chloe Haimson^, and Jungmyung Kim^, *US News and World Report*, December 4, 2020.

[Wisconsin's not so white anymore – and in some rapidly diversifying cities like Kenosha there's fear and unrest](#), OpEd w/ Benny Witkovsky, Chloe Haimson, and Jungmyung Kim, *The Conversation*, December 4, 2020.



Appeared with Noelle LoConte [Chadwick Boseman's death reinvigorates focus on lessening racial disparities in colorectal cancer](#), *Madison365*, by David Dahmer, September 2020.

[Coronavirus in Jails and Prisons](#), interviewed by Kelly Davis, *The Appeal*, August 10, 2020.

[Racial minorities experience higher COVID-19 related discrimination](#), interviewed by James Kingsland, *Medical News Today*, July 10, 2020.

[Why are black folks dying of COVID?: The Simple Answer](#), *Punishment and Society*, The Official Blog of the Law and Society Association's CRN 27 Punishment and Society, April 22, 2020.

[Under COVID Cloud, Prisons In Rural America Threaten To Choke Rural Hospitals](#), interviewed by L.J. Dawson for Kaiser Health News, March 14, 2020.

[Can a Private ICE Detention Center Save a Rural Town's Economy](#), interviewed by Nate Hegyi, Wyoming Public Radio, March 9, 2020.

[Why are private prisons controversial? 3 Questions Answered](#), OpEd in *The Conversation*, September 26, 2019.

[Will Governor's Evers's Marijuana Proposals Impact Racial Incarceration Disparities?](#), appeared on *The Morning Show with Colleen Leahy* on Wisconsin Public Radio, February 22, 2019.

[John Eason explains the realities of criminal justice reform in Wisconsin](#), appeared on *Here and Now Noon Wednesday* for Wisconsin Public Television. December 14, 2018.

[The State of Prison Labor](#), interview on *The Morning Show* on Wisconsin Public Radio November 27, 2018.

[What is prison gerrymandering, and how does it affect democracy?](#) interview on *The Morning Show* on Wisconsin Public Radio, November 5, 2018.

[Why are there so many African-Americans incarcerated in Vermont?](#), interview on *Brave Little State* on Vermont Public Radio November 2, 2018.

[Lecturer presents research on how the prison boom 'transform' rural America](#), *Iowa State Daily*, online October 30, 2019.

[The Economics of Prison Boomtowns](#), interviewed by Tanvi Misra, *Citylab*, May 2, 2017.

[Why small-town people, black and white, support prisons](#), OpEd in *The Houston Chronicle*, March 15, 2017.

[Why prison building will continue booming in rural America](#), OpEd in *The Conversation*, March 12, 2017.

[In small town America, sometimes prisons are the best bet](#), OpEd in *Timeline*, May 1, 2017.

[Change New York's home-sharing law to help minorities fight redlining, gentrification](#), OpEd in *Crain's Business* New York, October 18, 2016.

#### SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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"NIMBY to PIMBY: How Rural Towns Makes Sense of LULUs". Exploratory Workshop on Defining Community for Climate Resilience and Energy Transition. Harvard University. January 17-18, 2024.

"[Poverty and Place: Exploring the Legacy of Persistent Poverty in America](#)". Urban Institute, Washington, DC. November 16, 2023.

"The Long Tail of COVID: The Link Between Immigration Enforcement and Racial and Ethnic Disparities in COVID-19 Deaths". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, August 21, 2023.

"[Reducing Racial Inequality in the Criminal Legal System](#)". Urban Institute, Washington, DC, July 11, 2023.

"The Prison and Detention Bust: Mapping the Geography of Prison and Detention Center Closings since 2000." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico, July 18, 2023.

"Relocating the Border: mapping the geography of detention centers and prisons, 1980-2010." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, August 6, 2022.

"Relocating the Border: mapping the geography of detention centers and prisons, 1980-2010." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Lisbon, Portugal, July 2022.

"In Our Backyard: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Lecture Series: Addressing Income Inequality and Its Growing Threat to Our Nation and The World, George Washington University, February 2021.

"In Our Backyard: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Department of Sociology, Stanford University, January 2021.

"In Our Backyard: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Department of Sociology, University at Buffalo, September 2020.

"Our Backyard: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Department of Sociology, Princeton University, February 2020.

"In Our Backyards: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Population Studies Center, University of Pennsylvania, January 2020.

"In Our Backyards: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." George Beal Distinguished Lectureship in Rural Sociology, Iowa State University, October 2019.

"From Plantation to Prison: Tracing the Roots of Penal Privatization." American Sociological Association, August 2019.

"Bringing Down the Big House: Can the Green New Deal Fuel Decarceration." Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network Workshop, Rutgers University, July 2019.

"In Our Backyards: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Crimes of Prediction Workshop, University of Chicago, April 2019.

"Privilege and Peril in Prison Town Studies: Power and Position in Fieldwork Encounters." Department of Sociology, University of Chicago, April 2019.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, April 2019.

"Permanent Injury Beyond Medical Intervention: Disguising Death in U.S. Immigrant Detention." Alpha Kappa Delta, University of Tennessee, April 2019.

"In Our Backyards: How the Prison Boom Transformed America." Listening to Rural America Workshop, Russell Sage Foundation, March 2019.

"Punishment is Purple: The Political Economy of Prison Building." Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin, March 2019.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." Author Meets Critics, American Sociological Association, August 2018.

"The School to Prison Pipeline & School Violence: Reconsidering Hypercriminalization in Intervention & Prevention." Youth Violence Prevention Conference, University of Missouri-St. Louis, April 2018.

"Permanent Injury Beyond Medical Intervention: Disguising Death in U.S. Immigrant Detention." Death by Policing: Race, State Violence, and the Possibility of Justice", University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign, April 2018.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." American Universities, Monuments, and the Legacies of Slavery, Duke University, March 2018.



"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." University of Wisconsin, Department of Sociology, November 2017.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." Boston University, Department of Sociology, October 2017.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." University of Chicago, Department of Sociology, October 2017.

"School Strictness and Disproportionate Minority Contact: Investigating Racial and Ethnic Disparities with the 'School-to-prison-pipeline'." Institute for the Study and Promotion of Race and Culture (SPRC), Boston College, October 2017.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." Alpha Kappa Delta, University of Arkansas, Department of Sociology, April 2017.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." University of Mississippi, Department of Sociology, April 2017.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." Duke University, Race Workshop, March 2017.

"Mass Imprisonment Across the Rural-Urban Interface." University of Chicago, Demography Workshop, October 2016.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation." New York University, New York, October 2016.

"Mass Imprisonment Across the Rural-Urban Interface." The New Rural-Urban Interface: A Research Conference. The Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, September 2016.

"Peeking Behind the Veil: Punitive Capacity and Health Disparities in Immigrant Detention Centers", American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, August 2016.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation", American Sociological Association, Seattle, Washington, August 2016.

"The Prison Boom as an Impediment to the Roll Back of Mass Imprisonment", Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, Washington, August 2016.

"The Prison Boom as an Impediment to the Roll Back of Mass Imprisonment", Law & Society Association, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2016.

"Prisons as Panacea or Pariah?: The Countervailing Consequences of the Prison Boom on the Political Economy of Rural Towns", University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, April 2016.

"Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation", University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, March 2016.

"Prisons as Panacea or Pariah?: The Countervailing Consequences of the Prison Boom on the Political Economy of Rural Towns." Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, July 2015.

"Prisons as Panacea or Pariah?: The Countervailing Consequences of the Prison Boom on the Political Economy of Rural Towns." University of Texas, San Antonio, February 2015.

"Finding Beauty in the Hideous: Prison Placement as Reputation Management". Department of Sociology, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, September 2014.

"Finding Beauty in the Hideous: Prison Placement as Reputation Management". American Sociological Association, Invited Panel, San Francisco, California, August 2014.

"Finding Beauty in the Hideous: Prison Placement as Reputation Management". Law and Society Annual Conference, Invited Panel, Minneapolis, Minnesota, May 2014.

"Finding Beauty in the Hideous: Prison Placement as Reputation Management". Yale Urban Ethnography Conference, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, April 2014.

"Finding Beauty in the Hideous: Prison Placement as Reputation Management". SUNY-Binghamton, Carceral State Working Group, Binghamton, New York, February 2014.

"Trading Places? Decreasing (Increasing) Murder Rates in Urban (Rural) America, 1975-2000". American Sociological Association & Rural Sociological Society, joint thematic session *An Injury to One is An Injury to All: Linking Micro and Macro*, New York, August 2013.

"It's Like the City, Only Quieter': Making the Rural Ghetto". Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky, April 2012.

"It's Like the City, Only Quieter': Making the Rural Ghetto". Stanford University, Palo Alto, California, April 2012.

"It's Like the City, Only Quieter': Making the Rural Ghetto". Rural Sociological Society. Boise, Idaho, June 2011.

"Development by Arrest: Measuring Prison Impact in Rural America". American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, Georgia, August 2010.

"Development by Arrest: Measuring Prison Impact in Rural America". American Sociological Association. Atlanta, Georgia, August 2010.

"Mapping Prison Proliferation: Region, Rurality, Race, and Disadvantage in Prison Placement". American Sociological Association. San Francisco, California, August 2009.

"Decomposing Residential Segregation Patterns: The Ecological Impact of Prisons on Rural Communities". Rural Sociological Society. Madison, Wisconsin, July 2009.

"It's Like the City, Only Quieter': Making the Rural Ghetto". Association of Black Sociologists. New Orleans, Louisiana, June 2009.

"Negotiating Place in Rural America: Identity, Morality, and Punishment Systems". National Cancer Institute Place, Health, and Equity Conference at the University of Seattle. Seattle, Washington, May 2009.

"The Politics of Prison Proliferation". Southern Sociological Society, New Orleans, LA, April 2009.

"Extending the Hyperghetto: Considering Race, Place, and Space in Prison Siting". Duke University Department of Sociology, Durham, North Carolina, November 2007.

"Neva No in Betweens: Considering Urban Blacks as Subjects in Academia". American Sociological Association, Blacks and African-Americans Panel in Montreal, Canada, August 2006.

"Development by Arrest?: Examining the Growth of Prisons in Rural America". Penal State Conference, University of California, Berkeley, May 2006.

#### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

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University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2019. Exceptional Service Award for the Department of Sociology. Office of the Provost and Vice Chancellor Academic Affairs.

Vilas Faculty Mid-Career Investigator Award. University of Wisconsin-Madison. 2019.

Society for the Study of Social Problems, C. Wright Mills Best Book Award Finalist 2017 for *Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation*.

Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute Fellow: Broadening Perspectives and Participation, The Ohio State University, Crime and Justice Research Center, 2015.

Minorities in Public Policy Studies (MiPPS) Alumni Award. Harris School of Public Policy. University of Chicago. 2015.

Fellow, Yale Urban Ethnography Project. 2014.

Rural Sociological Society Early Career Research Award. 2012.

Finalist, Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship 2010, George Soros Open Society Foundation.

Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute Fellow: Broadening Perspectives and Participation, The Ohio State University, Crime and Justice Research Center, 2010.

Crime, Law, and Deviance Section Student Paper Competition Award Recipient, American Sociological Association, 2009.

Provost's Postdoctoral Fellowship, Duke University, 2008-2010.

National Poverty Center Post-Doctoral Award Recipient, University of Michigan, 2008. Declined.

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#### **SERVICE IN DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION**

Chair, Minority Recruitment and Retention, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2020-23.

Member, Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network, 2010-.

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#### **CONSULTING, MANAGEMENT, & PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Consultant, Airbnb, 2016-2017.

Consultant, Center for Community Safety, Winston-Salem State University, 2009-2011.

Consultant, Chicago Metropolis 2020, 2004-2006.

Director, Westside Federation Restoring the Legacy Project, 2003-2004.

Consultant, Chicago Urban League, 2002-2003.

Intern to Chief of Staff, Lee Bey, Office of the Mayor, City of Chicago, 2001.

Campaign Coordinator, Barack Obama for Congress 2000, 1999-2000.

Lead Organizer, Alliance of Congregations Transforming the Southside (ACTS), 1997-2000.

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#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Sociological Association

American Society of Criminology

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Law and Society Association

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Society for the Study of Social Problems

Southern Sociological Society

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#### **EDITORIAL ASSOCIATIONS**

Member Editorial Board, American Sociological Review, 2020-.

Member Editorial Board, Sociological Review, 2020-.

Member Editorial Board, Context, 2020-.

Member Editorial Board, Sociological Perspectives, 2020-.

Member Editorial Board, Social Problems, 2018-.

Member Editorial Board, Sociology Compass, 2015-2017.