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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2021– **Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
 University of Maryland, College Park
- 2020–21 **Postdoctoral Associate**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
 University of Maryland, College Park
 Mentor: Maria B. Vélez

EDUCATION

- 2020 **Ph.D.**, Department of Sociology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
 Dissertation: “Stress and Street Life: Black Women, Urban Inequality, and Coping in a Small Violent City.”
 Co-Chairs: Lauren J. Krivo and Patrick J. Carr
- 2015 **M.A.**, Department of Sociology, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
- 2013 **B.A.**, Departments of Black American Studies and English, University of Delaware
 Degree with Distinction

AFFILIATIONS

- 2021–Present Department of African American Studies, University of Maryland, College Park
- 2018–Present Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN)

AREAS of EXPERTISE

Race, Class & Gender in Crime & Victimization • Urban Gun Violence & Trauma • Communities & Crime • Black Female Survivors of Violence • Participatory Action Research (PAR) • Qualitative & Mixed Methods

RESEARCH & PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2019–Present **Project Director**, National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research (NCGVR)
 Research Site: Philadelphia, PA
 PIs: Yasser A. Payne (University of Delaware) and Elise White (Center for Court Innovation)

BOOK MANUSCRIPT

Murder Town, USA: Homicide, Structural Violence, and Activism
 Payne, Yasser A., **Brooklyn K. Hitchens**, and Darryl L. Chambers
 Forthcoming, Rutgers University Press
 Production Date: July 2023 [[book link](#)]

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (* equal authorship; † graduate student)

7. **Hitchens, Brooklyn K.** 2023. “The Cumulative Effect of Gun Homicide-Related Loss on Neighborhood Perceptions among Street-Identified Black Women and Girls: A Mixed-Methods Study.” *Social Science & Medicine* 320. Online First: 1/20/2023. [[article link](#)]
6. *Brunson, Rod K., Brian A. Wade†, and **Brooklyn K. Hitchens**. Forthcoming. “Examining Firearm Behaviors among High-Risk Gun Possessors.” *Preventive Medicine* 165(A), 107179. Online First: 8/4/2022. [[article link](#)]
5. **Hitchens, Brooklyn K.**, Ann M. Aviles, and Kathleen McCallops†. 2022. “Mothering in the Streets: The

Familial Adaptation Strategies of Street-Identified Black Mothers.” *Journal of Marriage & Family* 84(5): 1270-1290. [[article link](#)]

4. **Hitchens, Brooklynn K.** 2019. “Girl Fights and the Online Media Construction of Black Female Violence and Sexuality.” *Feminist Criminology* 14(2): 173-197. [[article link](#)]
 - 2018 Graduate Student Paper Award, Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)
 - 2018 Matilda White Riley Published Article Award, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
3. **Hitchens, Brooklynn K.**, Patrick J. Carr, and Susan Clampet-Lundquist. 2018. “The Context for Legal Cynicism: Urban Young Women’s Experiences with Policing in Low-Income, High-Crime Neighborhoods.” *Race & Justice* 8(1): 27-50. [[article link](#)]
2. *Payne, Yasser A., **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**, and Darryl L. Chambers. 2017. ““Why I Can’t Stand Out in Front of My House?”” Street Identified Black Youth and Young Adult’s Negative Encounters with Police.” *Sociological Forum* 32(4): 874-895. [[article link](#)]
1. **Hitchens, Brooklynn K.** and Yasser A. Payne. 2017. “Brenda’s Got a Baby: Black Single Motherhood and Street Life as a Site of Resilience in Wilmington, Delaware.” *Journal of Black Psychology* 43(1): 50-76. [[article link](#)]

BOOK CHAPTERS (* equal authorship; † graduate student)

4. *Payne, Yasser A., **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**, and Jonathan Wilson. Forthcoming. ““The Streets Got to Fight Back in a New Way!””: Street PAR in the Age of Gun Violence, Draconian Policing and Mass Incarceration.” *The Oxford Handbook of Sociology and Social Justice*.
3. **Hitchens, K. Brooklynn** and Yasser A. Payne. 2023. “Revisiting Brenda’s Got a Baby: Black Motherhood, Families, and Structural Violence in the Streets.” *Afrikan American Women: Living at the Crossroads of Race, Gender, Class, and Culture (2nd edition)*, edited by H. Jackson-Lowman (pp. 259-288). San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing.
2. *Friedman, Brittany and **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**. 2022. “Theorizing Embodied Carcerality: A Black Feminist Sociology of Punishment.” *Black Feminist Sociology: Perspectives and Praxis*, edited by Z. Luna and W. Pirtle (pp. 267-276). New York: Routledge Press. [[chapter link](#)]
1. *Hayes, Endia†, Ashley Hollingshead†, Jomaira Salas†, and **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**. 2022. “Nothing About Us, Without Us: Reinscribing Black Feminism in Sociology.” *Black Feminist Sociology: Perspectives and Praxis*, edited By Z. Luna and W. Pirtle (pp. 97-109). New York: Routledge Press. [[chapter link](#)]

OTHER INVITED WRITING

4. **Hitchens, Brooklynn K.** 2022. “Second Killings: The Black Women and Girls Left Behind to Grieve America’s Growing Gun Violence Crisis.” Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium, Rockefeller Institute of Government. [[op-ed link](#)].
3. Philpotts, Cimone and **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**. 2020. “Building People Power: The 2020 Delaware Main Street Marshall Report.” Wilmington, Delaware: Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League. Report.
2. **Hitchens, Brooklynn K.** 2018. “Violence and Crime.” Pp. 23-24 in *The State of Our Union: Black Women and Girls in Delaware*. National Coalition for 100 Black Women Inc., Delaware Chapter (NC100BW-DE). [[report link](#)]
1. **Hitchens, Brooklynn K.** 2017. “Contextualizing Police Use of Force and Black Vulnerability: A Response to Whitesel.” *Sociological Forum* 32(2): 434-438. [[response essay link](#)]

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Payne, Yasser A., Naomi Samimi-Sadeh, **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**, and Nadia Bounoua. “Sites of Resilience in Street-Identified Black Men Mediate the Link Between Economic Well-Being and Attitudes Toward Violence.”

(Under Review)

Payne, Yasser A., Naomi Samimi-Sadeh, **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**, and Nadia Bounoua. “Elevations in Blood Pressure Associated with Violent Victimization are Mitigated by Pro-Gun Carrying Attitudes among Street-Identified Black Men and Women.” (Under Review)

Midgette, Greg, Thomas L. Spreen, Lauren C. Porter, Peter Reuter, and **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**. “A Model of Emergency Call Risk with Implications for Tasks Assigned to Police and Other Agencies.” (Under Review)

*Bounoua, Nadia R., Naomi Samimi-Sadeh, Yasser A. Payne, and **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**. “Perceptions of Structural Barriers Explain the Link between Perceptions of Reentry and Pro-Criminal Attitudes in Street-Identified Black Men and Women.” (Under Review)

Hitchens, Brooklynn K., Jeanee Miller, Yasser A. Payne, Ivan Y. Sun, and Isabella Castillo†. “More than Race? Intra-group Differences in Street-Identified Black Men and Women’s Attitudes toward Police Misconduct.” (Under Review)

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Bounoua, Nadia R., **Brooklynn K. Hitchens**, Yasser A. Payne, and Naomi Samimi-Sadeh. “Contextualizing Pro-Violence Attitudes from the Vantage Point of Street-Identified Black Male Adolescents: The Role of Neighborhood Context and Accelerated Adultification.” (In Preparation)

Hitchens, Brooklynn K. “Sampling a Hard-to-Reach Population: Using Mixed-Methods and Street Participatory Action Research (Street PAR) to Recruit Urban Black Women and Girls.” (In Preparation).

Hitchens, Brooklynn K. “‘I Done Watched Too Many Die.’” Black Women’s Negotiation of Gun Homicide and Legal Cynicism in Urban Trauma Deserts.” (In Preparation).

GRANTS

2021 **Co-Principal Investigator**, “Improving Baltimore Policing and Policy Community Relationships.” Amount: \$369,832. Arnold Ventures. IRB#1710513-2.

Principal Investigator: Peter Reuter; *Co-Principal Investigators*: Greg Midgette, Lauren Porter, and Thomas Spreen.

2020 **Principal Investigator**, “Assessing the Public Attitudes toward ‘Defund the Police’ and the Function of the Baltimore Police Department.” Amount: \$15,000. School of Public Policy and Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. IRB#1710513-1.

Co-Principal Investigators: Lauren Porter, Peter Reuter, Greg Midgette, and Thomas Spreen.

FELLOWSHIPS

2019–20 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Dissertation Fellowship

2019 Ford Dissertation Fellowship, Honorable Mention

2018–19 American Society of Criminology (ASC) Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial & Ethnic Diversity

2018–19 University & Louis Bevier Dissertation Fellowship, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University

2018–19 American Sociological Association (ASA) Minority Fellowship Program (MFP)

2018 Honors College Teaching Fellowship, The Honors College, Rutgers University

2017–18 James H. Gilliam Sr. Fellowship, Metropolitan Urban League, Wilmington, DE

2016–17 Rutgers Academy for the Scholarship of Teaching & Learning (RASTL) Fellowship, School of Graduate Studies, Rutgers University

2015 NAEP-ETS Summer Pre-Doctoral Research Experience (SPRE) Fellowship, Educational Testing Service (ETS), Princeton, NJ

2013–15 Ralph J. Bunche Distinguished Graduate Fellowship, Sociology, Rutgers University

AWARDS

2018 Graduate Student Paper Award, 1st Place, Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)

- 2018 Matilda White Riley Published Article Award, Rutgers University
 2018 Teaching Assistant Professional Development Award, Rutgers University
 2018 Sociology Research Grant, Rutgers University
 2016 Outstanding Student Award, Division on People of Color & Crime (DPCC), American Society of Criminology (ASC)
 2015–18 Undergraduate Teaching Honor Roll, Rutgers University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022 “Patterns of Gun Homicide-Related Loss and Co-Victimization among Black Women and Girls: A Mixed Methods Analysis,” *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
 2022 “The Process of Designing a Mixed Methods Research Study Using Secondary Data,” *American Educational Research Association (AERA)*, San Diego, CA.
 2021 “Street Participatory Action Research: Employing Research and Activism to Combat Structural Violence,” *Critical Race Studies in Education Association (CRSEA)*, Newark, DE.
 2020 “The Street PAR Health Project: Working with *the Streets* to Examine Opportunity, Health and Violence,” *Eastern Sociological Society*, Philadelphia, PA.
 2019 “Coping in Murder Town USA: How Urban Black Women Adapt to Structural Strain in a Violent, Small City,” *American Sociological Association*, New York City.
 2019 “The Street PAR Health Project: Working with *the Streets* to Examine Opportunity, Health and Violence,” *Free Minds Free People Conference*, Twin Cities, MN.
 2018 “The Street PAR Health Project: Working with *the Streets* to Examine Opportunity, Health and Violence,” *American Society of Criminology*, Atlanta, GA.
 2018 “Street Participatory Action Research: Doing Research & Activism with The Streets of Black America,” *Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN)*, Newark, NJ, (with Yasser A. Payne and Darryl Chambers).
 2016 “The Use of Victim Self-Protective Behaviors during Violent Crimes as Predictors of Post-Incident Emotional Distress,” *American Society of Criminology*, New Orleans, LA, (with Jason Phillips and Alicia Raia-Hawrylak).
 2015 “Gender Differences in Attitudes toward Police in Three Philadelphia Neighborhoods,” *American Society of Criminology*, Washington D.C., (with Patrick J. Carr and Susan Clampet-Lundquist).
 2015 “‘CNN of the Ghetto?’ Analyzing Black Girls and Violence as Entertainment on WorldStarHipHop,” *American Sociological Association*, Chicago, IL.
 2015 “‘Sound of the Police, Sound of the Beast’: Gender Differences in Attitudes toward and Interactions with Police among Street-Life Oriented Black Men and Women,” *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*, Chicago, IL.
 2015 “Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset among Low-Income, ‘At Risk’ High School Students,” *ETS Corporate Internship Symposium*, Princeton, NJ.
 2015 “Walk with Me: Organizing *the Streets* To Constructively Engage Law Enforcement,” *Annual Winter Roundtable Conference Teacher’s College*, Columbia University, (with Yasser Payne and Darryl Chambers).
 2014 “Girl-on-Girl Street Fighting: The Connection Between Black Girls, Urban Street Violence, and Social Media,” *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA.

INVITED TALKS and WORKSHOPS

- 2023 “Lethal Links: Guns and Violence Against Women,” Bearing the Burden Webinar Series, Center for Advancing Research, Methods, and Scholarship (ARMS) in Gun Injury Prevention, University of Connecticut.
 2022 “Second Killings: How Gun Homicide Covictimization Alters Neighborhood Perceptions among Street-Identified Black Women and Girls,” Institute for Research on Poverty (IRP), University of Wisconsin-Madison.
 2022 “Second Killings: Black Women and Girls Left Behind to Grieve America’s Growing Gun Violence Crisis,” Brown Bag Series, Department of African American Studies, University of Maryland.
 2022 “Patterns of Firearm Homicide-Related Loss among Black Women and Girls: A Mixed Methods Analysis,” Equity Committee Speaker Series, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri – St. Louis (UMSL).
 2021 “Connecting Theory, Inquiry, and Practice: Working within Communities,” Gender and Equity Research

- Symposium, North Carolina State University.
- 2021 “Mothering in the Streets: The Familial Adaptation Strategies of Street-Identified Black Mothers,” Annual Ruth Peterson Fellow Development Program Workshop, American Society of Criminology (ASC), Chicago, IL.
- 2021 “The Enduring Link between Race/Ethnicity and Violence: Causes and Collateral Consequences,” Be Informed: Virtual Lecture Series, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, University of Maryland (with Maria Vélez).
- 2020 “Annual Pre-Kwanzaa Celebration: Race and Policing in America,” Center for Black Culture, University of Delaware (with Benjamin Crump).
- 2020 “Professionalization Workshop: Securing External Fellowships and Awards,” Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.
- 2019 “Community Capacity Building for a Better Tomorrow,” Critical Participatory Action Research Think Tank, Drexel University.
- 2019 “I Never Thought I’d Get That Call: Reverberations of Violence and Crime in a Small City.”
- Invited Lecture, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice, University of Maryland.
 - Invited Lecture, Department of Sociology, Old Dominion University.
 - Invited Lecture, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University.
 - Invited Lecture, School of History & Sociology, Georgia Tech.
 - Jason B. Phillips Memorial Lecture, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.
 - Emerging Scholars Program, Department of Sociology, Boston University.
- 2019 “Legacies: Collective Work, Responsibility, and the Importance of Community,” Office of Residence Life, University of Delaware.
- 2019 “Professionalization Workshop: Developing Research Proposals,” Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.
- 2018 “The Street PAR Health Project: Working with The Streets to Examine Opportunity, Health and Violence in Wilmington, DE,” Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, University of Delaware (with Yasser Payne, Darryl Chambers, and Coley Harris).
- 2018 “Mentoring & Being Mentored in a Predominantly White Academy: Guiding the Next Generation to Work Inside Low-Income Communities of Color,” Students of Distinction Dinner, University of Delaware (Keynote Address).
- 2016 “Coloring the Carceral State: Exploring Young Women’s Experiences with Policing in Low-Income Neighborhoods,” Graduate Student Visitation Day – Open House, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University.
- 2015 “The Use of Victim Self-Protective Behaviors During Violent Crimes as Predictors of Post-Incident Socio-Emotional Distress.” Quantitative Applications in Sociology Workshop, Rutgers University (with Jason Phillips and Alicia Raia-Hawrylak).
- 2015 “Resistance, Activism and the Arts: An Experience in Self-Expression.” Symposium: The Difficult Conversation—Race and Social Justice in America, University of Delaware (with James Church).
- 2014 *Convocation*, Department of Black American Studies, University of Delaware (Keynote Address).
- 2013 “The People’s Report: A Panel Discussion on Violence in Wilmington,” Department of Black American Studies, University of Delaware.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland

Course (UG): Race, Crime, and Justice (Fall 2021; Spring 2022; Fall 2022)

Course (UG): Responses to Violence (Fall 2022; Spring 2023)

Graduate Student Instructor, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University

Course: Introduction to Sociology (Summer 2017 Hybrid; Summer 2018 Hybrid)

Course: Race Relations (Summer 2016 Online; Spring 2017; Fall 2017)

Course: Sociology of the Family (Summer 2014; Summer 2015; Summer 2016)

Course: Honors College Forum for first-year students (Spring 2018)

Other Course Instruction (Community-Based)

Course: GED Prep, Fathership Foundation (Summer 2014)
 Course: Microsoft Office, AvTech Technology Inc. (Summer 2014)
 Course: GRE Prep, McNair Scholars Program, University of Delaware (Summer 2013)
 Course: College Prep, Upward Bound Math Science Program, University of Delaware (Summer 2013) Course:
 First Year Seminar, University of Delaware (Fall 2012)

THESIS and DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

PhD Dissertation:

2022 **Committee Member** (University of Delaware, Department of Human Development & Family Sciences), Kathleen McCallops.

Master's Thesis:

2022 **Chair** (University of Maryland, CCJS), Isabella Castillo (in prog).
 2022 **Committee Member** (University of Maryland, CCJS), Kristen Milsap (in prog).

DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEES

2022- **Member**, Faculty Search Committee, University of Maryland.
 2022- **Member**, Speaker Series Committee, University of Maryland.
 2020- **Member**, Human Relations Committee, University of Maryland.
 2020- **Member**, Qualifying Exam (Theory and Policy) Committee, University of Maryland.
 2020- **Member**, CCJS Racial Competence Workgroup, University of Maryland.

COLLEGE and UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

2021- **Member**, BSOS Anti-Black Racism Initiative (ABRI), University of Maryland.

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

Member American Society of Criminology (ASC), American Sociological Association (ASA), Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Sociologists for Women in Society (SWS), Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN), Division on People of Color and Crime (DPCC), Division on Women and Crime (DWC).

Leadership Program Committee, American Society of Criminology (ASC)
 2022 **Chair**, Sub-Area “Inequality and Justice,” Area VII: The Criminal Justice System
 2015 **Program Committee Assistant**

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)
 2021 **Editorial Board Member**

Mentorship

2015 Cynthia Duchantier, ARESTY Undergraduate Research Center, Rutgers University.
 2014 Bianca West, Research in Science and Engineering (RISE), Rutgers University.
 2013 Kayla Prieto-Hodge, Multi-Generational Mentoring Program (MGM), Rutgers University.

Reviewer

American Sociological Review, Criminology & Public Policy, Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Journal of Marriage & Family, Criminology & Criminal Justice, Critical Criminology, Social Currents

Consulting

2021 Equitable Workforce Investment Project, Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League.
 2020 Building People Power Campaign, Metropolitan Wilmington Urban League.
 2019 Consumer Racial Profiling and Shoplifting Project, Rutgers University.

MEDIA

2022 **Featured** in “UMD Study: High-Risk Communities Would Benefit from Firearm Safety Training,” UMD

- Maryland Today, <https://today.umd.edu/umd-study-high-risk-communities-would-benefit-from-firearm-safety-training>.
- 2022 **Featured** in “Philly Residents Affected by Gun Violence will be Researching the Root Causes of the Crisis,” Philadelphia Tribune, https://www.phillytrib.com/news/local_news/philly-residents-affected-by-gun-violence-will-be-researching-the-root-causes-of-the-crisis/article_e96b7f73-0b91-5cbd-b198-5944e75c1d6b.html.
- 2022 **Featured** in “Philly Residents Affected by Gun Violence will be Researching the Root Causes of the Crisis,” WHYY-PBS, <https://whyy.org/articles/philly-residents-researching-root-causes-of-gun-violence-crisis/>.
- 2022 **Appearance** in “Seeking Peace in Philly: Searching for Solutions to Philadelphia’s Gun Violence Crisis,” NBC10 Philadelphia, <https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/seeking-peace-in-philly/researchers-and-residents-search-for-solutions-for-surging-philly-violence/3203047/>.
- 2022 **Featured** on Hour-long Segment, Philly Service Announcement (PSA) Podcast, “Gun Violence in Philadelphia: 3-29-22,” Philadelphia, PA, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dF4V4bNckNI>.
- 2021 **Quoted** in “‘Defund the Police’: What it Means and What the Research Says on Whether More Police Presence Reduces Crime,” *The Journalist’s Resource*, Harvard Kennedy School, <https://journalistsresource.org/criminal-justice/defund-the-police/>.
- 2020 **Quoted** in “Gun Violence and COVID-19: The Epidemic and Pandemic Collide,” *Delaware Call*, http://delawarecall.com/2020/08/13/gun-violence-and-covid-19-the-epidemic-and-pandemic-collide/?fbclid=IwAR0Yv7R6Qae78-z2O8ILjoIu04OOkSlpsCgMfyN4tix-EWcZN4Trckc_nY.
- 2020 **Quoted** in “‘Why I Can’t Stand Out in Front of My House?’” A Study About Black Poverty, Oppression, and Police,” *Your Black World*, <http://yourblackworld.net/2020/05/27/why-i-cant-stand-out-in-front-of-my-house-a-study-about-black-poverty-oppression-and-police/>.
- 2020 **Quoted** in “Study Analyzes Media’s New Trend of Promoting Violent & Masculated Young Girls of Color,” *Your Black World*, <http://yourblackworld.net/2020/02/24/study-analyzes-medias-new-trend-of-promoting-violent-masculated-young-girls-of-color/>.
- 2019 **Featured** on Hour-long Segment, Missing Dad Podcast, “Black Fatherhood in Wilmington,” Wilmington, DE.
- 2017 **Featured** on PBS/WHYY-TV, “First for July 7, 2017,” Wilmington Street PAR Project, Wilmington, DE.
- 2017 **Appearance** in Public Service Announcement (PSA), “Delaware Culture of Health Study,” Delaware Center for Drug and Health Studies. Newark, DE.
- 2014 **Featured** on “The People’s Report Documentary,” Teleduction, Hearts and Minds Film Wilmington, DE.
- 2013 **Featured** on Hour-long Segment, Congo Youth Corner, “Youth in the City of Wilmington,” TV Talk Show Guest, Delaware Channel 28, Wilmington, DE.
- 2011 **Featured** on Hour-long Segment, Herman Holloway Jr. Live, “The State of Black America,” TV Talk Show Guest, Delaware Channel 28, Wilmington, DE.
- 2011 **Featured** on Hour-long Segment, *NewsTalk-AM* WILM 1450AM, “The Uprising in Egypt,” Radio Talk Show Guest with John Watson, Wilmington, DE.