RACHEL ELLIS

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020–present	Assistant Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice Faculty Affiliate, Sociology (beginning 2023) University of Maryland
2017–2020	Assistant Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Missouri-St. Louis

EDUCATION

2017	Ph.D. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
2012	M.A. Sociology, University of Pennsylvania
2010	B.A. Sociology and French, Georgetown University (Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa)

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Punishment, Gender, Prisons, Reentry, Religion, Qualitative Methods

PUBLICATIONS

Book

- 2023 Ellis, Rachel. In This Place Called Prison: Women's Religious Life in the Shadow of Punishment. Oakland, CA: University of California Press.
 - *<u>Reviews</u> in <u>Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work</u>, <u>Criminal Law and Criminal</u> Justice Books, <u>Gender & Society</u>, <u>Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion</u>, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Journal of Contemporary Religion, Law, <u>Culture and the Humanities</u>, <u>Political Theology</u>, <u>Review of Religious Research</u>, <u>Sociology</u> <u>of Religion</u>

*Media coverage in Maryland Today, Pennsylvania Gazette, UC Press Blog

- *<u>Author-Meets-Critics</u> (*Upcoming*): American Society of Criminology, American Sociological Association, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- *Book talks: Harvard University, The Lecture Group of Baltimore, Northwestern University Prison Education Program, CCBC Essex, Georgetown University, University of Maryland, American University, University of Notre Dame. *Upcoming*: University of New Mexico, Arizona State University

Peer-Reviewed Articles (^denotes graduate student co-author)

2024 Ellis, Rachel and Victoria Inzana[^]. "Salvation Scripts: How Religion Matters for Women's Desistance Narratives." *Justice Quarterly* 41(4):545-572.

- 2023 Ellis, Rachel. "What Do We Mean By a 'Hard-to-Reach' Population? Legitimacy versus Precarity as Barriers to Access." *Sociological Methods & Research* 52(3):1556-1586.
- 2023 Branigan, Amelia, **Rachel Ellis**, Wade Jacobsen, and Anna Haskins. "System Management and Compensatory Parenting: Educational Involvement Following Maternal Incarceration." *Criminology* 61(3):482-517.
- 2021 **Ellis, Rachel**. "You're not serving time, you're serving Christ': Protestant Religion and Discourses of Responsibilization in a Women's Prison." *British Journal of Criminology* 61(6):1647-1664.
 - *Student Paper Award, 2017, American Sociological Association Section on Religion
 - *Gene Carte Student Paper Award, Third Place, 2017, American Society of Criminology

*Media coverage in <u>OMNLA Magazine</u>

- 2021 Ellis, Rachel. "Prisons as Porous Institutions." *Theory & Society* 50(2):175-199. *Lead article
- 2020 **Ellis, Rachel**. "Redemption and Reproach: Religion and Carceral Control in Action among Women in Prison." *Criminology* 58(4):747-772.
- 2018 **Ellis, Rachel**. "'It's Not Equality': How Race, Class, and Gender Define the Normative Religious Self among Female Prisoners." *Social Inclusion* 6(2):181-191. (Special Issue)
- 2017 **Ellis, Rachel**. "Silent Disagreement: Microinteractional Solutions to Moral Dissent among Catholic Converts." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 56(2):383-397.
- 2015 Ellis, Rachel. "Outreach and Exclusion: Jewish Denominational Marketing in the Early 20th Century." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 54(1):38-56.
 *Student Paper Award, 2012, Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

Manuscripts in Progress

Ellis, Rachel, Melissa J. Wilde, and Gabrielle Wy[^]. "Religious Reformers: How Varied Beliefs in Eugenics Shaped Views of Juvenile Delinquency in the Post-Progressive Era." R&R.

Ellis, Rachel, Ziyue Gu[^], and Frank Donohue[^]. Probation and Socioeconomic Mobility among Women in Baltimore, MD. *In Preparation*.

Ellis, Rachel. The Social Inequalities of Serving a Probation Sentence among Women. *In Preparation.*

Ellis, Rachel. Analysis of Administrative Parole Decision-Making in Pennsylvania. In *Preparation*.

Public-Facing, Editor-Reviewed Scholarship

2024	Ellis, Rachel. "Author's Reply to Book Talk Response by Cesraéa Rumpf." Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion 20(1):5-9.
2020	Ellis, Rachel. "Prison Labor in a Pandemic." Contexts 19(4):90-91.
2020	Ellis, Rachel. "In Prison in a Pandemic: Gender Behind Bars." <i>The Gender Policy Report.</i> <u>https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/in-prison-in-a-pandemic-gender-behind-bars/</u> *Featured in the <i>Top 10 Most Read GPR Articles of the Year</i>

Pedagogical Scholarship

2021 **Ellis, Rachel**, with undergraduate student contributions. 2021. "Engaged Pedagogy in the Classroom: A Visual Essay." *American Anthropologist* (Special Issue on "Carceral Crisis")

GRANTS AND AWARDS

National

2024	<i>Institute for Humane Studies Course Buyout Award</i> George Mason University
2021–2023	<i>Pipeline Grant for Emerging Scholars</i> Russell Sage Foundation
2016–2017	Dissertation Completion Fellowship Mellon / American Council of Learned Societies
2016–2017	<i>Charlotte W. Newcombe Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship</i> (honorary) Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation
2016–2017	<i>Dissertation Fellowship</i> (honorary) Louisville Institute
2012–2015	<i>Graduate</i> Research Fellowship National Science Foundation
2014	Constant H. Jacquet Research Award Religious Research Association
2014	Joseph H. Fichter Research Grant Association for the Sociology of Religion
University	
2024	<i>Maryland</i> Research Excellence Honoree University of Maryland

2024	Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards University of Maryland
2018–2019	Research Board Grant University of Missouri System
2016–2017	Dissertation Completion Fellowship (honorary) University of Pennsylvania
2014 & 2013	<i>Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship</i> University of Pennsylvania
2011	<i>Philip E. Goldfein Research Award</i> Jewish Studies Program at the University of Pennsylvania
2010–2011	Pew Presidential Prize Fellowship University of Pennsylvania
2010	Hoggson Award for Excellence in Sociology Georgetown University

INVITED TALKS

2023–2024 In This Place Called Prison: Book Talks

- Arizona State University, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice. Upcoming: September 16, 2024
- University of New Mexico, Department of Sociology & Criminology. Upcoming: Fall 2024
- Harvard University, Department of Sociology, Contemporary Ethnography and Inequality Workshop. January 25, 2024
- The Lecture Group, Baltimore, MD. January 17, 2024
- Northwestern University Prison Education Program, Field Methods Seminar. December 8, 2023
- Community College of Baltimore County, Essex. October 23, 2023
- Georgetown University, Department of Sociology. September 20, 2023
- University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice. May 4, 2023 (Book Launch Event & Lecture)
- American University, Department of Justice, Law, and Criminology, School of Public Affairs. April 11, 2023
- University of Notre Dame, Sociology Department, Center for the Study of Religion and Society. February 27, 2023

2024 University of Michigan, Russell Sage Foundation *Pipeline Scholars Capstone Conference* (upcoming: June 3-4, 2024) Paper: "Punished in Plain Sight: Women's Experiences on Probation"

2024	Brown University Hosted by Urban Institute and Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs <i>Punishment Beyond Mass Incarceration Symposium</i> (April 4-5, 2024) Panelist: "Conditions Inside: Complicating Labor and Control"
2021	Columbia University Department of Psychology, Social and Moral Cognition Lab ""I'll Get Out in God's Time': Religious Redemption and Carceral Control in a U.S. State Women's Prison" (virtual talk)
2020	London School of Economics <i>Department of Methodology Seminar Series</i> "What do We Mean by a 'Hard to Reach' Population?" (virtual talk)
2018	Washington University in St. Louis John C. Danforth Center on Religion and Politics Colloquium Series "Obedience is a Sure Favor: Prison Religion and Inequality"
2018	Loyola University Chicago <i>Chicago Area for the Study of Religious Communities Working Group</i> "Obedience is a Sure Favor: Prison Religion and Inequality"
2016	University of Pennsylvania Gender, Sexuality, and Women's Studies Interdisciplinary Colloquium "Daughters of Christ in the D.O.C.: Religion Inside a State Women's Prison"
2015	University of Pennsylvania <i>Culture and Interaction Workshop</i> "Breaking Every Chain: Religion, Faith, and Identity of Incarcerated Women"
2014	University of Pennsylvania Alice Paul Center for Research on Women, Gender, & Sexuality, 40 th Anniversary Conference "Incarceration and Intersectionality: Race/Class/Gender in a Women's Prison"

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panels Organized

2023	Session Organizer, "Religion and Justice: The Transformative Power of Religion in the Criminal Legal System," American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
2021	Session Co-Organizer, "Gender and Punishment," American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL
2020	Session Co-Organizer, "Gender and Punishment," American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC (Canceled due to Covid-19)

2018	Session Organizer, "Qualitative Insights into the Social Organization of Prison: Moving
	Past Old Debates," American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA

2017 Session Organizer, "Gender, Race, and State Control in Prison," American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA

Papers Presented

2024	 Upcoming: "Book Forum (formerly Author-Meets-Critics) for In This Place Called Prison: Women's Religious Life in the Shadow of Punishment' Critics: Forrest Stuart, TaLisa Carter, Lynne Haney, David Harding, Annette Lareau (chair) American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, Canada
2024	Upcoming: "Author-Meets-Critics Panel for In This Place Called Prison: Women's Religious Life in the Shadow of Punishment" Critics: Janet Garcia-Hallett, Matthew Clair, Jamie Fader, Jill McCorkel, Shadd Maruna (chair) Merican Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
2024	 Upcoming: "Second Chance or Set Up to Fail? Inequality in Women's Lived Experiences on Probation," with Ziyue Gu[^] and Frank A. Donohue[^]. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
2024	 Upcoming: "Institutional and Personal Narratives of Reporting Academic Sexual Misconduct," with Sarah Silberman[^]. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
2024	 Upcoming: "Author-Meets-Critics Panel for In This Place Called Prison: Women's Religious Life in the Shadow of Punishment" Critics: Orit Avishai, Edward Flores, Jeffrey Guhin, Amanda Napior, Sabina Vaught, Tricia Bruce (chair) Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA
2023	"Supervised and Controlled: Women's Experiences on Probation."American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA
2023	"Theorizing Prisons as Porous Institutions in the Context of Covid-19."American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA
2023	"Conducting Qualitative Research on Probation in the Covid-19 Era: Challenges and Possibilities."Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Salt Lake City, UT
2023	 "Finding Freedom through Religion in a Women's Prison." American Sociological Association, Section Session Organizer and Presenter, Philadelphia, PA
2023	"Author Meets Critics: Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible after Incarceration by Janet Garcia-Hallett." Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD

2022	 "We blame the parents': Eugenics and Juvenile Delinquency after the Progressive Era," with Melissa J. Wilde and Gabrielle Cabrera Wy^. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Baltimore, MD
2022	"By The Least Restrictive Means? Administering Religious Freedom in a State Women's Prison."American Sociological Association, <i>Thematic Panel</i>, Los Angeles, CA
2022	"It Takes a Village or a Higher Power? Narrative Mechanisms of Religion among Desisting Mothers," with Victoria Inzana[^].Western Society of Criminology, Honolulu, HI
2021	 "The Woman God Placed Me On This Earth to Be': Religion, Recovery, and Reentry from Prison," with Victoria Inzana[^]. American Society of Criminology, <i>Thematic Panel</i>, Chicago, IL
2021	 "Teaching Religion in the Social Sciences: Sociology and Criminology" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, <i>Invited Panel</i>, Portland, OR (virtual presentation)
2021	"Educational Involvement Among Formerly Incarcerated Mothers"American Sociological Association (virtual presentation)
2020	 "Teaching Religion in the Social Sciences: Sociology and Criminology" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, <i>Invited Panel</i>, Pittsburgh, PA *canceled due to COVID-19*
2020	 "Motherhood, Addiction, and Prisoner Reentry" American Society of Criminology, <i>Thematic Panel</i>, Washington, DC *canceled due to COVID-19*
2019	 "Author Meets Critics: Jesus Saved an Ex-Con (2018, NYU Press) by Edward Orozco Flores" Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO
2019	 "Obedience is a Sure Favor: How Religion Leads to Material Inequality in a Women's Prison" American Society of Criminology, <i>Thematic Panel</i>, San Francisco, CA Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO American Sociological Association, <i>Criminology Session</i>, New York, NY
2018	 "How Religion Structures the Social World of Incarcerated Women" American Society of Criminology, <i>Thematic Panel Organizer & Presenter</i>, Atlanta, GA

2018	"It's Not Equality': How Race, Class, and Gender Define the Normative Religious Self among Female Prisoners"
	 American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA
2017	 "Sanctioning the Sacred: Religion and Sexuality among Female Inmates" American Society of Criminology, <i>Thematic Panel Organizer & Presenter</i>, Philadelphia, PA Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Washington, DC
2016	 "Daughters of Christ in the D.O.C.: Religion Inside a State Women's Prison" American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA American Sociological Association, Sociology of Religion Section Session, Seattle, WA Association for the Sociology of Religion, Seattle, WA Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA
2015	 "Breaking Every Chain: Religion, Faith, and Identity of Incarcerated Women" American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL Association for the Sociology of Religion, Chicago, IL Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Newport Beach, CA
2014	 "Maintaining Order in the Face of Conflict: A Microinteractional Approach to Catholic Conversion" American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA Association for the Sociology of Religion, San Francisco, CA Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Indianapolis, IN
2014	"The Social Mobility of American Jews," with Melissa J. Wilde and Stephen Viscelli (equal authorship). • American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA
2013	"Rejecting the Teachings, Joining the Religion? Ethnography of a Catholic Conversion Class"American Sociological Association, New York, NY
2013	 "The Social Mobility of American Jews," with Melissa J. Wilde, Kristin Geraty, and Stephen Viscelli (equal authorship). Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Boston, MA Association for the Sociology of Religion, New York, NY
2013	 "Marketing to Whom? Nativity, Ethnicity, and Social Class of Jewish Denominations' Desired Members in the Early 20th Century" Institute for Religion, Economics, and Society, Chapman University, Orange, CA

- 2013 "Social Networks and Denominational Identity: Immigrants and Jewish Denominations in the Early 20th Century"
 - Jewish Studies Program Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Colloquium, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
- 2012 "Marketing to Whom? Desired Members and Jewish Denominational Niches, 1913-1920"
 - American Sociological Association, Denver, CO
 - Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Phoenix, AZ
- 2011 "Why High EE Churches are Stronger: Interaction Ritual Chains and Denominational Strength"
 - American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV
 - Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Milwaukee, WI

TEACHING

University of Maryland

2020–present CCJS 699Q Seminar in Qualitative Methods (graduate) CCJS 600 Seminar in Criminal Justice (Nanjing Program, graduate) CCJS 418C Gender and Crime (undergraduate) CCJS 342 Corrections (undergraduate)

University of Missouri-St. Louis

2017–2020 CRIMIN 6454 Corrections (graduate) CRIMIN 4390 Senior Capstone: "Perspectives of the Punished" (undergraduate) CRIMIN 2260 Corrections (undergraduate)

Johns Hopkins University

2017 Locked Up: Sociology of the Prison Experience (*Visiting Instructor*, undergraduate)

NATIONAL-LEVEL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Reviewer American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Criminology, Deviant Behavior, Feminist Criminology, Incarceration, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Social Problems, Social Science History, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Theory & Society, Qualitative Sociology

Editorial *Criminology* (2024-2026) Board

Grant Reviewer Russell Sage Foundation, Social Science Research Council

American Society of Criminology

2024	Mentoring Program Committee (Member) ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing
2023	Student Paper Award (Member) ASC Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice
2023	Anat Kimchi Memorial Travel Award Committee (Member) ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing
2022–2023	Membership Committee (Member) American Society of Criminology
2022	Ben Steiner Student Paper Award Committee (Member) ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing
2020	Gene Carte Student Paper Award Competition (Member) American Society of Criminology
American Soci	iological Association
2024	Student Paper Award Committee (Chair) ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance
2023	Nominations Committee (Member) ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance
2020-2023	Council Member ASA Section on Religion
2021-2022	Nominating Committee (Member) ASA Section on Religion
2018–2020	Ad-Hoc Membership Committee (Chair) ASA Section on Religion
2018	Sally Hacker Graduate Student Paper Award Committee (Member) ASA Section on Sex and Gender
2018	Philadelphia Liaison Committee (Chair) ASA Section on Sex and Gender

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

2024 Student Travel Awards Committee (Chair) SSSR

2023	Student Travel Awards Committee (Member) SSSR
2020–2022	Nominating Committee (Member) SSSR
2015	Committee on Postdoctoral Support for Research on Religion (Member) SSSR
Other	
2013	Interdisciplinary Religion Conference Planning Committee (Member) University of Pennsylvania
DEPARTMEN	NTAL AND UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SERVICE
2022–2025	Faculty Senator (Representative for BSOS) University Senate
2024	Ad Hoc MCPD@USG Partnership Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2023–2024	Workload Policy Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2023–2024	Graduate Program Assessment Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2023–2024	Graduate Affairs/Awards Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2022	Chair Search Committee (Assistant Professor Representative) University of Maryland, BSOS, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2020-2022	Graduate Affairs/Awards Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2020–2022	Departmental Teaching & Undergraduate Curriculum Review Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
2020–2021	Anti-Black Racism Subcommittee on Policy & Community Engagement (Member) University of Maryland
Fall 2020	General Comprehensive Exam Committee (Member) University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

- 2019–2020 Undergraduate Committee (Member) University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2019–2020 Graduate Student Book Club (Faculty Coordinator) University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING (* signals completion)

PhD Dissertation Committee:	Sarah Silberman, UMD (2023 – <i>present</i>), Chair Cassandra Philippon, UMD (2021 – 2023), Co-Chair* Lisa Pierotte, UMD (2023 – 2024), Member Claire Greene, UMSL (2019 – 2022), Member*
MA Thesis Committee:	Alexandra (Xandie) Wood, UMD (2023-2024), Chair Carly Brownstein, UMD (2023-2024), Chair* Elena Tapia, UMD (2024 – <i>present</i>), Member Jocelyn Evans, UMD (2022-2024), Member Gwynne Shepherd, UMD (2022-2024), Member Isabella Castillo, UMD (2022-2023), Member* Cassidy Mitchell, UMSL (2018 – 2019), Member*
New Student Advisees:	Daniel Fredes, UMD (2023-2024) Xandie Wood, UMD (2022-2024) Elena Tapia, UMD (2022-2024) Frank Donohue, UMD (2021-2022) Heidi Neff, UMD (2021-2022) Victoria Inzana, UMSL (2019 – 2020), Chair Amanda Miller, UMSL (2017 – 2020), Chair Alessandra Early, UMSL (2019 – 2020), Member Ashley Cox, UMSL (2019 – 2020), Member Claire Greene, UMSL (2017 – 2019), Member

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance Section on Religion Theory Section Society for the Scientific Study of Religion American Society of Criminology Division on Corrections and Sentencing Division on Critical Criminology & Social Justice Division of Feminist Criminology