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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2025–*present* Associate Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice
Faculty Associate, Maryland Population Research Center
Faculty Affiliate, Sociology (2023–*present*)
University of Maryland
- 2020–2025 Assistant Professor, Criminology and Criminal Justice
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

Gender, Punishment and Inequality, Prisons, Probation, 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.**

***Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award**, 2024, *American Society of Criminology*

***Distinguished Book Award**, 2024, *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*

***Distinguished Book Award**, 2025, *American Sociological Association*, Section on the Sociology of Religion

***Author-Meets-Critics (Book Forum)**: (1) *American Sociological Association*, (2) *American Society of Criminology*, (3) *Society for the Scientific Study of Religion*

***Reviews**: (1) [*Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work*](#), (2) [*American Religion*](#), (3) [*Contemporary Sociology*](#), (4) [*Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*](#), (5) [*Gender & Society*](#), (6) [*Interdisciplinary Journal of Research on Religion*](#), (7) [*Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion*](#), (8) [*Journal of Contemporary Religion*](#), (9) [*Law, Culture and the Humanities*](#), (10) [*Law & Society Review*](#), (11) [*Political Theology*](#), (12) [*Review of Religious Research*](#), (13) [*Social Forces*](#), (14) [*Sociology of Religion*](#)

*Media coverage: [Maryland Today](#), [Pennsylvania Gazette](#), [UC Press Blog](#)

*Book talks: (1) American University, (2) Arizona State University, (3) Community College of Baltimore County-Essex, (4) Georgetown University, (5) Harvard University, (6) Lecture Group of Baltimore, (7) Mount St. Mary's University, (8) Northwestern University Prison Education Program, (9) University of Arizona, (10) University of Maryland, (11) University of New Mexico, (12) University of Notre Dame

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

- 2025 **Ellis, Rachel**, Melissa J. Wilde, and Gabrielle Wy^. "Religion, Race, and Place in Early 20th Century Debates about Juvenile Delinquency." *Justice Quarterly* 42(3): 478-502.
- 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 Sociology of Religion
- *Gene Carte Student Paper Award, Third Place, 2017, *American Society of Criminology*
- *Media coverage in [OMNIA Magazine](#)
- 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

Jacobsen, Wade, Guyu Sun[^], **Rachel Ellis**, Tashawn Reagon[^], and Anna Tovchigrechko[^]. College for Children of the Prison Boom? Parental Incarceration, School Involvement, and College Participation.

Ellis, Rachel and Amara Bailey[^]. The Gender of Imprisonment.

Ellis, Rachel, Frank Donohue[^], and Ziyue Gu[^]. Probation and Social Relationships among Women.

Ellis, Rachel. The Social Inequalities of Women's Probation.

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.
*Cited in [International Trade Union Confederation Report](#) submitted to the U.N.

2020 **Ellis, Rachel**. "In Prison in a Pandemic: Gender Behind Bars." *The Gender Policy Report*.
<https://genderpolicyreport.umn.edu/in-prison-in-a-pandemic-gender-behind-bars/>
*Featured in the *Top 10 Most Read GPR Articles of the Year*

Pedagogical Scholarship

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

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

National

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| 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 | <i>Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i>
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 Research Fellowship</i> National Science Foundation
2014	<i>Constant H. Jacquet Research Award</i> Religious Research Association
2014	<i>Joseph H. Fichter Research Grant</i> Association for the Sociology of Religion
University	
2025–2026	<i>Dean's Research Initiative Grant</i> University of Maryland, College of Behavioral and Social Sciences
2025	<i>Seed Grant</i> , with co-PI Wade Jacobsen Maryland Population Research Center at the University of Maryland
2024	<i>Independent Scholarship, Research, and Creativity Awards</i> University of Maryland
2018–2019	<i>Research Board Grant</i> University of Missouri System
2016–2017	<i>Dissertation Completion Fellowship</i> (honorary) University of Pennsylvania
2014	<i>Gertrude and Otto Pollak Summer Research Fellowship</i> University of Pennsylvania
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	<i>Pew Presidential Prize Fellowship</i> University of Pennsylvania

AWARDS

2025	Distinguished Book Award, <i>American Sociological Association, Sociology of Religion Section</i>
2024	Michael J. Hindelang Outstanding Book Award, <i>American Society of Criminology</i>
2024	Distinguished Book Award, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>
2024	Early Career Award, <i>American Sociological Association, Section on Religion</i>
2024	Research Excellence Honoree, <i>University of Maryland</i>
2017	Gene Carte Student Paper Award, Third Place, <i>American Society of Criminology</i>
2017	Student Paper Award, <i>American Sociological Association, Section on Religion</i>
2012	Student Paper Award, <i>Society for the Scientific Study of Religion</i>

2010 Hoggson Award for Excellence in Sociology, *Georgetown University*

INVITED TALKS

- 2027 University of Pennsylvania (upcoming, April 2027)
Department of Sociology Colloquium
- 2026 Duke University (virtual)
Department of Sociology, Summer Incubator
“Incorporating Contemporary Tools in Qualitative Interviewing”
- 2026 University of Alberta (virtual)
Centre for Criminological Research
“Punished in Plain Sight: Women’s Experiences on Probation in Maryland”
- 2025 University of Texas at Austin
Capital Punishment Center Conference
Panelist on Prison, the Death Penalty, & Religion
- 2023–2025 *In This Place Called Prison: Book Talks*
1. University of New Mexico, *Department of Sociology & Criminology*. April 25, 2025
 2. Mount St. Mary’s University, *Campus-Wide Talk* (Hosted by Alpha Kappa Delta & Criminal Justice Honors Society). April 9, 2025
 3. Arizona State University, *School of Criminology & Criminal Justice*. September 16, 2024
 4. University of Arizona, *Department of Sociology*. September 13, 2024
 5. Harvard University, *Department of Sociology, Contemporary Ethnography and Inequality Workshop*. January 25, 2024
 6. The Lecture Group, Baltimore, MD. January 17, 2024
 7. Northwestern University Prison Education Program, *Field Methods Seminar*. December 8, 2023
 8. Community College of Baltimore County, Essex. October 23, 2023
 9. Georgetown University, *Department of Sociology*. September 20, 2023
 10. University of Maryland, *Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice*. May 4, 2023 (Book Lecture & Book Launch Event)
 11. American University, *Department of Justice, Law, and Criminology, School of Public Affairs*. April 11, 2023
 12. University of Notre Dame, *Sociology Department, Center for the Study of Religion and Society*. February 27, 2023
- 2024 University of Maryland
Racial Democracy, Crime & Justice Network (RDCJN) Workshop
Discussant: “Hope, Redemption, and Reimagination”
- 2024 University of Michigan, hosted by the Russell Sage Foundation
Pipeline Scholars Capstone Conference
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
Punishment Beyond Mass Incarceration Symposium
Panelist: “Conditions Inside: Complicating Labor and Control”
- 2021 Columbia University (virtual)
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”
- 2020 London School of Economics (virtual)
Department of Methodology Seminar Series
“What do We Mean by a ‘Hard to Reach’ Population?”
- 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
Chicago Area for the Study of Religious Communities Working Group
“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
Culture and Interaction Workshop
“Breaking Every Chain: Religion, Faith, and Identity of Incarcerated Women”
- 2014 University of Pennsylvania
Alice Paul Center for Research on Women, Gender, & Sexuality, 40th Anniversary Conference
“Incarceration and Intersectionality: Race/Class/Gender in a Women’s Prison”

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Papers Presented (^graduate student co-author, *undergraduate student co-author)

- 2026 “Intergenerational Patterns of Institutional Engagement: Parental Incarceration, Gendered Educational Involvement, and Young Adult College Participation,” with Wade C. Jacobsen, Guyu Sun^, Anna Tovchigrechko*, and Tashawn Reagon^.
- American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL
 - American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2026 “Author Meets Critics: *Dilemma of Duties: The Conflicted Role of Juvenile Defenders* by Anne M. Corbin.” (critic)
- American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL

- 2026 “Qualitative Research in Punishment and Inequality,” discussant.
 - American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL
- 2025 “Prisons as Gendered Organizations,” with Amara Bailey[^].
 - American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC
- 2025 “System-Involved Parents as Agents of Socialization: Heterogeneity in the Association between Parental System Involvement and Young Adult Institutional Disengagement,” with Wade C. Jacobsen and Guyu Sun[^].
 - Population Association of America, Washington, DC
- 2024 “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)
 - American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
- 2024 “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 “Deconstructing the Title IX Narrative: How Universities Approach Sexual Misconduct Policy Change,” with Sarah Silberman[^].
 - American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
- 2024 “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 Napier, Sabina Vaught, Tricia Bruce (chair)
 - Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, Pittsburgh, PA
- 2024 “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
- 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*, Philadelphia, PA

- 2023 “Author Meets Critics: *Invisible Mothers: Unseen Yet Hypervisible after Incarceration* by Janet Garcia-Hallett.” (critic)
- 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, *Thematic Panel*, 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, *Thematic Panel*, Chicago, IL
- 2021 “Teaching Religion in the Social Sciences: Sociology and Criminology”
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, *Invited Panel*, Portland, OR (virtual)
- 2021 “Educational Involvement Among Formerly Incarcerated Mothers”
- American Sociological Association (virtual)
- 2020 “Teaching Religion in the Social Sciences: Sociology and Criminology”
- Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, *Invited Panel*, Pittsburgh, PA
 - *canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 “Motherhood, Addiction, and Prisoner Reentry”
- American Society of Criminology, *Thematic Panel*, 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, *Thematic Panel*, San Francisco, CA
 - Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, St. Louis, MO
 - American Sociological Association, *Criminology Session*, New York, NY
- 2018 “How Religion Structures the Social World of Incarcerated Women”

- American Society of Criminology, *Thematic Panel*, 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, *Thematic Panel*, 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

- 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

Panels Organized

- 2026 Section Session Co-Organizer and Presider, “Everyday Carcerality: How Organizations Police, Punish, and Control,” American Sociological Association, New York, NY
- 2023 Section 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

TEACHING

University of Maryland

- 2026–present Undergraduate Honors Program Director (CCJS 388H, 389H, 489H)
- 2020–2026
 - CCJS 699Q Seminar in Qualitative Methods (graduate)
 - CCJS 660 Gender & Crime (graduate)
 - CCJS 600 Seminar in Criminal Justice (cooperative online MA program, Nanjing)
 - CCJS 418C Gender and Crime (undergraduate)
 - CCJS 342 Corrections (undergraduate)

2024-2025 Feller Center Faculty Fellow for Undergraduate Career Readiness

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, British Journal of Criminology, Corrections: Policy, Practice and Research, Criminology, Deviant Behavior, Feminist Criminology, Gender & Society, Incarceration, Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency, Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Punishment & Society, Social Problems, Social Science History, Sociological Inquiry, Sociological Methodology, Sociological Quarterly, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Theoretical Criminology, Theory & Society, Qualitative Sociology*

Editorial Board *Criminology* (2024-2026), *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* (2026-present), *Contemporary Sociology* (2027-2030)

Grant Reviewer *John Templeton Foundation, Russell Sage Foundation, Social Science Research Council*

American Society of Criminology

2027 Michael J. Hindelang Book Award Committee (Chair)
American Society of Criminology

2022–2025 Membership Committee (Member)
American Society of Criminology

2025 Mentoring for Success Publishing Workshop (Panelist)
ASC Division of Corrections and Sentencing

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 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 Sociological Association

2025–2027 Council Member
ASA Section on Sociology of Law

2025 Early Career Award Committee (Member)
ASA Section on Sociology of Religion

2025 Distinguished Scholar Award Committee (Member)
ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance

2024 Student Paper Award Committee (Chair)
ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance

2023 Nominations Committee (Member)
ASA Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance

2021–2023 Council Member
ASA Section on Sociology of Religion

2021–2022 Nominating Committee (Member)
ASA Section on Sociology of Religion

2018–2020 Ad-Hoc Membership Committee (Chair)
ASA Section on Sociology of 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 (SSSR) & Other

2025 Distinguished Book Award Committee (Member)
SSSR

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
- 2013 Interdisciplinary Religion Conference Planning Committee (Member)
University of Pennsylvania

DEPARTMENTAL, COLLEGE, AND UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SERVICE

Departmental

- Spring 2026 Human Relations Committee (Member)
University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- Spring 2026 General Qualifying Exam Committee: Theory (Member)
University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2024-2025 General Qualifying Exam Committee: Policy (Chair)
University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2024-2025 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
- 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
- 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

College and University

2026–2028	Campus Affairs Committee (Member) <i>University Senate</i>
2022–2028	Faculty Senator (Representative for BSOS) <i>University Senate</i>
2024	Faculty Reviewer for the Independent Scholarship, Research and Creativity Awards <i>Provost and the Vice President for Research</i>
2023–2024	BSOS Buddies Faculty-Graduate Student Mentoring Program <i>University of Maryland, BSOS</i>
2022	Chair Search Committee (Assistant Professor Representative) <i>University of Maryland, BSOS, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice</i>
2020–2021	Anti-Black Racism Subcommittee on Policy & Community Engagement (Member) <i>University of Maryland</i>

STUDENT ADVISING (*completed)

PhD Dissertation Committee:	Tashawn Reagon, UMD (2026-<i>present</i>), Chair Grace Phelps, UMD (2026-<i>present</i>), Interim Chair for Summer 2026, Member Abbey Potter, UMD (2024-<i>present</i>), Chair Sarah Silberman, UMD (2023-<i>present</i>), Chair Cassandra Philippon, UMD (2021-2023), Co-Chair* Teagan Murphy, UMD SOCY (2025-2026), Dean's Representative* Lisa Pierotte, UMD (2023-2026), Member* Claire Greene, UMSL (2019-2022), Member*
MA Thesis Committee:	Amara Bailey, UMD (2026-<i>present</i>), Member Alexandra (Xandie) Wood, UMD (2023-2024), Chair Carly Brownstein, UMD (2023-2024), Chair* Erika Feeney, UMD (2024-<i>present</i>), Member* Elena Tapia, UMD (2024-2025), 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*
Graduate Research Assistants:	Danielle Ridgeway, UMD (Fall 2026) Tashawn Reagon, UMD (Spring 2026) Abbey Potter, UMD (2024-2025) Ziyue (Siya) Gu, UMD (2021-22, 2023-24) Frank Donohue, UMD (Summer 2023) Alyse Sherrick, UMD (2022-2023)

Toryn Sperry, UMD (Summer 2021)
Carol Chen, UMD (2020-2021)
Kristin Reque, UMD (2020-2021)
Victoria Inzana, UMSL (2019-2020)
Amanda Miller, UMSL (2017-2019)

Undergraduate Research Assistants: Nina Graf, UMD (Spring 2026)
Anna Tovchigrechko, UMD (2025-2026)
Jane Goldsmith, UMD (Fall 2024)
Jacqueline Penna, UMD (Fall 2024)
Danielle Ridgeway, Spelman College (Summer 2024), BSOS
SRI Co-Mentor with Wade Jacobsen

Graduate Student Advisees: Yaxuan Li, UMD (2026-2027)
Ziyue Gu, UMD (2024-2025)
Daniel Fredes, UMD (2023-2025)
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 & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

American Sociological Association
Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance
Section on Sociology of Law
Section on Sociology of Religion

American Society of Criminology
Division on Corrections and Sentencing
Division of Qualitative Criminology

Embraced: Fully Scientific Advisory Board Member (2026–)