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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Community Safety, Policing, Inequality, Historical Punishment Practices, Law & Policy, Mixed Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024- **Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park

Fall 2023 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park

EDUCATION

2023 Ph.D., Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University
2020 M.Phil., Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University
2016 M.P.P., Social Policy, University of Michigan- Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
2011 B.A., Business Administration, University of St. Thomas-MN (*cum laude*)

AFFILIATIONS

2025-Present Institute for Public Leadership, University of Maryland, College Park
2024-Present Dept. of African American & Africana Studies, University of Maryland, College Park
2023-Present Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS

2024-Present Fellow, National Science Foundation Institute for Critical, Quantitative, Computational, and Mixed Methodologies
2024 Awardee, 2024 ASA Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section Robert F. Dentler Student Practitioner Award
2023 Fellow, Summer Institute for Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania
2023 Awardee, 2023 ASA History of Sociology and Sociological Thought Best Graduate Student Paper Award
2023 Inductee, National Center for Institutional Diversity - Diversity Scholars Network, University of Michigan
2022 Fellow, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$28,000)
2022 People's Choice Awardee, Yale University 3-Minute Thesis Competition
2021 Honorable Mention, 2021 ASA Theory Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award
2021 Inductee, Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, Yale University
2020-2023 Spencer Fellow, Institute for Critical, Quantitative, Computational, and Mixed Methodologies-Cohort 1
2020 Law & Society Association Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop
2019 Graduate Policy Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
2018-2022 Fellow, Health Policy Research Scholars Program-Cohort 3 (\$120,000)
2018 Graduate Research Fellow, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University (\$2,000)
2018 Summer Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, & Transnational Migration, Yale University (\$1,000)
2016-2017 Fellow, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers

2009-2010 Fellow, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

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

- 2025 **Lewis, Demar F., IV.** “To Agitate a Southern Audience: Revisiting the Impact of Abolition on Tuskegee Institute’s Institutional Interventions, Anti-Lynching Advocacy, and Sociological Contributions.” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 22(2):258-282. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2024 Rocha Beardall, Theresa, Rahim Kurwa, and **Demar F. Lewis IV.** “Mended Windows, Not Broken Windows: A Du Boisian Analysis of Urban Policing.” *City & Community* 23(4):320-340. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2023 Anderson, Andrew*, **Demar F. Lewis IV***, Paul Shafer, Jordan Anderson, and Thomas A. LaVeist. “Public Trust is Earned: Historical Discrimination, Carceral Violence, and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Health Services Research* 58(52):218-228. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2021 **Lewis, Demar F., IV.** “Troubling America’s Historical Waters: Towards the Transdisciplinary Study of U.S. Lynchings as an Active Present.” *Sociology Compass* 15(11): e12931. [\[article link\]](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

- Lewis, Demar F., IV.** 2024. Book Review. “Beyond Policing.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*:1-2. [\[link\]](#)
- Lewis, Demar F., IV.** 2019. Book Review. “Doing Violence, Making Race: Lynching and White Racial Group Formation in the U.S. South, 1882-1930.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 5(3): 440-441. [\[link\]](#)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

Hitchens, Brooklyn*, **Demar F. Lewis IV***, and Toryn Sperry. “‘This Stuff Go Higher Rank’: How Exposures to Unsafty Shape Visions of Community Safety in Baltimore.” (*R&R*)

Lewis, Demar F., IV and Roderick L. Pearson†. “More Gentrification, More Violent Crime Spillovers? A Spatial Analysis of Gentrification Status & Violent Crime Patterns in Cincinnati, 2018-2022.” (*R&R*)

Lewis, Demar F., IV. “Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate as a Viable Safety Intervention.”

Lewis, Demar F., IV, Muna Adem, Jasmyn Nelson†, and Leen Osman††. “When It Rains, It Pours: Examining the Health Associations of Carceral Knowledge on the Self-Reported Stress and Sleep of Black Americans.”

Lewis, Demar F., IV, Lindsay S. Dieudonne†, Nicholas C. Smith, Terrill Taylor, Muna Adem, and Jason Ashe. “Weathering the Storm: How Linked Fate Influenced the Self-Reported Mental and Physical Health of Black Americans After the First Year of COVID-19.”

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA SELECTIONS

- 2025 **Quoted** in, “[Despite Baltimore crime being down, some residents still feel unsafe: ‘The perception is that it’s the same.’](#)” *Baltimore Sun*.
- 2021 “[Connecticut Bar Association Policing Task Force—Report and Recommendations.](#)” Co-authored research report with colleagues Matthew G.T. Denney* and Alberto Cifuentes that sustained policy recommendations of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Policing Task Force. Co-presented findings to Attorney General William Tong.

- 2021 **Featured** in [“Public Sociology & Social Theory: An Interview With Demar Lewis.”](#) *American Sociological Association Theory Section*.
- 2020 **Interviewed** for ‘The People vs. The Klan’ CNN Documentary by Blumhouse Films.
- 2020 [“Housing the Formerly Incarcerated Should Be A Fundamental Right, Especially In A Pandemic.”](#) *The Appeal*
- 2020 **Featured** on *Coloring Health Policy* Podcast episode. [“Anti-Lynching Policy and Ahmaud Arbery.”](#)
- 2016 “Transforming the Black Silent Majority into an Engaged Black Majority.” *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy* 22: 18-20.

GRANT FUNDING

- 2026 MPower Early Scholars Investment Fund, University of Maryland, College Park (\$50,000)(PI)
- 2025 Anti-Black Racism Initiative Junior Faculty Seed Grant, University of Maryland, College Park (\$25,000)(Co-PI)
- 2025 Institute for Public Leadership Seed Grant, University of Maryland, College Park (\$10,000)
- 2024 Dean’s Research Initiative, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, University of Maryland (\$20,000)
- 2020 Racism & COVID-19 Systems and Policy Change Funding Award, Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$40,000)(Co-PI)
- Dissertation Award, Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$10,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Refereed)

- 2025 “How Interactive Exposures to 2020 Police Violence Shaped the Self-Reported Mental and Physical Health of Black Adults During the Onset of COVID-19.” *Association of Black Sociologists*, Memphis, TN, USA
- 2025 “To Agitate a Southern Audience: Revisiting the Impact of Abolition on Tuskegee Institute’s Institutional Interventions, Anti-Lynching Advocacy, and Sociological Contributions.” *Southern Political Science Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2024 “Before 2020, #Defund Was in the Streets: Unpacking Television News Networks’ Representation of #DefundThePolice, 2011-2019.” *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2024 “The Revolving Door: Revisiting the Practical Limitations of Pattern-or-Practice Agreements to Promote Structural Police Reform in the 21st Century.” *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2024 “From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure: Illuminating Gentrification as a Threat to Safety Beyond Gentrifying Neighborhoods in a Mid-sized Chocolate City.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Canada
- 2024 “Vacant Properties, More Policing? A Spatial Analysis of Gentrification, Vacancies, & Crime Enforcement in Cincinnati, 2018-2022.” *Population Association of America*, Columbus, OH, USA
- 2024 “Defund, ‘Refund’, or Abolish the Police? Age Differences in Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate and its Implications for the Future of Policing.” *Stockholm Criminology Symposium*, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2023 “The Broken Plate of Policing: A Du Boisian Analysis of Race and Police Violence in Midsized U.S. Cities.” *Law & Society Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2022 “Unveiling the Trauma of the Routine: Illuminating Levels of Persisting Inequity in Conceptions of Community Safety.” *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

INVITED TALKS, PANELS, AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2026 Keynote Speaker. “Do We Need 911 for This Emergency?” Racism and Racial Experiences Workgroup. Department of Sociology, Rice University, Houston, TX, USA.
- 2026 Keynote Speaker. “New Directions in Community Safety Research.” Black History Month Event Speaker. Virginia State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Petersburg, VA, USA.
- 2025 Keynote Speaker. “Short Term Fix or Long-Term Strategy? Unpacking Temporal Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate as a Safety Intervention.” Rutgers University, Camden—Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice. Camden, NJ, USA.
- 2025 Keynote Speaker. “Weathering the Storm: Vicarious Racism, Linked Fate, and Self-Reported Health Among Black Americans After the First Year of COVID-19.” National Institute on Aging. Baltimore, MD, USA
- 2024 Panel Participant. “Policing Data and Equity.” More to Do: Police Accountability and Public Safety Regional Conference—Children’s Law Center, City of Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati, and Cincinnati Black United Front. Cincinnati, OH, USA.
- 2024 Keynote Speaker. “From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure: Illuminating Gentrification as a Threat to Safety Beyond Gentrifying Neighborhoods in a Mid-sized Chocolate City.” University of Memphis-Department of Sociology. Memphis, TN, USA.
- 2024 Keynote Speaker. “Defund, ‘Refund’, or Abolish the Police? Age Differences in Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate and its Implications for the Future of Policing.” American Bar Foundation. Chicago, IL, USA
- 2020 Panel Participant. “Putting Policing and Racial Justice in Historical Context.” Institution for Social and Policy Studies. Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
- 2020 Panel Participant. “Is it Juneteenth Yet?” Washington University St. Louis-Racism Pandemic Town Hall Series. Washington University St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA
- 2018 Keynote Speaker. “Making Sense of the Numbers: A Du Boisian Approach to the Study of Prisoner Reentry.” Contemporary Studies of Race & Ethnicity Workshop. Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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

Course (Grad): Policing (Spring 2026)

Course (UG): Lynching, Race, and the Law (Fall 2024)

Course (UG): Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Spring 2024, Fall 2024, Spring 2025)

Instructor of Record, Departments of Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University

Course: Race, Gender, & Class Inequities in the U.S. (Summer 2022 & Summer 2023)

Graduate Student Instructor, Departments of Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University

Course: Theories and Methods in Measuring and Detecting Racism (Fall 2021)

Course: Methods of Inquiry (Spring 2020)

Course: Ethnography of the African American Community (Fall 2019)

Other Course Instruction (Community-Based)

Course: Social Science Research Methods, New Haven Health Leaders Program (Fall 2021)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Editorial Board Assistant Editor, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity* (Spring 2026-present)

Member

Ad Hoc Reviewer	<i>American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Social Problems, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Law & Society Review, Sociology of Education, Theoretical Criminology, Journal of Urban Affairs, Du Bois Review, Race and Justice, Race & Social Problems, Critical Sociology, Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies, Journal of Critical Race and Ethnic Studies, Women & Criminal Justice</i>
Book Reviewer	Routledge Press (2025), Columbia University Press (2024)
Panels Organized	Session Organizer, “Resistance and Disruption”, Community & Urban Sociology Section, <i>American Sociological Association</i> , New York, NY, USA (2026) Session Chair, “Media and Social Construction of Crime”, <i>American Society of Criminology</i> , San Francisco, CA, USA (2024) Session Presider, “Liberation Sociology: From Africa to Asia,” <i>American Sociological Association</i> , Montreal, Canada (2024) Session Co-organizer, “Unlearning Core Concepts in Urban/Community Sociology,” Community & Urban Sociology Section, <i>American Sociological Association</i> , Los Angeles, CA, USA (2022)
Professional & Community Activities	Alumni Representative to the National Advisory Committee—Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (2024-Present) Grant Reviewer , American Institutes for Research (2024) Elected Graduate Student Representative , American Sociological Association Sociology of Law Section (2022-2023) Elected Representative to the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy Alumni Board, University of Michigan (2017-2019)

DEPARTMENTAL AND UNIVERSITY-LEVEL SERVICE

2025-Present	Theory Qualifier Exam Committee <i>University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice</i>
2024-2025	Paternoster Lecture and Kimchi Memorial Graduate Award Committee <i>University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice</i>
2024-Present	Advisory Board Member, Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program <i>University of Maryland</i>
2023-Present	Undergraduate Teaching Committee <i>University of Maryland, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice</i>

GRADUATE STUDENT ADVISING (*signals completion)

PhD Dissertation Committee:	Frank Donohue, UMD - CCJS (2026- <i>present</i>), Member Lindsay Dieudonne, UMD - SPP (2026- <i>present</i>), Member Abbey Potter, UMD - CCJS (2025- <i>present</i>), Member Mohamed Salama, UMD - Merrill Coll (2024- <i>present</i>), Member
MA Thesis Committee:	Codey J. Carr, UMD - CCJS (2024), Member* Mohamed Salama, UMD - Merrill Coll (2024), Member* Daniel Fredes-García, UMD - CCJS (2024-2025), Member*

Graduate Research Assistants: Marshae Capers, UMD - CCJS (Summer 2025- *present*)
Tashawn Reagon, UMD - CCJS (Summer 2025)*
Amara Bailey, UMD - CCJS (Summer 2025)*
Daniel Fredes-García, UMD - CCJS (2025)*
Grace Phelps, UMD - CCJS (2024-2025)*
Sara-Laure Faraji, UMD - CCJS (Summer 2024)*
Michael J. Lebron, UMD - CCJS (Summer 2024)*
Mark Mills, UMD - CCJS (2023-2024)*

Student Advisees: Danielle Ridgeway, UMD - CCJS (2025- *present*)

Other Research Mentorship: Jaylin Burston, UMD - SPH, Anti-Black Racism Initiative Minor
Capstone Research Mentor (Spring 2026- *present*)
Lindsay Dieudonne, UMD - SPP, Institute for Public Leadership,
Thurgood Marshall Research Fellowship (Spring 2025)*

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP (*signals completion)

Undergraduate Research Assistants: Priyanka Saini, UMD - CCJS (Fall 2025- *present*)
Folakemi Uthman, UMD - CCJS (Spring 2026- *present*)
Isaiah Jenkins, UMD - CCJS (Fall 2024-Spring 2025)*
Taije Harrell, UMD - CCJS (Fall 2024)*
Amanda Esteves Correia, UMD - CCJS (Spring-Summer 2024)*
Leen Osman, UMD - CCJS (Spring 2024-Summer 2024)*
Karilyn Shin, UMD - CCJS Honors Program (Spring 2024)*

Ronald E. McNair Scholars Program: Leen Osman, UMD - CCJS (Fall 2024- *present*), Chair/Advisor

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology, American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Association of Black Sociologists, Population Association of America, Law & Society Association, Division of People of Color and Crime