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EDUCATION

University of Maryland | College Park, MD May 2028 (Expected)
Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice

Howard University | Washington, D.C. May 2024
M.A., Sociology and Criminology

Skidmore College | Saratoga Springs, NY May 2016
B.A., Sociology with High Honors
Minor: Intergroup Relations

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race and racial inequality, sociology of law, courts and sentencing, public defenders, organizations and occupations, children of incarcerated parents, qualitative methods, critical race theory

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

BSOS Fellowship in Support of Diversity and Inclusion (FISDI) | University of Maryland 2024 – 2028

- Competitive recruitment fellowship awarded by the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences to doctoral students who enhance the diversity of the program; includes supplemental funding over the course of doctoral training

Graduate School Dean's Fellowship | University of Maryland 2024 – 2026

- Merit-based fellowship allocated by the CCJS graduate program to support doctoral student recruitment and retention; awarded for the 2024–2025 and 2025–2026 academic years

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

University of Maryland | College Park, MD Winter 2026

Instructor

- Independently designed and taught an online, asynchronous section of CCJS100, including full course development (syllabus, assignments, and exams)
- Held sole responsibility for grading, student feedback, and academic correspondence
- Hosted virtual office hours to provide individualized support to undergraduate students

University of Maryland | College Park, MD Fall 2024, Spring 2025, Fall 2025

Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Assisted Dr. Justine Madoo in delivering CCJS100, an in-person introductory survey of the criminal justice system
- Contributed to course material development, including assignments and exams, under faculty direction
- Hosted office hours to provide additional academic support to undergraduate students

Howard University | Washington, D.C. Fall 2022, Fall 2023

Lead Teaching Liaison/COAS Freshman Seminar

- Facilitated course instruction and implementation with Howard University faculty for the required undergraduate course, Freshman Seminar to 1,500+ first-time in college and current students
- Supervised 11 Howard University graduate student teaching fellows
- Cultivated an inclusive learning environment by developing curriculum and instructional tools that supported both graduate teaching fellows' pedagogical growth and enrolled students' academic success

Howard University & National Equity Education Lab | Washington, D.C. Spring 2022, 2023, 2024

Graduate Course Coordinator

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- Assisted Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad in delivering *Principles of Criminal Justice* course to 200+ Title 1 high school students nationwide, adapting college-level content for accessibility and relevance across diverse learning contexts
- Supervised 6 Howard University Graduate Student Teaching Fellows
- Developed curriculum and instructional tools to support graduate teaching fellows and enrolled students

Howard University | Washington, D.C.

Fall 2021

Graduate Teaching Fellow

- Served as a Teaching Fellow and mentor to 30+ Black and Brown students with Howard University Associate Professor Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad
- Conducted weekly office hour meetings that supported classroom learning content such as the criminal legal system, college readiness, and professional development

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Maryland | College Park, MD

Spring 2026

Research Assistant with Dr. Rachel Ellis

- Developing the interview guide and recruitment materials for the qualitative arm of Facing the System project, a study examining how parental incarceration shapes the experiences and outcomes of young adults born 1998–2000
- Recruiting a sample of 25 adult participants for in-depth qualitative interviews

University of Maryland | College Park, MD

Spring 2026

Research Assistant with Dr. Rod Brunson

- Providing administrative support to Dr. Brunson in his role as President-Elect of the American Society of Criminology (ASC)
- Developing an independent research paper drawing on data from published studies on formerly incarcerated adults' experiences with second chance employment and institutional engagement

University of Maryland | College Park, MD

Summer 2025

Research Assistant, National Survey of Black Americans with Dr. Demar Lewis, IV

- Assisted Dr. Demar Lewis, IV with data visualization and coding for Wave 1: Support for Community Safety Alternatives among Black Americans
- Prepared survey instrument for Wave 2: Budgeting for Community Safety Alternatives

University of Maryland | College Park, MD

Spring 2025

Research Assistant, Facing the System Project with Dr. Rachel Ellis

- Supported mixed-methods research investigating intergenerational impacts of criminal justice involvement on families
- Analyzed Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study (FFCWS) interview data to examine how parental system involvement shapes young adults' engagement with institutions

The Dr. Muhammad Experience (DME, Inc.) | Washington, D.C.

Spring 2025

Graduate Program Fellow

- Conducted historical research and qualitative interviews with Dr. Bahiyah Muhammad in preparation for a program evaluation of the Policing Inside Out initiative
- Supervised 2 undergraduate teaching assistants and 1 research assistant
- Assisted with recruitment and interviewing of candidates for Howard University COAS Graduate Teaching Fellows (Fall 2025 cohort)

PUBLICATIONS AND MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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Manuscripts in Progress

- **Reagon, T.** Both Asset and Burden: Race, Identity, and Professional Strategy Among Black Public Defenders (*In preparation*)

Book Chapters

- **Reagon, T.** (2023). A letter to my father. In Gatewood, B. J., Muhammad, B. M., & Turner, S.M. *Black children of incarcerated parents speak truth to power: Social Revolution*. (pp. 152-154) Routledge.
- Lucien, E. & **Reagon, T.** (2024). Cornel West. In Jipguep-Akhtar, M.C. & Khan, N.M. *Fifty Key Scholars in Black Social Thought*. (pp. 214-217) Routledge.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Reagon, T. *Both Asset and Burden: Race, Identity, and Professional Strategy Among Black Public Defenders*. Annual Meeting for the Academy for Criminal Justice Sciences. Philadelphia, PA. March 2026.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Civil Rights Corps | Washington, D.C.

August 2022 – August 2024

Senior Investigator/Paralegal

- Investigated potential and ongoing civil rights violations through FOIA requests, witness interviews and building relationships with local organizers, legal allies, and clients
- Analyzed facts, records, and information to develop into memorandums for attorneys to use in case preparation in support of complex civil rights litigation in federal and state courts to challenge various injustices within the criminal legal system
- Provided paralegal support for nationwide litigation around bail, police abuse, family regulation system
- Provided ongoing mentorship and training to 5 legal fellows, regularly checking in on workloads and offering guidance to support professional growth and capacity building
- Oversaw hiring, training, and facilitation of the 2023 summer legal and investigative intern program, including recruiting and selecting interns, providing professional development opportunities, and coordinating intern projects

Innocence Project, Inc. | New York, NY

July 2018 – July 2021

Strategic Litigation Paralegal

- Assisted in all aspects of litigation—conducting fact research; copy editing, Bluebooking, and finalizing briefs; prepping for hearings and in-court activities; corresponding with clients—for a docket of 25 pre-trial and post-conviction cases.
- Identified and summarized facts/legal issues of potential test cases to challenge the use of discredited forensic science evidence.
- Tracked departmental finances and aided the Director of the Strategic Litigation and other attorneys with all speaking and travel obligations.
- Served on the Innocence Project Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (“DEI”) Committee; developed and implemented organization-wide diversity, equity and inclusion policies, trainings, and practices.

Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison, LLP. | New York, NY

August 2016 – June 2018

Litigation Paralegal

- Assisted attorneys on 20+ case teams with legal research, preparation and management of court documents and depositions.
- Pro Bono: Assisted with the investigation, preparation, and filing of habeas petitions; assisted with the filing, managing and compiling of court and client related documents in the preparation for parole hearings.

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- Interviewed and assisted with recruitment of upcoming paralegal class; trained paralegal class of 2017 on procedures and duties as a paralegal for in-office and trial duties.

DEPARTMENT LEADERSHIP & SERVICE

Mentorship Coordinator | *CCJS Graduate Program* August 2025 – May 2026

- Matched incoming Fall 2025 CCJS doctoral and master's students with current student mentors
- Facilitated feedback sessions to support graduate student development and program cohesion

Student Ambassador | *UMD CCJS External Program Review* March 2026

- Represented the graduate student body during the external review of the UMD Criminology and Criminal Justice program
- Escorted review committee members to scheduled meetings throughout the day

Conference Volunteer | *Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network* July 2025

- Managed guest registration and supported conference operations
- Attended scholarly presentations across conference programming

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)	2024 – Present
Association of Black Sociologists (ABS)	2023 – Present
Law and Society Association (LSA)	2025 – Present
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)	2025 – Present
American Sociological Association (ASA)	2016-2017; 2026 – Present

SKILLS

Software Stata, R, Nvivo, Qualtrics Survey Tools, Canvas/Blackboard, Canva

Research Methods Qualitative interviewing, qualitative data coding and analysis, survey instrument design, mixed-methods research

Legal & Investigative Civil rights investigation, FOIA research, litigation support, legal memorandum drafting, Bluebooking, paralegal case management