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## EDUCATION

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Ph.D., Sociology, <i>Yale University</i>	2018
M.Phil., Sociology, <i>Yale University</i>	2015
M.A., Sociology, <i>Yale University</i>	2014
B.A., Sociology and Psychology, <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2011

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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Associate Professor, Sociology <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2025 –
Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellow <i>Princeton University</i>	2024 – 25
Associate Director, Liberal Arts Honors (LAH) Program <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2023 –
Assistant Professor, Sociology <i>University of Texas at Austin</i>	2020 – 25
Assistant Professor <i>Rutgers School of Criminal Justice</i>	2018 – 20

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2024). *The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing*. *Columbia University Press*.

Awards: ASA Sociology of Law Distinguished Book Award (2024); ASC Division of Policing Outstanding Book Award (2024); ASA Organizations, Occupations, & Work Book Award (2025, Honorable Mention); Hamilton Book Award Finalist (2025)

Popular reviews: *The Nation*.

Academic reviews: American Journal of Sociology; Law & Social Inquiry; Social Problems; Sociology of Race and Ethnicity; Theoretical Criminology; Library Journal; Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Book Review; Journal of Policing, Intelligence, and Counter Terrorism; Journal of Applied Social Science; Criminal Justice Ethics.

## Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Chillar, V. F., Lubell, M., Kaplun, K., & Sierra-Arévalo, M. The police-industrial complex: police vendors at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference, 2012–2018. *Police Practice and Research*. [FORTHCOMING]

Semenza, D. C., Berryessa, C. M., & Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2025). Depictions of Firearm Violence Perpetrators and Support for Firearm Policies: An Experimental Survey Analysis of Mental Illness and Criminal Background. *Crime & Delinquency*, 71(8), 2646–2678.

Berryessa, C. M., Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Semenza, D. C. (2023). Portrayals of gun violence victimization and public support for firearm policies: An experimental analysis. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 19(4), 865–890.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., Nix, J., & Mourtgos, S. M. (2023). The 'war on cops,' retaliatory violence, and the murder of George Floyd. *Criminology*, 61(3), 389–420.

Haas, N., Haenschen, K., Kumar, T., Panagopoulos, C., Peyton, K., Ravanilla, N., & Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2022). Organizational Identity and Positionality in Randomized Control Trials: Considerations and Advice for Collaborative Research Teams. *PS: Political Science & Politics*, 55(4), 749–753.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., Nix, J., & O'Guinn, B. (2022). A national analysis of trauma care proximity and firearm assault survival among U.S. police. *Police Practice and Research*, 23(3), 388–396.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2021). American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *Law & Society Review*, 55(1), 70–103.

Reprinted in K. McGann (Ed.), *SAGE readings for introductory sociology* (3rd ed., pp. 161–188). SAGE, 2022.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Papachristos, A. (2021). Bad apples and incredible certitude. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 20(2), 371–381.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Nix, J. (2020). Gun victimization in the line of duty: Fatal and nonfatal firearm assaults on police officers in the United States, 2014–2019. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 19(3), 1041–1066.

Peyton, K., Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Rand, D. G. (2019). A field experiment on community policing and police legitimacy. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 116(40), 19894–19898.

*Science* Editor's Choice, October 2019

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2019). Technological Innovation and Police Officers' Understanding and Use of Force. *Law & Society Review*, 53(2), 420–451.

Reprinted in R. G. Dunham, G. P. Alpert, & K. D. McLean (Eds.), *Critical Issues in Policing: Contemporary Readings* (8th ed., pp. 416–444). Waveland Press, 2020.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2019). The commemoration of death, organizational memory, and police culture. *Criminology*, 57(4), 632–658.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., Charette, Y., & Papachristos, A. V. (2017). Evaluating the Effect of Project Longevity on Group-Involved Shootings and Homicides in New Haven, Connecticut. *Crime & Delinquency*, 63(4), 446–467.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Papachristos, A. V. (2017). Social Networks and Gang Violence Reduction. *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*, 13(1), 373–393.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2016). Legal cynicism and protective gun ownership among active offenders in Chicago. *Cogent Social Sciences*, 2(1), 1–21.

### **Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers**

Golazizian, P., Rahmati, E., Trager, J., Sourati, Z., Ghazizadeh, N., Chochlakis, G., Alcocer, J., Bennett, K., Devnani, A. V., Hejabi, P., Muttram, H. G., Padte, A. K., Saadatinia, M., Wu, C., Ziabari, A. S., Sierra-Arévalo, M., Weller, N., Narayanan, S., Graham, B. A. T., & Dehghani, M. (2026). The Subjectivity of Respect in Police Traffic Stops: Modeling Community Perspectives in Body-Worn Camera Footage. *Proceedings of the 64th Annual Meeting of the Association for Computational Linguistics, San Diego, CA*.

### **Working Papers**

Graham, B. A. T., Brown, L., Chochlakis, G., Dehghani, M., Delerme, R., Friedman, B., Graeden, E., Golazizian, P., Hebbar, R., Hejabi, P., Kommineni, A., Salinas, M., Sierra-Arévalo, M., Trager, J., Weller, N., & Narayanan, S. A Multi-Perspective Machine Learning Approach to Evaluating Police-Driver Interaction in Los Angeles.

Weller, N., Graham, B. A. T., Sierra-Arévalo, M., Brown, L., Alcocer, J., & Muttram, H. Political Control and Policing: When Do Police Comply with Police Reform?.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., Alcocer, J., Brown, L., Delerme, R., Friedman, B., Graham, B. A. T., Muttram, H., Traeger, J., & Weller, N. Police as Policymakers: How Experiences with Policy Implementation Shape Policy Representation.

### **Edited Book Chapters**

Bussey, T. P., Nix, J., & Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2025). Violence Against Police: What We Know and Need to Know. *Edward Elgar Publishing*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2021). Reward and 'Real' Police Work. *New York University Press*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Papachristos, A. V. (2015). Applying Group Audits to Problem-Oriented Policing. *Lynne Rienner Publishers*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Papachristos, A. V. (2015). Social Network Analysis and Gangs. *John Wiley & Sons*.

## Journalism

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2025). The Green Beret Who Couldn't Shoot Straight. *Texas Monthly*.

## Op-Eds

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2022). The link between underregulated firearms and an LAPD bullet killing a teen in a fitting room. *Los Angeles Times*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2021). Biden's plan to spend billions on community policing is bad policy. *The Hill*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2020). Is armed protest by African Americans treated differently? History says yes. *Washington Post*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2020). US universities should invest in students, not in policing them. *Times Higher Education*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2019). 1 single good encounter with a cop engenders a lot of trust, study finds. *The Star-Ledger*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2017). Why don't cops wear seatbelts? How the demand for officer safety endangers police officers. *Work in Progress*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2016). Broken windows is broken: Study shows that a more focused approach to tackling street violence can be more effective. *USAPP – American Politics and Policy*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2015). The Breakdown of Broken Windows?. *Lux et Data (ISPS, Yale)*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2015). Forum: An opportunity to rise above fear for police, people of color. *New Haven Register*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2015). 'Civilizing' the fractured relationship between police and minority communities. *The Conversation*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2015). The Shooting Disease: Who You Know, Where You Live. *Hartford Courant*.

## Essays

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2021). Sheepdogs and Social Workers. *Ethnographic Café*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2020). Danger and 'Officer Safety' Shape Police Socialization, Practice and Policy. *Jurist*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2020). Police, Culture, and Inequality. *Footnotes*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2019). Police and Legitimacy in Mexico City. *Contexts*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2015). Going beyond the burning. *The Conversation*.

## Government Reports

Papachristos, A. V., & Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2018). Policing the Connected World: Using Social Network Analysis in Police-Community Partnerships. *Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)*.

## Encyclopedia Articles

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2018). Policing. *Oxford University Press*.

## Book Reviews

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2025). Review of Before the Badge: How Academy Training Shapes Police Violence, by Samantha J. Simon. *International Journal of Police Science*, 4(1), 2–3.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2021). Review of Evaluating Police Uses of Force, by Seth W. Stoughton, Jeffrey J. Noble and Geoffrey P. Alpert. *Theoretical Criminology*, 25(1), 173–175.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2019). Review of No Place on the Corner: The Costs of Aggressive Policing, by Jan Haldipur. *American Journal of Sociology*, 125(3), 869–870.

## Policy Briefs

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2014). How to Enhance Police Legitimacy and Reduce Gun Violence in Poor, Minority Communities. *Scholars Strategy Network*.

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2013). How Targeted Deterrence Helps Police Reduce Gun Deaths. *Scholars Strategy Network*.

## SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

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### Invited Scholarly Talks and Panels

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *University of Toronto, Department of Sociology*. Toronto, Canada. March 2026.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Ethnographic Café, University of California – Berkeley*. Virtual. November 2025.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Rutgers University – New Brunswick, Program in Criminal Justice*. New Brunswick, NJ. February 2025.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Princeton University, Department of Sociology*. Princeton, NJ. February 2025.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Princeton University, School of Public and International Affairs*. Princeton, NJ. October 2024.

Conversations on Race and Policing: The Danger Imperative. *California State University – San Bernardino, Urban Institute*. San Bernardino, CA and Virtual. September 2024.

Culture of Policing and Police Reform. *Urban Institute*. Washington, D.C.. May 2024. Panelist, with Jocelyn Fontaine, Walter Katz, and Jesse Jannetta.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Center for American Progress*. Washington, D.C.. May 2024.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *University of Nebraska – Omaha, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Omaha, NE. May 2024.

Policing and Violence. *University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology*. Austin, TX. April 2024. Panelist, with Tony Cheng and Samantha Simon.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *University of Arizona, School of Sociology*. Tucson, AZ. April 2024.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *University of Houston, Hobby School of Public Affairs*. Houston, TX. April 2024.

Uncovering Injustice: A Discussion on Policing, Race, Violence, and Accountability. *Duke Law School and Duke Department of Sociology*. Durham, NC. March 2024. Panelist, with Tony Cheng and Michelle Phelps.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Georgia State University, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology*. Atlanta, GA. April 2023.

Police Violence, Legitimacy, and the Future of Police-Public Interaction. *University of California – San Bernardino, Center for Research on Interaction and Social Problems (CRISP)*. San Bernardino, CA. April 2023.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *University of California – Riverside, Robert Presley Center of Crime and Justice*. Riverside, CA. February 2023.

COVID-19, Firearm Crime, and Firearm Availability. *Crime Rates during the Pandemic: A Workshop, National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine*. Washington, D.C. and Virtual. October 2022.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Boston University, Department of Sociology*. Boston, MA. October 2022.

Community Policing, Public Trust, and Police Legitimacy. *Semana de Seguridad Ciudadana y Justicia, USAID / Colombian National Police / Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID)*. Bogota, Colombia and Virtual. March 2022.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *Occidental College, Department of Politics*. Los Angeles, CA. November 2021.

The Police Report Card: Experimental and Ethnographic Considerations. *The Police Report Card: Translating Research to Policy Seminar, Harvard University, Radcliffe Institute*. Cambridge, MA and Virtual. October 2021.

Police Reform Forum. *University of Chicago, UChicago Political Union*. Chicago, IL and Virtual. May 2021. Panelist, with Samuel Sinyangwe and Sheila Bedi.

Guns in Crisis: Protest and Policing. *University of Arizona, School of Sociology*. Tucson, AZ and Virtual. March 2021. Panelist, with Andrea Boyles, Sam Jackson, and Samantha Simon.

Racism, Policing, and Incarceration: Organizational and Occupational Perspectives. *American Sociological Association, Section on Organizations, Occupations, and Work*. Virtual. March 2021. Panelist, with Heather Schoenfeld, Brittany Friedman, Armando Lara-Millán, Rashawn Ray, and Tim Bartley.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *Pennsylvania State University, Department of Sociology and Criminology*. State College, PA and Virtual. March 2021.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *Northwestern University, Department of Sociology*. Evanston, IL and Virtual. February 2021.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *California State University – San Bernardino, Pfau Library, Conversations on Race and Policing*. San Bernardino, CA and Virtual. February 2021.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *University of Colorado – Boulder, Department of Sociology*. Boulder, CO and Virtual. February 2021.

The State of Race, Police Brutality, and Gun Violence in America. *American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice*. Washington, D.C. and Virtual. November 2020. Panelist, with Jennifer Carlson, Dwayne Crawford, Lee Merritt, Joseph Popcun, Kevin Tarver, and Angela Adkins Downes.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *University of Arkansas, Pryor Center for Arkansas Oral and Visual History*. Fayetteville, AR and Virtual. November 2020.

Policing, Public Safety, and Equity: Evidence and Insight for Better Policymaking. *American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), Center for Scientific Evidence in Public Issues (EPI Center), Public Agenda*. Washington, D.C. and Virtual. October 2020. Panelist, with Emily Owens, Walter Katz, and Quixada Moore-Vissing.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Department of Sociology*. Champaign, IL and Virtual. October 2020.

Routines, Rituals, and Police Violence. *Princeton University, Department of Sociology, Police Violence, #BlackLivesMatter, and COVID-19*. Princeton, NJ and Virtual. August 2020.

Conversations on Race and Policing Series. *California State University – San Bernardino, Pfau Library*. San Bernardino, CA and Virtual. June 2020. Panelist, with Annika Anderson, Lilliana Gallegos, and Daniel Gascón.

Peril on Patrol: Death, Danger, and U.S. Policing. *University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology*. Austin, TX. February 2020.

Moving Forward Together: Legitimacy, Procedural Justice, Reconciliation. *The Emerging Science and Practice of Violence Prevention, National Network for Safe Communities and John Jay College of Criminal Justice*. New York, NY. July 2019. Panelist, with Anthony Titus, Louis M. Dekmar, and Benjamin B. Tucker.

The Commemoration of Death, Organizational Memory, and Police Culture. *Pompeu Fabra University*. Barcelona, Spain. June 2019.

Data Collection and Analysis to Reduce Violence: Group Audits and Social Network Analysis. *U.S. Attorney of the Northern District of Ohio and the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium*. Cleveland, OH. January 2019.

The Metropolitan Police and Police Legitimacy in Mexico City. *Measures and Meanings of Crime and Justice in the Global South, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice*. Newark, NJ. October 2018.

Ethnographic Methods and Policing in the United States. *Northwestern University, Northwestern Neighborhood and Network Lab*. Evanston, IL. October 2018.

Risk, Reward, and 'Real' Police Work. *Policing Ethics, Pennsylvania State University and the Rock Center for Ethics*. State College, PA. September 2018.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *University of Maryland, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. College Park, MD. November 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *University of California – Irvine, Department of Criminology, Law and Society*. Irvine, CA. November 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *Rutgers-Newark, School of Criminal Justice*. Newark, NJ. November 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *New York University, Department of Sociology*. New York, NY. October 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *Purdue University, Department of Sociology*. West Lafayette, IN. October 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *University of Wisconsin-Madison, Department of Sociology*. Madison, WI. September 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *SUNY Albany, School of Criminal Justice*. Albany, NY. September 2017.

Legal Cynicism and Protective Gun Ownership Among Active Offenders in Chicago. *Race, History, and Policing: A New Vision of Public Safety, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and National Network for Safe Communities*. New York City, NY. June 2017.

Social Network Analysis and Violence Prevention. *Seattle Police Department and Office of City Auditor*. Seattle, WA. March 2016.

Project Longevity: CT's Community and Law Enforcement Partnership. *Building Bridges: The Community and Law Enforcement, Yale Law School and Federal Bureau of Investigation*. New Haven, CT. November 2015.

Policing in New Haven. *Ferguson and Beyond: Race, Policing, and Social Justice, Department of African American Studies and Yale College Dean's Office, Yale University*. New Haven, CT. April 2015. Panelist, with Chief Dean Esserman.

Project Longevity: A Focused-Deterrence Approach to Reducing Gun Victimization. *Bridgeport Police Department*. Bridgeport, CT. July 2013.

Project Longevity in New Haven. *State of Connecticut Criminal Justice Policy Advisory Commission*. Hartford, CT. June 2013.

### Conference Presentations and Panels

The Sociology of Policing: Violence, Power, and the Future of Public Safety. *American Sociological Association*. Chicago, IL. August 2025. Discussant; Presider: Tony Cheng; with Monica Bell.

The Current State of U.S. Policing: Violence, Power, and the Public. *Law and Society Association*. Chicago, IL. May 2025. Readers: Bennet Capers, Liz Chiarello, Issa Kohler-Hausmann; Chair: Andrew Papachristos.

Author Meets Critics: The Danger Imperative—Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA. November 2024. Critics: Matthew Clair and Sarah Brayne; Discussant: Justin Nix.

A Multi-Perspective Machine Learning Approach to Analyze Police-Public Interaction in Body-worn Camera Video. *Law and Society Association*. Denver, CO. June 2024. with Benjamin A.T. Graham and Nicholas Weller.

The Effect of Permitless Carry Legislation on Police Firearm Injury in the United States. *NJGVRC Research Day*. Virtual. May 2024. with Stuart V. Craig.

Organizational Frame Maintenance and Racial Inequality: Culture and Violence in 7 U.S. Police Departments. *Law and Society Association*. Lisbon, Portugal. July 2022. with Samantha Simon.

Organizational Frame Maintenance and Racial Inequality: Culture and Violence in 7 U.S. Police Departments. *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL. November 2021. with Samantha Simon.

The Police Industrial Complex: Descriptive Analysis of Vendors at the IACP National Conference and Expo, 2012–18. *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL. November 2021. with Kateryna Kaplun and Vijay Chillar.

Risk, Reward, and 'Real' Police Work. *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL. November 2021.

Race, Place, and Policing. *American Society of Criminology*. Chicago, IL. November 2021. Discussant.

Making Sociology Matter: A Panel Discussion. *American Sociological Association*. San Francisco, CA (Virtual). August 2020.

Fatal and Non-Fatal Firearm Assaults on Police Officers in the United States, 2014–2019. *American Society of Criminology*. Washington, DC. 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19. [Cancelled.]

The Police Industrial Complex: A Descriptive Analysis of Police Technology and Service Vendors from 2012–2018. *Law and Society Association*. Denver, CO. 2020. Cancelled due to COVID-19. [Cancelled.]

Community Policing, Public Trust, and Police Legitimacy. *GovLabPHL 2020 Conference: Bridging Evidence and Policy*. Philadelphia, PA. February 2020.

Community Policing and Police Legitimacy: A Field Experiment. *American Society of Criminology*. San Francisco, CA. November 2019. with Kyle Peyton and David Rand.

Peril on Patrol: Danger, Culture, and Policing in the Post-Ferguson U.S.. *Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network Annual Workshop*. Newark, NJ. 2019.

TASER Technology and Police Officers' Understanding and Use of Force. *Law and Society Association*. Washington, D.C.. June 2019.

Community Policing and Police Legitimacy: A Field Experiment. *Law and Society Association*. Washington, D.C.. June 2019. with Kyle Peyton and David Rand; presented by Kyle Peyton.

Community Policing and Police Legitimacy: A Field Experiment. *Midwestern Political Science Association*. Chicago, IL. April 2019. with Kyle Peyton and David Rand; presented by Kyle Peyton.

Community Policing and Police Legitimacy: A Field Experiment. *NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference*. New York City, NY. February 2019. with Kyle Peyton and David Rand; presented by Kyle Peyton.

The Commemoration of Death, Organizational Memory, and Police Culture. *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

Commemoration, Death, and Police Culture. *American Sociological Association*. Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *American Society of Criminology*. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *American Sociological Association*. Seattle, WA. August 2016.

Applying Group Audits to Problem-Oriented Policing. *American Society of Criminology*. Washington, D.C.. November 2015. with Andrew V. Papachristos.

Identifying Those Most Likely to Shoot or Be Shot: A Chief's Guide to Using Innovative Social Network Analysis for Effective Violence Prevention. *International Association of Chiefs of Police*. Chicago, IL. October 2015. with Andrew V. Papachristos.

Social Network Analysis: A Systematic Approach to Identify Actors Most Likely to Shoot or Be Shot At. *American Society of Criminology*. Atlanta, GA. November 2013. Presented by Andrew V. Papachristos.

## Invited Talks (Community and Public Interest)

The Soul of Policing: Michael Sierra-Arévalo's The Danger Imperative with Walter Katz and Monica C. Bell. *Word Up Community Bookshop*. New York, NY. May 2024.

Michael Sierra-Arévalo – The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing with Andrew V. Papachristos. *Seminary Co-op and 57th Street Books*. Chicago, IL. April 2024.

Interview with Michael Sierra-Arévalo, Author of The Danger Imperative. *Los Angeles Public Library – Silver Lake Branch*. Los Angeles, CA. April 2024.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *North Figueroa Bookshop*. Los Angeles, CA. April 2024. In conversation with Brittany Friedman.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Basket Books & Art*. Houston, TX. April 2024. In conversation with Brielle Bryan.

An Evening with Michael Sierra-Arévalo, author of The Danger Imperative. *Nowhere Bookshop*. San Antonio, TX. February 2024.

The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing. *Alienated Majesty Books*. Austin, TX. February 2024.

Jennifer Carlson: Policing the Second Amendment. *Princeton University Press and Labyrinth Books*. Princeton, NJ and Virtual. October 2020. Discussant, with Jennifer Carlson.

Eyewitness! Principled Policing. *Orange-Chatham Public Defenders*. Chatham, NC and Virtual. September 2020. Panelist, with Justin Nix and Seth Stoughton.

## RESEARCH FUNDING

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### Sponsored Research Funding

Arnold Foundation 2024 – 26

*“Evaluating Pretextual Stop Reform in the LAPD with Bodyworn Video and Administrative Data”*

Role: Co-PI D (15%)

Co-investigators: Graham, B.A.T. (Co-PI A, 10%), Political Science, USC; Deghani, M. (Co-PI B, 25%), Psychology and Computer Science, USC; Friedman, B. (Co-PI C, 20%), Sociology, USC; Weller, N. (Co-PI E, 15%), Political Science, UC Riverside; Graeden, E. (Co-PI F, 15%), Global Health and Security, Georgetown University

Direct funding: \$137,500 Total funding: \$1,059,829

NJ Gun Violence Research Center 2023 – 24

*“Permitless Carry Legislation and Police Officer Firearm Injury in the United States”*

Role: PI (75%)

Co-investigators: Craig, S.V. (Co-PI, 25%), Wisconsin School of Business

Direct funding: \$53,903 Total funding: \$53,903

*“How Characteristics of Gun Violence Affect Support for U.S. Gun Regulation”*

Role: Co-PI (50%)

Co-investigators: Berryessa, C.M. (Co-PI, 50%), School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark

Direct funding: \$61,522 Total funding: \$61,522

**Internal Research Funding**

College of Liberal Arts, College Research Fellowship (CRF)

2022

*“The Danger Imperative”*

Role: PI

1 semester of salary

College of Liberal Arts, Summer Research Assignment (SRA)

2021

*“The Danger Imperative”*

Role: PI

2 months of salary

**FORMAL MENTORING ACTIVITIES**

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**Doctoral Dissertation Committees**

Alyssah Gonzalez. “Constructing Safety: Media, Policy, and the Institutional Response to School Shootings”. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Co-Chair. In progress.

Max Lubell. “From White Flight to White Fight: (Mis)perceived Insecurity and Home Defense in the Texas Suburbs”. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Member. In progress.

Daniel Krasnicki. “The Gentle Art of Force: BJJ and Institutional Change in American Policing”. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Member. In progress.

Abdul Rad. “Police Unionism &amp; Protectionism in the US: Origins, Correlates, and Mechanisms”. Sociology, Oxford University. External Examiner. 2025.

Bradley Silberzahn. “Harm Reduction Policing: Competing Institutional Logics in the War on Drugs”. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Member. 2025.

**Master's Thesis Committees**

Daniel Krasnicki. “The Gentle Art of Force: BJJ and Institutional Change in American Policing”. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Chair. 2023.

Vijay Chillar. “The Racial Divide at Micro Places: A Pre/Post Analysis of the Effects of the Newark Consent Decree on Field Inquiries (2015–2017)”. Criminal Justice, Rutgers—Newark. Reader. 2020.

## Undergraduate Honors Theses

Paul Thomas Flaherty. "Making the Cut: Wrestling, Suffering, and Masculine Socialization". Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Reader. 2023. Instructor, SOC 679HB Honors Tutorial Course, Spring 2023

Skye Ybarra. "Profit Over Justice: Corporate Influence in the Carceral System and Its Threat to Democracy". Sociology and Humanities Honors, University of Texas at Austin. Primary Reader. 2024. Instructor, HMN 679HB Honors Tutorial Course, Spring 2024

## Undergraduate Research Supervision

Aidan Bach. "Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data". Sociology and Liberal Arts Honors, University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor. 2023–Present

Ciara Garcia. "Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data". Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor. 2024

Philip Phu Pham. "Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data". Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor. 2023

Paul Thomas Flaherty. "Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data". Sociology, University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor. 2022–23

Jamie Villarreal. "Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data". Sociology and Psychology, University of Texas at Austin. Supervisor. 2021

## PUBLIC SERVICE

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City of Austin Public Safety Commission

Commissioner	2021–23, 2024–
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## ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### National

American Journal of Sociology

Editorial Board	2026 –
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Criminology

Editorial Board	2024 –
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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

Advisory Board Member, <i>Identifying and Reducing Inequalities in the Effects of Firearms Policies</i>	2023 –
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Co-PIs: Andrew Morral and Rosanna Smart, RAND Corporation

Urban Institute

Advisory Board Member, Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research and Evaluation Training and Technical Assistance Center 2024 – 25

Subject Matter Expert, *Research-Based Practice Guide to Prevent and Address Youth Gun and Gang Violence* 2019 – 21

American Sociological Association

Council Member, Sociology of Law Section 2022 –

ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Reception and Mentoring Committee 2019

National Science Foundation

Grant Reviewer, Law and Science Program 2024

Member, Law and Science Program Grant Review Panel 2022

Advisory Board Member, *Dynamics of Police Networks and the Diffusion of Misconduct* (NSF CAREER Award) 2021 – 24

PI: Marie Ouellet, Georgia State University

Russell Sage Foundation

Proposal Reviewer 2024

New York University School of Law, Policing Project

Advisory Board Member, *Reimagining Public Safety* 2021 –

Violence Intervention and Policing Research (VIPR) Lab, University of Nebraska

External Affiliate 2021 –

American Society of Criminology

Chair, Police Misconduct Subarea 2022

Chair, Regular Session on Police Culture and Socialization 2018

New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center, Rutgers University

Faculty Associate 2019 –

Northwestern Neighborhood and Network Initiative (N3), Northwestern University

Faculty Affiliate 2018 –

The Justice Collaboratory, Yale Law School

Affiliated Scholar 2018 –

National Network for Safe Communities and Joyce Foundation	
Member, <i>Police Discretion Working Session</i>	2019
Arnold Ventures	
Member, <i>Effective Strategies for Reducing Violent Crime in the United States</i> Roundtable	2019
National Institute of Justice	
Grant Reviewer, Research and Evaluation on Gangs and Gang Violence	2018
<b>University</b>	
University Co-Op and Office of the Vice President of Research	
Hamilton Book Award Selection Committee	2026
Initiative for Law, Societies, and Justice (ILSJ)	
Affiliated Faculty	2023 –
Participant, Community Conversations on the Criminal Legal System	2022
Bridging Disciplines Program (BDP)	
Connecting Experiences Faculty Mentor	2025
CLS Faculty Panel Member and Affiliated Faculty	2022 –
TOWER Fellows Program	
Invited Lecturer	2023
Criminal Legal System (CLS) Research Interest Group	
Affiliated Faculty	2021 – 22
Member, Strategic Planning Committee	2021 – 22
<b>College</b>	
COLA Public Intellectuals Program	
Writing for the Public Panel	2026
Liberal Arts Honors (LAH) Program	
Associate Director	2023 –
Population Research Center (PRC)	
NSF Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)	
Guest Lecturer	2024
Faculty Mentor	2024

PRC Brown Bag Speaker Series Coordinator	2021
Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program	
Faculty Advisor, LA331R Research Internship	2023
<b>Department</b>	
Graduate Program Committee	2025 –
GPC Doctoral Curriculum Working Group, 2025–26	
Qualitative Methods Area	
Area Coursework Coordinator	2025 –
Urban Ethnography Lab	
Faculty Affiliate	2020 –
Crime, Law, and Deviance (CLD) Workgroup	
Faculty Affiliate	2020 –
Faculty Coordinator	2023 – 24
Area Exam and Coursework Coordinator	2023 – 24
Executive Committee	2021–22, 2023–24
HDO Faculty Search Committee	2021 – 22
Norval Glenn Prize Committee	2021, 2023
Guest Lectures	
SOC 396N Crime/Punishment/Inequality (Instructor: Sarah Brayne)	2023
SOC 325K Criminology (Instructor: Chantal Hailey)	2023
Departmental Panels	
Qualifying Exams Faculty Panel	2025
Ethnography and Ethics Faculty Panel	2024
Academic Job Market Faculty Panel	2023
Roadblocks and Resiliency Faculty Panel	2021

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

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Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, <i>Princeton University, University Center for Human Values</i>	2024
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Summer Research Institute, *Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network* (RDCJN) 2019

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association (ASA) 2012 –  
Sections: Crime, Law, and Deviance; Sociology Law

American Society of Criminology (ASC) 2012 –  
Sections: Policing

Law and Society Association (LSA) 2018 –

Latina/o/x Criminology 2017 –

Racial Democracy, Crime, & Justice Network (RDCJN) 2019 –

## PEER REVIEW

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### Book Presses

Princeton University Press · University of California Press

### Journals

American Journal of Community Psychology · American Journal of Cultural Sociology · American Journal of Sociology · American Sociological Review · Contexts · Criminology · Criminology & Public Policy · Du Bois Review · International Journal of Police Science · Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology · Journal of Development Studies · Journal of Politics · Journal of Quantitative Criminology · Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency · Journal of Urban Health · Justice Quarterly · Law & Policy · Law & Social Inquiry · Law & Society Review · Nature Communications · PNAS · Police Quarterly · Policing and Society · Policing: An International Journal · Policing: Policy & Practice · Preventive Medicine · Qualitative Sociology · Social Forces · Social Problems · Social Science and Medicine · Sociological Focus · Sociological Science · Socius · Theoretical Criminology