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EDUCATION

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

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

PUBLICATIONS

Books

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

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](#)

Popular Reviews: [The Nation](#)

National 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)

University Awards:

Hamilton Book Award Finalist (2025)

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Chillar, V. F., Lubell, M., Kaplun, K., **Sierra-Arévalo, M.** (Forthcoming). The police-industrial complex: police vendors at the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference, 2012-2018. *Police Practice and Research*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/15614263.2025.2606822>

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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. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1049096522000026>

Sierra-Arévalo, M., & Papachristos, A. (2021). Bad apples and incredible certitude. *Criminology & Public Policy*, 20(2), 371–381. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12545>

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2021). American Policing and the Danger Imperative. *Law & Society Review*, 55(1), 70–103. <https://doi.org/10.1111/lasr.12526>

Reprint. **Sierra-Arévalo, M.** (2022). American Policing and the Danger Imperative. In K. McGann (Ed.), *SAGE readings for introductory sociology* (3rd ed., pp. 161–188). SAGE.

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. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12507>

Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2019). The commemoration of death, organizational memory, and police culture. *Criminology*, 57(4), 632–658. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9125.12224>

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Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2015, January 28). The Breakdown of Broken Windows? | Institution for Social and Policy Studies. *Lux et Data*. 638 words. <https://isps.yale.edu/news/blog/2015/01/the-breakdown-of-broken-windows>

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Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2018). Policing. In *Oxford Bibliographies*. 10,746 words. Oxford University Press. [10.1093/OBO/9780199756384-0213](https://doi.org/10.1093/OBO/9780199756384-0213)

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Policy Briefs

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Sierra-Arévalo, M. (2013, April 1). How Targeted Deterrence Helps Police Reduce Gun Deaths. *Scholars Strategy Network*. 974 words. <https://scholars.org/contribution/how-targeted-deterrence-helps-police-reduce-gun-deaths>

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND PANELS

Television and Film Appearances

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“Community response to APD/DPS partnership suspension.” *CBS Austin*. July 12, 2023. <https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/community-response-to-apddps-partnership-suspension>

“Memo from APD shows decreases in response time, emergency service calls but data still missing.” *CBS Austin*. July 5, 2023. <https://cbsaustin.com/news/local/report-from-apd-shows-decreases-in-response-time-emergency-service-calls-but-data-still-missing>

“I kill [Black people] for a living | A look at SDPD’s newly released misconduct files.” *CBS8*. February 3, 2023. <https://www.cbs8.com/article/news/investigations/sdpds-struggle-with-racial-discrimination/509-346f24be-a75e-4e90-b073-8fb1e19473ca>

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“Experts discuss City of Austin's search for new police chief.” *KVUE ABC*. March 23, 2021. <https://www.kvue.com/article/news/local/austin-city-new-police-chief-search-experts-discuss/269-a21fb83e-2e27-4710-bb50-c93f5517001a>

“FOX 7 Discussion: Violent crime increases in large Texas cities.” *FOX 7 Austin*, December 23, 2020. <https://www.fox7austin.com/video/883493>

“In-depth: UT researcher says shootings against police officers aren't ‘increasing markedly over time.’” *KXAN Austin*, August 17, 2020. <https://www.kxan.com/news/local/austin/in-depth-ut-researcher-says-shooting-against-police-officers-arent-increasing-markedly-over-time/>

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Podcast and Radio Appearances

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SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

Invited Scholarly Talks and Panels

"The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing." University of Toronto, Department of Sociology. 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.” (Panelist, with Jocelyn Fontaine, Walter Katz, and Jesse Jannetta). Urban Institute. Washington, D.C. May 2024.

“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, NB. May 2024.

“Policing and Violence.” (Panelist, with Tony Cheng and Samantha Simon). University of Texas at Austin, Department of Sociology. April 2024.

“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.” (Panelist, with Tony Cheng and Michelle Phelps). Duke Law School and Duke Department of Sociology. Durham, NC. March 2024.

“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 (Public Safety and Justice Week), 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.” (Panelist, with Samuel Sinyangwe and Sheila Bedi). University of Chicago, UChicago Political Union. Chicago, IL and Virtual. May 2021.

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

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

“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.” (Panelist, with Jennifer Carlson, Dwayne Crawford, Lee Merritt, Joseph Popcun, Kevin Tarver, and Angela Adkins Downes). American Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice. Washington, D.C. and Virtual. November 2020.

“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.” (Panelist, with Emily Owens, Walter Katz, and Quixada Moore-Vissing). 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.

“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: A Conversation with Dr. Michael Sierra-Arévalo.” Princeton University, Department of Sociology, Police Violence, #BlackLivesMatter, and COVID-19. Princeton, NJ and Virtual. August 2020.

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

“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.” (Panelist, with Anthony Titus, Louis M. Dekmar, and Benjamin B. Tucker). 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.

“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.” (Panelist, with Chief Dean Esserman). 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.

“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.” (Discussant: Monica Bell, Presider: Tony Cheng.) American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, August 2025.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“Race, Place, and Policing.” American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. (Discussant) November 2021.

“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. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

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

“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” (with Kyle Peyton and David Rand). American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. November 2019.

“Peril on Patrol: Danger, Culture, and Policing in the Post-Ferguson U.S.” Possibilities of Reform, Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network Annual Workshop. Newark, NJ.

“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.” (with Kyle Peyton and David Rand, Presented by Kyle Peyton). Law and Society Association, Washington, D.C. June 2019.

“Community Policing and Police Legitimacy: A Field Experiment.” (with Kyle Peyton and David Rand, Presented by Kyle Peyton). Midwestern Political Science Association, Chicago, IL. April 2019.

“Community Policing and Police Legitimacy: A Field Experiment.” (with Kyle Peyton and David Rand, Presented by Kyle Peyton). NYU CESS Experimental Political Science Conference, New York City, NY. February 2019.

“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. 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.” (with Andrew V. Papachristos). American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C. November 2015.

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

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

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: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing*.” Los Angeles Public Library – Silver Lake Branch. Los Angeles, CA. April 2024.

“*The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing* – Michael Sierra-Arévalo in Conversation with Brittany Friedman.” *North Figueroa Bookshop*. Los Angeles, CA. April 2024.

“*The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing* – Michael Sierra-Arévalo in Conversation with Brielle Bryan.” *Basket Books & Art*. Houston, TX. April 2024.

“An Evening with Michael Sierra-Arévalo, author of *The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing*.” Nowhere Bookshop. San Antonio, TX. February 2024.

“*The Danger Imperative: Violence, Death, and the Soul of Policing*, by Michael Sierra-Arévalo.” Alienated Majesty Books. Austin, TX. February 2024.

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

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

RESEARCH FUNDING

Sponsored Research Funding

Current:

Arnold Foundation; Account: AWD00002970

2024 – 2026

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

Co-PI A: Graham, B. A. T., Political Science, USC.

Co-PI B: Dehghani, M., Psychology and Computer Science, USC.

Co-PI C: Friedman, B., Sociology, USC.

Co-PI D: Sierra-Arévalo, M. Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

Co-PI E: Weller, N., Political Science, UC Riverside.

Co-PI F: Graeden, E., Global Health and Security, Georgetown University.

Relative contributions to project:

Co-PI A (10%); Co-PI B (25%); Co-PI C (20%); **Co-PI D (15%)**; Co-PI E (15%); Co-PI F (15%)

Direct funding: \$137,500 (Y1: \$67,598 Y2: \$69,902)

Total funding: \$1,059,829

Completed:

NJ Gun Violence Research Center; Account: AWD00005631

2023 —2024

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

PI: Sierra-Arévalo, M., Sociology, University of Texas at Austin.

Co-I: Craig, S. V., Wisconsin School of Business.

Relative contributions to project: **PI (75%)**; Co-I: (25%)

Direct funding: \$53,903

Total funding: \$53,903

NJ Gun Violence Research Center; Account: N/A (Awarded pre-UT)

2020 —2021

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

Co-PI A: Sierra-Arévalo, M. School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark.

Co-PI B: Berryessa, C. M. School of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University-Newark.

Relative contributions to project: **Co-PI A (50%)**; Co-PI B: (50%)

Direct funding: \$61,522

Total funding: \$61,522

Internal Research Funding

Completed

College of Liberal Arts, College Research Fellowship (CRF)

Sierra-Arévalo, M. “The Danger Imperative.”

Total funding: 1 semester of salary

Fall 2022

College of Liberal Arts, Summer Research Assignment (SRA)

Sierra-Arévalo, M. “The Danger Imperative.”

Total funding: 2 months of salary

Summer 2021

FORMAL MENTORING ACTIVITIES

Doctoral Dissertation Committees

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

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

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

Abdul Rad. "Police Unionism & Protectionism in the US: Origins, Correlates, and Mechanisms." Sociology, Oxford University. September 2025. (External Examiner).

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

Master's Thesis Committees

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

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. 2020. (Reader).

Undergraduate Honors Theses

Paul Thomas Flaherty, "Making the Cut: Wrestling, Suffering, and Masculine Socialization." Sociology, 2023. (Reader).

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, Expected Fall 2024. (Primary Reader).

Instructor, HMN 679HB Honors Tutorial Course, Spring 2024

Undergraduate Research Supervision

Aidan Bach, Sociology and Liberal Arts Honors, Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data, Fall 2023 – Present

Ciara Garcia, Sociology, Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data, Spring 2024– Present

Philip Phu Pham, Sociology, Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data, Fall 2023–Spring 2024

Paul Thomas Flaherty, Sociology, Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data, Fall 2022–Spring 2023

Instructor, LA331R, Research Internship, Spring 2023

Jamie Villarreal, Sociology and Psychology, Police Firearm Injury and Gun Violence Archive Data, Spring 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Department of Sociology

Faculty Affiliate, CLD Workgroup, 2020 – Present

Faculty Affiliate, Urban Ethnography Lab, 2020 – Present

Graduate Program Committee, 2025 – Present

GPC Doctoral Curriculum Working Group, 2025-26

Area Coordinator, Qualitative Methods, 2025 – Present

Faculty Coordinator, Crime, Law, Deviance (CLD) Workgroup, 2023 – 2024

Area Exam and Class Coordinator, CLD Area, 2023 – 2024

Executive Committee 2021 – 2022, 2023 – 2024
HDO Faculty Search Committee 2021 – 2022
Norval Glenn Prize Committee, 2021, 2023

Guest Lectures:

SOC 396N Crime/Punishment/Inequality, Instructor: Sarah Brayne, February 2023
SOC 325K Criminology, Instructor: Chantal Hailey, February 2023

Departmental Panels:

Qualifying Exams Faculty Panel, October 2025
Ethnography and Ethics Faculty Panel, January 2024
Academic Job Market Faculty Panel, June 2023
Roadblocks and Resiliency Faculty Panel, October 2021

College of Liberal Arts

COLA Public Intellectuals Program (PIP)

Panelist, Writing for the Public, January 2026

Liberal Arts Honors (LAH) Program

Associate Director, 2023 – Present
LAH Student Orientation, Summer 2023 – 2025
LAH Prospective Students and Parents Info Session, October 2023
Humanities Thesis Competition Selection Committee, Spring 2024
Guest Lecturer, LAH102H Idea of the Liberal Arts, October 2021 and 2022

Population Research Center (PRC)

Coordinator, PRC Brown Bag Speaker Series, Fall 2021
Guest Lecturer, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU),
Summer 2024 – 2025
Faculty Mentor, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU),
Pauline Kung (Rutgers University), Summer 2024

Undergraduate Research Apprenticeship Program (URAP)

Faculty Advisor, LA331R Research Internship for Paul Flaherty, Spring 2023

University of Texas at Austin

Initiative for Law, Societies, and Justice (ILSJ)

Affiliated Faculty, 2023—Present
Participant, Community Conversations on the Criminal Legal System, October 2022

Bridging Disciplines Program (BDP)

BDP Connecting Experiences Faculty Mentor, Fall 2025
BDP on the Criminal Legal System (CLS) Faculty Panel Member, 2022 – Present
Affiliated Faculty, CLS BDP, 2022 – Present
Guest Lecturer, BDP 101 Criminal Law, Justice, and Inequality, January 2024

UT TOWER Fellows Program

Invited Lecturer, TOWER Fellows Program Lecture Series, September 2023

Research Interest Group (RIG) Program

Affiliated Faculty, Criminal Legal System (CLS) RIG, 2021 – 2022

Member, CLS RIG Strategic Planning Committee, 2021 – 2022

Professional Service

Editorial Board, *American Journal of Sociology*, 2026 – Present

Editorial Board, *Criminology*, 2024 – Present

Commissioner, City of Austin Public Safety Commission, 2021-23, 2024 – Present

Advisory Board Member, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Award “Identifying and Reducing Inequalities in the Effects of Firearms Policies” (Co-PIs: Andrew Morral and Rosanna Smart, Rand Corporation), 2023 – Present

Advisory Board Member, Community Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research and Evaluation Training and Technical Assistance Center, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., 2024 – 2025.

Council Member, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association (ASA), 2022 – Present

Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation (NSF) Law and Science Program, 2024

Proposal Reviewer, Russel Sage Foundation (RSF), 2024

Member, National Science Foundation (NSF) Law and Science Program Grant Review Panel, 2022

Advisory Board Member, NSF CAREER Award “Dynamics of Police Networks and the Diffusion of Misconduct” (PI: Marie Ouellet, Georgia State University), 2021 – Present

Advisory Board Member, “Reimagining Public Safety,” New York University School of Law, Policing Project. New York, NY, 2021 – Present

External Affiliate, Violence Intervention and Policing Research (VIPR) Lab, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE, 2021 – Present

Faculty Associate, New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center (NJGVRC), Rutgers University. Newark, NJ, 2019 – Present

Faculty Affiliate, Northwestern Neighborhood and Network Initiative (N³), Northwestern University. Evanston, IL, 2018 – Present

Affiliated Scholar, The Justice Collaboratory, Yale Law School. New Haven, CT, 2018 –Present

Chair, Police Misconduct Subarea, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2021–2022

Member, “Research-Based Practice Guide to Prevent and Address Youth Gun and Gang Violence,” Urban Institute, Washington, D.C., 2019 – 2021

Member, “Police Discretion Working Session,” National Network for Safe Communities and Joyce Foundation. New York, NY., 2019

Member, “Effective Strategies for Reducing Violent Crime in the United States Roundtable” Arnold Ventures. New York, NY., 2019

ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Reception and Mentoring Committee. American Sociological Association, New York, NY, 2019

Chair, Regular Session on Police Culture and Socialization. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 2018

Grant Reviewer, Research and Evaluation on Gangs and Gang Violence. National Institute of Justice, 2018

Peer-Reviewer (ad hoc since 2014):

Princeton University Press

PNAS

American Sociological Review

Social Forces

Law & Society Review

Journal of Politics

Sociological Focus

Contexts

Criminology

Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology

Journal of Quantitative Criminology

Theoretical Criminology

Policing: An International Journal

Preventive Medicine

Qualitative Sociology

Journal of Urban Health

Policing: Policy & Practice

Sociological Focus

University of California Press

Nature Communications

American Journal of Sociology

Social Problems

Law & Social Inquiry

Law & Policy

Du Bois Review

American Journal of Cultural Sociology

Criminology & Public Policy

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency

Justice Quarterly

Police Quarterly

Policing and Society

Social Science and Medicine

American Journal of Community Psychology

Journal of Development Studies

Socius

International Journal of Police Science

Professional Memberships

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

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

Law and Society Association (LSA) 2018 – Present

Latina/o/x Criminology 2017 – Present

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

AWARDS AND HONORS

2024 Laurance S. Rockefeller Visiting Faculty Fellowship, Princeton University, University Center for Human Values

2019 Summer Research Institute, Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network (RDCJN)