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EMPLOYMENT

2012 – Associate Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY
2023-present, Founder & Director, Prison Studies Certificate Program
2021-present, Founder & Director, UB College in Prison Program
2015-21, Director of Graduate Studies
2012-15, Director of Undergraduate Studies

2006–12 Assistant Professor of Sociology, University at Buffalo, SUNY

EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Arizona, Sociology (Minor in Women's Studies). 2006.
M.A. University of Arizona, Sociology. 2001.
B.A. Southwestern University, Sociology (Minor in Women's Studies). 1999.
Cum laude, Honors in Sociology.

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Sociology of Law	Criminology	Teaching Sociology
Gender, Sexuality, & the Body	Organizations & Institutions	Prison Education

EDITED VOLUMES

Atkinson, Maxine, Kathleen Korgen, and Mary Nell Trautner. 2020. *Social Problems: Sociology in Action*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Valentine, Catherine G. and Mary Nell Trautner (eds.), with Joan Z. Spade. 2019. *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, 6th ed. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Trautner, Mary Nell (ed.). 2018. *Insiders, Outsiders, Injuries & Law: Revisiting "The Oven Bird's Song."* New York: Cambridge University Press.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES (former/current student authors underlined)

Trautner, Mary Nell and Margaret Rex. 2026. "Turning Medical Problems into Legal Problems: Social Media, Legal Consciousness, and Transforming Guilt into Blame." *Law & Society Review*. <https://doi.org/10.1017/lsr.2026.10101>

Morales, Gabriela Ceja and Mary Nell Trautner. 2026. "The Invisibility of Inequality: Men's Perspectives of Gender Issues in the Workplace." *Journal of Gender Studies*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2026.2642074>

Fairbanks, Chandler and Mary Nell Trautner. 2025. "What's in a Name? Gender & Power in Popular Music, 1960-2019." *Men & Masculinities*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1097184X251382568>

Borland, Elizabeth, Mary Nell Trautner, Jordan Ekstrom, Cameron Keating, Elizabeth Wood, Janette Fennell, and Amber Rollins. 2025. "Justice and Parental Blameworthiness: Gender and Racial Disparities in the Criminalization of Hot Car Deaths." *Law & Policy*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09589236.2026.2642074>

Barr, Ashley B., Mary Nell Trautner, and N. Tucker Reyes. 2025. "Race and Juvenile Determinism: A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Punishment Attitudes Towards Juvenile Offenders." *Race and Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687251341270>

Trautner, Mary Nell, Jessica Hoffman, and Elizabeth Borland. 2022. "Periods, Penises, and Patriarchy: Perspective Taking and Attitudes about Gender among Middle School, High School, and College Students." *Socius* 8:1-14.

Mulcahy, Michael J. and Mary Nell Trautner. 2022. "The Effects of Target Vulnerabilities on Social Movement Outcomes: Wage Campaigns in U.S. Cities." *Social Science Research* 108:102748.

Kwan, Samantha, Scott V. Savage, and Mary Nell Trautner. 2020. "Adorning the Female Body: Feminist Identification, Embodied Resistance, and Aesthetic Body Modification Practices." *Sociological Focus* 53(1):67-88.

Duckworth, Kiera D. and Mary Nell Trautner. 2019. "Gender Goals: Boys and Young Men Defining Masculinity and Navigating Peer Pressure to Engage in Sexual Activity." *Gender & Society* 33(5):795-817.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2014. "Teaching-Infused Graduate Seminars: Incorporating Pedagogy into Substantive Courses." *Teaching Sociology* 42(1):61-68.

Trautner, Mary Nell, Samantha Kwan, and Scott V. Savage. 2013. "Masculinity, Competence, and Health: The Influence of Weight and Race on Social Perceptions of Men." *Men & Masculinities* 16(4):432-451.

Trautner, Mary Nell, Erin Hatton, and Kelly E. Smith. 2013. "What Workers Want Depends: Legal Knowledge and the Desire for Workplace Change among Day Laborers." *Law & Policy* 35(4):319-340.

Hatton, Erin and Mary Nell Trautner. 2013. "Images of Powerful Women in the Age of 'Choice Feminism'." *Journal of Gender Studies* 22(1):65-78.

Trautner, Mary Nell and Elizabeth Borland. 2013. "Using the Sociological Imagination to Teach about Academic Integrity." *Teaching Sociology* 41(4):377-388.

Nickolai, Daniel H., Steve G. Hoffman, and Mary Nell Trautner. 2012. "Can a Knowledge Sanctuary also be an Economic Engine? The Marketing of Higher Education as Institutional Boundary Work." *Sociology Compass* 6(3):205-218.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2011. "Tort Reform and Access to Justice: How Legal Environments Shape Lawyers' Case Selection." *Qualitative Sociology* 34(4):523-538.

Hatton, Erin and Mary Nell Trautner. 2011. "Equal Opportunity Objectification? The Sexualization of Men and Women on the Cover of *Rolling Stone*." *Sexuality & Culture* 15(3):256-278.

REPRINTED in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, 5th edition. Edited by Joan Z. Spade & Catherine G. Valentine. Pine Forge Press, 2017.

REPRINTED in *Focus on Social Problems: A Contemporary Reader*. Edited by Mindy Stomblor and Amanda M. Jungels. Oxford University Press, 2016.

REPRINTED in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, 4th edition. Edited by Joan Z. Spade & Catherine G. Valentine. Pine Forge Press, 2013.

FEATURED in *Understanding and Applying Research Design*, by Martin Lee Abbott and Jennifer McKinney. John Wiley & Sons, 2013.

Kwan, Samantha and Mary Nell Trautner. 2011. "Weighty Concerns." *Contexts* 10(2):52-57.

Kwan, Samantha and Mary Nell Trautner. 2011. "Judging Books by Their Covers: Teaching Students about Physical Attractiveness Bias." *Teaching Sociology* 39(1):16-26.

Trautner, Mary Nell and Jessica L. Collett. 2010. "Students Who Strip: The Benefits of Alternate Identities for Managing Stigma." *Symbolic Interaction* 33(2):257-279.

Grant, Don S., Mary Nell Trautner, Liam C. Downey, and Lisa Thiebaud. 2010. "Bringing the Polluters Back In: Environmental Inequality and the Organization of Chemical Production." *American Sociological Review* 75(4):479-504.

Trautner, Mary Nell and Samantha Kwan. 2010. "Gendered Appearance Norms: An Analysis of Employment Discrimination Lawsuits, 1970-2008." *Research in the Sociology of Work* 20:127-50.

Kwan, Samantha and Mary Nell Trautner. 2009. "Beauty Work: Individual and Institutional Rewards, the Reproduction of Gender, and Questions of Agency." *Sociology Compass* 3(1):49-71.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2009. "Personal Responsibility v. Corporate Liability: How Personal Injury Lawyers Screen Cases in an Era of Tort Reform." *Sociology of Crime, Law & Deviance* 12:203-230.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2007. "How Social Hierarchies within the Personal Injury Bar Affect Case Screening Decisions." *New York Law School Law Review* 51(2):215-240.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2005. "Doing Gender, Doing Class: The Performance of Sexuality in Exotic Dance Clubs." *Gender & Society* 19(6):771-788.

REPRINTED in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, 3rd edition. Edited by Joan Z. Spade and Catherine G. Valentine. Pine Forge Press, 2011.

REPRINTED in *Doing Gender Diversity: Readings in Theory and Real-World Experience*. Edited by Rebecca F. Plante and Lis M. Maurer. Westview Press, 2010.

REPRINTED in *The Kaleidoscope of Gender: Prisms, Patterns, and Possibilities*, 2nd edition. Edited by Joan Z. Spade and Catherine G. Valentine. Pine Forge Press, 2008.

Grant, Don S., Andrew W. Jones, and Mary Nell Trautner. 2004. "Do Facilities with Distant Headquarters Pollute More? How Civic Engagement Conditions the Environmental Performance of Absentee Managed Plants." *Social Forces* 83(1):189-214.

Grant, Don S. and Mary Nell Trautner. 2004. "Employer Opinions on Living Wage Initiatives." *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society* 8(1):71-82.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

Trautner, Mary Nell, Ashley Barr, Joseph Buttino, and Jeremy Carr. 2019. "[Getting Undergraduate Students Involved in Research](#)." The Consortium for Undergraduate Law & Justice Programs blog *In the Classroom*.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2018. "Insiders, Outsiders, Injuries, and Law." Pp. 3-8 in *Insiders, Outsiders, Injuries, & Law: Revisiting "The Oven Bird's Song"*. Cambridge University Press.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2015. "[Teaching Mass Incarceration with Muppets](#)." The Consortium for Undergraduate Law & Justice Programs blog *In the Classroom*.

Trautner, Mary Nell and Meghan Murphy. 2014. "Homophobia." Pp. 399-401 in *The Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*, edited by Sherwood Thompson. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Trautner, Mary Nell and Jessica MacNamara. 2014. "Non-Sexist Language." Pp. 540-541 in *The Encyclopedia of Diversity and Social Justice*, edited by Sherwood Thompson. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Nickolai, Daniel H., Steve G. Hoffman, and Mary Nell Trautner. 2012. "Teaching & Learning Guide for 'Can a Knowledge Sanctuary also be an Economic Engine? The Marketing of Higher Education as Institutional Boundary Work.'" *Sociology Compass* 6:596-600.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2012. Review of *Strip Club: Gender, Power, and Sex Work* by Kim Price-Glynn. *Gender & Society* 26:522-524

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2011. "[Sociology of Gender Course Guide](#)." *Sociological Images* blog.

Trautner, Mary Nell and Erin Hatton. 2011. "[Gender, Sexualization, and Rolling Stone](#)." *Sociological Images* blog, posted October 10.

Kwan, Samantha and Mary Nell Trautner. 2009. "Teaching & Learning Guide for 'Beauty Work: Individual and Institutional Rewards, the Reproduction of Gender, and Questions of Agency.'" *Sociology Compass* 2:1-5.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2008. "Compulsory Heterosexuality." Pp. 156-157 in *Encyclopedia of Gender and Society*, vol. 1, edited by Jodi A. O'Brien. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2006. "Sociology of Rights, Justice, and Law." *Sociology of Law Syllabi Set*, 3rd edition, edited by Lloyd Klein. American Sociological Association.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2005. "Gender and Cereal Boxes: Teaching through Testing." *Teaching Sociological Concepts and the Sociology of Gender*, 2nd edition, edited by Marybeth C. Stalp and Julie Childers. American Sociological Association.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2005. Review of *Working Feminism* by Geraldine Pratt. *Working USA: The Journal of Labor and Society* 8:365-367.

Trautner, Mary Nell. 2004. Review of *Evolution, Gender, and Rape* edited by Cheryl Brown Travis. *Contemporary Sociology* 33:498-499.

Ronai, Carol Rambo and Mary Nell Trautner. 2001. "Table and Lap Dancing." Pp. 402-406 in *The Encyclopedia of Criminology and Deviant Behavior*, vol. 3, edited by Clifton D. Bryant. Philadelphia, PA: Taylor and Francis.

RESEARCH & PROGRAM GRANTS

External:

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| 2025-29 | Trautner, Mary Nell (PI). "The UB College in Prison Program." Ichigo Foundation, \$340,000. |
| 2025-26 | Trautner, Mary Nell (PI) and Carolyn Klotzbach-Russell (co-PI). "Barred and Banned: Censorship Behind Bars." Freedom to Read Foundation, \$1,000. |
| 2024-25 | Barr, Ashley (PI), Mary Nell Trautner (co-PI), and Veronica Horowitz (co-PI). "Collateral Benefits of Prison Education: A Randomized, Family-Level Impact Evaluation." William T. Grant Foundation, \$50,000. |
| 2024-26 | Trautner, Mary Nell (PI). "The UB College in Prison Program." General Equity Fund, SUNY Office for Higher Education in Prison. \$65,000. |
| 2024-25 | Trautner, Mary Nell (PI) and Cindi McEachon (co-PI). "Reentry Guide for Western New York." The Education Justice Project. \$4,000. |
| 2022-24 | Trautner, Mary Nell. "Ready for Pell Initiative: University at Buffalo's College in Prison Program." Jobs for the Future Foundation. \$120,000. |

- 2014-20 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Media and Legal Influences on Decision-Making." National Science Foundation, Sociology. Award #SES-1421442. \$163,640.
- 2014-16 Trautner, Mary Nell (PI) and Jessica Hoffman (co-PI). "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Understanding Maternity Care Decisions." National Science Foundation, Sociology. Award #SES-143985. \$8,504.
- 2013-15 Trautner, Mary Nell (PI) and Sarah Smith (co-PI). "Doctoral Dissertation Research: School-Based Education as an Agent of Socialization." National Science Foundation, Sociology. Award #SES-1303573. \$8,770.
- 2005-06 Soule, Sarah A. (PI) and Mary Nell Trautner (co-PI). "Doctoral Dissertation Research: Screening, Sorting, and Selecting in Products Liability Cases: How Lawyers Mediate Access to the Civil Justice System." National Science Foundation, Law & Social Sciences. Award #SES-0451762. \$11,974.

Internal:

- 2025-26 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Prison and Incarceration Research (PAIR): An Interdisciplinary Work-in-Progress and Speaker Series." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy Conference Grant, \$4,500.
- 2025-26 Barr, Ashley, Mary Nell Trautner, Veronica Horowitz, and Joshua Coene. "Strengthening University Policy and Practice to Serve System-Impacted Students." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy research grant, \$5,000.
- 2024-25 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Prison and Incarceration Research (PAIR): An Interdisciplinary Work-in-Progress and Speaker Series." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy Conference Grant, \$6,700.
- 2024 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Why the Have-Nots Come Out Behind: Gender, Race, Class, and Embodiment in the 'Litigation Lottery.'" Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy Research Grant, \$4,650.
- 2021 Barr, Ashley, Chris Dennison, and Mary Nell Trautner. "He/She/They: Gender Pronouns and Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, \$3,000.
- 2019 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Gender and Prosecution Decisions in Children's Accidental Fatalities." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, \$3,120.
- 2019 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Gender and Prosecution Decisions in Children's Accidental Fatalities." Gender Institute Faculty Research Grant, \$500.
- 2018 Barr, Ashley and Mary Nell Trautner. "Juvenile Offending and Childhood Determinism: A Mixed Methods Approach." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, \$3,800.
- 2018 UB Humanities Institute, Public Humanities fellowship, \$7,500.

- 2017 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Unwanted Sexual Attention, Masculinity, and Law: A Comparison of the U.S. and Singapore." Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, \$2,400.
- 2017 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Unwanted Sexual Attention, Masculinity, and Law: A Comparison of the U.S. and Singapore." Asian Studies' Nila T. Gnammm Faculty Research Grant, \$1,950.
- 2015 Trautner, Mary Nell and Alfred Konefsky. "Celebrating 30+ years of David Engel's 'The Oven Bird's Song: Insiders, Outsiders, and Personal Injuries in an American Community.'" Conference Grant, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy. \$11,000.
- 2013 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Body Modification Practices: Clusters and Sequences, Psychological Health Correlates, and the Influence of Social Networks." Gender Institute Faculty Research Grant, \$3,340.
- 2012 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Art v. Science: Cultures of Community and Professionalism in Lawyers' Narratives of Case Screening and Selection." Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, \$5,934.
- 2010 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Procedural and Legal Outcomes of Appearance-Based Employment Discrimination Lawsuits." Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, \$999.
- 2009 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Why Do People Sue for Medical Malpractice? Making Legal Decisions in an Era of Tort Reform." Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, \$5,250.
- 2008 Trautner, Mary Nell. "Making Medical Malpractice Claims in an Era of Tort Reform." Baldy Center for Law and Social Policy, \$1,000.
- 2008 Dr. Nuala McGann Drescher Affirmative Action/Diversity Leave Program, \$7,000.

HONORS & AWARDS

- 2016 Carla B. Howery Award for Developing Teacher-Scholars, ASA Section on Teaching & Learning.
- 2015 SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.
- 2009 Law & Society Association Early Career Workshop participant.
- 2007 SAGE/Pine Forge Teaching Innovation & Professional Development Award, ASA Section on Teaching and Learning.
- 2006 ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award for "Liability v. Likeability: How Personal Injury Lawyers Screen Cases in an Era of Tort Reform."

- 2004 Braverman Award for Best Graduate Student Paper in the area of Labor Studies for “Communities Fight Back: Neoliberalism, Living Wage Ordinances, & Organized Labor, 1994-2002” (w/ Michael J. Mulcahy), Society for the Study of Social Problems.
- 2004 Second place, Raymond V. Bowers Award for Best Graduate Student Paper for “Communities Fight Back: Neoliberalism, Living Wage Ordinances, and Organized Labor, 1994-2002” (w/ Michael J. Mulcahy), Dept of Sociology, Univ of Arizona.
- 2003 Participant, Graduate Student Workshop, Law & Society Association.
- 1998 Alpha Kappa Delta, Co-Founder and Co-President, Southwestern University chapter.
- 1998 Participant, American Sociological Association Honors Program
- 1998 Participant, National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates, University of Memphis Center for Research on Women.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (since 2019)

- 2026 Borland, Elizabeth, Jenna Needham, Mary Nell Trautner, Amber Rollins, and Janette Fennell. “Drowning in Confidence: Privilege, Inequality, and Risk Perception in Vehicle Submersion Emergencies.” To be presented the American Sociological Association annual meeting, New York, NY. August 7-11.
- 2026 Barrett, Carla, Megan Klein, Gabe Rosales, Sarah Shannon, Mary Nell Trautner, and Darren Wheelock (alphabetical order). “Justice by Academic Discipline: The Role of Disciplinary Communities in Advancing Higher Education in Prison.” National Conference for Higher Education in Prison, Cleveland, Ohio. April 8-10.
- 2026 Borland, Elizabeth, Jenna Needham, Mary Nell Trautner, Amber Rollins, and Janette Fennell. “Privilege and Overconfidence in Vehicle Submersion Emergencies.” Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, DC. March 5-8.
- 2026 Reyes, N. Tucker, Jeffery C. White, and Mary Nell Trautner. “Making Sense of Inclusion: College Students’ Interpretations of Pronoun Policies.” Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, DC. March 5-8.
- 2025 Trautner, Mary Nell and N. Tucker Reyes. “Second Chances with Strings Attached: Young Adults’ Views on Juvenile Punishment.” American Society for Criminology annual meeting, Washington, DC. November 12-15.
- 2025 Borland, Elizabeth, Mary Nell Trautner, Jordan Ekstrom, Cameron Keating, Chloe Burke, Janette Fennell, and Amber Rollins. “Prosecutorial Discretion and Disparities in Hot Car Death Cases.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL. August 8-12.

- 2025 Trautner, Mary Nell and N. Tucker Reyes. “Why the Have-Nots Come Out Behind: Status, Stigma, and Inequality in the ‘Litigation Lottery’.” Law & Society Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL. May 22-25.
- 2024 Trautner, Mary Nell and Margaret Rex. “Turning Medical Problems into Legal Problems: Social Media, Legal Consciousness, and Transforming Guilt into Blame.” American Sociological Review annual meeting, Montréal, Québec, Canada. August 9-13.
- 2024 Fairbanks, Chandler and Mary Nell Trautner. “What’s in a Name? Gender, Power, & Vulnerability in Popular Music, 1960-2019.” American Sociological Review annual meeting, Montréal, Québec, Canada. August 9-13
- 2024 Trautner, Mary Nell, Nicholas Tucker Reyes, and Ashley B. Barr. “Race, Gender, and Childhood Determinism: A Mixed Methods Approach to Understanding Punishment Attitudes Towards Juvenile Offenders.” To be presented at the Law & Society Association annual meeting, Denver, CO. June 6-9.
- 2024 Borland, Elizabeth, Mary Nell Trautner, Chloe Burke, Jordan Ekstrom, and Cameron Keating. “Lawyer Characteristics and Client Outcomes: Prosecutors, Defenders and Disparities in Hot Car Death Cases.” Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Washington, D.C. February 29-March 3.
- 2023 Trautner, Mary Nell, Nicholas Tucker Reyes, Ashley B. Barr, and Christopher R. Dennison. “He/She/They: Gender Pronouns and Gender Bias in Student Evaluations of Teaching.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.
- 2023 Morales, Gabriela Ceja and Mary Nell Trautner. “The Invisibility of Inequality: Men’s Perspectives of Gender Issues in the Workplace.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 17-21.
- 2023 Borland, Elizabeth, Jordan Ekstrom, Cameron Keating, Elizabeth Wood, Mary Nell Trautner, Janette Fennell, and Amber Rollins. “Justice and Blameworthiness: Racial and Gender Disparities in the Criminalization of Hot Car Deaths.” Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Baltimore, MD. February 23-26.
- 2020 Trautner, Mary Nell, Ashley B. Barr, and Joseph M. Buttino. “Offending, Race, and Juvenile Determinism.” American Criminological Society annual meeting, Washington, DC. November 18-21. (meeting canceled due to Covid-19)
- 2019 Atkinson, Maxine, Kathleen Korgen, and Mary Nell Trautner. “Active Learning Exercises that Connect Students to the Community.” Southern Sociological Society annual meeting, Atlanta, GA. April 10-13.
- 2019 Sabella, Annika, Sarah Becker, Justine Tinkler, and Mary Nell Trautner. “‘Men Showing Me They Have Complete and Total Access to Me’: Exploring Gender’s Impact on Victim Reactions to Barroom Sexual Aggression.” Eastern Sociological Society annual meeting, Boston, MA. March 14-17.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS (since 2018)

- 2026 “Higher Education and the Carceral State: Access, Experience, and Institutional Change.” Presentation for the Equity Alliance of Western New York. April 29, 2026.
- 2025 “The Power of Prison Education.” Presentation at the Singapore Institute of Management, June 12.
- 2025 “Unlocking Potential: The Power of Prison Education.” Keynote address, “Sociology in Action” lecture event, University of Houston, March 18-20.
- 2024 Panelist, “Mentoring System-Impacted Graduate Students.” Presentation for the UB NEAR lunch & learn series, November 1.
- 2020 Panelist for “Virtual Forum for Directors of Graduate Studies in Sociology,” American Sociological Association. May 27.
- 2019 “Turning Medical Problems into Legal Problems.” Humanities Institute Scholars at Hallwalls speaker series.
- 2019 “Teaching Graduate Students to Teach.” Roundtable leader, Department Leaders Pre-Conference, American Sociological Association, New York City, NY.
- 2018 “Unwanted Sexual Attention, Masculinity, and Law.” Presentation for Sociology Club, University at Buffalo.
- 2018 “Unwanted Sexual Attention, Masculinity, and Law.” Presentation for Asia at Noon series, Asian Studies Program, University at Buffalo.

Professional Development

Leadership roles

- 2025 Organizer, “Trauma-Informed Pedagogy in Carceral Settings.” Panel workshop for the ASA Community for Sociologists Teaching in Carceral Settings, April 15, 2025.
- 2024 Organizer and Moderator, “Teaching in Carceral Settings.” Panel workshop for the ASA Community for Sociologists Teaching in Carceral Settings, December 6, 2024.
- 2024 Panelist, “Mentoring System-Impacted Graduate Students.” Presentation for the UB NEAR lunch & learn series, November 1, 2024 (with Ashley Barr and Veronica Horowitz).
- 2017 Panelist, “Involving Undergraduates in Research,” professional development workshop sponsored by the Consortium of Undergraduate Law & Justice Programs at the Law & Society Association annual meeting
- 2016 Panelist, “Landing a Law and Society Job at a Teaching Institution,” professional development workshop sponsored by the Consortium of Undergraduate Law & Justice Programs at the Law & Society Association annual meeting
- 2014 Roundtable leader, “Dealing with Difficult Students,” as part of the “Civility in the Classroom” annual meeting preconference sponsored by the Teaching & Learning Section of the American Sociological Association.

- 2008 Organizer, “Teachers are Made, Not Born,” annual meeting preconference sponsored by the Teaching & Learning Section of the American Sociological Association.

Training & Workshops

- 2025 Participant, National Victim Assistance Academy (NVAA) Advanced Skills Institute: “Building Trauma-Informed Organizations.”
- 2024 Participant, Bard Prison Initiative Summer Residency.
- 2024 Participant, “Collective Leadership Supervisor Training,” John Jay College Institute for Justice and Opportunity.
- 2024 Participant, “Fostering Belonging and Supporting Success for First-Generation Students,” Association of College and University Educators.
- 2020 Participant, “Trauma-Informed Care and Mentoring,” School of Social Work, University at Buffalo.
- 2020 Participant, “Anti-Racism Training,” Diversity & Resiliency Institute of El Paso.
- 2020 Participant, “Culturally Aware Mentoring: Optimizing Mentoring Relationships,” Council of Graduate Schools training.
- 2017 Participant, “Study Abroad Incubator,” hosted by the University at Buffalo Office of International Education, held in Costa Rica.
- 2016 Participant, “Inside Out Training Institute,” hosted by Temple University and Graterford Prison.
- 2015 Participant, “Using Course Evaluations to Improve Teaching,” workshop from the University at Buffalo Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Transformation.
- 2015 Participant, “Designing an Exemplary Course,” workshop from the University at Buffalo Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Transformation.
- 2014 Participant, SAFE Zone training
- 2014 Participant, “Learning to Teach Online,” workshop from the University at Buffalo Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Teaching Transformation.
- 2014 Participant, “Learning to Teach Online.” University of New South Wales online course.
- 2007 Participant, “Teachers are Made, Not Born,” annual meeting preconference sponsored by the Teaching & Learning Section of the American Sociological Association.

SERVICE

Professional Service: Leadership & Committee Positions

American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sociology of Law

- 2025-26 Chair, Distinguished Book Prize committee
- 2023-24 Member, Distinguished Book Prize committee
- 2021-22 Chair, Undergraduate Prize committee
- 2018-19 Chair, Graduate Prize committee
- 2016-17 Chair, Best Article Award committee
- 2013-15 Member, Publications committee
- 2012-13 Member, Distinguished Book Prize committee
- 2011-12 Member, Undergraduate Prize committee
- 2010-12 Council Member (elected)
- 2009-10 Member, Graduate Prize committee

2007-13 Chair, Publications committee
 2006-07 Member, Best Article Award committee
 2005-06 Member, Program committee
 2004-05 Member, Membership committee

ASA Section on Crime, Law, & Deviance

2025-26 Member, Ida B. Wells-Barnett Book Award committee
 2024-25 Chair, Distinguished Scholar Award committee
 2023-24 Member, Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award committee

ASA Section on Sex & Gender

2023-24 Member, Nominations committee
 2018-19 Member, Distinguished Book Award committee
 2017-18 Member, Nominations committee
 2014-15 Member, Nominations committee
 2013-14 Chair, Best Article Award committee
 2012-13 Chair, Publications committee
 2011-14 Council Member (elected)
 2008-09 Member, Best Article Award committee
 2006-07 Member, Best Article Award committee

ASA Section on Body & Embodiment

2020-21 Chair, Best Publication Award committee
 2019-20 Chair, Program committee
 2018-21 Chair-Elect (18-19), Chair (19-20), Past Chair (20-21) (elected)
 2018-19 Chair, Nominations committee
 2014-15 Member, Nominations committee
 2014-15 Chair, Mentoring committee
 2013-14 Member, Nominations committee
 2012-14 Chair, Mentoring committee
 2012-13 Member, Nominations committee
 2012-15 Council Member (elected)
 2011-12 Member, Book Prize committee

ASA Section on Teaching & Learning

2018-19 Member, Awards committee
 2017-18 Member, Awards committee
 2017-18 Member, Nominations committee
 2016-17 Member, Graduate Student Award committee
 2016-17 Member, Pre-Conference Workshop Planning committee
 2014-15 Member, Nominations committee
 2014-17 Council Member (elected)
 2015 Member, SAGE Award Selection Committee for ASA Teaching & Learning Pre-Conference workshop
 2014 Roundtable leader, Pre-Conference Workshop, "Civility in the Classroom." San Francisco, CA.
 2008 Co-Organizer, Pre-Conference Workshop, "Teachers are Made, Not Born." Boston, MA. With Kate Linnenberg.

Law & Society Association

- 2017-18 Member, Stan Wheeler Mentorship Award committee
- 2016-17 Co-chair, Governance committee
- 2015-17 Member, Board of Trustees (elected)
- 2014-15 Member, Annual Meeting Program committee
- 2013-14 Chair, Committee on Student Awards
- 2012-13 Member, Committee on Student Awards
- 2011-12 Member, Herbert Jacob Book Prize committee
- 2010-11 Member, Dissertation Prize committee
- 2009-10 Member, Graduate Student Workshop committee

Other Leadership and Committee Positions

- 2025-28 Member, ASA Dissertation Award selection committee
- 2023 – Founder and Co-chair, ASA Community for Sociologists in Teaching in Carceral Settings
- 2019 – Program Reviewer and Consultant, American Sociological Association
- 2014-20 Board Member, Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs
- 2008-10 Vice-Chair, Law & Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems (elected)
- 2005-06 Member, ASA Section on Labor & Labor Movements Nominations committee
- 2004-05 Member, ASA Section on Labor & Labor Movements Program committee
- 2003-07 Member, Pacific Sociological Association Status of Student Affairs committee

Professional Service: Conferences & Panels (since 2015)

- 2025 Presider, Crime, Law, & Deviance roundtable, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.
- 2020 Organizer, “New Directions in the Sociology of Body & Embodiment” section session. American Sociological Association annual meeting, virtual due to Covid-19.
- 2020 Organizer, “Ideas for Future Research” regular session. American Sociological Association annual meeting, virtual due to Covid-19.
- 2018 Presider, Law & Society regular session, “Law and Sex.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 Presider, Sociology of Law section session, “Legal Resistance.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2017 Discussant, Hamilton College Sociology Senior Thesis Proposal Presentations
- 2016 Presider, Sociology of Law Section session, “Teaching Sociology of Law to Undergraduates.” American Sociological Association annual meeting, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 Organizer & Presider, Sociology of the Body Regular Session, American Sociological Association annual meeting, Chicago, IL.

Professional Service: Service to Grant Reviewing Agencies, Journals, and Presses

- 2021-22 Member, Fellowships Review Panel, American Association of University Women
- 2020-22 Member, Advisory Council, Law & Science Dissertation Grant Program (funded by the National Science Foundation; Administered by Arizona State University)
- 2012-15 Member, Sociology Advisory Panels, National Science Foundation
- 2009-10 Member, Law & Social Sciences Advisory Panels, National Science Foundation
- 2018 – Editorial board member, *Law & Policy*
- 2014-17 Editorial board member, *Teaching Sociology*

Ad hoc journal article reviewer for:

American Journal of Sociology, American Sociological Review, Contemporary Sociology, Gender & Society, Journal of Contemporary Ethnography, Journal of Marriage & Family, Law & Social Inquiry, Law & Society Review, Qualitative Sociology, Sex Roles, Social Currents, Social Problems, Social Psychology Quarterly, Sociological Forum, Sociology Compass, Symbolic Interaction, Teaching Sociology, Women & Criminal Justice, Work & Occupations, Working USA: Journal of Labor & Society

Ad hoc grant proposal reviewer for:

The National Science Foundation
The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research

Ad hoc book proposal and book manuscript reviewer for:

Blackwell Press	Sage Publications
Polity Press	Pine Forge Press
Roxbury Press	Westview Press

Professional Service: Tenure and Promotion Reviews

- 2024 Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Georgia Southern University
- 2020 Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Public Health, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- 2020 Division of Social Sciences, Pennsylvania State University, Abington
- 2019 Department of Sociology, Merrimack College
- 2017 Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware
- 2015 Department of Sociology, University of California, Riverside
- 2015 Department of Sociology & Anthropology, Washington College
- 2014 Department of Social Sciences, Purdue University North Central

Professional Service: Program and Department Reviews

- 2025 Law & Society B.A. program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
- 2024 Department of Sociology & Anthropology, University of Texas-Arlington

Departmental Service

University at Buffalo

Director of Graduate Studies, 2015-21
Director of Undergraduate Studies, 2012-15
Founder & Organizer, Crime, Law, & Justice Works-in-Progress group, 2020-21, 2021-22
Chair, Faculty Hiring committee, 2014, 2016, 2018, 2024
Member, Faculty Hiring committee, 2006, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2020, 2022, 2023
Area Coordinator, Criminology Qualifying Exams, 2014-2021
Area Coordinator, Sociology of Law Qualifying Exams, 2014-2021
Member, Graduate Studies committee, 2008-12
Member, Undergraduate Studies committee, 2006-08
Member, Personnel committee, 2008-12
Member, Graduate Awards committee, 2007, 2008
Member, Sociology Colloquium committee, 2006-08
Graduate Proseminar Presentations: “Being Strategic about Professional Development Opportunities” (2019); “How – and Why – to Read More” (2018); “All About the CV” (2016, 2020, 2024); “Preparing for Job Candidate Visits” (2014, 2016); “Strategizing Now for the Job You Want Later” (2014); “Applying for an NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant” (2014, 2021); “Creating a Teaching Portfolio” (2013, 2015); “Resources for Teaching” (2013); “Forming and Working with Your MA or PhD Committee” (2012, 2013, 2017); “Qualifying Papers and Dissertations: Planning the Last Few Years” (2011); “Answering Student Questions” (2011, 2015, 2020); “Presenting Papers at Professional Meetings” (2010); “Getting the Most from the Conference Experience” (2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010); “What I Wish I’d Known When I Started Graduate School” (2006)

University Service

University at Buffalo

Founder and Director, Prison Studies Certificate program. 2024 –
Member, Faculty Hiring committee, Educational Culture, Policy, & Society program, Graduate School of Education. 2024
Founder and Director, UB College in Prison Program, 2021-present
Member, UB Diversity & Integrative Learning Committee, 2023-24
Chair, College of Arts & Sciences Awards committee, 2021-22
Panelist, Inclusive Graduate Education meeting, UB Graduate School, 2021
Member, Baldy Center research grant proposal review committee, 2020
Member, Humanities Institute Faculty Fellows selection committee, 2020
Chair, UB Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award for Graduate Teaching Assistants selection committee, 2019
Member, Graduate School Executive Committee, 2018-22
Member, College of Arts & Sciences Awards committee, 2017-21
Member, UB Graduate School Excellence in Teaching Award for Graduate Teaching Assistants selection committee, 2017, 2018
Panelist, Office of the Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs new faculty workshop, 2017
Member, 3+3 Law/College of Arts & Sciences committee, 2016
Member, UB Curriculum Transfer Student Sub-Committee, 2016
Member, College of Arts & Sciences Policy Committee, 2016-19

Member, UB Graduate School's Outstanding Ph.D. Dissertation Award committee, 2015
 Member, Baldy Center conference proposal review committee, 2015
 Member, General Education Committee for Integrative Learning, 2015
 Member, Baldy Fellowship selection committee, 2014-15
 Member, College of Arts & Sciences curriculum committee, 2014-15
 Member, Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy Advisory Council, 2012-18
 Panel Chair, Feminist Studies Graduate Student Symposium, 2011
 Member, Steering Committee, University at Buffalo Gender Institute, 2010-13, 2007-10
 Panelist, University at Buffalo New Faculty Orientation, 2008, 2007
 Moderator, University at Buffalo Intercultural and Diversity Center film series, 2007

STUDENT ADVISING

Mentor, NEAR Program (Network for Enriched Academic Relationships), 2018-present.
 University at Buffalo Graduate School.

Dissertations chaired

- (2027) Reyes, Tucker. "Auto-Motives: Unbuckling Consumer Decision Points and Precarities in Predatory Car Lending."
- (2026) Rex, Margaret. "Ties and Binds: Extremism Through the Eyes of Friends and Family."
- 2021 Connolly, Kristen. "Physicians and the Opioid Epidemic." Current placement: Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Hilbert College.
- 2018 Duckworth, Kiera. "Masculinity Achievement and Risky Health Behaviors Among Adolescent and Young Adult Men." Current placement: Diversity Training Manager, Erie County Medical Center.
- 2018 McDonald, Patrick. "Unfulfilled Promises: How Promise Scholarships Impact Small Private Colleges." Current placement: Assistant Dean of Planning & Analytics, College of Arts & Sciences, University at Buffalo.
- 2018 Durlak, Paul. "Making Rights in the Workplace: Discrimination and the Americans with Disabilities Act." Current placement: Consulting Director, KJT Group.
- 2017 Hoffman, Jessica. "Understanding Maternity Care Decisions." Current placement: Assistant Professor of Sociology, Hilbert College.
- 2015 Fitzpatrick, Jessica. "Institutionalized Help: Teen Dating Violence Victims' Relationships with Family, The Law, and Medical Care." Current placement: Associate Professor of Social Work, Buffalo State College.
- 2015 Smith, Sarah. "Touchy Subjects: Teens' Perspectives on Stigma, Risk, and Adulthood in School-Based Sex Education." Current placement: Chief Executive Officer, Social, Mental, and Sexual Health Incorporated.

- 2014 MacNamara, Jessica. "Appearance and Acceptance: Toward a Sociology of Familial Responses to Gender Transition." Current placement: Associate Professor of Sociology, Keuka College.
- 2014 Nickolai, Daniel. "Student Orientations to Learning in a Marketized Environment: Disciplined Learners, Disinterested Consumers, or Distorted Constructions." Current placement: Professor of Sociology, Trocaire College.
- 2014 Murphy, Meghan. "How Social Support and Sexuality-Based Expectations Shape Former Students' Perspectives on Being Out in High School." Current placement: Associate Professor of Sociology, Bridgewater State University.

Dissertation committees

- (2027) Fairbanks, Chandler. "Overlooked: Understanding Bisexuality in the Context of Family and Romantic Relationships."
- (2027) Phlox, Logan. "Navigating Dual Regimes: How Queer Online Sex Workers Do Gender in Carceral Feminism and Cisgendered Workspaces."
- 2024 Lin, Jiaying. "Understanding the Impact of the First Anti-Domestic Violence Law in Mainland China." Current placement: Post-Doctoral Fellow, Lingnan University, Hong Kong.
- 2023 Coley, J. "Gentrification and Displacement in the American Rustbelt: A Qualitative Methods Neighborhood Comparison." Current placement: Post-Doctoral Researcher at the Lender Center for Social Justice at Syracuse University.
- 2023 Schoonover, Julia. "Migrant Work in a Globalizing World: Singapore as a Case Study." Current placement: Engaged and Inclusive Research Manager, University of Manchester.
- 2021 Hall, Gregory. "Normalization, Prioritization, and Pervasive Individualism: Precariously Housed Minority, Ex-Prisoners, and Low-Income Renters." Current placement: Grants Administrator, Bouvé College of Health Sciences, Northeastern University.
- 2018 Rabii, Watoii. "Crime, Threat, and Security: Immigrants as Laborers, Entrepreneurs, and Good Neighbors." Current placement: Associate Professor of Sociology and Criminal Justice, Oakland University.
- 2015 Robertson, O. Nicholas. "West Indian Male Youth Involvement in Crime and Delinquency: The Case of Rochester and Buffalo, New York." Current placement: Associate Professor of Criminal Justice, Rochester Institute of Technology.
- 2015 Strahan, Richard. "Queer *Times*: The Politics of Protest Coverage." Current placement: Lecturer, Buffalo State College.
- 2011 Williams, LaVerne McQuiller. "Sex in the City: Why Street Sex Workers Do What They Do and Where They Do It." Current placement: Professor of Criminal Justice, Rochester Institute of Technology.

Master's committees chaired

- 2020 Dean, Camry. "Children of Incarcerated Parents: What Elementary/Middle/High Schools Can Do to Help."
- 2019 Capella, Alexander. "The Socioeconomic Ladder: Perceived SES, Achieved SES, and Instrumental Crime."
- 2019 Patti, Richard. "The Role of Moral Issues in Determining Party Preference: A Quantitative Analysis of 21st Century Open-Seat Presidential Elections."
- 2014 Diaz, Matthew Colón. "Disabled Male Characters in Scripted American Television."
- 2012 Duckworth, Kiera. "Moving Beyond the Racial Binary: Examining the Racial Representations of Women in *Sports Illustrated*."
- 2012 Glann, Sarah. "Push-Up Bras, Platitudes, and Porn Stars: How Teens Navigate Parental Resistance to Cosmetic Surgery."

Master's committees

- 2023 Fairbanks, Chandler. "Bisexuals in Intimate Relationships: The Impact of Stress and Microaggressions on Relationship Quality."
- 2021 Jauch, Emily. "Queering an Alternative or Expansion to Mainstream? An Analysis of BDSM Acts Across Pornographic Contexts."
- 2021 DiPasquale, Sara. "Sociology Faculty Perceptions on Inclusive Language Use."
- 2021 Kaijar, Tunazzina. "The Double Pandemic of COVID-19 and Intimate Partner Violence."
- 2020 Ferris, Morgan. "Making Sports Matter."
- 2020 Foss, Emily. "Improving Youth Engagement in Community Policing Through School-Based Interventions."
- 2019 Evans, Zachary. "Sensationalism, Bias, and Information: A Content-Consumer Approach to Content Analysis of the 2017 Tax Cuts."
- 2018 Lee, Seon Yup. "'Like an Internship': Anticipatory Adulthood among South Korean College Students in the United States."
- 2018 Clark, Natasha. "Gender Ideologies and Television Commercials: A Closer Look."
- 2017 Beaumont, Sophie. "Look at Her: Analysing the Depiction of Women on the Covers of Women's Magazines from 1975-2015." Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. (external evaluator)
- 2015 Sullivan, Sean. "1994-2014 Trends in Top Sociology Journals: Research Foci, Data Sources, Methodologies, and Authorship."
- 2008 Strahan, Richard. "Transgender Trouble: Anxiety, Interpellation, and Gender Norm Reification in the City of Buffalo, New York."

Undergraduate Honor's Advising

- 2024 Curtis, Joshua C. "Racism in the Criminal Justice System." Advisor for honors paper for SOC 307: Criminology.
- 2018 Buttino, Joseph. "Perceptions of Delinquency Among College Students and Non-Students." Advisor for honors paper for SOC 307: Criminology.
- 2018 Sullivan, Jennifer. "The Paradox of Opportunity and Objectification in Athletics: How Female Athletes Experience the Double Bind." Hobart & William Smith Colleges. External evaluator.
- 2013 Washington, Vivian. "Racial Exclusion or Economics?" Honors thesis committee member.

COURSES TAUGHT

Graduate:

Criminology
Sociology of Law
Sociology of Gender
Victimology

Undergraduate:

Criminology
Sociology of Law
Social Problems
Sociology of Gender
Gender & Work
Victims & Victimization
Senior Seminar: Law & Popular Culture
First Year Seminar: The Sociological Imagination