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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology. 2023-
QE Areas: Race; Criminology (*UPCOMING*)
M.A. University of Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology. 2025.
B.A. Vanguard Universty of Southern California (Minors in Cultural Anthropology, Religion, and Anti-Human Trafficking). 2022. *Summa cum laude*, Honors in Sociology.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/Gender/Class	Crime/Victimization
Human Trafficking/Exploitation	Black Feminisms/Black Girlhood
Sociology of Education	

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2026 Kimelberg, Shelley M., and **Makaela Brass**. 2026. “Confronting the Hidden Curriculum: Call for Resistance or Tool for Success?” *Sociology Compass* 20(7):1-10.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.70220>

2025 Cadigan Michele, Brittany Martin, Veronica Horowitz, **Makaela Brass**, Tim Edgemon. 2025. "Compounding and complicating feelings of justice: LFOs and Legal Legitimacy in Georgia, Minnesota, and Washington State." *Journal of Crime and Justice*, 1–22.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/0735648X.2025.2541718>

2025 **Brass, Makaela**, and Yunmei Lu. 2025. “Homicide Offending Patterns and Trends, United States.” The SAGE Encyclopedia of Crime and Gender. Thousand Oaks, CA: SAGE Reference. *Forthcoming*.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Brass, Makaela. "Victimization Among Black Adolescent Girls: Examining Educational Engagement and Generational Changes from 1990–2019." Master's thesis, SUNY University at Buffalo. Work in Progress.

Lu, Yunmei, Zhe Zhang, and **Makaela Brass**. "Age-Crime Trajectories in Early Adulthood Across Cohorts and Generations in the U.S.: A Forty-Year Analysis." Work in Progress.

Horowitz, Veronica, **Makaela Brass**, Hannah Schwendeman, Ryan Larson, Robert Stewart, and Christopher Uggen. "“Tell Her to Go Get a Job!”: Gendered Attitudes Among Men with Dual Debt." Work in Progress.

Robertson, O. Nicholas, Christopher R. Dennison, Meghana Kalluri, Yeshwant Santhanakrishnan Premanand, Ananya Anil Singh, **Makaela Brass**, Milicent Ngwu, and Robert M. Adelman. 2025. “Suburban Shifts in Arrest Rates: Trends Before, During, and After the COVID Pandemic.” Work in Progress.

Posey, Brianne and **Makaela Brass**. "Fuel to the Flames: An Exploration of Sex Trafficking Risks Following the 2025 Southern California Wildfires." Work in Progress.

Brass, Makaela. "Misogynoir and Digital Violence: Understanding the Intersections of Race and Gender among Digital Platforms." Work in Progress.

Brass, Makaela, Zara Escamilla, and Isaac Voss. "A Tale of Three Congregations: Building Resilience in Congregations in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods." Work in Progress.

Brass, Makaela. "Transforming Injustices and Building Diverse Relationships Among Christian Campuses." Work in Progress.

TEACHING

Persuasive English Writing (<i>undergraduate</i>)	
Race and Racism	
Gender and Crime	
Wealth and Poverty (FALL 2026)	
<i>Teaching Assitant Appointments:</i>	
The Transition Into Adulthood (<i>Seminar</i>)	Incarceration and Work
Social Problems	Cinematic Sociology
Wealth and Poverty	Classical Sociology Theory
Race and Racism (<i>Twice</i>)	
Urban Schools and Communities (<i>Guest Lectured</i>)	
Social Research Methods (<i>Guest Lectured</i>)	
Communities and Crime (<i>Guest Lectured</i>)	
Contemporary Sociology Theory (<i>Graduate Seminar</i>)	

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Brass, Makaela. 2026. "Navigating the Margins: Victimization Experiences and College Outcomes Among Black Girls." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. New York City, NY.

Brass, Makaela. 2025. "Victimization Among Black Adolescent Girls: Examining Educational Engagement and Generational Changes from 1986–2019." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, DC.

Horowitz, Veronica L., **Makaela Brass**, Hannah Schwendeman, Ryan Larson, Robert Stewart, and Christopher Uggan. 2024. "“Tell Her to Go Get a Job!”: Gendered Attitudes Among Men with Dual Debt." Presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.

Brass, Makaela. 2024. "Misogynoir and Digital Violence: Understanding the Intersections of Race and Gender among Digital Platforms." Paper presented in a roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

Brass, Makaela. 2023. "Transforming Injustices and Building Diverse Relationships Among Christian Campuses." Presented Paper in a roundtable at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association. Seattle, WA.

Ruthi Hanchett, and **Makaela Brass**. 2023. "Prevention Through Policy and Youth Empowerment." Plenary at the Annual Ensure Justice Conference. March 4, Costa Mesa, CA.

Brass, Makaela, Matthew Holgate, and Hannah Navarro. 2023. "Online Safety for Teens." Presented at the Ensure Justice Navajo Nation Conference. Navajo Nation, AZ.

Brass, Makaela, Zara Escamilla and Karla Espinal. 2022. "Live2Free Presentation: How are our kids?" Presented at the Annual Ensure Justice Conference. Costa Mesa, CA.

Brass, Makaela, Zara Escamilla, and Isaac Voss. 2022. "A Tale of Three Congregations: Building Resilience in Congregations in Disadvantaged Neighborhoods." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Student Congress on Racial Reconciliation Conference. Costa Mesa, CA.

Valley, Lane, **Makaela Brass**, and Isaac Voss. 2020. "Sisters in Strength: Re-Evaluating Agency Among Women in Two Low-Income Congregations in South Los Angeles." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Pacific Sociological Association, March 19, (Virtual).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2023 Good Samaritan Award
- 2023 Schomburg Fellowship
- 2024 Social Impact Fellowship

SERVICE

Student Reviewer, American Educational Research Association, 2025

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Sociological Association
 - Race and Ethnicity Section
 - Crime, Law, and Deviance Section
 - Sociology of Education Section
 - Race, Gender, Class Section
 - Human Rights Section
- Association of Black Sociologists
- American Society of Criminology
 - Division on Critical Criminology
 - Division of Cybercrime
 - Division of Victimology
- National Council of Black Studies