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EDUCATION

Ph.D. University of Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology. 2023-

M.A. University of Buffalo, SUNY, Sociology. 2025.

B.A. Vanguard University of Southern California (Minors in Cultural Anthropology, Religion, and Anti-Human Trafficking). 2022. *Summa cum laude*, Honors in Sociology.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race/Ethnicity

Crime/Victimization

Human Trafficking/Exploitation

Black Feminisms

Sociology of Education

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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.

Kimelberg, Shelley, **Makaela Brass.** "Revealing the Hidden Curriculum: Definitions, Applications, and Implications." 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 (*undergraduate*)

Race and Racism

Teaching Assistant Appointments:

The Transition Into Adulthood (Seminar)

Social Problems

Wealth and Poverty

Race and Racism (Twice)

Urban Schools and Communities (Guest Lectured 1 Class)

Social Research Methods

Communities and Crime

Social Rhythms of Algorithms

Contemporary Sociology Theory

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 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).
- 2022 Brass, Makaela, Zara Escamilla and Karla Espinal. 2022. "Live2Free Presentation: How are our kids?" Presented at the Annual Ensure Justice Conference. Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2022 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.
- 2022 Brass, Makaela, Matthew Holgate, and Hannah Navarro. "Online Safety for Teens." Presented at the Ensure Justice Navajo Nation Conference. Navajo Nation, AZ.
- 2023 Ruthi Hanchett, and Makaela Brass. 2023. "Prevention Through Policy and Youth Empowerment." Plenary at the Annual Ensure Justice Conference. March 4, Costa Mesa, CA.
- 2023 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.
- 2024 Brass, Makaela. 2024. "Misogynoir and Digital Violence: Understanding the Intersections of Race and Gender among Digital Platforms." Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association. Montreal, Quebec, Canada.
- 2024 Horowitz, Veronica L., Makaela Brass, Hannah Schwendeman, Ryan Larson, Robert Stewart, and Christopher Uggen. 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

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
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
Law and Society