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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2021 – Present (Incoming) Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis (Expected June 2023)

Dissertation: “Social Spaces and Substance Use in Shaping Queer Identities”

Committee: Dr. Marisa Omori (chair), Dr. Lee Slocum, Dr. Samantha Simon, Dr. Matthew Ball

M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis (August 2021)

M.A., Sociology, Northeastern University (May 2018)

Thesis: “Hypermasculinity and the War on Drugs in the Philippines: A Case Study of President Duterte”

Committee: Dr. Ineke Marshall & Dr. Liza Weinstein

B.A., Sociology and Psychology, Mount Holyoke College (May 2016)

Cum Laude, minor in law, public policy, and human rights

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Gender and Sexuality; Race, Space, and Identity Formation; Queer Theory, Criminology, and Sociology; Drugs and Behavior; Gender, the Criminal Justice System, and Healthcare

PUBLICATIONS

Early and Rainey. Forthcoming. “What about Us?: The Omission of Queer Experiences in Criminal Justice Curricula.” *Queer Victimology: Understating the Evolving Study of LGBTQIA+ Experiences Volume 1*. Texas Review Press.

Early and Grundetjern. 2022. “The Role of Sex and Compulsory Heterosexuality Within the Rural Methamphetamine Market.” *Crime & Delinquency*. First published online March 03, 2022. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00111287221077>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Webster, Huebner, **Early**, and Torres. 2022. "Court Can Happen Anywhere": Courtroom Workgroup Members' Perceptions of the Challenges and Opportunities of a Transformed Workplace." Submitted to *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Early, Rogers, and Chambers. "Disidentification in Black Gay Men's Negotiations of Black Subjectivity." Manuscript in progress. Will be submitted to the *Gender & Society* in November 2022.

Omori, **Early**, and Torres. "Unpacking Racial Innocence and Inequalities in Sentencing." Manuscript in progress.

AWARDS & RESEARCH GRANTS

2022	Division of Queer Criminology Student Paper Awards
2020	Honorable Mention, Larry J. Siegel Graduate Fellowship for the Study of Gender and Crime
2019	Study Abroad Summer Semester Scholarship
2018	The Outstanding Service to the Department Award, Northeastern University
2016	Diversity Award, Northeastern University
2016	Excellence Award, Northeastern University
2015	The Harap Fund Research, Mount Holyoke College
2014	The Lynk Universal Application Funding

PUBLIC CRIMINOLOGY

2020 – 2021	Informed Justice https://www.informedjustice.org/
2020 – 2021	COVID Prison Project https://covidprisonproject.com/

INVITED TALKS & PRESENTATIONS

2022	"The Politics of Queer Research." Salem State University. School of Education. (February 15 th).
2021	Inaugural "Critical Conversations: LGBTQIA= Issues in The Criminal Justice System." Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. Georgia Southern University. (October 21 st)
2021	"Inclusive Language Series: Focus on LGBTQ Communities." The University of Missouri–St. Louis. Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. (April 15 th).

- 2021 “Supporting Minority Students and Junior Faculty: Understanding How to Be An Ally.” American Society of Criminology. Division of Victimology. (February 17th)
- [2020|2021| XXXVI Postgraduate Course of Victimology, Victim Assistance and Criminal Justice, Inter-University Centre. *Unable to attend due to COVID-19*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Panelist

- 2022 “Innovations in Queer Criminological Research.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 16–19).
- 2022 “Teaching.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 16 – 19).
- 2022 “Community Control over Police and Police Investigation of Subjugated Population and Elusive Crimes.” Global Meeting on Law & Society. (July 13–16).
- 2021 “Qualitative Studies of Crime Markets: Variations across Gender, Race, Class, and Place.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 17–20)
- 2021 “Unpacking Racial Innocence and Inequalities in Sentencing.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 17–20) *Canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 Author Meets Critics. “Transgressed: Intimate Partner Violence in Transgender Lives.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 18–21) *Canceled due to COVID-19*
- 2020 Special Topic Panel. “Queer Epistemology and Practices.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) Annual Meeting. (November 18–21) *Canceled due to COVID-19*

Presenter

- 2019 “Queer and Nonbinary Recreational Experiences: Drug Culture in Social Spaces.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 13–16).
- 2019 “Authoritarian Strategy and Dehumanizing Discourse in Duterte's Philippines.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. (March 14–17).

- 2019 “Hypermascularity and the War on Drugs in the Philippines: A Case Study of President Duterte.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. (November 16–19).
- 2014 “The Defense Never Rests: A Glimpse into the World of Criminal Investigation.” Mount Holyoke College Learning From Application Symposium. (October 20–21)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- May 2021–2022
Graduate Research Assistant. “Exploring Prosecutorial Discretion in the Plea-Bargaining Process in Milwaukee and St. Louis Counties.” University of Missouri–St. Louis & Loyola University, Chicago. Project Investigators: Dr. Beth Hubner, Dr. Marisa Omori, Dr. Don Stemen, and Dr. Elizabeth Webster. (Funded by the MacArthur Foundation Safety and Justice Challenge Research Consortium).
- Jan. 2020
Jun–Aug. 2019
Research Assistant. “UMSL Comprehensive School Safety Initiative.” Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis. Project Investigators: Dr. Finn-Aage Esbensen and Dr. Lee Slocum. (Funded by The National Institute of Justice).
- May 2019
Nov. 2018
Graduate Research Assistant. “Women’s Experiences in The Illegal Methamphetamine Market.” Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis. Project Investigators: Dr. Heidi Grundetjern and Dr. Jody Miller.
- Sep.–Oct. 2018
Graduate Research Assistant. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri–St. Louis. Project Investigators: Dr. Jody Miller and Dr. Heidi Grundetjern.
- Mar.–Jun. 2018
Field Research Assistant. “Enhancing Procedural Justice in Hot Spots Policing: A Multi-Site Randomized Trial.” School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Northeastern University. Project Investigators: Dr. Anthony Braga. (Funded by Laura & John Arnold Foundation).
- May 2017–Jan. 2018

Graduate Research Assistant. “Understanding and Preventing Youth Crime: A Comparative Study of France, Germany, The Netherlands, and The United States.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University. (NSF 1419588).

Sep. 2015–May 2016

Department Assistant & Liaison. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Mount Holyoke College.

Jul.–Aug. 2015

Research Assistant. School of Criminal Justice, Boston University.
Project Investigator: Dr. Mary Ellen Mastrorilli.

SKILLS

Computer: Online Teaching Certification (2022); Dedoose (Advanced), NVivo (Intermediate), Google Suite (Intermediate), Research & Investigation (Advanced), Express Script Scribe (Advanced), EpiData (Intermediate), SPSS Familiarity (Basic), STATA (Basic), ArcMapGIS (Basic).

Languages: Spanish (Basic).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Missouri–St. Louis

Instructor

Research Methods in Criminology and Criminal Justice (Fall 2022, online asynchronous; Summer 2022, online asynchronous).

Gender, Crime, and Justice (Spring 2020; Fall 2019; Summer 2019)

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Seminar in Criminology and Criminal Justice: U.S. Policing (Spring 2021, online).

Gender, Crime, and Justice (Fall 2020, hybrid; Spring 2019; Fall 2018)

Northeastern University

Graduate Teaching Assistant

The Right to the City: Exclusion and Justice in the Post-Apartheid City (Summer 2018)

Social Justice Resource Center (Spring 2018; Fall 2017)

Career Fellow (Spring 2018; Fall 2017)

Honors Discovery Teaching Assistant (Fall 2017)

Grading Assistant (Fall 2017)

WORKSHOPS & GUEST LECTURES

Workshops

2021 “LGBTQ Inclusive Language Workshop.” Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. University of Missouri–St. Louis. (April).

2018 “Imposter Syndrome Workshop.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Office of Career Development. Northeastern University.

Guest Lectures

2022 “COVID Prison Project, Graduate School, and Research.” Department of Criminal Justice. Fayetteville State University. (October).

2020 “Qualitative Research and Queer Methodologies.” Department of Sociology. Villanova University. (May)

2019 “Queer Criminology.” Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Missouri–St. Louis. (October).

2018 “Hypermasculinity and the War on Drugs in the Philippines: A Case Study of President Duterte.” Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Northeastern University. (March).

2018 “Political Science Capstone Lecture.” Office of Career Development. Northeastern University. (February).

2017 “Cumulative Disadvantage.” Department of Sociology. Northeastern University. (November)

2017 “Political Science Capstone Lecture.” Office of Career Development. Northeastern University. (November).

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

Oct. 2021–May 2022 Graduate Student Representative. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Missouri–St. Louis.

May–May 2022	President of Graduate Student Association. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Missouri–St. Louis.
Aug.–May 2019	Vice President of Graduate Student Association. Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice. University of Missouri–St. Louis.
Aug.–Dec. 2019	Department Tutor. Department of Sociology. University of Missouri–St. Louis.
Oct. 2017–May 2018	Sociology Representative (Masters Advisory Group). College of Social Sciences and Humanities. Northeastern University.
Sep. 2017–May 2018	Masters Representative. The Committee on Graduate Studies. Northeastern University.
Oct. 2017–May 2018	Co-Leader of the Committee on Diversity and Equity. Department of Sociology and Anthropology. Northeastern University.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

May 2020–Present	Chair of Social Committee. Division of Queer Criminology, American Society of Criminology.
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JOURNAL SERVICE

Reviewer

Deviant Behavior
Special Issue of the Journal of Criminal Justice Education

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Nov. 2016–Present	American Society of Criminology Section Membership: Division of Women and Crime Section Membership: Queer Criminology
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Jan. 2019–Dec. 2020 Eastern Sociological Society

Oct. 2016–Dec. 2019 American Sociological Association
Section Memberships: Crime, Law, and Deviance

Jan. 2014–Dec. 2016 American Psychological Association

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Aug. 2022 –Present “Cure Violence St. Louis Evaluation Qualitative Researcher.”

Dec. 2021 “Consultant.” Mass Mentoring Partnership.

May–Aug. 2014 “Intern Investigator.” New Orleans Public Defenders Office.

May– Aug. 2013 “Intern.” Macomb-Oakland Regional Center.