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EDUCATION

Ph.D. 2004 The School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia
M.A. 1998 Department of Political Science, University of Georgia
B.A. 1993 Department of Political Science, Wichita State University

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

2021-Present. Fellow, Governance Studies, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

2018-Present. Associate Professor of Public Policy with Tenure, Department of Political Science, Howard University, Washington, DC

2017-2018. Associate Professor with Tenure, Department of Political Science & Core Faculty in Urban Studies, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

2013-2017. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science & Core Faculty in Urban Studies, Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

2007-2009. Senior Fellow, Demos: A Network of Ideas and Actions, New York, NY

2006-2013. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University-Newark
Affiliated Faculty: The Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies
American Studies
Graduate School Faculty, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences

2006. Crime & Justice Research Institute Fellow, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH

2004-2006. Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow on Race, Crime & Justice, The Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY

2001-2002. Congressional Fellow, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

2020. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** & Calvin John Smiley, Editors. *Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century: Critical Perspectives of Returning Home*. New York: Routledge (Taylor & Francis Group).
2017. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*. New York, NY: New York University Press. *** Winner of the 2018 *W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Book Award*, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS) ***
2007. Marable, Manning, **Keesha M. Middlemass** & Ian Steinberg, Editors. *Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives: The Racism, Criminal Justice and Law Reader*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan.

SELECT PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

- Forthcoming. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** “Plea Deals and Prisoner Reentry – The Connection that is Missing from Reentry Conversations.” *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*.
2021. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** & Jyl Josephson. “Child Support Enforcement, Poverty & the Creation of New Debtor’s Prison.” *Special Issue of Feminist Formations: The New Status Quo: Essays on Poverty in the United States and Beyond*, 33(1), 96-116.
2021. Gomez, F., Lisa S. Kilpela, **Keesha M. Middlemass** & Carolyn Black Becker. “Sexual trauma uniquely associated with eating disorders: A Replication Study.” *Psychological Trauma: Theory, Research, Practice, and Policy*, 13(2), 202-205. doi: 10.1037/tra0000586.
2021. Becker, Carolyn Black, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Francesca Gomez, & Lisa S. Kilpela. “An Exploratory Examination of Internalized Weight Stigma in a Sample Living with Food Insecurity.” *Body Image*, 37, 238-245. doi: 10.1016/j.bodyim.2021.03.006.
2020. **Middlemass, Keesha M.**, Jessica Cruz, Alexandra Gamboa, Clara Johnson, Brigitte Taylor, Francesca Gomez & Carolyn Black Becker. “Food Insecurity & Dietary Restraint in a Diverse Urban Population.” *Eating Disorders: The Journal of Treatment & Prevention*, doi: 10.1080/10640266.2020.1723343.
2019. Kilpela, Lisa S., Carolyn B. Becker, Francesca Gomez, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Sara E. Espinoza & Nicolas Musi. “Binge Eating Among Older Women: Prevalence Rates and Health Correlates Across Three Unique Samples.” *Innovation in Aging*, 3 (Suppl 1), S927. doi: 10.1093/geroni/igz038.3375.
2019. Becker, Carolyn Black, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Francesca Gomez & Andrea Martinez-Abrego. “Eating Disorder Pathology Among Individuals Living with Food Insecurity: A Replication Study.” *Clinical Psychological Science*, 7(5), 1144-1158. doi: 10.1177/2167702619851811.

2017. Carolyn Becker & **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Brigitte Taylor, Clara Johnson & Francesca Gomez. "Food Insecurity and Eating Disorder Pathology." *International Journal of Eating Disorders*, 50(9), 1031-1040. doi: 10.1002/eat.22735.
2016. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** & CalvinJohn Smiley. "Doing a Bid: The Construction of Time as Punishment." *The Prison Journal*, 96(6), 793-813. doi: 10.1177/0032885516671872.
2016. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** & CalvinJohn Smiley. "Jumpsuit to Button-Down: Clothing used as Resistance in Prisoner Reentry." *Journal of Criminal Justice & Law Review*, 5(1-2), 63-80.
2016. Smiley, CalvinJohn & **Keesha M. Middlemass**. "Clothing Makes the Man: Impression Management and Prisoner Reentry." *Punishment & Society*, 18(2), 220-243.

SELECT BOOK CHAPTERS

2020. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Education's Failed Promise: How Public Policies 'Educate' a Criminal Underclass" in *Moving Beyond Recidivism: Expanding Approaches to Research on Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration*, edited by Andrea Leverentz, Elsa Chen, & Johnna Christian. New York University Press.
2019. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Felony Conviction as a Roboprocess" (p. 77-90) in *Life by Algorithms: How Roboprocesses are Remaking Our World*, edited by Catherine Besteman & Hugh Gusterson. University of Chicago Press.
2018. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Hiding in Plain Sight: Black Women Felons Reentering Society" (p. 69-96) in *Black Political Women in Politics: Demanding Citizenship, Challenging Power, and Seeking Justice* edited by Julia Jordan-Zachary & Nikol Alexander-Floyd. SUNY Press.
2015. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "War as Metaphor: The Convergence of the War on Poverty & the War on Drugs" (p. 85-104) in *The War on Poverty* edited by Kyle Farmby. Lexington Books.

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

RECENT INVITED PLENARY & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

2022. Keynote Speaker, "Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century." Central Ohio Reentry Week.
2021. Keynote Panelist, "The Outcasts: Prisoner Reentry & Social Justice." Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Center for Social Justice, Research, Teaching & Service. Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. (June)
2021. Keynote Panelist, "Diversity & Equity," Association of Jesuit Colleges & Universities (AJCU), National Social Justice Conference (June)

2021. Keynote Speaker, “Return to Citizenship, Return to Love: The Church Responds to the Prisoner Re-Entry Crisis” hosted by Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL (June)
2021. Keynote Panelist, U.S. Department of Labor, Women’s Bureau, Southeast Region IV, “Gendered Prisoner Reentry” (open *only* to US Department of Labor staff; April)
2020. Keynote Panelist, U.S. Pre-Election Panel of Experts, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, Canada’s Premier Public Policy School (October)
2020. Keynote Speaker, “Reforming the Prison System.” John Howard Association of Illinois (October)
2020. Walker Horizon Keynote Panelist, “Anti-Blackness, Contentious Politics, and the 2020 Presidential Elections,” DePauw University, Greencastle, IL (October)
2020. Keynote Panelist, “The Outcasts: Prisoner Reentry & Social Justice.” Justice in Jesuit Higher Education, Center for Social Justice, Research, Teaching & Service. Georgetown University, Washington, DC (June). Cancelled COVID-19
2020. Walker Horizon Keynote Speaker, “Returning to What? Prisoner Reentry and Public Policies.” DePauw University, Greencastle, IL (April). Cancelled COVID-19
2020. Keynote Speaker, “Equity & Access in an (In)Hospitable World.” 2020 Teach-In On Social Justice at Benedictine University, Lisle, IL (March)
2019. Keynote Speaker, “Public Policies & Returning Citizens.” It’s All Connected: A Holistic Approach to Reentry, Safer Foundation, Chicago, IL (October)

INVITED BOOK TALKS: Convicted & Condemned: The Politics & Policies of Prisoner Reentry

2022. DePaul University
School of Divinity, Howard University
Schar School of Policy & Government, George Mason University
2021. Northern Seminary, Lisle, Illinois
University of Georgia, Athens, GA
University of Virginia
CUNY, Hunter College
University of Southern Florida, Sarasota-Manatee
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
2020. University of Southern California (Schwarzenegger Institute)
Howard University, Virtual Homecoming
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
2019. Salve Regina University, Newport, RI
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Howard University, School of Divinity

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

2018. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR
 University of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA
 Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

SELECT INVITED RESEARCH TALKS

2021. Kaufmann Foundation Research Forum, *From Incarceration to Entrepreneurship for Returning Citizens: "What Do We Know?"* (February).
2020. "The Politics and Policies of Reentry." Sojourners: Theology and Racialized Policing Cohort Program. Howard University School of Divinity and the Christian Community Development Association (April).
2018. "Prisoner Reentry, Race & the Urban Community." Shadows of the Prison, Conference hosted by Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR), Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (April).
2016. "Paddyrollers: The First Southern Police Force?" Conference on Policing & Race, The University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH (January).
2013. "Doing Gender in the Field," Columbia University & the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, Challenging Punishment: Race, Public Health, and the War on Drugs, New York, NY (October).
2012. "I Ain't Going Back: Prisoner Reentry & the Gray Area Between Success & Failure," Rutgers University-Newark Interdisciplinary Research Symposium, Newark NJ (April).
2010. "Socially Disabled Because of a Felony Conviction," RU ReEntry Roundtable, Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, NJ (November).
2010. "Once Sentenced, Twice Punished: The Collateral Consequences of a Felony Conviction," Chancellor's Annual Research Symposium, Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, NJ (April).
2010. "Excluded and Disabled," 4th Annual Faculty Forum on Race & Ethnicity, Center for Race and Ethnicity, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ (April).
2010. "Racial Inequality and the Challenge of a Post-Racial Society: Race, Rights and Public Policy in the Age of Obama," Symposium co-sponsored by the Princeton University Program in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA), the Rutgers Center for Race and Ethnicity (CRE) and the Rutgers Department of Political Science, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (March).

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

2022. “The Unvaccinated: Social Media, Disinformation, and the Black Community” with Roger Caruth. National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Virtual Conference (March).
2021. “Prisoner Reentry and Eating Disorder Pathology: Factors that Impact Disordered Eating Risk for Individuals with a History of Incarceration and/or a Felony Conviction” with Francesca Gomez, Aria Gaston-Panthaki, & Carolyn B. Becker. 55th Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Virtual Conference (November).
2020. “Prisoners and COVID-19.” African Americans and the Corona Virus: At the Intersections of Policy, Politics and Public Health. Hosted by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists Online Townhall (April).
2019. “Binge Eating Among Older Women: A Three-Sample Comparison of Prevalence Rates” with Lisa S. Kilpela, Francesca Gomez, & Carolyn Black Becker. 53rd Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA (November).
2019. “Assessing Pre-Diabetes Risk Among Individuals with Food Insecurity: Is There Risk and Is Self-Reported Weight Accurate?” with Maribel Plasencia, Francesca Gomez, & Carolyn Black Becker. 53rd Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA (November 21-24).
2019. “Prisoner Reentry & the Challenge of Being Food Insecure” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August).
2019. “Marginalized & Hungry: The Intersection of Mental Health & Food Insecurity in the Returning Prison Population” 50th Anniversary of the National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Baton Rouge, LA (March).
2019. “Traumatic event exposure within marginalized populations: What is the association to food insecurity and eating disorder pathology?” with Francesca Gomez, Lisa S. Kilpela, Clara Johnson, Brigitte Taylor, & Carolyn Black Becker. International Conference on Eating Disorders, New York, NY (March).
2018. Author Meets Critics, *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (November).
2018. “Food Insecurity & the Returning Prison Population” with Carolyn Becker, and undergraduate students Francesca Gomez & Calista Struby. Western Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (March).
2017. “Forced Unemployment of Felons: A Legitimate Use of the Law?” American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (September).
2017. “Black Women: Excluded from Protection, Criminalized for Their Existence” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Diego, CA (March).

2016. “Investigating the Relationship Between Food Insecurity and Eating Disorder Symptomatology” with Carolyn Becker, with undergraduate students Brigitte Taylor & Clara Johnson. 50th Annual Convention of the Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York, NY (October).
2016. “Two Cities on a Divergent Path: Police Violence & Race, Baltimore & San Antonio” with undergraduate student Brendan Kennedy. American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (September).
2016. “Slave Patrols were the First Southern Police Force” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, MS (March).

TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Invited Classroom Speaker

2022. *Politics & Social Justice in the United States*, Department of Political Science, DePaul University
2021. *Prisoner Reentry & Recidivism*, Department of Criminology, University of South Florida, Sarasota-Manatee
- 2021 & 2020. *Probation, Parole & Community Corrections*, Department of Criminal Justice, Anthropology, & Forensic Studies, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania
2021. *Criminal Justice & Public Policy*, Department of Sociology, CUNY-Hunter
2020. *Ministry and Criminal Justice* (graduate course), School of Divinity, Howard University
2020. *Civic Engagement & Community Development*, Department of Political Science, Towson University (Townson, MD)
2020. *Political Reform: Fixing American Democracy* (Critical Issues in American Politics graduate course), University of Southern California (Los Angeles, CA)
2020. *Capstone Course in Criminal Justice & African American Studies* (interdisciplinary cross-listed service-learning course), Department of African American Studies, Ball State University (Muncie, IN)
2019. *Crime & Punishment*, Department of Sociology and Criminology, McMurry University (Abilene, TX)
2019. *Introduction to Justice, Community & Leadership*, Justice, Community, and Leadership Program, St. Mary’s College of California (Moraga, CA)
2019. *Sociology of Prisoner Reentry* (graduate seminar), Department of Sociology, Ohio University (Athens, OH)

2018. *Race & Society* and *Race, Class & Gender in America*, Department of Political Science, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville

2018. *Race, Class, Gender, & Crime*, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Bolder

SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Service to Howard University, Washington, D.C.

2021-Present. Howard Forward Professional Development Group

2021-Present. Faculty Senate, Member of the Community Relations, Student & Alumni Affairs Committee

2020-Present. Search Committee, Member, Ronald W. Walters Endowed Chair in Race & Black Politics

2020-Present. Chair, Undergraduate Curriculum Review & Revisions Committee

2021-Present. Member, Undergraduate Studies Committee

2019-2021. Director, Undergraduate Studies, Department of Political Science

2019-Present. Dissertation Committees

2019. Member, Search Committee for Chair of the Department of Political Science

2018-Present. Advisor, Undergraduate Honors Thesis

2018-Present. Member, Appointments, Promotions and Tenure (APT) Committee

2018-Present. Member, Public Policy & American Doctoral Examination Committee

Tenure & Promotion – External Reviewer

2021. External Reviewer of Department, Department of Political Science, DePauw University

2021. External Reviewer, Tenure & Promotion Dossier, Department of Political Science, Elon University

2021. External Reviewer of Division of Social & Behavior Sciences, University of the District of Columbia (Departments and Programs Reviewed: Crime, Justice & Security Studies, Administration of Justice, Human Development, Homeland Security, Political Science, Psychology)

2020-2021. External Reviewer of Tenure & Promotion Dossier, Department of Political Science, DePauw University

2019-2020. External Reviewer of Tenure & Promotion Dossier, Department of Political Science, Clark Atlanta University

2017-2018. External Reviewer of Promotion Dossier, Department of Political Science, Swarthmore College

Advisory & Editorial Boards

2020. Member, Presidential Task Force to Develop the Association's Response to the Coronavirus. American Political Science Association's (APSA)

2017-2020. Member, Executive Committee, National Conference of Black Political Scientists

2005-2009. Member, Editorial Board, *SOULS: A Critical Journal of Black Politics, Culture, and Society*

Service to the Community

- 2021. Guest Speaker, San Francisco Public Library's Jail & Reentry Services Department & Oakland Public Library Dialogue
- 2021. Guest, "Race & Policing Podcast – Technology, Policing and Criminal Justice (Tech Tank Podcast), Brookings Institution
- 2020. Guest Speaker, "Online Community of Healing: Families of the Incarcerated"
- 2020. "This is Not a Drill," Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles, Virtual Townhall Meeting.
- 2019-Present. Volunteer, Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop: Empowering Young Inmates Through Writing
- 2018. "Sisters in the Struggle: Black Women and the 2018 Election" Panel Discussion with Nia-Malika Henderson (Senior Political Reporter, CNN), Dr. Keneshia Grant and Dr. Niambi Carter
- 2016-2017. Member, San Antonio Police Department's 21st Century Policing Committee
- 2015. Speaker, Junior League of San Antonio, "Legalization of Marijuana" (September)
- 2015. Moderator, City of San Antonio Mayoral Debate. Second Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas. (April)

SELECT COMPETITIVE GRANTS

- 2020. \$250,000 Knight Foundation Grant, Lead Principal Investigator: "Black and Urban Digital Protections and Democratic Knowledges in Washington, D.C." with Roger Caruth, Brandon Hogan, Kim Michelle Lewis, Bahiyyah Muhammad
- 2017. \$3,000 Murchison Summer Research Institute, Food Matters Lab, with undergraduate students Calista Struby, Eden White, and Paula Guterrez, Trinity University.
- 2016. \$1,000 Murchison Summer Research Institute, "Survey on Attitudes Towards Police in San Antonio," with undergraduate student Brendan Kennedy, Trinity University.
- 2014. \$500, Course Redesign. Assignment Design Circle, Center for Teaching and Learning, Trinity University.
- 2014. \$1,000. Course Design Stipend. Trinity University. Development of First-Year Experience Interdisciplinary Seminar.
- 2014-2016. \$15,000. John Rogers Faculty Fellow, Trinity University.
- 2008. \$25,000 Academic Excellence Fund, Rutgers University, "An Interdisciplinary Collaborative: Programmatic Social-Behavioral Science Research Informing Public Policy about the Collateral Consequences of a Felony Conviction," Co-Principal Investigator.

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2018. W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Best Book Award for *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*. New York, NY: New York University Press. Presented by the National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)
- 2017. Distinguished Achievement Award for Research & Teaching, Trinity University
- 2016. Alpha Phi Omega, "The Brightest Bulb" Winner (student nominated award), Trinity University

EXPERT TESTIMONY & OTHER PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2021. Participant, White House Listening Session, Employment for Formerly Incarcerated Persons: Perspectives of Returning Women Seeking Employment
- 2020-Present. Consultant. Women’s Equity Center and Action Network (WE CAN). Workforce & Juvenile Justice Program
- 2019-Present. Consultant, Safer Foundation (Chicago)
- 2020-Present. Consultant, Partnership for Reentry (national reentry organization made up of representatives from different groups – DOC, direct service providers, policy advocates, researchers, treatment providers, ACLU, and abolitionist groups)
- 2017-2018. Consultant, Convergence: Center for Policy Resolution, “Reentry Ready: Reducing Recidivism During and after Incarceration,” Washington, DC
- 2012. Project Director, “Survey of County Elected Officials.” Democracy Program, The Brennan Center of Justice, New York, NY
- 2005-2007. Coordinator, Africana Criminal Justice Program, The Institute for Research in African American Studies, Columbia University, New York, NY

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

- 2022. *Vice News*, Prisoner Reentry Panel Discussion
- 2022. *The Washington Post*, Expert, “He Got a Second Chance After 27 Years in Prison. Then He Went Missing” (Feb 11)
- 2022. *WHUT*, Screening & Discussion of the Film, *Apart* (Jan 28)
- 2021-Present. *PBS NewsHour*, Media Consultant, Knology (On-Going)
- 2021. *PBS NewsHour*, “Searching for Justice” Panel Discussion (Dec 7)
- 2021. *Maryland Public Television*, American Policing in Black & Brown Communities (May 20)
- 2021. *Canadian National Television*, Biden’s Inaugural Speech to Congress (April 28)
- 2021. *Canadian National Television*, Presidential Impeachment II: What to Expect (Feb 9)
- 2021. *Canadian National Television*, The Incoming Biden Administration & Covid-19 (Jan 20)
- 2021. *Canadian National Television*, Domestic Terrorism at the U.S. Capitol (Jan 7)
- 2021. *Canadian National Television*, Leaked Telephone Conversation Between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State Prior to Georgia U.S. Senate Run-Off Elections (Jan 4)
- 2020. *The Bulletin.org*, “A team of Howard University Researchers Wants to Know How Disinformation Impacts Black People” (Dec 3)
- 2020. *Canadian National Television*, “Harris as VP and Her Role for Young Girls” (Nov 7)
- 2020. *Canadian National Television*, Presidential Election, Expert on American Politics (Nov 3)
- 2020. *Los Angeles Times*, “‘What You Reap, You Sow.’ Many Americans Find It Hard to Feel Sympathy for Covid-19 Afflicted Trump” (Oct 9)
- 2020. *Story in the Public Square*, PBS/SiriusXM Satellite Radio Show (Jan 3)
- 2018. *KUAF*, Kyle Kellams Show (Ozarks at Large), “Difficulties Reentering Society” (April 2)
- 2017. *WNYC*, The Brian Lehrer Show, “The Challenges of Prisoner Reentry” (July 6)
- 2017. *KFPA*, The Kat Brooks Show (Berkeley, California), “Contemporary Outlaws” (June 7)
- 2017. *WURD*, The Nick Taliaferro Show (Philadelphia), “The Reentry Project” (Feb 7)