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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. The School of Public & International Affairs, University of Georgia
Research Fields: Public Policy, American Politics & Public Administration
- M.A. Department of Political Science, University of Georgia
- B.A. Department of Political Science, Wichita State University
Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-Present. Fellow, Governance Studies & Race, Prosperity & Inclusion Initiative, Brookings Institution, Washington, DC
- 2025-Present. Professor, Department of Political Science, Howard University, Washington, DC
2018-2025. Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Howard University
- 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, Trinity University
- 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
2006. Crime & Justice Research Institute Fellow, Racial Democracy, Crime & Justice Network (RDCJN), Ohio State University, Columbus, OH
- 2005-2006. Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University
- 2004-2006. Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow on Race, Crime & Justice, The Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY
- 2002-2004. Assistant Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas
- 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*. Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
2017. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*. New York University Press.
- *** Winner, 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*. Palgrave Macmillan.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

2025. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** “The Politics of Oppression and Power: Applying the Work of Dr. Mae Coates King to the Criminal Legal System.” *Politics, Groups, & Identities*, XX(X). 1-21, doi.org/10.1080/21565503.2025.2466569
2023. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** “Plea Deals & Prisoner Reentry – The Connection That is Missing from Reentry Conversations.” *Ohio State Journal of Criminal Law*, 20(1), 27-70.
2023. Victoria Marshall, Savannah Hooper, Francesca Gomez, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Lisa Kilpela, & Carolyn Becker. “Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Other Mental Health Correlates in a Predominantly Latino/Hispanic Sample Living with Food Insecurity.” *Psychological Trauma*, 15(7), 1094-1101. doi.org/10.1037/tra0001503
2023. Savannah Hooper, Lisa Kilpela, Francesca Gomez, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, & Carolyn Becker. “Eating Disorder Pathology in a Sample of Midlife and Older Adults Experiencing Food Insecurity.” *Eating Behaviors*, 49, 101742. doi.org/10.1016/j.eatbeh.2023.101742
2021. **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*, 29, 616-229. doi.org/10.1080/10640266.2020.1723343
- *** 2021 Article of the Year, Informing Prevention ***
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.org/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.org/10.1016/j.bodyim.2021.03.006
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.
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.
2018. Becker, Carolyn Black, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Clara Johnson, Brigitte Taylor, Francesca Gomez & Autumn Sutherland. "Traumatic Event Exposure Associated with Increased Food Insecurity and Eating Disorder Pathology." *Public Health & Nutrition*, 21(16), 3058-3066.
2017. Becker, Carolyn & **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.org/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.org/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, Special Issue: Revolutionary Criminology*, 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.
2015. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "The Need to Resurrect Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965." *Journal of Economic Development and Social Justice*, 28(1), 61-105.
2011. Boxer, Paul, Ashley Schappell, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, with undergraduate students Tahlia DeLorenzo & Ignacio Mercado. "Cognitive and Emotional Covariates of Violence Exposure Among Former Prisoners: Links to Antisocial Behavior and Emotional Distress and Implications for Theory." *Aggressive Behavior*, 37(5), 465-475.
2010. Grose, Christian R. & **Keesha M. Middlemass**. "Listen to What I Say, Not How I Vote: Congressional Position-Taking in Support of the President in Franked Mailings." *Social Science Quarterly*, 91(1), 143-167.
2009. Boxer, Paul, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, with undergraduate student Tahlia Delorenzo. "Exposure to Violent Crime During Incarceration: Effects on Psychological Adjustment Following Release." *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 36, 793-807.

2007. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** & Christian R. Grose. "The Three Presidencies? Legislative Position-Taking in Support of the President on Domestic, Foreign and Homeland Security Policies in the 107th Congress." *Congress & the Presidency*, 34(2), 57-80.
2006. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Rehabilitated but Not Fit to Vote: A Comparative Racial Analysis of Felon Disenfranchisement Laws." *SOULS: Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives*, 8(2), 22-39.
2006. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "America at the Crossroads." *SOULS: Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives*, 8(2), 1-6.
2001. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Voting Rights Policy: Preclearance and the Voting Rights Act of 1965: An Analysis of Louisiana." *The American Review of Politics*, 22, 175-194.

REFEREED BOOK CHAPTERS

- Under Review. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Florida! Florida! Florida! The Resurrected Effort to Erase Black Voters from the Electorate" in *The 10th Anniversary of Shelby County, Al v. Holder (2013)* edited by Tyson King-Meadows, Andra Gillespie, & D'Andra Orey.
2024. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** and Roger Caruth. "Black Digital Spaces & the Pandemic: Developing Black Social Presence Theory" in *Black Communication Theories, 2nd Edition*, edited by Kehbuma Langmia.
2020. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Education's Failed Promise: How Public Policies 'Educate' a Criminal Underclass" (pp. 275-292) in *Beyond Recidivism: Expanding Approaches to Research on Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration*, edited by Andrea Leverentz, Elsa Chen, & Johnna Christian. New York University Press.
2020. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Black Women Excluded from Protection and Criminalized for Their Existence" (145-156) in *Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century: Critical Perspectives of Returning Home*, edited by Keesha M. Middlemass & Calvin John Smiley. Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
2020. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** and Calvin John Smiley. "Introduction: Critical Reentry in the 21st Century" (1-10) in *Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century: Critical Perspectives of Returning Home*, edited by Keesha M. Middlemass & Calvin John Smiley. Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
2020. Smiley, Calvin John and **Keesha M. Middlemass.** "Conclusion: What's Next for Critical Reentry" (409-414) in *Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century: Critical Perspectives of Returning Home*, edited by Keesha M. Middlemass & Calvin John Smiley. Routledge/Taylor & Francis.
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 Farmbry. Lexington Books.
2014. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "The Belly of the Beast" (p. 213-232) in *The Organic Globalizer: Hip Hop, Political Development & Movement Culture* edited by Christopher Malone & George Martinez. Bloomsbury USA Academic.
2010. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Barack Obama and the Black Electorate in Georgia: Identifying the Disenfranchised" (p. 209-224) in *Barack Obama and African American Empowerment: The Rise of Black America's New Leadership* edited by Manning Marable & Kristen Clarke. Palgrave Macmillan.
2010. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Racial Politics and Voter Suppression in Georgia" (p. 7-24) in *African Americans in Georgia: A Reflection of Politics and Policy in the New South* edited by Pearl K. Ford. Mercer University Press.
*** Nominated, 2011 V.O. Key Best Book Award on Southern Politics ***
2010. Menifield, Charles E., Peter W. Wielhouwer, & **Keesha M. Middlemass.** "African American Representation in the Georgia General Assembly: Agents for Change?" (p. 98-124) in *African Americans in Georgia: A Reflection of Politics and Policy in the New South* edited by Pearl K. Ford. Mercer University Press.
*** Nominated, 2011 V.O. Key Best Book Award on Southern Politics ***
2007. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Unfit to Vote: A Racial Analysis of Felon Disenfranchisement Laws" (p. 217-236) in *Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives: The Racism, Criminal Justice and Law Reader* edited by Manning Marable, Ian Steinberg, & Keesha M. Middlemass. Palgrave Macmillan.
2007. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "The Carceral State of America" (p. 373-380) in *Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives: The Racism, Criminal Justice and Law Reader* edited by Manning Marable, Ian Steinberg, & Keesha M. Middlemass. Palgrave Macmillan.
2006. **Middlemass, Keesha M.** "Southern Cities & Preclearance: The U.S. Department of Justice and the Voting Rights Act of 1965" (p. 352-364) in *The Black Urban Community: From Dusk to Dawn* edited by Lewis Randolph & Gayle T. Tate. Palgrave Macmillan.
2004. Shaffer, Stephen D., Charles E. Menifield, Peter W. Wielhouwer & **Keesha M. Middlemass.** "An Introduction to Southern Legislative Coalitions" (p. 1-16) in *Politics in the New South: Representation of African-Americans in State Legislatures* edited by Charles E. Menifield & Stephen Shaffer. SUNY Press.
*** Winner, 2006 V.O. Key Best Book Award on Southern Politics ***

2004. Wielhouwer, Peter W. & **Keesha M. Middlemass**. "Black Representation in Georgia" (p. 73-106) in *Politics in the New South: Representation of African-Americans in State Legislatures* edited by Charles E. Menifield & Stephen Shaffer. SUNY Press.
 *** Winner, 2006 V.O. Key Best Book Award on Southern Politics ***

BOOK REVIEWS, OTHER PUBLICATIONS, & PUBLIC WORKS

2025. Book Review of *Mass Incarceration Nation: How the United States Became Addicted to Prisons and Jails and How it Can Recover* by Jeffrey Bellin (University of Cambridge Press, 2023). *National Review of Black Politics* XXX.
2023. Book Review of *Labor and Punishment: Work In and Out of Prison* by Erin Hatton (University of California Press, 2021). *Contemporary Sociology*, 52(4), 305-309.
2022. "April is Second Chance Month" <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/april-is-second-chance-month/>
2022. "Misinformation is Eroding the Public's Confidence in Democracy" with Garbiel R. Sanchez. <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/misinformation-is-eroding-the-publics-confidence-in-democracy/>
2021. "Did Citizens Use of Technology Deliver Justice for George Floyd? | The TechTank Podcast. <https://www.brookings.edu/articles/did-citizens-use-of-technology-deliver-justice-for-george-floyd-the-techtank-podcast/>
2020. "COVID-19 & Prisons" in *American Politics and the African American Quest for Universal Freedom, 2nd Edition*, Hanes Walton, Jr., Robert C. Smith, & Sherri L. Wallace. Routledge.
2019. "Black Lives Matter" in *Political Groups, Parties, and Organizations that Shaped America* [3 Volumes]: *An Encyclopedia and Document Collection* edited by Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward. ABC-Clio.
2019. "Black Panther Party" in *Political Groups, Parties, and Organizations that Shaped America* [3 Volumes]: *An Encyclopedia and Document Collection* edited by Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward. ABC-Clio.
2019. "Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party" in *Political Groups, Parties, and Organizations that Shaped America* [3 Volumes]: *An Encyclopedia and Document Collection* edited by Scott Ainsworth and Brian Harward. ABC-Clio.
2017. Book Review of *Punishment & Inclusion: Race, Membership, and the Limits of American Liberalism* by Andrew Dilts (Fordham University Press, 2014). *The Journal of Race, Ethnicity & Politics*, 2(2), 366-369.
2017. Book Review of *Race, Class & Gender: An Anthology, 9th Edition* by Margaret L. Andersen & Patricia Hill Collins (Cengage Learning, 2016). *Public Administration Review*, 77(2), 255-259.

2015. Book Review of *The Ex-Prisoner's Dilemma: How Women Negotiate Competing Narratives of Reentry and Desistance* by Andrea Leverentz (Rutgers University Press, 2014). *Criminal Law & Criminal Justice Books* (<http://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/>).
2013. Book Review of *When the Letter Betrays the Spirit: Voting Rights Enforcement and African American Participation from Lyndon Johnson to Barack Obama* by Tyson King-Meadows (Lexington Books, 2011). *Perspectives on Politics*, 11(3), 904-905.
2009. Book Review of *Representative Democracy: Legislators and their Constituents* by Michael Mezey (Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc., 2008). *Political Science Quarterly*, 124(3), 580-581.
2006. Book Review of *Shaping Race Policy: The United States in Comparative Perspective* by Robert C. Lieberman (Princeton University Press, 2005). *SOULS: Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives*, 8(2), 92-95.
2005. Book Review of *Race, Ethnicity, and the Politics of City Redistricting: Minority-Opportunity Districts and the Election of Hispanics and Blacks to City Councils* by Joshua G. Behr (SUNY Press, 2004). *The American Review of Politics*, 25, 373-375.
2001. "Redistricting: Georgia's Experience" (p. 1-21) in *Selected Bibliography of the State Legislature as an Institution* edited by David Warner. Maryland Department of Legislative Services (Spring).

COMPETITIVE GRANTS

- 2025-2027. Funded, \$500,000. Principal Investigator, "Clean Slate in Virginia: Closing the 'Second Chance Gap,'" The Clean Slate Initiative (<https://www.cleanslateinitiative.org/>)
2023. Not Funded. \$500,000, National Institute of Justice: NIJ FY23 Research and Evaluation on Jails, Lead Principal Investigator: "Continuity of Care Into and Out of Carceral Settings" with Dr. Carlotta Norwood, Sociology
2020. Funded. \$250,000 Knight Foundation Grant, Lead Principal Investigator: "Black and Urban Digital Protections and Democratic Knowledges in Washington, DC" with Roger Caruth, Kim Michelle Lewis, & Bahiyyah Muhammad
2017. Funded. \$3,000 Murchison Summer Research Institute, Faculty Advisor: "Food Matters Lab" with undergraduate students Calista Struby, Eden White, & Paula Guterrez
2016. \$1,000 Murchison Summer Research Institute, Faculty Advisor: "Survey on Attitudes Towards Police in San Antonio" with undergraduate student Brendan Kennedy
- 2014-2016. \$15,000 John Rogers Faculty Fellow, Trinity University
2008. Funded. \$25,000 Academic Excellence Fund, Co-Principal Investigator with Paul Boxer: "An Interdisciplinary Collaborative: Programmatic Social-Behavioral Science Research Informing Public Policy about the Collateral Consequences of a Felony Conviction," Rutgers University-Newark
2008. \$7,500 Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies Summer Faculty Award, Principal Investigator: "A Criminal Background Check, A Felony Conviction and No Place to Sleep," Rutgers University-Newark

SELECT SCHOLARLY PRESENTATIONS

INVITED KEYNOTE SPEAKER & PLENARY PANELS

- 2024. Keynote Speaker, “What’s on the Ballot for Black Americans: Voting Advocacy & Policy,” *National Colloquium on African American Health*, The National Medical Association (NMA, April)
- 2024. Chair & Moderator, “Criminal Justice Reform, Reentry, and Political Engagement” Opening Plenary, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (NCOBPS)
- 2023. Keynote Speaker, Presidential Panel, *The 50th Anniversary of Mass Incarceration*, American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia (Nov)
- 2022. Keynote Speaker, *Women’s House of Detention: A Queer History of a Forgotten Prison* by Hugh Ryan, CUNY-Hunter College (June)
- 2022. Keynote Speaker, “Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century,” *Central Ohio Reentry Week* (April)
- 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, “Prisoner Reentry & the Role of the Black Church,” *Return to Citizenship, Return to Love: The Church Responds to the Prisoner Re-Entry Crisis*, Northern Seminary, Lisle, IL (June)
- 2021. Keynote Panelist, “Yale Interfaith Conference on Faith Communities Ending Mass Incarceration: Let My People Go” (Feb)
- 2020. Keynote Panelist, U.S. Pre-Election Panel of Experts, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, Canada’s Premier Public Policy School (Oct)
- 2020. Keynote Panelist, “Election 2020: Digital Democracy,” A Joint Brookings, Howard University, & Knight Foundation Virtual Event about Misinformation and the 2020 presidential election (Oct)
- 2020. Keynote Speaker, “Reforming the Prison System,” John Howard Association of Illinois (Oct)
- 2020. Walker Horizon Keynote Panelist, “Anti-Blackness, Contentious Politics, and the 2020 Presidential Elections,” DePauw University, Greencastle, IL (Oct)
- 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 (Cancelled COVID-19)
- 2020. Walker Horizon Keynote Speaker, “Returning to What? Prisoner Reentry and Public Policies,” DePauw University, Greencastle, IL (Cancelled COVID-19)
- 2020. Keynote Speaker, “Equity & Access in an (In)Hospitable World,” 2020 Teach-In on Social Justice at Benedictine University, Lisle, IL (Mar)
- 2019. Keynote Speaker, “Public Policies & Returning Citizens,” It’s All Connected: A Holistic Approach to Reentry, Safer Foundation, Chicago (Oct)
- 2017. Keynote Speaker, “Eating Disorders in Marginalized Populations: What is the Impact of Food Insecurity?” with Carolyn Becker, *Binge Eating Disorder Association & the National Eating Disorder Association Joint Conference*, Brooklyn (Nov)
- 2017. Opening Plenary Panelist, “Black Politics at an Intersection: Challenging Persistent Inequities,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Diego (Mar)

2017. Keynote Speaker, “The New U.S. Attorney General and Federal Crime Policy,” Eastern State Penitentiary Historical Society Searchlight Series: Conversations about Crime, Justice, and the American Prison System, Philadelphia, PA (Feb)

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

- 2024 Brooklyn Law School
 2023 School of Divinity, Howard University
 University of Minnesota
 2022 Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University
 School of Divinity, Howard University
 Schar School of Policy & Government, George Mason University
 2021 Roosevelt House, CUNY-Hunter College
 Northern Seminary (Lisle, Illinois)
 University of Virginia
 University of Georgia
 2020 Howard University, Virtual Homecoming
 DePauw University
 Towson University
 Ball State University
 Schwarzenegger Institute, University of Southern California
 2019 Georgetown University
 Emory University
 Salve Regina University (Newport, RI)
 School of Divinity, Howard University
 2018 University of Arkansas, Fayetteville
 Trinity University, San Antonio, TX
 University of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA

SELECT INVITED RESEARCH TALKS

2023. “Food Insecurity & A Criminal Record: Who Can Access Public Benefits?” UNC-Charlotte, Department of Political Science & Public Administration (April)
 2020. “Prisoners and COVID-19,” *African Americans and the Corona Virus: At the Intersections of Policy, Politics and Public Health*, Virtual Townhall, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (April)
 2020. “The Politics and Policies of Reentry,” *Sojourners: Theology and Racialized Policing Cohort Program*, The Christian Community Development Association (April)
 2018. “Prisoner Reentry, Race & the Urban Community,” *Shadows of the Prison*, Students for Prison Education and Reform (SPEAR), Princeton University (April)
 2016. “Paddyrollers: The First Southern Police Force?” *Conference on Policing & Race*, The University of Cincinnati (Jan)
 2013. “Doing Gender in the Field,” *Challenging Punishment: Race, Public Health, and the War on Drugs*, Columbia University & Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (Oct)
 2013. “Incognito: Living Under the Pressure of a Felony Conviction,” *Challenging Punishment: Historicizing the War on Drugs, Race, and Public Health*, Black Atlantic Seminar Series, Rutgers University-New Brunswick (April)

- 2012. "I Ain't Going Back: Prisoner Reentry & the Gray Area Between Success & Failure," *Interdisciplinary Research Symposium*, Rutgers University-Newark (April)
- 2011. "Gender Responsive Strategies for Justice-Involved Women," *Evidence-Based Initiative for Justice Policies & Practices*, School of Criminal Justice & Rutgers School of Law (Oct)
- 2010. "Social Disability," *Crime and Punishment*, Princeton University (Dec)
- 2010. "Exiled at Home: Social Disability and a Felony Conviction," *Women of Color Research Symposium*, Rutgers University-Newark (Sept)
- 2010. "The Politics of Punishment: Doing Time in Hard Times," American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (Sept)
- 2010. "Once Sentenced, Twice Punished: The Collateral Consequences of a Felony Conviction," *Chancellor's Annual Research Symposium*, Rutgers University-Newark (April)
- 2010. "Excluded and Disabled," *4th Annual Faculty Forum on Race & Ethnicity*, Rutgers University-New Brunswick (April)
- 2010. "Racial Inequality and the Challenge of a Post-Racial Society: Race, Rights and Public Policy in the Age of Obama," *Symposium*, Law & Public Affairs and Center for Race and Ethnicity, Princeton University (Mar)
- 2008. "Public Housing and a Felony Conviction," *Department of Psychology*, Rutgers University-Newark (Nov)

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025. "Clean Slate Laws: Sealing Criminal Records to Aid Prisoner Reentry Efforts," American Political Science Association (Sept)
- 2025. "Prisoner Reentry: Living Betwixt and Between Success and Failure," Southern Political Science Association Meeting (Jan)
- 2024. "Celebs & Criminal Justice Reform: Social Media Hype or Real Policy Change?" with Synia Taitt and Malcolm Shelby, American Political Science Association (Sept)
- 2024. "The Politics of Oppression and Power: Applying the Work of Dr. Mae Coates King to the Criminal Legal System," National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Mar)
- 2024. "Florida! Florida! Florida! The Resurrected Effort to Erase Black Voters from the Electorate," National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Mar)
- 2023. "Food Insecurity & a Criminal History: Who Can Access Public Benefits?" National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Mar)
- 2022. "The Pandemic & Black Politics: The Spread of Mis- & Disinformation on Social Media" with Roger Caruth, American Political Science Association (Sept)
- 2022. "The Unvaccinated: Social Media, Disinformation, and the Black Community" with Roger Caruth, National Conference of Black Political Scientists (Mar)
- 2021. "Prisoner Reentry & 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 Becker, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies (Nov)
- 2019. "Binge Eating Among Older Women: A Three-Sample Comparison of Prevalence Rates" with Lisa S. Kilpela, Francesca Gomez, & Carolyn Becker, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta (Nov)
- 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 Becker, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta (Nov)

- 2019. “Prisoner Reentry & the Challenge of Being Food Insecure,” American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (Aug)
- 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 (Mar)
- 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 Becker, International Conference on Eating Disorders, New York (Mar)
- 2018. Author Meets Critics, *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta (Nov)
- 2018. Author Meets Critics: New Books on Black Politics and Race, *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*, American Political Science Association, Boston (Sept)
- 2018. “Food Insecurity & the Returning Prison Population” with Carolyn Becker, Francesca Gomez & Calista Struby, Western Political Science Association, San Francisco (Mar)
- 2017. “Forced Unemployment of Felons: A Legitimate Use of the Law?” American Political Science Association, San Francisco (Sept)
- 2017. “Black Women: Excluded from Protection, Criminalized for Their Existence,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Diego (Mar)
- 2016. “Investigating the Relationship Between Food Insecurity and Eating Disorder Symptomatology” with Carolyn Becker, Brigitte Taylor & Clara Johnson, Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York (Oct)
- 2016. “Food Insecurity, Traumatic Events and Clinical Worry: Is there an Association?” with Carolyn Becker, Brigitte Taylor & Clara Johnson, Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York (Oct)
- 2016. “Two Cities on a Divergent Path: Police Violence & Race, Baltimore & San Antonio” with Brendan Kennedy, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia (Sept)
- 2016. “Slave Patrols were the First Southern Police Force,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Jackson, MS (Mar)
- 2015. “Gendered & Racialized Reentry: Negotiating the Criminal Justice System,” American Political Science Association, San Francisco (Sept)
- 2015. “Reimagining Black Female Offenders Hiding in Plain Sight,” National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta (Mar)

SELECT ROUNDTABLES, RESEARCH WORKSHOPS, & WEBINARS

- 2024. National Utility Companies: “Prisoner Reentry & Expanding Employment Opportunities,” National Utilities Diversity Council (NUDC), Webinar
- 2024. “Black Voters & the 2024 Election,” Brookings Institution Webinar
- 2023. “Criminal Legal Policy,” McCourt School of Public Policy, Georgetown University
- 2023. “Looking Back: Thematic Session I,” *Celebrating the Past & Looking to the Future*, Racial Democracy Crime & Justice Network (RDCJN), 20th Annual Workshop, Rutgers University (July)
- 2023. “Democracy Now-Local Expressions: State House Anti-Democratic Issues,” Center for Journalism & Democracy, Howard University (Nov)
- 2022. “Informed: Conversations on Democracy in the Digital Age,” Knight Foundation (Nov)

- 2022. “Disinformation and Social Media During a Pandemic,” Howard University. Office of Research, Research Month (April)
- 2021. “What Do We Know?” *From Incarceration to Entrepreneurship for Returning Citizens*, Kaufmann Foundation Research Forum (Feb)
- 2011. “Reentry to What?” *RU ReEntry Spring Roundtable*, Rutgers University-Newark (April)
- 2011. “National Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety,” *National Institute of Justice*, Harvard Kennedy School (Jan)
- 2010. “Socially Disabled Because of a Felony Conviction,” *RU ReEntry Fall Roundtable*, Rutgers University-Newark (Nov)
- 2009. “Personal and Contextual Factors that Facilitate or Impede Community Return for Adult Inmates” with Paul Boxer, Tahlia DeLorenzo & Ignacio Mercado, Society for Community Research and Action Conference, Montclair, NJ (June)
- 2007. “Race, a Felony Conviction & the Right to Vote,” *Connecting Research to Practice*, Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies & Rutgers Law School (April)

SELECT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2024. Invited Speaker, D.C. Department of Corrections, Family Reunification Night, The Resources to Empower and Develop You (READY; May)
- 2023-Present. Member, Advisory Board, National Incarceration Association, Inc. (NIA)
- 2023. Panelist, Arts & Incarceration Symposium, George Mason University
- 2023. Panelist, “Beyond Bars,” DC/DOX Film Festival Screening
- 2022. Moderator, “Supporting Returning Citizens and their Communities,” Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute, Leadership Conference.
- 2021. Guest Speaker, San Francisco Public Library’s Jail & Reentry Services Department & Oakland Public Library Dialogue
- 2021. Guest Speaker, “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. Guest Speaker, “This is Not a Drill,” Black Lives Matter-Los Angeles Townhall Meeting
- 2019-Present. Volunteer, Free Minds Book Club & Writing Workshop: Empowering Young Inmates Through Writing
- 2016-2017. Member, San Antonio Police Department’s 21st Century Policing Committee
- 2015. Speaker, “Legalization of Marijuana,” Junior League of San Antonio
- 2015. Moderator, City of San Antonio Mayoral Debate, San Antonio

AWARDS & HONORS

- 2024. Award Winner, Drs. Jewel & James Prestage Mentoring Award for Outstanding Mentorship
- 2022. Award Winner, Department of Political Science Outstanding Scholarship Award for distinguished scholarship and publications
- 2022. Nominated, College of Arts & Sciences, Distinguished Associate Professor (Service)
- 2021. Award Winner, College of Arts & Sciences Distinguished Award, Associate Professor (Scholarship)
- 2021. Nominated, College of Arts & Sciences, Distinguished Associate Professor (Scholarship)
- 2020. Nominated, College of Arts & Sciences, Distinguished Associate Professor (Scholarship)

2018. Award Winner, W.E.B. DuBois Distinguished Best Book Award for *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*, New York University Press (2017), from the National Conference of Black Political Scientists
2017. Award Winner, Distinguished University Achievement Award for Research & Teaching, Trinity University

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2022-Present. Consultant, National Utilities Diversity Council (NUDC) & Prisoner Reentry Braintrust
- 2023-Present. Consultant, "Incarceration and Reentry," *Consensus Building Institute* (CBI)
- 2019-2022. Consultant, *Safer Foundation* (Chicago)
2012. Project Director, "Survey of County Elected Officials." Democracy Program, *The Brennan Center of Justice*

INVITED EXPERT

2025. "Houston Hackathon," *R3: Score & Prison Entrepreneurship Program*
2024. "Misinformation & Disinformation," AI Briefing for the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC)
2024. Facilitator, Summer Policy Writing Workshop, *Congressional Black Caucus Institute* (CBCI)
2023. "U.S. Raphael Lemkin Seminar for the Prevention of Identity-Based Violence," *Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities*
2021. "Employment for Formerly Incarcerated Persons: Perspectives of Returning Women Seeking Employment," *White House Listening Session*
2021. "Gendered Prisoner Reentry," *U.S. Department of Labor, Women's Bureau, Southeast Region* (closed information session only for U.S. Department of Labor staff)
- 2020-2022. "Reentry Ready Project in Baton Rouge, Louisiana," *Convergence: Center for Policy Resolution*
- 2020-2021. "Workforce & Juvenile Justice Program," *Women's Equity Center and Action Network* (WE CAN)
- 2020-2022. "Partnership for Reentry," *Convergence: Center for Policy Resolution*
- 2017-2018. "National Dialogue: Reducing Recidivism During and After Incarceration," *Convergence: Center for Policy Resolution*

SELECT MEDIA APPEARANCES

2025. The 19th News(letter) Online Publication. "For families with sick kids, the rise of vaccine hesitancy could be life-threatening" by Barbara Rodriguez (Feb 20), <https://19thnews.org/2025/02/vaccine-hesitancy-rfk-parents-children-concerns/>
2024. 99.5 FM WBAI (Public Radio, New York City), On the Count: The Prison & Criminal Justice Report, Second Chance Month (April 27)
2023. Interviewed & Quoted in *USA Today*, "Biden, facing backlash over war in Gaza, is losing support from some young Black voters" by Berry and Garrison (Dec 17)
2023. MSNBC. *The Last Word with Lawrence O'Donnell* (April 28)
2023. CBC Radio-Vancouver, The Early Edition with Stephen Quinn, Trump Indictment (June 13)

2022. America's Black Forum, Marc Morial's Show (September 13)
2022. *Vice News*, Prisoner Reentry Panel Discussion (April 27),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fUP5y3fmgIw>
2022. Interviewed & Quoted in *The Washington Post*, "He Got a Second Chance After 27 Years in Prison. Then He Went Missing" (Feb 11), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/02/11/he-got-second-chance-after-27-years-prison-then-he-went-missing/>
2022. *WHUT*, Screening & Discussion of the Film, *Apart* (Jan 27),
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gllNVb3gepQ>
- 2021-2023. *PBS NewsHour*, Media Consultant, Knology
2021. *PBS NewsHour*, "Searching for Justice" Panel Discussion (Dec 7),
<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/show/the-barriers-to-reentering-society-after-prison>
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),
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/the-fight-against-covid-19-what-will-change-under-biden-1.5275182>
2021. *Canadian Broadcasting Company* (CBC Radio), What are the impending legal questions that the outgoing president faces. (Jan 13), <https://www.cbc.ca/player/play/1843703363858>
2021. *Canadian National Television*, Domestic Terrorism at the U.S. Capitol (Jan 7),
<https://www.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId=2113948>
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)