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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2023 - Assistant Professor of Sociology, **Smith College**
- 2022 - 2023 McPherson / Eveillard Postdoctoral Fellow and Lecturer in Sociology, **Smith College**

EDUCATION

- 2022 **Northwestern University:** Ph.D. in Sociology (expected)
Dissertation: “A Life of Reentry: Black Women and the Reverberations of Incarceration Over the Life Course”
Committee: Mary Pattillo (Chair) John Hagan, Heather Schoenfeld, and Celeste Watkins-Hayes
- 2018 **Northwestern University:** M.A. in Sociology
- 2015 **New York University:** M.A. in Humanities and Social Thought
- 2012 **University of Texas at Austin:** B.A. in Sociology, *High Honors and Special Honors in Sociology*
- 2010 **Navarro College:** A.A. in General Studies, *Summa Cum Laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Race and Ethnicity
- Women and Gender
- Crime, Law, and Society
- Inequality and Stratification
- Qualitative Methodology
- Incarceration and Reentry
- Black Feminist Theory
- Intersectionality
- Feminist Criminology
- Critical Race Theory

PUBLICATIONS

- 2022 **Forthcoming** with *Feminist Criminology*: **Banks, Erica**. “Redefining Motherhood: How Formerly Incarcerated Black Mothers Frame Mothering Choices.”
- 2022 Pattillo, Mary, **Erica Banks**, Brian Sargent, and Daniel Boches. “Monetary Sanctions and Housing Instability.” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, January, 8(2):57-75.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2020** Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- Dispute Resolution Research Center Grant, Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University (\$8,000)
- Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University (\$5,000)
- 2016** Alumni Fund Grant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University (\$1,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2022** “A Life of Reentry: Black Women, Economic Stability and Mobility, and the Labor Market.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Georgia (expected).
- 2021** “Redefining Motherhood: How Formerly Incarcerated Black Mothers Frame Mothering Choices.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, May, Chicago, Illinois (Virtual).
- 2019** “The Criminal Black Woman.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, August, New York, New York.
- 2018** “Gender, Race, and Stigma in the Narratives of Formerly Incarcerated Women.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- “Women Are Supposed to Do Right: Gender, Mass Incarceration, and Prisoner Reentry.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, June, Toronto, Canada.
- 2017** “Formerly Incarcerated Women’s Perceptions of Gender, Stigma, and Criminality.” Workshop on Legal Transitions and the Vulnerable Subject: Fostering Resilience through Law’s Dynamism, Emory University School of Law, December, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 2016** “Breaking the Silence: Black Women, Violence, and Mass Incarceration.” Association of Black Sociologists Annual Meeting, October, Memphis, Tennessee.

SPEAKING INVITATIONS

- 2022** Guest Speaker: “A Life of Reentry: Black Women and Economic Mobility and Stability Over the Life Course.” Visiting Future Faculty Program (VITAL) with the University at Buffalo, Department of Sociology, March, Buffalo, New York.
- 2020** Panelist: Female Incarceration Series: “The Halo Effect: Gender Bias in the Criminal Justice System.” Northeastern University, October, Boston, Massachusetts (Virtual).
- Guest Speaker: “Positionality: Gender and Fieldwork.” Sociology 609: Qualitative Methods Lecture with Dr. Andrea Leverentz, University of Massachusetts Boston, October, Boston, Massachusetts (Virtual).
- Panelist: Women Leading Through F.E.A.R. to Freedom Series: “Reentry and Employment.” Alliance for Reentry, August, Chicago, Illinois (Virtual).

RESEARCH COLLABORATIONS

- 2017 - 2020** Research Assistant for Dr. Mary Pattillo (Northwestern University) for the study entitled: “The Multi-Site Study for Monetary Sanctions”
- 2019 - 2020** Research Assistant for Dr. Traci Bruch (Northwestern University) for the study entitled: “Legal Financial Obligations of Returning Citizens”

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow Lecturing

- 2022** Sociology 243: “Race, Gender, and Mass Incarceration” (Fall) (expected)

Teaching Assistantships

- 2021** Sociology 227 / Legal Studies 207: “Legal Studies Research Methods” (Spring)
Sociology 206 / Legal Studies 206: “Law and Society” (Winter)
- 2019** Sociology 277: “Introduction to Native American Studies” (Winter)
- 2018** Sociology 207: “Cities and Society” (Fall)
Sociology 208: “Race and Society” (Spring)
Sociology 318 / Legal Studies 308: “Sociology of Law” (Winter)
- 2017** Sociology 302: “Sociology of Organizations” (Fall)
Sociology 307: “The School and Society” (Spring)
Sociology 318 / Legal Studies 308: “Sociology of Law” (Winter)
- 2016** Sociology 301: “The City: Urbanization and Urbanism” (Fall)
Sociology 110: “Introduction to Sociology” (Spring)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2020 - 2022** Member: North Star Committee (Northwestern University)
- 2017 - 2019** Coordinator: Crime, Law, and Society Workshop (Northwestern University)
- 2017 - 2018** Founder and Coordinator: Race and Society Workshop (Northwestern University)
- 2015 - 2016** Colloquia Committee Representative: Graduate Student Association (Northwestern University)

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association
Association of Black Sociologists
American Society of Criminology
Law and Society Association