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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D. Sociology, Northwestern University, 2025 (expected)

Dissertation title: “Radical Safety, Carceral Safety, and the Fight for Racial Equity”  
Committee: Andrew Papachristos (chair), Mary Pattillo, and Michael Rodríguez-Muñiz  
(University of California – Berkeley)

M.A., Statistics, Northwestern University, 2025 (expected)

M.A., Northwestern University, 2021

B.A., *summa cum laude*, Anthropology and Psychology, Washington University in St. Louis, 2013

### **AREAS of EXPERTISE**

Community Safety  
Criminal Legal System  
Race & Racism  
Public Policy

Urban Sociology  
Quantitative Research  
Qualitative Research  
Mixed Methods Research Design

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer-reviewed**

**Werth, S.R.** (2024). “[Social Disharmony and Racial Injustice: W.E.B. Du Bois’s Theories on Crime.](#)” *Social Problems*, 71(1): 18-35

**Werth, S. R.**, Megan Comfort, Matthew DeMichele, and Pamela K. Lattimore. (2020). “[Authenticity, Coherence, and Power Shifts: A Framework for Assessing Community Engagement Across the Criminal Justice System.](#)” *The Howard Journal of Crime and Justice* 59(4): 400–422.

Zablocka, R., Reil, M., Guerra, L., Reyes, E., **Werth, S. R.**, Cartwright, J. K., et al. (2017). “[Alcohol use and HIV prevention among personnel in the Belize Defense Force.](#)” *Journal of Community Health*, 42(1): 1–9.

Anastario, M. P., Barrick, K., Gibbs, D. A., Pitts, W. J., **Werth, S. R.**, & Lattimore, P. K. (2015). “[Factors driving Salvadoran youth migration: A formative assessment focused on Salvadoran repatriation facilities.](#)” *Children and Youth Services Review*, 59: 97–104.

**Werth, S. R.**, Secura, G. M., Broughton, H. O., Jones, M. E., Dickey, V., & Peipert, J. F. (2015). “[Contraceptive continuation in Hispanic women.](#)” *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 212(3), 312.e1–312.e8.

**Werth, S. R.**, Sachdeva, N., Roberts, A., Garrettson, M., Ringwalt, C., Moss, L., et al. (2014). “[North Carolina Recipient Management Lock-In Program: The pharmacist’s perspective.](#)” *Journal of Managed Care & Specialty Pharmacy*, 20(11): 1122–1129.

#### Under review

**Werth, S. R.**, “Community Safety: A National Survey of Safety Policy Preference Archetypes.” Under review at *American Sociological Review*.

#### In preparation

D’Souza, A.,\* **Werth, S.R.\***, & Papachristos, A.V. “The Shifting Dynamics of Gun Violence Risk: How Violence Interrupters Assess Danger”

**Werth, S.R.** & Papachristos A.V. “Weapons Possession and Risk of Future Victimization and Perpetration”

**Werth, S.R.** “Political Opportunities and Agency in Chicago Neighborhoods”

\* denotes equal authorship

#### Other publications

Pattillo, M., **Werth, S.R.**, Brown, K., Washington, D., Black Public Defender Association, Blackroots Alliance. (2023, October). “[Reimagining Public Safety: Community Listening Sessions with Black Communities and Public Defenders.](#)” Supported by the Joyce Foundation and the Center for Justice Research at Texas Southern University.

Wright, D., **Werth, S.R.**, Leggett, D., McGrath, S., Papachristos, A. (2020, September). “[Managing Multiple Epidemics: How Street Outreach Workers Are Addressing Gun Violence and COVID-19.](#)” Northwestern Neighborhood and Networks Initiative, Northwestern Institute for Policy Research.

**Werth, S.R.**, Wright, D., Leggett, D.G., McGrath, S., Papachristos, A. (2020, August). “[Communities Partnering for Peace \(CP4P\) Street Outreach: The Moments that Matter.](#)” Northwestern Neighborhood and Networks Initiative, Northwestern Institute for Policy Research.

DeMichele, M., Lattimore, P.K., Comfort, M., Scaggs, S., Inkpen, C., Levin-Rector, A., Dawes, D., Barrick, K., **Werth, S.R.**, Sheppard, M., Jones, K., and Embry, V. (2018). [Safety and Justice Challenge: Evaluation Report 2015-2017.](#)” Center for Courts and Corrections Research, RTI International.

Strom, K. J., Hendrix, J. A., Taniguchi, T. A., Aagaard, B. P., **Werth, S. R.**, Legacy, S. M., et al. (2016, May). “[Research on the impact of technology on policing strategy in the 21st century: Final report.](#)” Prepared for the National Institute of Justice.

Weimer, B. J., Lowe, A. N., Clinton-Sherrod, A. M., & **Werth, S. R.** (2015, April). “[Examination of the literature relative to the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act \(STOP Act\).](#)” Prepared for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

## **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS**

### **Fellowships**

Institute for Policy Research Fellowship, Northwestern University, 2024

Fieldwork Research Fellowship, Northwestern Sociology, 2023

### **Grants**

Dissertation Research Grant, Russell Sage Foundation (\$10,000), 2022

Transformative Justice Research Grant, Northwestern Council for Race and Ethnic Studies (CRES), (\$5000), 2022

Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School at Northwestern University (\$3000), 2022

Alumni Funds Grant, Department of Sociology at Northwestern University (\$600), 2019

### **Awards**

Maurice J. and Fay B. Karpf Peace Prize Award (\$5,500), 2023

RTI International Annual Award, for research and scholarly excellence, 2016, 2015

Bill Jenkins Scholarship, awarded by the Morehouse Project IMHOTEP Public Health Summer Program for excellence in reading, writing, and scholarship, 2013

Excellence in Research, awarded by the Anthropology Department for independent scholarship on an honors thesis, 2013

Excellence in Leadership, awarded by the Anthropology Department for outstanding leadership in the department, 2013

## **RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS**

Paper Panel. 2024. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Québec  
“Addressing Racism without Addressing Racism.”

Invited Presidential Speaker. 2023. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. “Reimagining a Du Boisian Criminology: The ASC’s Unacknowledged Debt to W.E.B. DuBois.”

Paper Panel. 2023. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia, PA.  
“Envisioning Safety: Obstacles and Opportunities for Abolitionist Policymaking in U.S. Cities.”

Paper Panel. 2021. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL.  
“Empowering and Constraining Collective Efficacy.”

Panel. 2020. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C.  
“Preventing Community Violence in a Great American City: A Multi-Stakeholder Perspective.”  
(event canceled due to COVID-19)

Paper Panel. 2020. Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.  
“Social Disharmony and Injustice: W.E.B. Du Bois's Theories on Crime.”  
(event canceled due to COVID-19)

Panel. 2020. Interpreting Inequality and Promoting Justice: Bridging Academia and Activism Conference, Bloomington, IL. “All that we had”: Gentrification, Resistance, and CBOs in Logan Square, Chicago.”  
(event canceled due to COVID-19)

Panel. 2017. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA.  
“Navigating Technology Acquisition and Implementation in Law Enforcement Agencies.”

Panel. 2016. Annual Meeting of the American Evaluation Association, Atlanta, GA.  
“Findings from the National Evaluation of SAMHSA’s Homeless Services Grant Programs: Use of Evidence-Based Practices.”

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Violence Intervention Workers Study**, Research assistant to Dr. Andrew Papachristos  
Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research and Science (Corners), 2019 to present

A multi-wave survey of all violence intervention workers in Chicago. Conducted field interviews administering instrument in Chicago, IL and Buffalo, NY

**Black Public Safety Project**, Research assistant to Dr. Mary Pattillo, August 2023 to August 2024

Partnership with the Black Public Defenders Association and Blackroots Alliance, a grassroots organizing non-profit in Chicago, to interview 100 Black Chicagoans about perceptions of safety, criminal legal experiences, and Black liberation. Trained public defenders and organizers to conduct qualitative research interviews. Analyzed interview data. Co-wrote final report.

**Visualizing Demolitions along The 606 Trail in Chicago**, Independent research consultant to Palenque LSNA, a long-time Chicago community-based organization, May to September 2023

Created a series of data visualizations in R depicting local housing demolitions surrounding a green gentrification project. [Wrote and designed a digital report.](#)

**Evaluation of Communities Partnering for Peace (CP4P)**, Research assistant to Dr. Andrew Papachristos and Dr. Dawna Leggett, 2018 to 2021

Qualitative evaluation of collaboration of nine community violence intervention organizations. Co-led collaborative evaluation design sessions with community partners. Trained community partners in focus group facilitation and interviewing. Conducted focus groups and interviews. Analyzed qualitative data from focus groups. Co-wrote reports on findings.

**Sexual Assault Kit Initiative Training and Technical Assistance Program**, Research analyst at RTI International to Dr. Kevin Strom for the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, 2015 to 2018

Project provided training and research support for departments with federal funding to test unsubmitted sexual assault kits and improve the criminal justice and community response to sexual assault. Facilitated training and policy development with 5 local and state agencies. Led a working group for researchers and crime analysts. Assisted agencies with outcome reporting.

**Evaluation of the Safety and Justice Challenge**, Research analyst at RTI International to Dr. Matthew DeMichele, Dr. Megan Comfort, and Dr. Pamela Lattimore for the MacArthur Foundation, 2015 to 2018

National evaluation of an initiative to reduce over-incarceration and racial disparities in jails. Served as project manager for the first year of the evaluation. Conducting interviews and site visits with local jurisdictions across the country. Analyzed qualitative data. Co-wrote presentations, briefs, and reports.

**Evaluation of the Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals**, Research analyst at RTI International to Dr. James Trudeau for the federal Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration, 2016 to 2018

This evaluation of SAMHSA's Cooperative Agreements to Benefit Homeless Individuals (CABHI) 2016 cohort of 30 grantees. Acted as assistant project manager. Conducted site visits and interviews. Analyzed qualitative data. Co-wrote reports.

**Deradicalization from Violent Extremism**, Research analyst at RTI International to Dr. Matthew DeMichele for a National Institute of Justice grant, 2015 to 2016

In-depth interviews with former members of radical right-wing movements to examine the process of deradicalization and exit from extremism. Acted as project manager. Conducted literature reviews.

**Evaluation of Programs to Provide Services to Persons Who Are Homeless with Mental and/or Substance Use Disorders**, Research analyst at RTI International to Dr. James Trudeau for the federal Substance Use and Mental Health Services Administration, 2014 to 2016

Evaluation of SAMHSA's portfolio of four Homeless Programs. Acted as assistant project manager. Conducted interviews and site visits. Analyzed qualitative data. Co-wrote final report.

**Impact of Technology on Policing Strategies in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**, Research analyst at RTI International to Dr. Kevin Strom for the National Institute of Justice, 2014 to 2016

Study examining police technology use and the processes agencies use to acquire new technology. Acted as project manager. Coordinated site visits. Conducted thematic content analysis of site visit data.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**RTI International**, Research Triangle Park, NC, 2014 to 2018

Research Analyst. Assisted with field data collection, interviewing, site visits, intervention observation, survey development, and data analysis. Managed provision of training and technical assistance to law enforcement and criminal justice professionals. Searched and reviews published and Web-based information sources and literature. Contributed to proposal and manuscript writing. Conducted data management and analysis using SPSS, SAS, and Atlas.ti. Managed deliverables, operations, and budgets for various projects.

**Unlimited Success, Partnership for a Drug-Free NC**, Durham, NC, 2013 to 2014

Program Specialist. Identified and mentored youth with social and emotional risk factors aged 5 to 13 in public schools. Implemented evidenced-based programs to prevent delinquency, drug use, and dropouts.

**UNC Chapel Hill Injury Prevention Research Center**, Chapel Hill, NC, summer 2013

Project IMHOTEP Research Intern. Received training in biostatistics, epidemiology, and health disparities through joint program with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Morehouse College, and the UNC School of Public Health. Arranged and assisted with interviews. Collected, recorded, coded, and analyzed qualitative data from interviews to evaluate the program and prepared a manuscript with the results.

**Washington University School of Medicine**, St. Louis, MO, 2012 to 2013

Research Assistant. Analyzed demographic data from more than 9,000 participants and worked with senior researchers to write a manuscript examining the impact of ethnicity and race on study outcomes. Managed a community engagement project, coordinating the creation of a short video that illustrated the impact of the study and advocated for increased access to contraception. Recruited, screened, and enrolled participants into a sub-study and collected baseline data.

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE** (*evaluations available upon request*)

**Teaching Assistant w/ Lab Instruction**

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

Introduction to Statistics and Statistical Software, Fall 2020  
Linear Regression, Winter 2022  
Categorical Regression, Spring 2022

**Teaching Assistant**

Northwestern University, Department of Sociology

Introduction to Sociology, Spring 2019  
Undergraduate Field Methods, Fall 2019

Washington University in St. Louis, Department of Anthropology

Public Health Research and Practice, Spring 2013

**Teaching Training**

Reimagining Assessment Practicum, Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Spring 2024

Inclusive Teaching Practicum, Searle Center for Advancing Learning and Teaching, Spring 2022

**ACADEMIC SERVICE**

Reviewer: *American Journal of Sociology*

Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University, Fall 2023

Graduate Student Council, Northwestern Department of Sociology, 2021-2022

Co-Chair, Northwestern University Graduate Workers, 2021-2022

Graduate Mentorship Committee, Northwestern Department of Sociology, 2019-2021

Co-Coordinator, Urban and Community Workshop, Northwestern Department of Sociology, 2018-2020

## **SOFTWARE & PROGRAMMING SKILLS**

R, Stata, Atlas.ti, NVivo

## **REFERENCES**

### **Andrew Papachristos**

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Northwestern University  
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