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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
Research Field: American Politics
- B.A. Department of Political Science, Wichita State University
Honors: *Magna Cum Laude*

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

- 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, Trinity University
- 2013-2017. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Trinity University
- 2006-2013. Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Rutgers University-Newark
- 2005-2006. Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University
- 2002-2004: Assistant Instructor, Department of Political Science, University of Kansas

COMPETITIVE FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021-Present. Resident Fellow at Brookings Institution. Washington, D.C.
- 2007-2009. Senior Fellow, Demos: A Network of Ideas and Actions, New York, NY
- 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.

PEER-REVIEWED JOURNAL ARTICLES

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.

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. doi: 10.1017/S1368980018001738.
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.
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.
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.

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, and Johnna Christian. New York: 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 and Hugh Gusterson. Chicago: 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 and Nikol Alexander-Floyd. Albany, NY: 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. Lanham, MD: 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. New York: 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 and Kristen Clarke. New York: 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. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press. *** Nominated for the 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. Macon, GA: Mercer University Press. *** Nominated for the 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 and Keesha M. Middlemass. New York: 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 and Keesha M. Middlemass. New York: 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 and Gayle T. Tate. New York: 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 and Stephen D. Shaffer. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. *** Winner of the 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 and Stephen D. Shaffer. Albany, NY: SUNY Press. *** Winner of the 2006 V.O. Key Best Book Award on Southern Politics ***

BOOK REVIEWS & OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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. New York: Routledge.
2017. 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. “Race, Class & Gender: An Intersectional Framework.” Review of *Race, Class & Gender: An Anthology, 9th Edition* by Margaret L. Andersen and Patricia Hill Collins (Cengage Learning, 2016). *Public Administration Review*, 77(2), 255-259.
2015. 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. 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.
2006. 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.
2006. “America at the Crossroads.” *SOULS: Racializing Justice, Disenfranchising Lives*, 8(2), 1-6.

2005. 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 (State University of New York 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).

SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

INVITED PLENARY & KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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 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).
2021. Keynote Panelist, Yale Interfaith Conference on Faith Communities Ending Mass Incarceration, "Let My People Go" (February).
2020. U.S. Pre-Election Panel of Experts, School of Public Policy, University of Calgary, Canada's Premier Public Policy School (October).
2020. "Election 2020: Digital Democracy," A joint Brookings, Howard University, & Knight Foundation Virtual Event about misinformation and the 2020 presidential election (October).
2020. "Reforming the Prison System." Keynote Speaker, John Howard Association of Illinois (October).
2020. Walker Horizon Speaker, "Anti-Blackness, Contentious Politics, and the 2020 Presidential Elections," DePauw University, Greencastle, IL (October).
2020. "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. "Returning to What? Prisoner Reentry and Public Policies." Walker Horizon Speaker, DePauw University, Greencastle, IL (April). Cancelled COVID-19.
2020. "Equity & Access in an (In)Hospitable World." 2020 Teach-In On Social Justice at Benedictine University, Lisle, IL (March).

2019. "Public Policies & Returning Citizens." It's All Connected: A Holistic Approach to Reentry, Safer Foundation, Chicago, IL (October).
2017. "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, NY (November).
2017. "Black Politics at an Intersection: Challenging Persistent Inequities." Opening Plenary, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Diego, CA (March).
2017. "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 (February).

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

2021.

Northern Seminary
Kaufmann Foundation Research Forum, "Incarceration to Entrepreneurship for Returning Citizens: Current Landscape & Policy Considerations"
University of Georgia
University of Virginia
CUNY: Hunter College

2020.

Schwarzenegger Institute for State and Global Policy at University of Southern California
Howard University, Virtual Homecoming

2019.

Salve Regina University, Newport, RI
Georgetown University, Washington, DC
Howard University, Washington, DC
Emory University, Atlanta, GA

2018.

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

INVITED RESEARCH TALKS

2020. "The Politics and Policies of Reentry." Sojourners: Theology and Racialized Policing Cohort Program. Howard University School of Divinity & 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 (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 (October).
2013. "Incognito: Living Under the Pressure of a Felony Conviction," Presented at "Challenging Punishment: Historicizing the War on Drugs, Race, and Public Health," Rutgers University Center for Historical Analysis, Black Atlantic Seminar Series, New Brunswick, NJ (April).
2012. "I Ain't Going Back: Prisoner Reentry & the Gray Area Between Success & Failure," Rutgers University-Newark Interdisciplinary Research Symposium (April).
2011. RU ReEntry Working Group, Rutgers University-Newark, Spring Roundtable (April).
2011. "National Executive Session on Policing and Public Safety," sponsored by the National Institute of Justice, Harvard Kennedy School, Cambridge, MA (January).
2010. "Social Disability," Crime and Punishment Workshop, Princeton University (December).
2010. "Socially Disabled Because of a Felony Conviction," RU ReEntry Roundtable, Rutgers University-Newark (November).
2010. "Exiled at Home: Social Disability and a Felony Conviction," Women of Color Research Symposium, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ (September).
2010. "The Politics of Punishment: Doing Time in Hard Times," Working Group, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (September).
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, 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 Princeton University (Law and Public Affairs), Rutgers Center for Race and Ethnicity & Rutgers Department of Political Science, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ (March).
2008. "Public Housing and a Felony Conviction," Department of Psychology, Rutgers University-Newark (November).
2007. "Coming Home: The Challenge of Re-Entry," Center for Law & Justice, Rutgers University-Newark (June).

2007. "Race, a Felony Conviction & the Right to Vote," Connecting Research to Practice, Co-hosted by Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies and Rutgers Law School, Rutgers University-Newark (April).
2007. "Undemocratic Policies: The Politics of a Felony Conviction," Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies, Rutgers University-Newark (February).
2006. "Race and the Criminal Justice System," Revson Fellowship Guest Speaker, The Institute for Research in African-American Studies, Columbia University (November).
2006. "Lifeblood of a Democracy," Crime & Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives and Participation, Ohio State University (July).
2006. "Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Summer Workshop," Ohio State University (July).
2005. "Race-ing Justice: Black Resistance and the Politics of Mass Incarceration," The Left Forum, CUNY-Graduate Center (April).
2005. "Disenfranchisement Laws," The Black Allied Law Students Association & Just Democracy, New York University School of Law (January).

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Carolyn B. Becker. 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. National Conference of Black Political Scientists Online Townhall (April).
2019. "Binge Eating Among Older Women: A Three-Sample Comparison of Prevalence Rates" Lisa S. Kilpela, Francesca Gomez, **Keesha M. Middlemass**, Carolyn Black Becker. 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?" Maribel Plasencia, Francesca Gomez, Carolyn Black Becker, **Keesha M. Middlemass**. Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, Atlanta, GA (November).
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?" Francesca Gomez, Lisa S. Kilpela, Clara Johnson, Brigitte Taylor, Keesha M. Middlemass, 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. Author Meets Critics: New Books on Black Politics and Race, *Convicted & Condemned: The Politics and Policies of Prisoner Reentry*. American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (September).
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 (October).
2016. "Food Insecurity, Traumatic Events and Clinical Worry: Is there an Association?" with Carolyn Becker and undergraduate students Brigitte Taylor & Clara Johnson. Association of Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies, New York (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).
2015. "Gendered & Racialized Reentry: Negotiating the Criminal Justice System" American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (September).
2015. "Reimagining Black Female Offenders Hiding in Plain Sight" National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Atlanta, GA (March).
2014. "Multiple Identities and Felon Status: Reimagining Black Female Offenders Hiding in Plain Sight" National Women's Studies Association: Feminist Transgressions, San Juan, PR (November).

2014. "Doing a Bid: The Construction of Time as Punishment" with CalvinJohn Smiley, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (November).
2014. "I Ain't Going Back: Prisoner Reentry & the Gray Area Between Success & Failure" American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August).
2014. "Clothing Makes the Man: Social Networks and the Reentry Process" with CalvinJohn Smiley, Deviance & Work, Eastern Sociological Society Conference, Baltimore (February).
2013. "The Socio-Politics of Marijuana Use: The Unintended Consequences of Drug Policy" American Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (August).
2011. "The Prison Experience Project" with Ashley Schappell, Paul Boxer, and Michael Ostermann, American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC (November).
2011. "Gender Responsive Strategies for Justice-Involved Women" Rutgers University Evidence-Based Initiative for Justice Policies and Practices, School of Criminal Justice and Rutgers School of Law, Newark, NJ (October).
2010. "Cognitive and Emotional Covariates of Violence Exposure among Former Prisoners: Links to Anti-Social Behavior and Emotional Distress and Implications for Theory" with Paul Boxer, Tahlia DeLorenzo and Ignacio Mercado, International Society for Research on Aggression, Storrs, CT (July).
2009. "A Criminal Background Check to Sleep Here: Housing Options with a Felony Charge" American Political Science Association, Toronto, Ontario (September).
2009. "Personal and Contextual Factors that Facilitate or Impede Community Return for Adult Inmates" with Paul Boxer, Tahlia DeLorenzo and Ignacio Mercado, Society for Community Research & Action Conference, Montclair, NJ (June).
2009. "African Americans in the Georgia General Assembly: Agents for Change?" with Charles E. Menifield and Peter W. Wielhouwer, Southern Political Science Association, New Orleans, LA (January).
2008. "The Challenges of a Felony Conviction" American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August).
2008. "Once Sentenced, Twice Punished" National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL (March).
2008. "The Case of New Jersey: Intersectionality of Race and Gender" National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Chicago, IL (March).
2007. "State Politics & a Felony Conviction" National Conference of Black Political Scientists, San Francisco, CA (March).

2006. "Undemocratic Policies: The Politics of a Felony Conviction" American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles, CA (November).
2006. "Crisis Communications After 9/11 in the U.S. Congress: The Use (and Abuse?) of Constituent Communications to Achieve Electoral and Institutional Goals" with Christian Grose, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (August).
2006. "Do the Media Monitor Ideological Shirking? Media Coverage of Legislative Voting Records Relative to District Preferences" with Christian Grose, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
2005. "Rehabilitated but Not Fit to Vote: A Comparative Racial Analysis of Disenfranchisement Laws" American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August).
2005. "State Comparisons – Race, a Felony Conviction and the Right to Vote" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
2005. "What Matters and Why? Congressional Support for the President" with Christian Grose, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
2005. "Congress & the President: Franked Mail" with Christian Grose, National Conference of Black Political Scientists, Washington, DC (March).
2004. "Positions and Platforms: The Effect of Party Preferences and Constituency Preferences on Congressional Support for the President" with Christian Grose, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
2003. "Party Preferences: Franked Mail and Support for the President" with Christian Grose, American Political Science Association, Philadelphia, PA (August).
2003. "The Justice Department and Preclearance: Redistricting and Section Five in the South" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
2002. "Preclearance & Section 5" American Political Science Association, Boston, MA (August).
2002. "Party Voting and Race in the Georgia General Assembly" with Peter W. Wielhouwer, Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC (March).
2001. "Preclearance" Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (November).
2001. "Can't We All Just Get Along? Redistricting Policy: DOJ, the Voting Rights Act and the Courts" American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA (August).
2001. "The Voting Rights Act of 1965 & Section 5" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
2001. "Race, Gender, and Political Participation: What Matters and Why?" with Nancy W. Basinger, Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).

2001. "DOJ & Section 5" Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV (March).
2001. "Racial and Gender Effects" with Nancy W. Basinger, Western Political Science Association, Las Vegas, NV (March).
2000. "Redistricting Politics and Section 5" Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (November).
2000. "Political Contributions of Black Americans: The Central Role of the Church" with Nancy W. Basinger, American Political Science Association, Washington, DC (August).
2000. "Church, Money & the Black Vote" Midwest Political Science Association, Chicago, IL (April).
1999. "Redistricting: Political Strategies, Paradoxes and Dilemmas" Southern Political Science Association, Savannah, GA (November).
1998. "What's the Count? Descriptive Representation in America's State Legislatures" Southern Political Science Association, Atlanta, GA (October).
1998. "Black Representation in the South" Citadel Symposium on Southern Politics, Charleston, SC (March).

COMPETITIVE GRANTS

2021. \$75,000 The Wilson Foundation Convening Grant for *Reentry Ready Project* in New Orleans, Louisiana, partnered with Consensus Building Institute & Convergence.
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.
2008. \$7,500 Joseph C. Cornwall Center for Metropolitan Studies Summer Faculty Award for Scholarly Research, “A Criminal Background Check, A Felony Conviction and No Place to Sleep,” Principal Investigator.
- 2006-2008. \$3,000 Competitive Travel Fund, Chancellor’s Office, Rutgers University-Newark.
- 2006 & 2008. \$1,500 Competitive Faculty Travel Support, Dean’s Office, Rutgers University-Newark.
2004. \$7,500 New Faculty General Research Fund, University of Kansas. “Denied the Right to Vote After Time Served,” Principal Investigator.
- 2002-2004. \$2,700 Competitive Faculty Scholarly Travel Fund, University of Kansas.
2001. \$1,200 Graduate School Dissertation Mini-Research Grant Award, University of Georgia. “Preclearance and the Implementation of Section Five (1970-2000),” Principal Investigator.
2000. \$350 Advanced Graduate Student Travel Grant, American Political Science Association.
- 1999-2001. \$1,500 Graduate School Travel Funds, University of Georgia.

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
2003. Professor Recognition Honors for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kansas
2003. Women’s Appreciation Honors for Excellence in Teaching, University of Kansas

SELECT MEDIA INTERVIEWS

2021. *PBS NewsHour*. “Searching for Justice: Making Reentry Work” Moderated by Nicole Ellis.
2021. *Maryland Public Television* (May 20, 2021). American Policing in Black and Brown Communities.

2021. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV, April 28, 2021). Biden's Inaugural Speech to Congress
2021. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV, February 9, 2021). Presidential Impeachment II. What to expect
2021. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV, January 20, 2021). The Incoming Biden Administration and Covid-19
2021. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV, January 7, 2021). Domestic terrorism at the U.S. Capitol
2021. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV January 3, 2021). Leaked telephone conversation between Trump and Georgia Secretary of State prior to Georgia U.S. Senate run-off elections
2020. *The Bulletin.org* (December 3, 2020). "A team of Howard University Researchers Wants to Know How Disinformation Impacts Black People."
2020. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV, November 7, 2020). "Harris as VP and Her Role for Young Girls."
2020. *Canadian Television National News* (CTV, November 3, 2020). Presidential Election, Expert on American Politics
2020. *Los Angeles Times* (October 9, 2020). "'What you Reap, You Sow.' Many Americans find it Hard to Fell Sympathy for Covid-19 Afflicted Trump."
2020. *Canadian Broadcasting Company* (CBC Radio, August 12, 2020). Additional reaction to Senator Kamala Harris being chosen as Biden's Running Mate.
2020. *New York Times*. Food Insecurity Amidst COVID-19.
2020. *Story in the Public Square*, Providence, RI, PBS/SiriusXM Satellite Radio Show
- 2019-2020 (Multiple Dates). Commentator, Canadian Broadcast Corporation (CBC); CBC Radio One is Canada's radio destination for national and international news
2018. April 2. The Kyle Kellams Show, Ozarks at Large (KUAF, Fayetteville, Arkansas). "Difficulty Felons Face Reentering Society"
2017. July 6. The Brian Lehrer Show (WNYC). "The Challenges of Prisoner Reentry"
2017. June 7. Kat Brooks (KFPA, Berkeley, California). "Contemporary Outlaws"
2017. February 7. The Nick Taliaferro Show (900AM-WURD, Philadelphia). "The Reentry Project"