

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, Northeastern University, 2000
M.A. Sociology, Northeastern University, 1996
B.S. Criminal Justice, Northeastern University, 1994

Academic Positions

September 2015-present: Professor; Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice,
University of Delaware

September 2005-May 2015: Associate Professor; Department of Sociology & Criminal
Justice, University of Delaware

September 2000-May 2005: Assistant Professor; Department of Sociology & Criminal
Justice, University of Delaware

September 1996- June 2000: Senior Research Associate, Criminal Justice Research
Program, Northeastern University

Publications

Books

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Austin Sarat, eds. Forthcoming. *The Elgar Companion to
Capital Punishment and Society*. London, England: Edward Elgar Press.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Jamie Longazel. 2013. *The Pains of Mass Imprisonment*.
New York, NY: Routledge Press.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2012. *Disposable Heroes: America's Betrayal of African-
American Veterans*. Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner with Carla Crowder. 2008. *Dying Inside: The HIV/AIDS
Ward at Limestone Prison*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2004. *Jurors' Stories of Death: How America's Death Penalty Invests in Inequality*. Ann Arbor, MI: University of Michigan Press.

Republished Books

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Laura Beth Nielsen, eds. 2019. *The New Civil Rights Research: A Constitutive Perspective*. New York, NY: Routledge. (Winner of the 2008 Choice Magazine Outstanding Title in Law and Society).

Journal Articles

Stout, J.H. and Fleury-Steiner, B., 2023. Stigmatized Bereavement: A Qualitative Study on the Impacts of Stigma for Those Bereaved by a Drug-Related Death. *OMEGA-Journal of Death and Dying*, p.00302228231203355.

Fleury-Steiner, Benjamin. 2019. "Deportation Platforms: The AWS-ICE Alliance and the Fallacy of Explicit Agendas." *Surveillance & Society* 17: 105-110.

De Giorgi, A, and B. Fleury-Steiner. 2017. "Editor's Introduction: Neoliberal Confinements: Social Suffering in the Carceral State." *Social Justice* 44: 1-9.

Longazel, Jamie, Jake Berman, and Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2016. "The Pains of Immigrant Imprisonment." *Sociology Compass* 10: 989-998.

Fleury-Steiner, Benjamin. 2016. "Knowing about the Atrocities of Mass Incarceration." *Social Justice* 42: 168-175.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2015. "Effects of Life Imprisonment and the Crisis of Prisoner Health." *Criminology & Public Policy* 14: 407-416.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, Paul Kaplan, and Jamie Longazel. 2015. "Racist Localisms and the Enduring Cultural Life of America's Death Penalty: Lessons from Maricopa County, Arizona." *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society* 66: 63-85.

Jamie G. Longazel and Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. "Beware of Notarios: Neoliberal governance of Immigrants as Crime Victims." 2013. *Theoretical Criminology* 17: 359-376.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, Lionel R. Smith, Tanya N. Whittle, and Michael Burtis. 2013. "From the Battlefield to the War on Drugs: Lessons from the Lives of Marginalized African American Military Veterans." *Albany Government Law Review* 6: 464-663.

Ruth Fleury-Steiner, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, and Susan Miller. 2011. "More than Just a Piece of Paper? Protection Orders as a Resource for Battered Women." *Sociology Compass* 5: 512-524.

Jamie G. Longazel and Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2011. "Exploiting Borders: The Political Economy of Local Backlash Against Undocumented Immigrants" *UCLA Chicana/o- Latino/a Law Review* 30: 43-63.

Laura Rapp, Deeanna Button, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, and Ruth Fleury-Steiner. 2010. "The Internet as Tool for Black Feminist Activism: Lessons from an Online Anti-Rape Protest." *Feminist Criminology* 5: 244-262.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, Kerry Dunn, & Ruth Fleury-Steiner. 2009. "Governing through Crime as Commonsense Racism: Race, Space, and Death Penalty "Reform" in Delaware," *Punishment & Society* 11: 5-24. Reprinted: Helen Taylor Green and Shaun L. Gabbidon. 2012. *Race & Crime: A Text/Reader*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2006. "Different Approaches Need to Be Taken in Different Settings"—Situating Activist Prison Lawyering: The Struggle for HIV- Positive Prisoners' Rights," *Studies in Law, Politics, & Society* 38: 3-25.

William J. Bowers, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, Valerie P. Hans, & Michael E. Antonio. 2004. "Too Young to Be Executed: An Empirical Examination of Community Conscience and the Juvenile Death Penalty from the Perspective of Capital Jurors," 84 *Boston University Law Review*: 609-693.

Michael Antonio, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, Valerie P. Hans, & William J. Bowers, "Capital Jurors as the Litmus Test of Community Conscience for the Juvenile Death Penalty," *Judicature* 87: 274-283.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Victor Argothy. 2004. "Lethal 'Borders': Elucidating Jurors' Racialized Discipline to Punish in Latino Defendant Death Cases." *Punishment & Society: The International Journal of Penology* 6: 67- 84.

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Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2003. "Before or Against the Law? Citizens' Legal Beliefs and Experiences as Death Penalty Jurors," *Studies in Law, Politics, & Society* 27: 115- 137.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2002. "Narratives of the Death Sentence: Toward a Theory of Legal Narrativity," *Law & Society Review* 36: 549-576.
Reprinted: William Lyons (editor). 2006. *Crime and Criminal Justice: The International Library of Essays in Law and Society*. Aldershot, Hampshire, U.K.: Ashgate Press.
Reprinted: Patricia Ewick (editor). 2006. *Consciousness and Ideology: The International Library of Essays in Law and Society*. Aldershot, Hampshire, U.K.: Ashgate Press.

Benjamin D. Steiner. 2002. "Keeping the Public in the Dark: The (Un)Availability of Public Information Regarding the Parole of Murderers," *Homicide Studies* 6: 167-178.

Benjamin D. Steiner. 2001. "The Consciousness of Crime & Punishment: Reflections on Race, Political Narrative, & Lawmaking in the War on Drugs," *Studies in Law, Politics, & Society* 23: 185-212.

Benjamin D. Steiner and Victor Argothy. 2001. "White Addiction: Racial Inequality, Racial Ideology, and the War on Drugs" *Temple Political and Civil Rights Law Review* 10: 443-475.

William J. Bowers, Benjamin D. Steiner, & Marla Sandys. 2001. "Death Sentencing In Black & White: An Empirical Analysis of Jurors' Race and Jury Racial Composition." *Pennsylvania Journal of Constitutional Law* 3: 171-273.

Benjamin D. Steiner, William J. Bowers, and Austin Sarat. 1999. "Folk Knowledge as Legal Action: Death Penalty Judgments and the Tenet of Early Release in a Culture of Mistrust and Punitiveness" *Law & Society Review* 33: 461-506.

Benjamin D. Steiner. 1999. "Still Arbitrary: Capital Sentencing in the Post-Furman Era." *Criminal Justice Policy Review* 10: 85-102.

Bowers, William J., Marla Sandys, and Benjamin D. Steiner. 1997. "Foreclosed Impartiality in Capital Sentencing: Jurors' Predispositions Guilt-Trial Experience and Premature Decision Making." *Cornell Law Review* 83: 1476-1555.

Book Chapters

Fleury-Steiner, Benjamin and Austin Sarat. Forthcoming. "Introduction" in Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Austin Sarat, eds. *The Elgar Companion to Capital Punishment and Society*. London, England: Edward Elgar Press.

Stout, Joshua and Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. Forthcoming. "One size doesn't fit all: Community support and the DRD-bereavement process" in Margaret S. Stroebe, Kari Dyregrov, & Kristine Berg Titlestad, eds. *The Routledge International Handbook of Drug-Related Death Bereavement*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Fleury-Steiner, Benjamin. Forthcoming. "Rights Restoration Success Stories" in Premal Dharia, James Forman, Jr., and Maria Hawilo, eds. *Dismantling Mass Incarceration: A Reader* New York, NY: Farrar, Straus, and Giroux.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Laura Beth Nielsen. 2019. "A Constitutive Perspective of Rights" (pp. 1-16) in Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Laura Beth Nielsen, eds. *The New Civil Rights Research: A Constitutive Perspective*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Jessica Hodge. 2019. "Keeping Rights Alive: The Struggle for HIV-Infected Prisoners" (pp.157-182) in Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Laura Beth Nielsen, eds. *The New Civil Rights Research: A Constitutive Perspective*. New York, NY: Routledge.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Jamie Longazel. 2011. "Neoliberalism, Community Development, and Anti-Immigrant Backlash in Hazelton, Pennsylvania" (pp. 157-172) in Monica Varsanyi, ed. *Taking Local Control: Immigration Policy Activism in U.S. Cities and States*. Stanford, CA: Stanford University Press.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Aaron Fichtelberg. 2008. "Paulina Escobar as Cause Lawyer: 'Litigating' Human Rights in the Shadows of Death and the Maiden" (pp. 278-295) in Austin Sarat and Stuart Scheingold, eds. *The Cultural Lives of Cause Lawyers*. New York, NY: Cambridge University Press.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2006. "Death in 'Whiteface': Modern Race Minstrels, Official Lynching and the Culture of American Apartheid" (pp.150-181) in Charles Ogletree and Austin Sarat, eds. *From the Lynch Mob to the Killing State: Race and the Death Penalty in America*. New York, NY: New York University Press.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, "William 'Willie' Horton" (pp. 113-122) in F.Y. Bailey and S. Chermack, eds., *Famous Crimes and Trials: 1980-2000*. New York, NY: Praeger.

William J. Bowers, Benjamin Fleury-Steiner, & Michael E. Antonio. 2003. "The Capital Sentencing Decision: Guided Discretion, Reasoned Moral Judgment, or Legal Fiction," (pp. 413-468) in J. Acker, R. Bohm, and C.S. Lanier, eds., *America's Experiment with Capital Punishment: Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future of the Ultimate Penal Sanction* (2nd Edition). Durham, NC: Carolina Press.

William J. Bowers & Benjamin D. Steiner. 1999. "People want an Alternative to the Death Penalty" (pp. 34-42) in G. Stassen ed., *Capital Punishment: A Reader*. Cleveland, OH: Pilgrim Press.

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Book Reviews

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2022. Book Review: "Redistributing the Poor: Jails, Hospitals, and the Crisis of Law and Fiscal Austerity." *Theoretical Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/13624806211056771>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2019. Book Review: "Punishing Disease: HIV and the Criminalization of Sickness." *Punishment & Society*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1462474518813585>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2016. Book Review: "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in America's Largest Criminal Court." *British Journal of Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azw091>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2016. Book Review: "The Political Roots of Racial Tracking in American Criminal Justice." *Contemporary Sociology: A Journal of Reviews* 45: 487-488 <https://doi.org/10.1177/0094306116653953uu>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner 2013. Book Review: Jody Lyneé Madeira, Killing McVeigh: The Death Penalty and the Myth of Closure. *Theoretical Criminology* 17: 588-590.
<https://doi.org/10.1177/1362480613507385>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2008. Book Review: Austin Sarat, Mercy on Trial: What it Means to Stop an Execution. *Punishment & Society* 8: 83-84.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2003. Book Review: Michael Mello, The Wrong Man: A True Story of Innocence on Death Row. *Punishment & Society* 5: 478-479.

Other Publications

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Ross Kleinstuber (2014) "The Death Penalty" *International Encyclopedia of the Social and Behavioral Sciences, 2nd Edition*. Oxford, England: Elsevier.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Jamie Longazel. 2013. "The Normalcy of Brutality in U.S. Prisons," Online Newsletter of the European Group for the Study of Deviance and Social Control. www.europeangroup.org/links/August%202013/SummerIIAugust1FINAL.pdf

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2009. "Innocence Project" *Sage Encyclopedia of Social Problems*, ed., Vincent N. Parillo. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2009. "The Capital Jury Project" *Sage Encyclopedia of Race and Crime*, eds., Helen Taylor Greene and Shaun L. Gabbidon. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2002. "Hegemony, Identity, and the Consciousness of Capital Sentencing Jurors" *Amici: Newsletter of the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association* 10: 9-11

Online Writing

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2014. Life of the Law, "The Shrinking Death Penalty at Home and Abroad" <http://www.lifeofthelaw.org/the-shrinking-death-penalty-at-home-and-abroad/>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner and Jamie Longazel. 2013. Life of the Law, "The Pains of Solitary Confinement and Beyond" <http://www.lifeofthelaw.org/the-pains-of-solitary-confinement-and-beyond/>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2009. Changing Lives, Changing Minds: A Changing Lives through Literature Blog, "Illness in the System" <http://cltlblog.wordpress.com/2009/07/15/illness-in-the-system/>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2009. "It's All in the Telling" University of California-Berkeley Center for the Study of Law & Society, Doing Story-Based Research in Socio-Legal Studies: Miniseries in Empirical Research Methods.

<https://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/QueriesAnsStoryBased6Nov20oct.pdf>

Benjamin Fleury-Steiner. 2008. University of Michigan Press Blog, "The Deadly Human Rights Crisis. . . in U.S. Prisons"

http://umichpress.typepad.com/university_of_michigan_pr/current_affairs/page/11/Grants

General University Research Program, University of Delaware, 2001-2002 (\$6,000) The Role of Race in Capital Sentencing: Delaware Tri-State Component

Selected Court Decisions Citing Research

Strickler v. Greene, 527 U.S. 263 (1999) (United States Supreme Court).

Justice Souter, concurring in part and dissenting in part: "What is more important, common experience, supported by at least one empirical study, see Bowers, Sandys, & **Steiner**, Foreclosed Impartiality in Capital Sentencing: Jurors' Predispositions, Guilt-Trial Experience, and Premature Decision Making, 83 Cornell L.Rev. 1476, 1486-1496 (1998), tells us that the evidence and arguments presented during the guilt phase of a capital trial will often have a significant effect on the jurors' choice of sentence" (p. 305).

Summerlin v. Stewart, (2003) 341 F.3d 1082 (UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT)

Judge Rawlison, dissenting: The Capital Jury Project, funded by the National Science Foundation, is an empirical study of "death penalty decision making by jurors." . . . [M]ost of the jurors who indicated a stand on punishment at the guilt stage of the trial said they were "absolutely convinced" of their early stands on punishment and adhered to them throughout the course of the trial. William J. Bowers, Marla Sandys, and **Benjamin D. Steiner**, Foreclosed Impartiality in Capital Sentencing: Jurors' Predispositions, Guilt -- Trial Experience, and Premature Decision Making, 83 Cornell L. Rev. 1476, 1477 (1998).

United States of America v. Mikos, WL 22110948 (2003) (N.D. Illinois, Eastern Division). Guzman, J., Memorandum Opinion and Order, fn 6: "Mikos discusses several statistical studies concerning the death penalty," including: William J. Bowers and **Benjamin Steiner**, Death by Default: An Empirical Demonstration of False and Forced Choices in Capital Sentencing, 77 TEXAS L.REV. 605 (1999).

People v. LaValle, N.E.2d (June 24, 2004) (Court of Appeals of New York).

G.B. Smith, J., opinion, under "III. PENALTY PHASE": Studies have found that jurors tend to "grossly underestimate how long capital murderers not sentenced to death usually stay in prison" (Bowers & **Steiner**, Death by Default: An Empirical Demonstration of False and Forced Choices in Capital Sentencing, 77 Tex L Rev 605, 648 [Feb 1999]).

State v. Dellinger, 79 S.W.3d 458 (May 7, 2002) (Supreme Court of Tennessee, Eastern Section, at Knoxville).

Extensive proof demonstrates, however, that misunderstandings and misinformation about the law often sway the sentencing decisions of capital juries. Evidence gathered in the Capital Jury Project, a leading study of capital juries upon which this Court has relied in past cases, 2 indicates that a majority of jurors "grossly underestimate how long capital murders not sentenced to death usually stay in prison," and the jurors who hold such erroneous beliefs are "far more likely to vote for death." William J. Bowers and **Benjamin Steiner**, Death by Default: An Empirical Demonstration of False and Forced Choices in Capital Sentencing, 77 TEXAS L.REV. 605 (1999).

McKinney v. Arizona, 139 S. Ct. 2692, 204 L. Ed. 2d 1089 (June 10, 2019) (Counsel for Arizona Capital Representation Project brief argued before the United States Supreme Court)

Research into jury decision making has demonstrated that jurors vote for life because of mitigation including dysfunctional and traumatic childhoods, mental illness, remorse, and poverty. The bulk of this research was performed by the Capital Jury Project (CJP). CJP is a long-term research project that began in 1991 with support from the National Science Foundation. Over the last 25 years, the CJP has conducted 1198 in-depth interviews with jurors from 353 capital trials over 14 states. "[T]he CJP was designed to: (1) systematically describe jurors' exercise of capital sentencing discretion; (2) assess the extent of arbitrariness in jurors' exercise of such discretion; and (3) evaluate the efficacy of capital statutes in controlling such arbitrariness." University at Albany School of Criminal Justice, What is the Capital Jury Project, <http://www.albany.edu/scj/13189.php> (last accessed March 25, 2019).

Selected Media Presence

"What losing a loved one to an overdose says about the opioid epidemic in Delaware" OP-ED (co-authored with Joshua Stout) Wilmington, DE, News Journal, December 17, 2019.

<https://www.delawareonline.com/story/opinion/2019/12/17/what-losing-loved-one-overdose-says-delawares-opiod-epidemic/2661937001/>

"The Pains of Mass Imprisonment" Interview on The Society Pages "Office Hours" Podcast #81 with Sarah Lageson, December 12, 2013.

http://files.thesocietypages.org/downloads/OH81_Fleury-Steiner_Longazel.mp3

"Civilian Life Transition Harder for African-American Vets?" Interview on NPR's Tell Me More with Michele Martin, May 27, 2013.

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=186479854>

"Campus Voices" Interview on WVUD, February 28, 2013.

<http://sites.udel.edu/campusvoices/2013/02/28/ud-author-disposable-heroes/>

"Black vets face racism, many problems, says UD professor" by OP-ED Columnist Harry Thermal, Wilmington, DE, News Journal, February 25, 2013.

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20130225/OPINION1803/302250011/>

“Illness in the System” invited blog on the Changing Lives through Literature Blog.
Posted July 15, 2009.
<http://cltlblog.wordpress.com/2009/07/15/illness-in-the-system/>

Awards

Professional

Law & Society Association, Board of Trustees, 2015-2018

The Law & Society Association (LSA) is governed by an elected Executive Committee and a 24-member Board of Trustees. Trustees serve a three-year term, and a new class is elected annually. The representative receiving the highest number of votes serves as their class representative on the Executive Committee.

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Jan Burrows Graduate Educator Award, 2016

Recipients of the Jan Burrows award 1) demonstrate excellence in classroom teaching, 2) make outstanding contributions to the enrichment of student education, 3) provide guidance for the development of students’ teaching skills, and 4) maintain strong mentoring relationships with students.

Presentations

Invited Presentations

June 2023, “Conducting Research on Capital Punishment,” First Generation Undergraduate Student Summer Institute, Amherst College, Department of Law, Jurisprudence, and Social Thought.

January 2023, “The Inside-Out Think Tank: Improving Correctional Program through Community Collaboration,” Howard R. Young Correctional Institution (with Corrie Priest).

June 2018, “The Overdose Bereavement Project,” atTAcK addiction, New County Castle County Delaware Chapter, <http://www.attackaddiction.org>.

April 2016, University of Toronto “Challenging Your Criminal Record: Criminal Histories in the Lives of Black American Pardon Seekers” Centre for Criminology and Socio-legal Studies University of Toronto, Canada.

March 2014, State of Delaware Economic Development Office (DEDO), “Studying Ex-Offenders in the Pardon Process”

October 2013, University of Delaware-Wilmington, Osher Lifelong Learning Center: Current Events Series, “Disposable Heroes: The Betrayal of African-American Veterans

February 2013, University of Delaware, Department of Black American Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, “Jim Crow in Camouflage: Militarism and the Endless Perpetuation of America’s Drug War in Impoverished African-American Communities”

February 2013, University of Delaware, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Colloquium Series, “Disposable Heroes: The Betrayal of African-American Veterans.”

March 2011, University of Delaware, Department of Women's Studies Guest Speaker Series, “Research on Race, Ethnicity and Culture,” “Left for Dead: Race, Gender and Community in HIV/AIDS Prison Wards”

October 2011, University of Dayton, 6th Annual Mary Jo Huth Urban Lecture, “The Execution of Troy Anthony Davis as Ideal Type: Inequality, Wrongful Death Sentences, and the Unfinished Business of the Civil Rights Movement”

April 2010, National Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) Conference, Chicago, Illinois, “Using Capital Jury Project Research in Litigation”

October 2009, University of Connecticut Law School, Center for Human Rights, “Confronting HIV/AIDS in U.S. Carceral Institutions: Lessons from the Southern Center for Human Rights’ Leatherwood Litigation”

April 2008, Widener University Law School, “Race and the Death Penalty: Is Justice Colorblind”

February 2008, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, School of Law (Netherlands), “Legal Consciousness without Rights”

March 2007, Lycoming College, Annual Strausser Lecture, “Jurors’ Stories of Death”

February 2007, University of Delaware, Department of Black American Studies Brown Bag Lecture Series, “Intersectionality and Collective Action in an Anti-Rape Protest”

May 2006, Harvard Law School, Charles Hamilton Houston Institute for Racial Justice, “Death in White Face”

July 2005, Annual Criminal Justice Conference of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF), “Race and the Capital Jury”

May 2005, University of Washington, Law, Societies & Justice Program colloquium, “Dying Inside: The HIV/AIDS Ward at Limestone Prison.”

March 2005, UCLA Law School, “Cause Lawyers and Advocates in the Struggle for HIV+ Prisoner Rights”

January 2004, University of California-Santa Barbara, Department of Law and Society, “Dying Inside: A Social Autopsy of Preventable Deaths in One Alabama Prison”

June 2003, Consortium for Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs (CULJP) Annual Conference

December 2002, Continuing Legal Education Program (CLE), Office of the Public Defender, Wilmington, Delaware, “The Capital Jury Project: Implications for Delaware Capital Defense Attorneys”

October 2000, Widener University School of Law, Death Penalty 2000 Symposium, “The Capital Jury”

December 1999, State University of New York Albany, “Race, Ideology, and Legal Action”

June 1999, University of Pennsylvania Law School, “Death Sentencing in Black and White” (with William J. Bowers and Marla Sandys)

April 1998, National Capital Case Conference, “The Capital Jury Project” (with William J. Bowers)

March 1998, Cornell Law School, “The Failure to Achieve Impartiality in Capital Sentencing: Jurors' Predispositions, Attitudes, and Premature Decision-Making” (with William J. Bowers and Marla Sandys)

October 1995, Northeastern University Center for African American Studies, "Juries and the Death Penalty"

Professional Conference Presentations

August 2023, American Sociological Association Annual Conference: “Could you please be nice to me? My son’s dead’: Stigmatized Bereavement and Drug-Related Death” (with Joshua H. Stout).

May 2020, Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “Amazon, Palantir, and the War Against Immigrants: The Strategic Alliance Between the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and America's Most Powerful Corporations” “Making Things Count: Exploring the Potential of Advanced Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) for the Rule of Law and Inclusionary Justice” (role: roundtable participant). Virtual Meeting #LSA2020

November 2019, American Society of Criminology: “Inside-Out's Impact” (role: roundtable participant)

November 2017, American Society of Criminology: “Criminal Records as Racialized Surveillance,” Philadelphia, PA (with Jamie Longazel)

May-June 2015, Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “Pardon Justice” (with Matthew Rosen).

May-June 2014, Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “Misdemeanors: Racial Coercion and Net-Widening at the Bottom of The Criminal Justice Pyramid Sponsored by CRN 27: Punishment & Social Control” (role: roundtable participant); and “Solitary Confinement and the Official Denial of Human Rights Abuses in U.S. Prisons”

May-June 2013, Law & Society Association Annual Conference: Author-Meets-Readers session on Disposable Heroes (role: author); “Tracing Carceral Formations Across Institutional Settings” (with Michelle Brown); Author-Meets-Readers session on Jody Lyneé Madeira, Killing McVeigh (role: reader)

April 2012, Midwestern Sociological Society Annual Conference: “Governing Immigrants as Consumer Crime Victims” (with Jamie Longazel)

June 2011, Justice Studies Association Annual Conference: “The Humanitarian Crisis of Life in Prison”

November 2011, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference: “Race, Multijurisdictional Task Forces (MJTFS), and Mass Incarceration: An Organizational Analysis” (with Lionel Smith) Program

May-June 2011, Law & Society Annual Conference: “Like a Prison that Supposedly Cares: U.S. Military Veterans in an Inner City Supportive Transitional Housing (STHP);” “The Observer as Critically Engaged Participant: Dilemmas, Challenges, and Opportunities” (role: roundtable participant)

May-June 2010, Law & Society Annual Conference: “Rights as Networks for Survival and Social Mobility: Social Capital among Homeless Veterans in a Post-McKinney-Vento Transitional Housing Program”

August 2009, American Sociological Association Annual Conference: “Thematic Session: Mass Imprisonment and Communities in the Post-Welfare State: Social Activists and Sociologists in Dialogue” (organizer and participant)

May-June 2008, Law & Society Annual Conference: “Law as Defender of Neoliberalism: Understanding Anti-Immigrant Backlash in a Small U.S. City” (with Jamie Longazel); and “Why are Black Women’s Voices Heard?: Race and Rights in an Online Anti-Rape Protest” (with Laura Rapp)

May-June 2006, Law & Society Annual Conference: “Death Penalty ‘Reform’ in Delaware”

May-June 2005, Law & Society Association Annual Conference: Author-Meets-Readers session on Jurors’ Stories of Death (role: author)

May-June 2004, Law & Society Annual Conference: “The Death of Scholarly Law & Society Books?”(role: roundtable participant); and “The New Civil Rights Research” (role: roundtable participant)

May-June 2003, Law & Society Association Annual Conference: Author-Meets-Readers session on Trish Oberweis and Michael Musheno, Knowing Rights (role: reader); and “Mobilizing Rights Consciousness Behind Bars: The Case of HIV+ Prisoners’ Rights” (role: author).

November 2002, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: “Jurors’ Race: The Third Wave of Racial Discrimination in Capital Sentencing;” and “Jurors Stories of Death”

August 2002: American Sociological Society Annual Meeting: “Hegemony, Identity, and the Consciousness of Capital Sentencing Jurors”

May-June 2002: Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “New Directions in Inequality and Legal Consciousness Research” (role: roundtable participant); “Racialized Consciousness in Death Penalty Decisions;” “Legal Consciousness among Arab-Americans Post-911”

May-June 2001: Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “Punishing Identities”

March 2001: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting: “An Age of Innocents?: Death Penalty Rhetoric and the New Legality After the Illinois Moratorium”

May-June 2000: Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “Race, Ideology, and Legal Action: The Case of Capital Sentencing Jurors”

November 1998, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting: “Foreclosed Impartiality in Capital Sentencing: Jurors’ Predispositions, Guilt Trial Experience, and Premature Decision Making” (with William J. Bowers and Marla Sandys) and “Constructing Life or Death”

May-June 1997: Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “25 Years After Furman: Contemporary Research on the Capital Jury” (role: roundtable participant); and “The Point of No Return: The Dynamics of Compliance at Final Sentencing”

May-June 1996: Law & Society Association Annual Conference: “The Illusion of Early Release as a Tenet of Crime and Punishment Orthodoxy” (with William J. Bowers)

November 1996: American Society of Criminology Annual Conference: “The Capital Jury Project” (role: roundtable participant); “An Eye for Whom?” (role: roundtable participant) and “The Pernicious Myth of Early Release for First Degree Murderers Not Sentenced to Death” (with William J. Bowers)

March 1995: Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Conference: “Ambivalence and Arbitrariness in Making the Life or Death Decision”

Teaching

Undergraduate Courses Taught

Select Introductory and Upper Division Electives

Problems of Corrections, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Sociology of Law, Capital Punishment & American Culture, Hate Crimes, Introduction to Research Methods.

Courses Meeting University Multicultural Requirement

Inequality, Crime, & Justice

Capstone Courses

Drugs & the Criminal Justice System, University of Delaware Inside-Out Prison Exchange (Course meets at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution)

Surveillance & Society

Discovery Learning Experience (DLE)

Drugs & the Criminal Justice System, University of Delaware Inside-Out Prison Exchange (Course meets at Howard R. Young Correctional Institution)

Special Problems in Corrections: “Elderly Prisoners”

Special Problems in Corrections: “Ex-Offenders and the Pardons Process.”

Other Undergraduate Teaching Activities

Faculty mentor, Undergraduate Summer Scholars Program

Alex Wright (2022)

Lauren Zenna (2020)

Rachel Morenoff (2014)

Michael Akrong (2010)

Rebecca Miller (2008)

Rana Sachdev (2007)

Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program

Adrian Douglas (2014)

Patricia Mann (2010)

Denise Areola (2009)

Naomi Bellot (2001)

Undergraduate Honors Thesis

“In the Trenches of Delaware’s Capital Defense System” (Naomi Bellot, 2002)

Advisement and Independent Studies

Academic Advisor, 2000-present, Undergraduate Criminal Justice Majors, University of Delaware.

Independent studies supervisor with more than 15 undergraduate students.

Graduate Teaching

Courses Taught

Inequality, Justice, & Society Race, Crime, & Punishment

MA Thesis Chair (Successfully defended theses)

Melissa Archer. 2014. “There’s a Reason to Fight”: Racial Justice, Affect, and Collective Identity in an Anti-Gentrification Struggle”

Megan Denver. 2009. “Are Capital Jurors Willing to Serve Again? Investigating Race and Perceptions of Procedural Fairness in the Deliberation Room”

Ross Kleinstuber. 2007. “The effects of religious affiliation on capital jurors' punitive beliefs and dispositions towards punishment.”

Doctoral Dissertation Chair

Joshua H. Stout (2022) “The Impact of Stigma on Family and Friends Bereaved by a Drug Overdose Death.”

Graciela Perez (2022) “Bias Victimization and Police Discrimination of Latinx in the United States: The Role of Culture-Specific Factors”

Melissa Archer (2019) “Confronting Racial Inequities in Education: Exploring the Objectives and Impacts of Teacher Training”

Ross Kleinstuber. 2011. “Everyone Has Choices”: Constructing Individualism in the Cultural and Institutional Life of Capital Mitigation.”

Jamie Longazel. 2011. "I've Lost My City: Law, Community, and Immigration Under Colorblind Neoliberalism"

Stephanie Albertson. 2009. “The Influence of Jurors' Race on Perceptions of Complex Scientific Evidence.”

Other Graduate Education Activities

Graduate Comprehensive Exams in Race, Class, and Gender (Chair, 2010), Race (Chair, 2014-2018; Member 2004-Present), Law and Society (Member 2013-9; 2021-present), 2014), Criminology (Member 2002-2004).

Graduate Student Pro-Seminar (Participant 2007; 2013; 2017).

Faculty Adviser, Jamie Longazel (American Bar Foundation, Doctoral Dissertation Fellow)

<http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2009/apr/abffellowship042209.html>

Service to the Profession

Editorial and Advisory Board Experience

Law & Society Review, Editorial Board Member, 2016 present.

Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society (CCJLS), Editorial Board Member, 2014-present

National Public Radio, Life of the Law, Advisory Panel Member 2012-2016

Race & Justice: An International Journal, Editorial Board Member, 2011-2014 Cohort

Punishment & Society: The International Journal of Penology, Editorial Board Member, 2010-Present

Law & Social Inquiry, Editorial Board Member, 2010-2012 Cohort

Other Select Professional Service

Member, John Hope Franklin Committee (Award for Outstanding Scholarly Article on Race and Law), Law & Society Association , 2021-2022

Member, Article Prize Committee, Punishment & Society: The International Journal of Penology, 2021

Member, Board of Trustees, Law & Society Association, 2014-2017

Co-Organizer, Law & Society Association, Collaborative Research Network on Punishment and Social Control, 2013-2016

Member, Herbert Jacobs Book Award Committee (Award for Outstanding Book), Law & Society Association, 2013-2014

Member, Nominations Committee, Law & Society Association , 2011

Chair, Early Career Workshop, Law & Society Association 2010

Member, Early Career Workshop, Law & Society Association, 2009

Member, Conference Planning Committee, Law & Society Association, 2009

Organizer, Service Panels, Law & Society Association, 2007

Chair, Conditions of Work Committee, Law & Society Association, 2004-2006

Co-Organizer, Law & Society Association, Collaborative Research Network on Inequality and Legal Consciousness, 2004-2006

Other Select Professional Service

Secretary, Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs (CULJP) , 2001-2002

Chair, Diversity Committee, Law & Society Association, 2002-2003

Member, Diversity Committee, Law & Society Association, 2001-2002

Ad hoc referee (select): National Science Foundation (Law and Social Sciences Division), Social Forces, Criminology, Social Problems, Law & Society Review, Theoretical Criminology, Law and Social Inquiry, Punishment & Society, Race & Justice, New York University Press, University of Chicago Press, University of Michigan Press, Ashgate Press.

Select Service to University

Member, Steering Committee, American Association of University Professors, 2019-Present

Advocate for Prisoners as Research Subjects, University of Delaware Institutional Review Board (IRB), 2019-2022

Member, University of Delaware Institutional Review Board (IRB), 2017-2022

Research in Prisons Advocate, University of Delaware Institutional Review Board (IRB), 2018-Present

Member, Faculty Welfare & Privileges, 2004-2006

Select Service to College of Arts & Sciences

Member, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2023-2024

Member, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2006-2007

Select Service to Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice

Member, Graduate Policy Committee, 2022-Present

Member, Promotion & Tenure Committee, 2022-Present

Member, Diversity Committee, 2021-Present

Member, Employee Search Committee, 2015

Member, Graduate Policy Committee, 2012-2013

Merit Evaluation Criteria Review Committee, 2009

Chair, Undergraduate Policy Committee, 2006-2007

Professional Organization Membership

Law & Society Association, 1995-Present

American Sociological Association, 2010-Present

American Society of Criminology, 1995-2010