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9/22–present *Professor*; Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice, Joint Appointment: Department of Africana Studies & Women’s Studies, University of Delaware

9/16–8/22 *Associate Professor*; Department of Sociology & Criminal Justice Joint Appointment: Department of Africana Studies & Women’s Studies, University of Delaware

9/12–present *Departmental Affiliation*, Education Department (Sociocultural and Community Approaches to Education Ph. D. Program), University of Delaware

9/11–9/16 *Associate Professor*; Department of Africana Studies, Secondary Appointment; Sociology Department, University of Delaware

9/06–9/11 *Tenure Track Assistant Professor*; Department of Africana Studies, Secondary Appointment; Sociology Department, University of Delaware

**EDUCATION**

April, 2005–April, 2006 Hunter College-City University Of New York, New York City, Center for Urban and Community Health, NIH/NIDA Post-Doctoral Fellow,

May, 2005 Graduate Center-City University Of New York, New York City, Ph. D, Social-Personality Psychology

October 2003 Graduate Center-City University Of New York, New York City, Master of Philosophy, Social-Personality Psychology

February 2002 Hunter College-City University Of New York, New York City, En-Route Master of Arts Degree, Social-Personality Psychology

May 1999 Seton Hall University, South Orange, New Jersey, Master of Arts Degree, Psychological Studies

May 1997 Wagner College, Staten Island, New York City, Bachelor of Arts Degree, Major: Psychology Minor: English

**BOOK:**

Payne, Y. A., Hitchens, B & Chambers, D. L. (2023). *Murder Town USA: Homicide, Structural Violence and Activism in Wilmington*. Rutgers University Press.

**PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES**

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- Payne, Y. A. & Brown, T. M. (2021). “I don't let these felonies hold me back!”: How street-identified Black men and women use resilience to radically reframe reentry. *Race and Justice*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/215336872110479> (online 21 Dec. 2021).
- Chambers, D. L., **Payne, Y. A.** & Sun, I. (2020). Predicting trust in police: The impact of instrumental and expressive concerns in street-identified Black-American men and women. *Policing: An International Journal*, 43, 6, 917-933.
- Payne, Y. A. & Bryant, A. (2018). Street participatory action research (Street PAR) in prison: A methodology to challenge privilege and power in correctional facilities. *The Prison Journal*, 98, 4, 449-469.
- Payne, Y. A., Hitchens, B. & Chambers, D. L. (2017). “WHY I CAN’T STAND OUT IN FRONT OF MY HOUSE?”: Street identified Black youth and young adult’s negative encounters with police. *Sociological Forum*, 32, 874-895.
- Payne, Y. A. & Brown, T. M. (2017). Martin Luther King, Jr. Lecture - “It’s set up for failure... and they know this!”: How the school-to-prison pipeline impacts the educational experiences of street identified Black youth and young adults. *Villanova Law Review*, 62, 2, 307-325.
- Hitchens, B. & **Payne, Y. A.** (2017). “Brenda’s Got a Baby”: Single motherhood in *The Streets* of Wilmington, Delaware. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 43, 1, 50-76.
- Payne, Y. A. (2016). Young Jeezy and “The Recession”: Gangster Rap’s response to economic poverty in the Black community. *Journal of Black Studies*, 47, 2, 113-133.
- Payne, Y. A. & Brown, T. M. (2016). “I’m still waiting on that golden ticket!”: Attitudes towards and experiences with opportunity in *The Streets* of Black America. *Journal of Social Issues*, 72, 4, 789-811.
- Payne, Y. A. & Suddler, C. (2014). Cope, conform or resist?: Functions of Blackness at a predominantly white university. *Equity & Excellence in Education*, 47, 3, 385-403.

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- Payne, Y. A. & Brown, T. M. (2010). The educational experiences of street life oriented Black boys: How Black boys use street life as a site of resiliency in high school. *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice*, 26, 3, 316-338.
- Payne, Y. A., Stark, B. C. & Gibson, L. R. (2009). Contextualizing Black boy's use of a *street identity*: Why Black boys use street life as a site of resiliency in high school. *New Directions for Youth Development*, 1, 23, 35-51.
- Payne, Y. A. & Hamdi, H. A. (2009). "Street Love": How Street Life Oriented U. S. Born African Men Frame Giving Back to One Another and the Local Community. *The Urban Review*, 41, 1, 29-46.
- Payne, Y. A. (2008). "Street Life" as a site of resiliency: How street life oriented Black men frame opportunity in the United States. *Journal of Black Psychology*, 34, 1, 3-31.
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- Payne, Y. A. (2006). "A Gangster and a Gentleman": How street life oriented U. S. Born African Men negotiate issues of survival in relation to their masculinity. *Men and Masculinity*, 8, 3, 288-297.
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- Fine, M., Burns, A., **Payne, Y. A.** & Torre, M. E. (2004). Civics lessons: The color and class of betrayal. *Teachers College Record*, 106, 11, 2193-2223.
- Fine, M., Freudenberg, N., **Payne, Y. A.**, Perkins, T., Smith, K. & Wanzer, K. (2003). "Anything can happen with police around": Urban youth evaluate strategies of surveillance in public places. *Journal of Social Issues*, 59, 1, 141-158.
- Utsey, S. O., **Payne, Y. A.** Jackson, E. & Jones, A. M. (2002). Race-related stress, Quality of Life indicators, and life satisfaction among elderly African Americans. *Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology*, 8, 3, 224-233.
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- Utsey, S. O. & **Payne, Y. A.** (2001). Differential psychological and emotional impacts of race-related stress in a clinical versus "normal" sample of African American men. *Journal of African-American Men*, 5, 3, 59-74.

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- Hitchens, K. B. & Payne, Y. A. (2023). Revisiting Brenda's Got a Baby: Black motherhood, families, and structural violence in the streets. *African American Women: Living at the Crossroads of Race, Gender, Class, and Culture* (2nd edition), edited by H. Jackson-Lowman (259-288). San Diego, CA: Cognella Academic Publishing.

- Payne, Y. A., Brown, T. M. & Wright, C. (2019). "I can't depend on no reentry program!": Street-identified Black men's critical reflections of prisoner reentry (396-408). In K. M. Middlemass and C. J. Smiley's, *Prisoner Reentry in the 21st Century: Critical Perspectives of Returning Home*. New York: Taylor & Francis/Routledge.
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- [Reprint] Fine, M., Burns, A., **Payne, Y. A.** & Torre, M. E. (2017). Civics Lessons: The Color and Class of Betrayal (29-48). In M. Fine's (Ed.), *Just Research in Contentious Times: Widening the Methodological Imagination*. New York: Teacher College Press.
- Payne, Y. A. (2016). "I Am a Man Too!": Masculinity, Economic Violence and Resilience in *The Streets of Black America* (189-207). In J. Sullivan & W. E. Cross Jr.'s (Eds.), *Meaning-Making, Internalized Racism, and African-American Identity*. SUNY Press
- Bryant, A. & Payne, Y. A. (2013). Evaluating the Impact of Community-Based Learning: Participatory Action Research as a Model for Inside-Out (227-242). In S. W. Davis & B. S. Roswell's (Eds.), *Turning Teaching Inside Out: A Pedagogy of Transformation for Community-Based Education*. New York City: Palgrave MacMillian.
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- Payne, Y. A. & Gibson, L. R. (2008). Hip Hop Music and Culture: A Site of Resiliency for *The Streets of Young Black America* (127-141). In H. A. Nelville, B. M. Tynes & S. O. Utsey (Eds.), *Handbook of African American Psychology*. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.
- Fine, M., Burns, A., Elena, M. E. & Payne, Y. A. (2008). How class matters: The Geography of educational desire and despair in schools and courts (225-242). In L. Weis (Ed.), *The Way class works: Readings on school, family and the economy*. New York: Routeledge.
- Fine, M., Torre, M., Burns, A. & Payne, Y. (2007). Youth research/participatory methods for reform (805-828). In D. Thiessen and A. Cook-Sather (Eds.) *International Handbook of Student Experience in Elementary and Secondary Schools*. Dordrecht, The Netherlands: Kluwer Academic Publishers.
- Payne, Y. A. (2006). Participatory Action Research and Social Justice: Keys to Freedom for Street Life Oriented Black Men (265-280). In J. Battle, M. Bennett & A. J. Lemelle, Jr. (Eds.), *Free at Last?: Black America in the Twenty First Century*. Transaction Publisher: New York.
- Cross, W. E., Jr., Smith, L. & Payne, Y. A. (2002). Black Identity: A Repertoire of Daily Enactments (93-108). In P. B. Pedersen, J. G. Draguns, W. J. Lonner & J. E. Trimble (Eds.), *Counseling Across Cultures* 5<sup>th</sup> Edition. Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

**UNDER REVIEW:**

- Payne, Y. A., Hitchens, B. K., Sadeh, N. & Bounoua, N. Sites of resilience in street-identified Black boys and men: How resilience mediates the link between economic well-being and attitudes toward violence. *Journal Article*.
- Payne, Y. A., Sadeh, N., Hitchens, B. K & Bounoua. "They just started hopping on me!": How psychological and social well-being mediates the relationship between economic well-being and experiences with violence. *Journal Article*
- Payne, Y. A., Hitchens, B. K. & Wilson, J. Organizing *The Streets* to enact social justice: Street PAR in the age of gun violence and draconian policies. *Book Chapter*.

- Bounoua, Nadia R., Hitchens, B. K., **Payne, Y. A.** & Samimi-Sadeh, N. Contextualizing pro-violence attitudes from the Vantage Point of Street-Identified Black Male Adolescents: The Role of Neighborhood context and accelerated adultification. *Journal Article*
- Muhammed, A., Sun, I. & **Payne, Y. A.** Assessing perceptions of the police among street-identified Black Americans: The relevance of neighborhood physical and social conditions. *Journal Article*.
- Aviles, A. Collier, Z., McCallops, K., Liu, L. & **Payne, Y. A.** A latent class analysis of housing status and psychological well-being among street-identified Black men and women in Wilmington, Delaware *Journal Article*.

### **OP-EDS & OTHER PERIODICALS (Last 8 Years)**

- Payne, Y. A. (February 2023). Murder Town USA, Revisited: Will Public Leadership Ever Deliver Structural Change To Black Wilmington? *Let The Truth Be Told*, 2, 2, 10-12. Retrieved at: <https://www.letthetruthbetold.net/newsletters>
- Payne, Y. A. (October 2, 2020). Wilmington: The City Where white Wealth and Black Poverty Collided. In Knicomma Frederick's, A New America. Creative Vision Factory Press.
- Payne, Y. A. & Brown, T. M. (August 10, 2020). Resources for Anti-Racism, Equality, Justice, and Cultural Competence. YMCA of Delaware.
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- Payne, Y. A. (Monday June 8, 2015). Jobs, Not Jail, Are the Ways to Stop Wilmington's Violence. *The News Journal*, 11A.

### **GRANTS**

- National Collaborative on Gun Violence Research Award. Grant Title: "Got The Hammer On Me": The Socio-Cultural Roots Of Gun Use In U.S. Cities." Award Amount: 1.67 million, Principal Investigators: Elise White, Ph.D. & Yasser A. Payne, Ph.D. Timeline: (8/19-6/23)
- Delaware Center for Translational Research/Christiana Care Hospital. Grant Title: "Finite Mixture Modeling of Community Violence Exposures and Health Related Quality of Life in Black American Adults." Award Amount: \$100, 000. Principal Investigators: David Chen, MD (Christiana Care Hospital) & Yasser A. Payne, Ph.D. Timeline: (7/19–Present)
- National Institute Health/Christiana Care Hospital Department of Medicine. Grant Title: "The Wilmington Street PAR Health Project: Health, Opportunity & Violence Prime Award Number: U54GM104941. Award Amount: \$100, 000.00, Principal Investigators: Yasser A. Payne, Ph. D. & Greg Hicks, MD, Timeline: (3/17–Present)
- First State Community Action Agency/American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Grant Title: "Safe Communities" Employment and Training Project. Award Amount: \$200, 000.00 Principal Investigator: Yasser A. Payne, Ph.D. Timeline: (9/09–10/10)
- United Way of Delaware & JP Chase Morgan (DE). Grant Title: "Safe Communities" Employment and Training Project. Award Amount: \$35, 000.00. Principal Investigator: Yasser A. Payne, Ph.D. & HOPE Commission. Timeline: (10/009–1010)

**AWARDS & HONORS (Last 8 years)**

- ACLU-DE Annual Celebration Kandler Awardee (October 2021)
- NPR Source of The Week (March 24, 2021)
- Governor Jack A. Markell's Tribute & Recognition Award (December 2016)
- 40 Under 40 Award – Wilmington, DE (September 2015)
- Delaware Center for Justice's William A. Vrooman Social Justice Exemplar Award (April 2015)
- Ted Talks Featured Presentation (September 2014)

**FORMAL EVALUATIONS, REPORTS & GUIDEBOOKS:**

- **Access to Fairness Commission** (11/15)  
Report & Presentation on *Root Causes of Crime* - Office of Chief Justice Leo Strine -  
Wilmington, DE
- **Delaware Commission of Civil Rights** (9/15)  
Report & Presentation on *Educational Experiences of Black Children in Wilmington*
- **The People's Report: Structural Violence and Crime in Wilmington, Delaware** (9/13)  
City report on violence and other crime (thepeoplesreport.com). HOPE Commission,  
Wilmington, DE
- **Action Research Guidebook: For Basic Adult Education.** (11/11).  
Developed PAR guidebook for adult learners and adult literacy educators  
DC Action Network - Office of State Superintendent of Education, Adult and Family Education,  
Washington, D. C.

**EXPERT TESTIMONY & RESEARCH CONSULTANCY:**

- **Collins & Roop, Esq.** (3/16)  
State of Delaware vs Dominique Benson - Case study analysis of Dominique Benson.
- **Collins & Roop, Esq.** (12/15)  
State of Delaware vs Davear Whittle - Case study analysis of Davear Whittle.
- **Eugene Mauer & Kevin Tray, Esq.** (10/14)  
State of Delaware vs Reuel Ray - Case study analysis of Reuel Ray.
- **Mitchell Dinnerstein, Esq.** (1/07)  
State of New York vs Mr. Ronell Wilson - Case study analysis of Ronell Wilson.

**FEATURE LENGTH DOCUMENTARIES:**

- ***The People's Report* (2013).** This film focuses on street violence in Wilmington, Delaware. *The People's Report (Full Website)* @: Thepeoplesreport.com
- ***The Streets of Harlem: How Black Men in The Streets Adapt to Structural Violence* (2014).** This film explores experiences with violence and structural opportunity among street identified Black men in Harlem, NYC. Full Documentary at:  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNg\\_Q6z3k40](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kNg_Q6z3k40)

**COMMUNITY ART EXHIBITIONS (CURATION):**

- ***Homicide Art Exhibition*** (December 2010 – March 2011). **Theme:** Homicide & Community Resilience. Christina Cultural Art Center. Wilmington, Delaware.
- ***Wilmington Trap Stars Street Art Exhibition*** (April 2014 – June 2014). **Theme:** Structural Inequality and Crime. Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts. Wilmington, Delaware.

**SELECTED INVITED COLLOQUIA**

**Third Annual State of the State of State of Corrections Summit & Resource Fair. Keynote Plenary Panel:** *Impact of Policies & Resources for Returning in Delaware*. Route 9 Library & Innovation Center. February, 2024. New Castle, DE.

**Delaware Center of Justice’s Visions of Justice Annual Conference. Keynote Address:** *Revisiting Compassionate Release: Supporting Older, Infirm & Over-Sentenced People in Delaware*. The Delaware Contemporary. October, 2023 Wilmington, DE.

**“Murder Town, USA”: *Homicide, Structural Violence and Activism in Wilmington*** [Book Talk]. Delaware Historical Society. Wilmington, DE. July 2023. (Paid expenses).

**“Murder Town, USA”: *Homicide, Structural Violence and Activism in Wilmington*** [Book Talk]. Critical Psychology Department Brownbag Series. Graduate Center—City University of New York. April 2023.

**Nemours Black History Brown Bag Lecture Series. *Surviving “Murder Town USA”: Coping with Homicide, Structural Violence and Activism***. Nemours/Alfred I. Dupont Hospital for Children. February 2023.

**2022 National Council of Family Relations Annual Conference. Symposium Title/Theme:** Light and Shadow: Shifting Perspectives and Families. **Keynote Plenary Session:** *Surviving “Murder Town USA” Coping with Homicide, Structural Violence and Activism in a Small Urban Black City*. Minneapolis, Minnesota. November 2022. (Paid expenses).

**The University & the Neighborhood Conference.** Wake Forest University. November 2022. (Paid expenses).

- **Plenary Panel Session—*Beyond “Engagement”:* *Surviving “Murder Town USA” Coping with Homicide, Structural Violence and Activism*.**
- **Concurrent Workshop Session: *Participatory Action Research Workshop*.**

**Vera Institute of Justice – Restoring Promise Annual Convening. Symposium Title/Theme:** Together in Dignity. **Featured Panel Discussion:** *Together in... Telling the Stories*. San Antonio, TX. October 2022. (Paid expenses).

**Peterson Fellows for Racial and Ethnic Diversity, 3rd Annual Workshop (Pre-ASC National Conference Forum).** **Panel Title:** Social Justice and the Scholarly Enterprise: Prospects and Pitfalls. **Speaker & Panelist.** Palmer House Hilton. Chicago, IL. November, 2021.

**American Society of Criminology and Jane Adams College of Social Work (UIC): Sponsored by the Division on People of Color and Crime.** Panel Title: *Participatory Action Research: Creating Change with Communities*. April 2021.

**American Educational Research Association National Conference. Invited Roundtable: AERA Educational Policy Handbook Roundtable on Session Paper:** Methodological Developments in Education Policy Research II. Paper Title: *Participatory Action Research and Educational Policy Research*. April 2021.

**University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill—Clinical Colloquium Series.** Dept. of Psychology and Neuroscience. *Street Participatory Action Research: Doing Research & Activism with Street-Identified Black Men and Women*. October 2020 (Paid expenses).

**SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:**

**2023 American Society of Criminology National Conference. Conference Title:** Seeking Justice: Reconciling with our Past, Reimagining the Future. Philadelphia Marriott Downtown. Philadelphia, PA. November, 2023.

Panel Title: Addressing Race/Ethnicity, Equity, and Justice in Research on Communities and Place

Panel Title: Innovations in Community-Engaged Research on Gun Violence and Activism: Understanding Black Youth Involvement in Violence

- *Insights from the Wilmington Street PAR Team*
- *Insights from the Philadelphia Street PAR Team*
- *Insights from the Brooklyn Street PAR Team*

Panel Title: Innovations in Community-Engaged Research on Gun Violence and Activism: Understanding Black Youth Involvement in Violence

- *Public Perceptions of Police Among Street-Identified Black-Americans: The Impacts of Neighborhood Factors*
- *The Perspectives of Street-Identified Black Young Adults on Reporting Crimes to Police*

Panel Title: Fear of Crime Across Community Contexts

- *Understanding Community Safety and Collective Efficacy in The Streets*

Panel Title: Guns and Places: Victimization Threats and Vulnerabilities

- *Relationship Between Blood Pressure, Victimization, and Pro-Gun Carrying Attitudes Among Street-Identified Black Men and Women*

Panel Title: Social Institutions and Crime

- *Sites of Resilience in Street-identified Black Males: How Resilience Mediates Economic Well-being and Pro-violent Attitudes*

**2023 Society for the Study of Social Problems 73<sup>rd</sup> National Conference. Conference Theme:** In Pursuit of Justice. **Panel Discussion** *CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Researchers Working with Activists*. Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown Hotel. Philadelphia, PA. August 2023.

**2023 American Sociological Association National Conference.** *The Educative Power of Sociology.* Pennsylvania Conventional Center. Philadelphia, PA. August 2023. **Pre-Conference Presentation Title:** Research-Informed Community Empowerment Approaches in Race-Class Subjugated Communities.

- “*Got The Hammer on Me!*”: *Opportunity, well-being and gun violence in Wilmington*
- “*Respect The Shooter!*”: *Fear, victimization and gun carrying in Philadelphia*

**2022 American Society of Criminology National Conference.** **Vera Institute—Restoring Promise Panel:** *De-centering Power: The Future of Prison - Reform/ Reentry Research is the Leadership of Incarcerated People.* **Discussant:** Yasser A. Payne. Atlanta, GA. November 2022.

**American Educational Research Association National Conference.** **Paper Presentations:** *Design Considerations in Mixed Methods Research.* *The Process of Designing a Mixed Methods Research Study Using Secondary Data.* April 2022.

**37th Annual Winter Roundtable on Cultural Psychology and Education.** **Conference Title:** **Teaching to Transform—Mentoring & Supervision In Psychology And Education.** **Individual Presentation:** *“Teachers think the kids around here, don't really want to learn”:* *Street-identified Black men and women's attitudes toward teachers, schools and learning.* Teachers College, Columbia University. New York City. February, 2020.

**Eastern Sociological Society 2020 Annual Meeting.** **Conference Title:** **Sociology as a Science and Vocation: In the Era of National Populism.** 201 Philadelphia Hotel. Philadelphia, PA. February, 2020.

- **Panel Title:** *The Wilmington Street PAR Health Project: Working With The Streets to Examine Opportunity, Health and Violence.*
- **Panel Title:** *“Teachers think the kids around here, don't really want to learn”:* *Street-identified Black men and women’s attitudes toward teachers and education.*

**2019 American Society of Criminology National Conference.** **Conference Title:** **Criminology in the New Era: Confronting Injustice and Inequalities.** San Fran Cisco ***Marriott Marquis Hotel. San Francisco, CA. November, 2019.***

- **Panel Title:** *“Teachers think the kids around here, don't really want to learn”:* *Street-identified Black men and women’s attitudes toward teachers and education.*
- **Panel Title:** *“I can’t depend on no reentry program!”:* *Street-identified Black men’s critical reflections of prisoner reentry*
- **Panel Title:** *Organizing Street Participatory Action Research Methodology in Prison Environments*

**SELECTED MEDIA APPEARANCES:**

**Delaware Public Media/NPR (August 15, 2023).** Reparations Task Force discusses economic disparities in Wilmington. - <https://www.delawarepublic.org/delaware-headlines/2023-08-15/reparations-task-force-discusses-economic-disparities-in-wilmington>

**USA Today.** David Oliver (Feb. 13, 2023). ‘Euphoria’ actress accused of shoplifting. What are the ethics of stealing just a little bit? - <https://www.usatoday.com/story/life/health-wellness/2023/02/13/is-stealing-ever-ok-ethics/11178006002/>

**New York Times** (11/3/22). Fear of Crime Looms Large for Voters, to Republicans’ Advantage – <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/11/03/us/midterm-elections-republicans-crime.html>

**News Journal/Delawareonline.com.** Esteban Parra, Amanda Fries & Hannah Edelman (September, 11 2022). *Did police hold back on reporting homicides?: Banks exec fatally shot in Wilmington while PGA Tour in Delaware.*

**News Journal/Delawareonline.com.** Esteban Parra, Amanda Fries & Hannah Edelman (September 6, 2022). *Did PGA Tour Event Impact Release of Info about Wilmington Homicide?* - <https://www.delawareonline.com/restricted/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.delawareonline.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Fcrime%2F2022%2F09%2F06%2Fpga-event-impact-release-of-information-about-wilmington-fatal-shootings%2F65414188007%2F>

**New York Times.** Campbell Robertson (August 2022). ‘Everybody Is Armed’: As Shootings Soar, Philadelphia Is Awash in Guns - <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/08/11/us/philadelphia-gun-violence-shootings.html>

**News Journal/Delawareonline.com.** (July 25, 2022). *Wilmington opposes Southbridge project, surprising locals –* <https://www.delawareonline.com/restricted/?return=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.delawareonline.com%2Fstory%2Fnews%2Flocal%2F2022%2F07%2F25%2Fwilmington-opposition-to-southbridge-project-surprised-residents-developers%2F65379805007%2F>

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