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Education

Ph.D. Sociology, May 2007
University of Delaware

M.A. Sociology, May 2002
University of Delaware

B.S. Sociology, August 1999
Towson University

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Fall 2018-present
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Assistant Professor, Fall 2009-Summer 2018
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD)

Assistant Professor (fixed-term), Fall 2007-Spring 2009
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD)

Instructor (fixed-term), Fall 2005-Spring 2007
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD)

Academic Affiliations

Core Faculty, Winter 2018-present
Disaster Research Center [DRC](#)
University of Delaware
(Affiliate Faculty Fall 2015-Winter 2018)

Policy Fellow, Spring 2017-present
Center for Community Research and Service [CCRS](#)
University of Delaware

Faculty Affiliate and Investigator, Winter 2012-present
Delaware Environmental Institute [DENIN](#)
University of Delaware

Scholarly Interests

Environmental justice, health disparities, popular epidemiology, medicalization

Awards

Exemplary Achievement in Community Service Award. DuPont Interdisciplinary Science Learning Laboratories, University of Delaware. [Spring 2015]

Teaching Experience

Introduction to Sociology

Introduction to Sociological Research

Environment and Health

Sociology of Diagnosis

Sociology of Risk

Data Collection and Analysis

Fads and Fashions

Teaching and Curriculum Development Grants

Integrative Curriculum Development Grant from the Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy (UD). "Integrating Environmental Justice into Soil Chemistry Curriculum." (\$3,000) Co-PI Donald Sparks. [Fall 2018]

University of Delaware's "Infusing Computational Reasoning into General Education" grant. Coordinated by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning (UD). National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant #1611959. (\$5,000) [Summer-Fall 2017]

Innovative Transformation Grant from the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning and Academic Technology Services (UD). Introduction to Mapping Social Issues course development. (\$6,000) [Summer 2014]

Integrative Curriculum Development Grant from the Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy (UD). Integrate ethics into Environment and Health SOCI 335. (\$3,000) [Summer 2013]

Teaching Recognition and Invitations

Recognition

Nominated for the University of Delaware's *Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising and Mentoring Award*. [Spring 2017]

Nominated three times for the University of Delaware's *Excellence in Teaching Award*. [Spring 2004, 2008, and 2009]

National Teaching Invitations

Drexel University – Pennoni Honors College. “Complexities of Research in the Community: The Case of Environmental Justice.” Invited lecture for *Research in the Community* course. [Spring 2018]

PolicyMap [webinar](#). “PolicyMap in the Classroom: A Tool for Public Health and Sociology Courses.” [Spring 2017]

Drexel University – Pennoni Honors College. “A Prospectus on the Global Community in Cyberspace: Virtual Popular Epidemiology.” Invited lecture for the *Great Works Symposium: Disease and the Global City*. [Spring 2011]

Local Delaware Teaching Invitations

Delaware Technical Community College. “Encouraging Climate Change and Environmental Awareness in Environmental Justice Communities: Increasing Empowerment and Decreasing Maladaptation.” Invited guest lecture for SCI 107 course. [Spring 2016]

Delaware Technical Community College. “Resident Knowledge and Concern for Sea Level Rise and Contaminant Mobility in South Wilmington.” Invited guest lecture for SCI 107 *Explorations on the Delaware Bay* course. [Spring 2015]

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – University of Delaware. “Statistics, Uncertainty, and the News Media Construction of Cancer Clusters in Delaware.” Invited guest lecture for Osher program. [Fall 2013]

University of Delaware Teaching Invitations

“The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.” Invited lecture for GEOG 334/UAPP 406 *Planning for Sustainable Communities* course. [Fall 2019]

Introduction to Sociology course for the [Get Ahead](#) program. [Summer 2019]

“The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.” Invited lecture for ENTO 103 *Land and Water Management* course. [Spring 2019]

“The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.” Invited lecture for ENWC 103 *Land and Water Management* course. [Spring 2018]

“Citizen Science, Sea Level Rise, and South Wilmington: A Primer on Studying Environmental Justice Communities.” Invited lecture for ENGL 409 *Topics in Journalism: Environmental Journalism* course. [Spring 2018]

“Use of Door-to-Door Surveys as CBPR and Strategies to Reduce Non-Response.” Invited lecture for UAPP 667 *Survey Research Methods* course. [Fall 2017]

“Online Mobilization and the Growth of an International Environmental Justice Global Movement: The Burgeoning Role of Global EJ Mapping.” Invited lecture for ARSC 300 *Issues in Global Studies* course. [Spring 2017]

“Integrating Social and Environmental Justice into STEM Research: Becoming “Socio-Scientific.” Invited lecture for CHEM/PLSC 608 *Environmental Soil Chemistry* course. [Spring 2017]

“Integrating Social and Environmental Justice into STEM Research: Becoming “Socio-Scientific.” Invited lecture for CIEG 437 *Water and Wastewater Quality* course. [Spring 2017]

“EJ Communities and Climate Change: Why *Place* Matters.” Invited guest lecture for UAPP 406/GEOG 434 *Planning Sustainable Communities and Regions* course. [Spring 2017]

“Environmental (In)Justice and Environmental Racism.” Invited guest lecture for Lambda Pi Chi Sorority. [Spring 2016]

“EJ Communities and Climate Change: Why *Place* Matters.” Invited guest lecture for DISA 680 *Disaster Science and Management Seminar* course. [Spring 2016]

“EJ Communities and Climate Change: Why *Place* Matters.” Invited guest lecture for UAPP 406/GEOG 434 course *Planning Sustainable Communities and Regions* course. [Spring 2016]

“Environmental (In)Justice and Environmental Racism.” Invited guest lecture for SOCI 201 *Introduction to Sociology* course. [Fall 2015]

“Environmental (In)Justice and Environmental Racism.” Invited guest lecture for SOCI/CRJU 345 *Sociology of Law* course. [Fall 2015]

“The Geography of Environmental Justice.” [Presentation](#) on using PolicyMap in the classroom. Summer Faculty Institute. [Summer 2015]

“From Degenerate to Diseased and Back Again: The Circular Trajectory of Mental Illness as Medical Deviance in Sociology.” Invited lecture for SOCI 621 *Theories and Approaches to Social Deviance* course. [Fall 2012]

Published Contributions to Teaching (non-refereed)

Perez, Victor W. 2015. "The Geography of Environmental (In)Justice." Pp. 7-8, Teaching/Learning Matters: ASA's Newsletter for the Section on Teaching & Learning. Vol. 44(3) *Connecting the Classroom to the Community*.

Other Teaching Related Activities

Wilmington Community Engagement Initiative (WCEI). Co-developing course for fall 2020 OLLI community engagement course. [Fall 2019-present]

[Wilmington Archives Project](#) (WAP). Incorporated digital humanities into SOCI 335 Environment and Health (UD) for the WAP. [Fall 2018]

Presenter at the Summer Institute on Teaching, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning (CTAL). [Summer 2018]

ReLIC: Reengineering Large Introductory Courses to Enhance Learning, Persistence, and Graduation. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning. [Spring 2018]

Co-presenter (with Andrea Kelley) of "An Examination of Triggers and Trigger Warnings in the Practice of Teaching." Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD) Brown Bag colloquium. [Spring 2016]

Panel member at the annual conference for graduate student teaching assistants (UD) discussing "Faculty Expectations of Teaching Assistants." Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning. [Summer 2015]

Environmental Humanities Minor development committee member (UD). [Fall 2011-Spring 2012]

Reviewer for the SAGE/American Sociological Association journal *Teaching Sociology*. [2011]

Undergraduate Mentorship and Thesis Direction

Benjamin McLuckie Award Winners Mentored

(Department [Award](#) for Outstanding Sociology Senior)

Melisa Soysal (2016)

Marissa Personette (2014)

Jacquelyn Knee (2011)

Robyn Mello (2009)

Mentorship and Thesis Direction

Summer research mentor for Alyssa Schiff, [McNair](#) Scholar. [Summer 2019]

Undergraduate research mentor for Meghan Lenahan. [Summer-Fall 2016]

BS senior thesis committee member for Meghan Lenahan. Thesis title: "Responsible Mosquito Management in Southbridge." Committee member. [Fall 2015-Spring 2016]

Internship advisor for Jennifer Azevedo. Internship at the Delaware Division of Family Services. [Fall 2015]

Undergraduate research mentor for Melisa Soysal. [Summer 2014 to Fall 2016]

Faculty mentor and advisor for William Lescas, DENIN/EPSCoR Summer Scholar. [Summer 2014]

Mentor for Paulina Knotts, DENIN Environmental Scholar. [Fall 2013-Spring 2014]

Mentor for Marissa Personette, undergraduate research assistant and president of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club. [Fall 2013-Spring 2014]

Mentor for Shaivi Patel, undergraduate research assistant. [Fall 2012]

Mentor for Rachel Bacon, undergraduate research assistant. [Fall 2011-Spring 2012]

Outside reader for undergraduate senior thesis by Kate Chiseri. Thesis title: "HIV Communication Mechanisms and Effectiveness among Young Adults." [Fall 2012-Spring 2013]

Graduate Mentorship and MA Thesis/PhD Direction

MA Thesis Committee Chair

Matthew Manierre. Thesis title: "Examining the Relationship Between Flexible Resources and Health Information Source Selection." [Fall 2011-Spring 2012]

MA Thesis Committee Member

Christine Beste. Thesis title: "From Beef Brisket to the Bayous: A Study of How Forced Migration Influences Host Community Culture." [Summer 2016-Winter 2020]

Mei Johnson. Thesis title: "An Analysis of Two After-Action Reports Published by the Tennessee Valley Authority Following the 2008 Kingston Coal Fly Ash Slurry Spill in Kingston, Tennessee." [Fall 2014-Spring 2015]

Melody Cotterill. "Skating the Metaphorical Edge: An Ethnographic Study of Female Roller Derby Athletes." [Fall 2009-Spring 2010]

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

Bri Van Arsdale. Dissertation title: "Sociological Understandings of Vulvar Pain: Interrogating Medicalization, Illness Experiences, and (Sexual) Identity."
[Fall 2019 to present]

Carolina Velasquez. Dissertation title: "Water Justice in Small Islands: The Case of the '2016 Water Crisis' in San Andres, a Colombian Caribbean Island."
[Summer 2017 to present]

Matthew Manierre. Dissertation title: "Pathways to Success: Measuring and Explaining Successful Aging." [Fall 2015-Spring 2016]

Graduate Research Mentorship

Mentor for PhD student Melissa Archer on relocation and planned migration of environmental justice communities in Delaware. [Spring 2016-Fall 2018]

Mentor for PhD student Matt Manierre on survey research methodology and parent perceptions of autism. [Fall 2010-Spring 2011]

I regularly mentor graduate students into the practice of teaching with no fewer than 1 teaching assistant per semester.

UD Teaching Improvement

Problem-Based Learning Workshop

Re-Engineering Large Introductory Courses (ReLIC) Initiative

Summer and Winter Faculty Institutes (multiple years)

Documenting Teaching Effectiveness Workshop

Improving Student Learning through Writing Workshop

Getting More Out of Student Writing While Assigning Less Workshop

The Virtual Classroom and the Virtual Syllabus Workshop

Using Twitter in the Classroom Seminar

Funded Research Grants

Relocation Survey for Eden Park and Hamilton Park Communities [2017]

Principal Investigator: Victor W. Perez

Total budget: \$12,500

Funded by the New Castle County Department of Land Use

Delaware EPSCoR: Meeting Delaware's 21st Century Water and Energy Challenges through Research, Education, and Innovation [2014]

Principal Investigator: Donald L. Sparks

Co-Principal Investigator for state of DE: Victor W. Perez

NSF Proposal Number: 1301765

Total budget: \$24 M (NSF-\$20M, the State of Delaware-\$4M)

Research Grant Proposals Under Review

A Comprehensive, Community-Engaged Risk Assessment of Soil Contamination in Coastal Delaware Environmental Justice Communities.

Principal Investigator: Jennifer Horney

Co-PI: Victor W. Perez

National Institutes of Health

Total budget: \$2,396,356.00

An Examination of the Zoning History of the Route 9 Corridor: Where Residential Communities and Industry Collide

Principal Investigator: Victor W. Perez

University of Delaware General University Research (GUR)

Total budget: \$12,438

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

Perez, Victor W. and Jennifer Egan. 2016. "Knowledge and Concern for Sea Level Rise in an Urban Environmental Justice Community." *Sociological Forum* 31(S1):885-907.

Citation count: 6

Perez, Victor W., Joel Best, and Rachel Bacon. 2015. "Cancer Clusters in Delaware? How One Newspaper Turned Official Statistics into News." *Numeracy* 8(1): Article 7. Downloads as of February 2020: 2705

Perez, Victor W. 2005. "The Relationship Between Seriously Considering, Planning, and Attempting Suicide in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey." *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* 35(1):35-49. Citation count: 15

Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Clifford A. Butzin, Victor W. Perez, Druetta Nichols-Jennings, and Alison R. Gray. 2002. "Drug Court Participants' Satisfaction with Treatment and the Drug Court Experience." *Drug Court Review* 4(1):39-82.

Book Chapters, Reports, and Other Scholarly Publications (Refereed and Non-Refereed)

Perez, Victor W. 2020 [in press]. "Environmental Justice." Chapter 13 of *The Delaware Naturalist Handbook*. Edited by McKay Jenkins and Sue Barton. Newark, DE: University of Delaware Press.

Clawson, Dan, Louis Edgar Esparza, Marisa Allison, Celeste Atkins, Michael Burawoy, Jay R. Howard, Penny Lewis, Ruth Milkman, Catherine Moran, Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley, Nicholas Pagnucco, Victor W. Perez, and Jean Shin. 2019. *Contingent Faculty Employment in Sociology: A Report by the ASA Task Force on Contingent Faculty Employment January 2019*. Full report available [here](#).

Perez, Victor W. 2019. *A Residential Survey of Environmental Concern and Attitudes Towards Relocation, Rezoning, and Revitalization in Two New Castle County, DE Communities: Eden Park and Hamilton Park*. Full report available [here](#).

Perez, Victor W. 2016. "The (Differential) Pace of Interdisciplinary Environmental Justice Research and Other Factors Impacting Successful Collaboration." Pp. 6 and 8, *SSSP Division of Environment and Technology, Fall 2016 Newsletter*.

Perez, Victor W. 2014. "Connections: Mental Illness as Degeneracy, Disease, and Genetics." Pp. 197-206 in *Understanding Deviance: Connecting Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Tammy L. Anderson. New York: Routledge.

Perez, Victor W. 2012. "The Movement Linking Vaccines to Autism: Parents and the Internet." Pp. 71-89 in *Making Sense of Social Problems: New Images, New Issues*, edited by Joel Best and Scott R. Harris. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.

Perez, Victor W. 2010. "The Rhetoric of Science and Statistics in Claims of an Autism Epidemic." Pp. 203-221 in *Advances in Medical Sociology*. Vol. 11, *Understanding Emerging Epidemics: Social and Political Approaches*, edited by Ananya Mukherjea. United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing.

Perez, Victor W. 2010. [Book Review] *Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder*, by Elizabeth M. Armstrong (2003). In *Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter* 41(1):14-17.

Invited Research and Scholarly Presentations

Special Libraries Association (SLA) annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. Presented the poster "Visualizing the Geography of Environmental Justice." [Summer 2018]

Southern Sociological Society annual meeting *Diversities: Inclusion, Equality, Resistance* in Greenville, SC. Presented "A Report on the ASA Taskforce on Contingent Faculty: Why the ASA Must Advocate for Faculty Off the Tenure-Stream." [March 2017]

Union of Concerned Scientists and the Environmental Justice Health Alliance. "Science, Democracy, and Environmental Justice" forum working group member (invited). St. Paul, MN. [September 2016]

University of Delaware. "Examining the Role of Online Social Networking in Health Social Movements: Autism, Parents, and the Internet." Geography Seminar Series, Department of Geography. [Fall 2015]

University of Delaware. “Sea Level Rise, Pollution, and Environmental Justice Communities.” Earth, Equity, and Environment Speaker Series, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Delaware Environmental Institute. [Spring 2015] Link to the presentation [here](#).

University of Delaware. “Resident Knowledge and Concern for Sea Level Rise and Contaminant Mobility in South Wilmington.” Carnegie Foundation Elective Community Engagement Classification Celebration. [Spring 2015]

Delaware Technical Community College. Presentation of ongoing research on contaminant mobility and perceptions of sea level rise and environmental pollution in Southbridge. Part of the “Engaging Students in the Right Environment” faculty workshop. Sponsored by EPSCoR. [Fall 2014]

Panelist at the Second Annual DENIN Research Symposium on interdisciplinarity in environmental and health research. [Winter 2012]

Presenter and facilitator at the “Responsible Conduct of Research” 2-day course sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies. [Summer 2008]

Professional Conference Presentations

Perez, Victor W. 2019. “Preparing Graduate Students for the New Academic Market: Old Narratives, New Narratives, and What Departments Can Do.” Thematic session presentation at the annual meeting of the *American Sociological Association*, New York City. [August 2019]

Perez, Victor W. 2018. “Using Publicly Available Environmental Hazard Mapping in the Classroom.” CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Teaching Environmental Social Problems. *Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Philadelphia, PA. [August 2018]

Perez, Victor W. “The Future of the Job Market is Now: What Graduate Students Need to Know about the Rise in Adjunct Faculty.” Roundtable 6 of the annual meeting of the *Eastern Sociological Society*, Baltimore, MD. [February 2018]

Perez, Victor W. “Knowing Your Place? An Examination of How Scholar-Activists Align with Different Groups in an EJ Community.” Session 30 of the annual meeting of the *Society for the Study of Social Problems*, Montreal, Canada. [August 2017]

Perez, Victor W. “Sea Level Rise Remediation in Environmental Justice Communities.” Discussion topic for the *Inclusion and Empowerment in Disaster Risk Reduction* panel at the 2017 Natural Hazards Workshop, Natural Hazards Center (UC-Boulder), Boulder, CO. [July 2017]

Perez, Victor W. "The (Differential) Pace of Interdisciplinary Environmental Justice Research: Issues for Knowledge Sharing with the Community." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA. [August 2016]

Perez, Victor W. "Prioritizing Environmental Justice Communities for Sea Level Rise Remediation." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL. [August 2015]

Perez, Victor W., Donald Sparks, and Josh LeMonte. "Sea-Level Rise, Pollution, and Environmental Justice Communities." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. [February 2015]

Perez, Victor W. and Joel Best. "Statistics, Uncertainty, and the News Media Construction of Cancer Clusters in Delaware." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV. [August 2011]

Perez, Victor W. and Ray J. Maratea. "Social Movement Formation in Cyberspace: The Online Network of the Autism Collaboration." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA. [March 2010]

Perez, Victor W. and Ray J. Maratea. "How Individual Web Spaces Create a Social Movement: Mapping the Network of the Autism Blogosphere." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA. [August 2009]

Perez, Victor W. "Stability of Correlates of Suicidal Thought and Behavior in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD. [March 2009]

Perez, Victor W. "The Implications of Medicalization and Risk for the Prevention Movement in the Social Sciences." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. [February 2008]

Perez, Victor W. "Perceived Risk of Harm and Disapproval as Mechanisms of Social Control in Youth Marijuana Use." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. [August 2007]

Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Victor W. Perez and Alison R. Gray. "Success in Drug Court: Does Criminal History Matter?" Annual meeting of the American Criminal Justice Society, Las Vegas, NV. [March 2004]

Perez, Victor W. "Tattoo Removal: How Modern Laser Treatment Has Influenced Exiting the Deviant Career." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. [February 2004]

Perez, Victor W., Christine A. Saum, Alison R. Gray and Frank R. Scarpitti. "The Influence of Drug Court Participation on Exiting the Criminal Career: A Comparison of Drug Court and Treatment-Only Participants with Criminal Histories." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY. [February 2004]

Gray, Alison R., Christine A. Saum, Frank R. Scarpitti, Victor W. Perez and Clifford A. Butzin. "Drug Court Treatment Programs: Predictors of Successful Completion." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO. [November 2003]

Perez, Victor W. "The Influence of Gender Role Socialization on the Relationship between Forced Sexual Intercourse and Deviant Behavior." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. [February 2003]

Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Clifford A. Butzin and Victor W. Perez. "Drug Court Project: Client Satisfaction Survey." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. [November 2002]

Perez, Victor W. "Measuring Suicidal Ideation Using Risk Behaviors." Annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Bethesda, MD. [April 2002]

Previous Research Experience

Johns Hopkins University. Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine. Statistical/methodological assistant for patient/proxy quality of life study. [May-July 2005]

University of Delaware. Center for Drug and Health Studies. Research assistant for drug court study, and Delaware school survey team leader. [January 2001-May 2004]

Westat. Research assistant on NIAAA and NHTSA funded research projects examining the efficacy of ignition interlocks. [November 1999-August 2000]

Towson University. Research assistant examining attitudes of Honors students on university curriculum. [Summer 1999]

Service to the Profession of Sociology

Journal and Grant Reviews

The MDPI journal *Social Sciences*. [2018 and 2019]

The Elsevier journal *Social Science & Medicine*. [2016]

The Taylor & Francis journal *International Journal of Environmental Health Research*. [2016]

North Carolina State University grants. [2015]

The Wiley/Foundation for the Sociology of Health & Illness journal *Sociology of Health & Illness*. [2015, 2016, 2017]

The Taylor & Francis/North Central Sociological Association journal *Sociological Focus*. [2014]

The SAGE/Florida State University *Journal of Drug Issues*. [2012]

Professional Organization and Committee Service

Panelist for Workshop 240: Policy and Research Workshop. “Contingent Faculty in Academic Sociology.” Sponsored by the ASA Task Force on Contingent Faculty. Annual meeting for the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada. [August 2017]

Committee member/reviewer for the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. Environment and Technology Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. [2016, 2017, 2018 and 2020]

Committee member of the American Sociological Association Task Force on Contingent Faculty. [March 2016-Summer 2019]

Committee member on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship for the *Society for the Study of Social Problems*. [Fall 2011]

Other Service to the Profession

Organizer of panel “Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference. [August 2018]

Organizer and Presider of Session 105 “CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Applications in Environmental Studies and Narratives on Interdisciplinary Research.” Section on Environment and Technology. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference. [August 2017]

Organizer and Presider of Session 26 “CRITICAL DIALOGUE: Interdisciplinarity and Environmental Studies.” Section on Environment and Technology. *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference. [August 2016]

Presider over Session 52 “Environmental Justice: Conflict, Communities, and Collective (In)Action.” *Society for the Study of Social Problems* annual conference. [August 2015]

Presider over Session 344 “Environmentalism and Sustainability: Individual and Collective Action.” *Eastern Sociological Society* annual conference. [February 2015]

Discussant for Regular Paper Session 41 on Race and Mental Health at the *Eastern Sociological Society* annual conference. [February 2011]

Discussant for Roundtable 80 on Gender and Crime at the *Eastern Sociological Society* annual conference. [February 2003]

Service to the University of Delaware and Recognition

Moderator for the Environmental Sustainability and Justice session at the 2019 Summer research and Service Scholar Symposium (UD). [Summer 2019]

Continuing-Track (CT) promotion panel. [Spring 2019]

Reviewer for the 2019 Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Council (IHRC) grants. [Winter 2019]

Organized and facilitated the [Green gentrification talk](#) by Ken Gould and Tammy Lewis. [Fall 2018]

Organizer for the 2018 Bill Anderson Fund Workshop in Southbridge, DE. [Fall 2018]

Faculty co-advisor for students in capstone course UAPP440 *Contemporary Policy Issues*. Advising on the social determinants of health, environmental justice, and physical infrastructure in Northeast Wilmington, DE. Capstone is Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant supported. [Spring 2018]

Discussant at the second annual Bill Anderson Fund Workshop on South Wilmington flooding and sea level rise. The workshop is facilitated, in part, by the Disaster Research Center (DRC) at UD. [Fall 2017]

Discussant at the second annual Bill Anderson Fund Workshop on South Wilmington flooding and sea level rise. The workshop is facilitated, in part, by the Disaster Research Center (DRC) at UD. [Fall 2017]

Invited discussion leader for the [Lights, Camera, EARTH! Film Series: Two Square Miles](#). Co-sponsored by DENIN and the College of Arts and Sciences Environmental Humanities Program. [Spring 2017]

Invited presentation at the Chronic Illness Open Forum to discuss chronic illness and self-identity on UD's campus. Invitation from the resident student organization Chronic Illness Advocates. [Fall 2016]

Moderator for a discussion on free speech and safe spaces regarding the appearance of Milo Yiannopoulos on UD's campus. Discussion orchestrated by the Honors Program diversity group MOSAIC. [Fall 2016]

PITCH: 90 judge for the Delaware Environmental Institute. Judges evaluate 90-second presentations from undergraduate students competing for research awards to support novel, socially relevant science, and engineering research projects.

[Fall 2016; Fall 2017]

Moderator for three discussions of the #UD Black Lives Matter movement for the Honors Program diversity group MOSAIC. [Spring and Summer 2015; Spring 2016]

Faculty advisor for the UD chapter of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Inc. [Fall 2015-Summer 2019]

Institutional Review Board member (primary and alternate).

[Summer 2015-present]

Honors Program (UD) Distinguished Scholars Weekend selection committee member.

[Summer 2015]

Distinguished Scholars selection committee member for the Honors Program.

[Spring 2015]

Practice interviewer for Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes Scholarships. Honors Program at the University of Delaware. [2010, 2011, 2015, 2016]

Latino/Hispanic Heritage Caucus advisory board member. [Fall 2011-Summer 2015]

Presented the seminar "Standards of Good Science: Fabrication, Falsification, and Plagiarism" at the EPSCoR Summer Scholars program (UD). [Summer 2014]

Roundtable discussant for the Delaware Environmental Institute's "Environmental Scholars Winter Retreat." Killens Pond Nature Center in Felton, DE. [Winter 2014]

Inaugural invited speaker for the University of Delaware Honors Program *Coffee Talk* on "Cyborgology." [Fall 2013]

Search committee member for Associate Director of the Honors Program. [Fall 2013]

"Working with the Course Instructor: Being Part of an Instructional Team." Annual conference for graduate student teaching assistants. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning. [Summer 2013]

Career Services Center "Networking Night" planning committee member.

[Spring 2013-Spring 2016]

Planned and executed an invited discussion with environmental journalist and MIT Press author Steve Lerner. Discussion of his book *Sacrifice Zones* was co-sponsored by the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy and the Disaster Research Center. Video of the talk linked [here](#). [Spring 2011]

I have given presentations to graduate students for the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning on various issues in academia (links provided to videos of the presentations below). [2010]

[Academic Job Interviews](#)

[Cover Letters](#)

[Non-Tenure Track Positions](#)

Presented “Strategies of the Academic Job Search in a Weak Academic Market.” UNIV 603 graduate course *Academic Job Search*. [January 2009, 2010, and 2011]

Discussant at the CAA Undergraduate Research Conference “The Wide World of Research: Discovery in Academia and Beyond.” Sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Program. [2004]

Service to the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Search committee member for social welfare/public sociology tenure-track position. [Fall 2019]

“Contingent Faculty Career Trajectory.” Advanced series (graduate proseminar). [Spring 2018]

Invited lunch discussion participant at the 10th annual Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD) Graduate Student Conference: “Social Inequalities: Methodological Implications.” [Spring 2017]

“Issues of Academic Honesty and Discipline in the Classroom.” Lecture to graduate course *Teaching in the Social Sciences* SOCI 698. [Spring 2016]

University Faculty Senate Senator. [Fall 2014-Spring 2015; Fall 2019 to present]

Department Colloquium and Brownbag committee member and chair. [Spring 2015]

Search committee member for advanced statistics tenure-track position. [Fall 2014]

Panel member at the new graduate student seminar “Choosing a Faculty Mentor and Thesis Topic.” Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD). [Fall 2013]

“Teaching Quantitative Methods and Statistics to Sociology and Criminal Justice Majors.” Lecture to graduate course *Teaching Sociology and Criminology* SOCI 667. [Spring 2012]

College of Arts and Sciences Senator. [Fall 2011-Spring 2013]

Undergraduate Policy Committee member. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD). [Fall 2012-Spring 2015]

Committee member for the undergraduate health and health services concentration and the graduate-level medical sociology/health comprehensive exam. Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD). [Fall 2011-spring 2019]

“Face-to-Face Subject Recruitment and Online Surveys.” Graduate student research methods brown bag presentation. [Fall 2010]

“Organizing Group Projects and Other Unconventional Teaching Strategies.” Lecture to graduate course *Teaching Sociology and Criminology* SOCI 667. [Spring 2010]

Presentation to the undergraduate Sociology and Criminal Justice Club: “What Can You Do with Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology?” [Fall 2009-Spring 2013]

Faculty advisor for the graduate student Sociology Art Show. [Fall 2009-Spring 2011]

Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice co-liaison to the UD Honors Program and incoming Honors sociology major advisor. [Fall 2009-present]

Faculty advisor to the undergraduate Sociology and Criminal Justice Club. [Fall 2008-Fall 2015]

I also performed considerable service to the department as an Instructor and as a graduate student since the year 2000. Activities are available upon request.

Selected Creative Work, Media Coverage, and Public Service

Creative Work

UD’s [Faculty Commons](#) did a short video feature of SOCI 301 on their full range of multimedia services available for faculty to record online courses. [January 2017]

I interviewed Professor Adam Rome about the third annual Lights, Camera, Earth! film festival on WVUD 91.3 FM (at the University of Delaware). Link to the radio interview [here](#). [April 2016]

WVUD radio interview on the Black Lives Matter protests on campus at UD. Link to the audio [here](#). [2015]

Media Coverage

[Several articles](#) about my research in the New Castle County communities of Eden and Hamilton Park. [Fall 2018 to Fall 2019]

Yale Environment 360 did a [feature story](#) on flooding and climate change issues in Southbridge, Wilmington, where I was noted for my work examining perceptions of climate change in the community. [January 2017]

My Summer Faculty Institute [presentation](#) on using PolicyMap to teach environmental justice was featured on PolicyMap's website. [October 2016]

My co-authored publication on knowledge and concern for sea level rise in a local environmental justice community was mentioned in UD's [For the Record](#). [July 2016]

Featured in the University of Delaware Faculty Commons Newsletter for my use of PolicyMap in the classroom. [February 2016]

Interviewed for Al Jazeera America news article on sea level rise in South Wilmington, DE entitled "Rising Seas Overwhelm Delaware Tide Gates." [AlJazeera](#) [October 2015]

UDaily article on my ongoing environmental justice research in South Wilmington, DE. Link to article [here](#). [2015]

WVUD radio interview on anti-vaccine rhetoric. I gave a radio interview regarding my work on the anti-vaccine and anti-science rhetoric found online. Link to the audio [here](#). [2014]

WVUD radio interview on cancer cluster research. I gave a radio interview regarding my recent work on the news media coverage of Delaware cancer clusters. Link to the audio [here](#). [2013]

[Interviewed](#) by Collette O'Neal for the student newspaper *The Review* on winning a Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy (CSEPP) award to integrate ethics into my Environment and Health course. [2013]

Publicity for my innovative uses of technology and teaching. I was featured in a series of videos on my use and promotion of innovative teaching techniques and technology at the University of Delaware. Several selected videos are provided below:

[On creating course content using PolicyMap](#)

[On using a tablet to teach statistics](#)

[On using a tablet to teach statistics 2](#)

[On embodying the sociological imagination at IKEA](#)

I have also been featured in a handful of student newspaper columns and have given several interviews for the paper (i.e., *The Review*) over the years, and was interviewed for two student documentary films on environmental justice and health epidemic issues that were screened to the university and general public in 2014 and 2015.

Community Engagement and Public Service

As a community-engaged scholar in Wilmington, I serve as a core member of the [South Wilmington Planning Network](#) (SWPN). [Fall 2015-present]

Presented the outcome of my independent study students' research on what drives brownfield revitalization in the Wilmington area to the Southbridge Civic Association. [July 2017]

I was a member of the [Southbridge Weekend](#) Committee for 5 years, organizing, planning, and executing the free festival each summer in the community of Southbridge. [Summer 2014 – Summer 2018]

Professional Memberships and Other Distinctions

I have been a member and participant of the American Sociological Association, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the Eastern Sociological Society for approximately 20 years. I am also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society.

I was awarded instructorships, fellowships, and assistantships while a graduate student at the University of Delaware. As an undergraduate, I was honored with Towson University's *Most Distinguished Scholar in Sociology* in 1999.