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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2018-present *Assistant Professor* (tenure-track)
Northeastern University, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
- 2016-2018 *Assistant Professor* (tenure-track)
Indiana University-Bloomington, Department of Criminal Justice

DEGREES AWARDED

- 2016 *Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology & Criminal Justice*
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Dissertation: “Race, Neighborhood Context, and Drug Enforcement: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests”
Committee: Richard Rosenfeld (chair), Janet Lauritsen, Michael Campbell, and Rod Brunson
- 2013 *Master of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice*
University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2011 *Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, distinction*
Minor: Psychology
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Race, crime, and criminal justice
- Corrections
- Prisoner reentry
- Collateral consequences of criminal justice contact
- Families and communities of incarcerated persons
- Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methodologies

PUBLICATIONS

- Gaston, Shytierra, Jamein P. Cunningham, and Rob Gillezeau.** (2019) “A Ferguson Effect, the Drug Epidemic, Both, or Neither? Explaining the 2015 and 2016 U.S. Homicide Rises by Race and Ethnicity.” *Homicide Studies*.
- Gaston, Shytierra.** (2019). “Producing Race Disparities: A Study of Drug Arrests across Place and Race.” *Criminology*. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1745-9125.12207>
- Gaston, Shytierra.** (2019). “Enforcing Race: A Neighborhood-Level Explanation of Black-White Differences in Drug Arrests.” *Crime & Delinquency*. 65(4): 499-526.

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Gaston, Shytierra and Elaine Eggleston Doherty. (2018). "Why Don't More Black Americans Offend? Testing a Theory of African American Offending's Ethnic-Racial Socialization Hypothesis." *Race and Justice*. 8(4): 366-395.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/2153368716688740?journalCode=raja>

Rosenfeld, Richard, **Shytierra Gaston**, Howard Spivak, and Seri Irazola. (2017). "Assessing and Responding to the Recent Homicide Rise in the United States." *National Institute of Justice. U.S. Department of Justice*. NCJ 251067. <https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/251067.pdf>

Gaston, Shytierra. (2016). "The Long-term Effects of Parental Incarceration: Does Parental Incarceration in Childhood or Adolescence Predict Depressive Symptoms in Adulthood?" *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. 43(8): 1056-1075.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0093854816628905>

Gaston, Shytierra and Beth Huebner. (2015). "Gangs in Correctional Institutions." In Scott H. Decker and David C. Pyrooz (eds). *The Handbook of Gangs*. New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.
<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/9781118726822.ch18/summary>

Gaston, Shytierra and Jennifer Lorentz. (2013). "Making the Most out of Relationships with Mentors." *The Criminologist*. 38(4): 36-37.
http://www.asc41.com/Criminologist/2013/2013_July-August_Criminologist.pdf

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Gaston, Shytierra, Rod K. Brunson, and Leigh S. Grossman. (under review) "Beyond Racial Threat: Explaining Race and Ethnic Drug Arrest Differences in a Majority-Minority City."

Sewell, CheyOnna, Shytierra Gaston, and Terrance J. Taylor. "The Intersectionality of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in U.S. Homicide Victimization Trends from 1968-2016."

Gaston, Shytierra. "Families of Parolees: A Study of Collateral Consequences and the Role of Families in Prisoner Reentry."

Gaston, Shytierra and Beth Huebner. "Violence, Incarceration, and Prisoner Reentry for Gang Members."

UNIVERSITY TEACHING

COURSES TAUGHT

Northeastern University, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice
Race, Crime, and Justice, undergraduate (fall 2018, spring 2019)

Indiana University, Department of Criminal Justice
Race, Class, and Crime, undergraduate (fall 2016, spring 2017, fall 2017, spring 2018)
Corrections, undergraduate (fall 2016, fall 2017)
Introduction to Criminal Justice, undergraduate (spring 2018)

University of Missouri-St. Louis, Department of Criminology & Criminal Justice

Probation and Parole, upper undergraduate/graduate level (spring 2016)
Senior Seminar: Crime and Public Policy, undergraduate (teaching assistant; spring 2012*)
Probation and Parole, undergraduate (teaching assistant; fall 2011*)

Webster University, Department of Behavioral & Social Sciences
American Corrections and Prisoner Reentry (summer 2013)

*online course

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

- 2019-present **Research Assistant Supervisor**, Elliot Richardson (Political Science undergraduate student), Northeastern University
- 2018-present **Research Assistant Supervisor**, Stacie St. Louis (Criminology & Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Northeastern University
- 2018-present **Research and Teaching Assistant Supervisor**, Brandon Craig (Criminology & Criminal Justice master's student), Northeastern University
- 2017-2018 **Teaching Assistant Supervisor**, Katherine Johnson (Criminal Justice undergraduate student), Indiana University
- 2017 **Teaching Assistant Supervisor**, Nicole Sparks (Criminal Justice undergraduate student), Indiana University
- 2017 **Research Assistant Supervisor**, Hannarae Lee (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2017-present **Committee Member**, Dissertation Committee of Jessica Peterson (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2017-2018 **Research Assistant Supervisor**, Brittany Hood (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Doctoral Student Advisory Committee of Mia Gilliam (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Doctoral Student Advisory Committee of Sherouk Ahmed (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Honors Thesis Committee of Brian Babb (Criminal Justice B.A. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Research Assistant Supervisor and Mentor**, Sherouk Ahmed (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2017 *Policing Strategies and Race Disparities in Arrests*
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2015 *Race, Neighborhood Context, and Drug Arrest Disparities: A Qualitative Analysis of Drug Enforcement Practices*

- Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.
- 2014 *Differential Involvement or Differential Enforcement: Do Neighborhood-Level Characteristics Explain Racial Differences in Drug Arrests?*
Shytierra Gaston, Sherri Schaefer, and Richard Rosenfeld
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California
- 2014 *Race, Sex, and Homicide Victimization Trends Over Time*
Terrance J. Taylor, Shytierra Gaston, and CheyOnna Sewell
Homicide Research Working Group Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- 2013 *Does Parental Incarceration Predict Internalizing Problems Through Early Adulthood?*
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2013 *Families of Gang-Affiliated and Non-Gang Affiliated Releasees*, poster presentation
Shytierra Gaston
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, Texas
- 2012 *Families of Gang-Affiliated Parolees*, poster presentation
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois
- Who Are the Unclaimed Dead?*
Shytierra Gaston and Kenna Quinet
- 2010 National Conference on Undergraduate Research, University of Montana, Missoula, Montana
- 2009 Indiana University Undergraduate Research Conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana
- 2009 Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan
- 2009 IUPUI Research Symposium, Indianapolis, Indiana

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- 2019-2020 **Co-Principal Investigator**, “Reentering Lives of Juvenile Lifers.” Amount: \$40,748 (funded).
Northeastern University Office of Research Development Tier 1 Seed Grant
- Co-Principal Investigators: Simon Singer, Carlos Cuevas, Megan Denver, Carlos E. Monteiro, David DeSteno, and Daniel Medwed
- 2018-2021 **Co-Principal Investigator**, “Fees and Fines in Community Corrections: A Multi-State Study.”
Amount: \$2,697,998 (funded). Laura and John Arnold Foundation
- Principal Investigator: Ebony Ruhland Co-Principal Investigators: Miriam Northcutt Bohmert, Jordan Hyatt, Nathan Link, Erin Harbinson, Meghan O’Neil, and Julia Laskorunsky
- 2017 **Fellow**, Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network Summer Research Institute, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey
- 2017 Trustees’ Outstanding Teaching Award (\$2,500), Indiana University
- 2017 **Principal Investigator**, “Investigating the 2015 Race/Ethnic-Specific Homicide Rises Amid the Police Legitimacy Crisis.” Amount: \$149,949 (unfunded). National Institute of Justice W.E.B. DuBois Fellowship

- 2012-2015 **Principal Investigator**, “Families of Parolees.” Amount: \$141,000 (funded). National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship
- 2011-2016 Graduate School Recruitment Fellowship (\$22,000), University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2011-2012 Graduate Assistantship, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- 2010 & 2011 IUPUI Top 100 Outstanding Student Award, *honored twice*
- Faculty, staff, and alumni award this prestigious recognition to 100 students based on scholastic achievement, co-curricular achievement, leadership, and civic engagement. There were over 30,000 students enrolled at IUPUI in 2010 and 2011.
- 2010-present Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honors Society
- 2009- 2011 Ronald E. McNair Research Scholar, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kenna Quinet

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 2012-2017 Youth Violence Prevention Conference, University of Missouri-St. Louis, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2015-2018 Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network Workshop (invited), The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
- 2014 American Society of Criminology Journal Manuscript Reviewer Training Workshop, San Francisco, California
- 2014 American Society of Criminology Pre-Conference Workshop: Regression Models for Time Series Analysis, San Francisco, California
- 2013 American Exceptionalism Conference, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2013 Junior Faculty Teaching Development Workshop (two-day workshop), Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and SAGE Publishing, Dallas, Texas
- 2013 Network Perspectives on Criminology and Criminal Justice Conference, Arizona State University, Phoenix, Arizona

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

- 2018-present **Committee Member**, Graduate Studies Committee, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- 2017 **Faculty Marshal**, Graduate Commencement (spring), Indiana University
- 2017 **Guest Speaker** (invited), *Race and Police Brutality*, Political Science Club, Indiana University
- 2017 **Expert Panelist** (invited), *13th Documentary Screening and Discussion Panel*, hosted by the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University

- 2017 **Panelist** (invited), Preparing Future Faculty Conference, Indiana University
- 2016 **Expert Panelist** (invited), *Race and the U.S. Police System*, hosted by the Black Law Students Association and Students for Equity in Public Affairs, Indiana University
- 2016-2018 **Committee Member**, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Manuscript Reviewer

Race and Justice
Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Journal of Crime and Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice Education
Justice Policy Journal
Routledge Taylor & Francis

- 2018 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Dissertation Scholarship Committee
- 2018 **Expert Panelist** (invited), *Understanding Increases in Homicide Rates: How the Opioid Epidemic and Police-Community Relations Impact Homicides*. Annual Congressional "Ask a Criminologist" Series, Crime and Justice Research Alliance, Washington, D.C.
- 2018 **Expert Panelist** (invited), *Crime Trends 2017-2018—Is the Homicide Spike Real?*, 13th Annual Harry F. Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
- 2018 **Thematic Session Organizer**, *The Ferguson Effect*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2015-2016 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Minority Affairs Committee
- 2015 **Judge**, St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2014-present **Experienced Resource Person**, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2012-2013 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Newsletter Committee
- 2012 Keynote Speaker (invited) for the Professional Development Institute sponsored by IUPUI's Center for Research and Learning, *Wisdom for Succeeding as an Undergraduate and Graduate Student*

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2018 **Expert Panelist** (invited), Prisoner Reentry Panel, Petey Greene Program, Boston, Massachusetts
- 2015 **Case Manager**, Ferguson Jail Support, St. Louis, Missouri
- Provided legal and social support to jailed protestors

- 2013-2014 **Mentor**, Big Brother Big Sister, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2012- 2013 **Youth Group Facilitator and Co-Curriculum Reviser**, RAVEN Batterer Intervention and Youth Violence Prevention Program, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2010-2011 **Instructor** for *Family Healing* at Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility, Department of Corrections, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2010-2011 **Co-Chairperson**, Organizational Development Committee, Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2010 **Co-Instructor and Curriculum Reviser** for *Family Healing* at Workforce Inc., a work release center, Indianapolis, Indiana

PRIOR RESEARCH POSITIONS

- Summer 2015 **Research Assistant** for Professors Lee Slocum and Andres Rengifo, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Conducted field research in the South Bronx, New York as part of a longitudinal study of neighborhood disorder and crime rates.
- Summer 2015 **Research Assistant** for Professor Elaine Eggleston Doherty, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Conducted literature reviews as part of the National Institute of Drug Abuse grant.
- Summer 2012 **Research Assistant** for Professor Beth Huebner, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Duties included conducting interviews with gang-involved and non-gang-involved offenders who were returning home from federal prison as well as transcribing those interviews.
- 2012-2015 **Principal Investigator**, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program *Families of Parolees in St. Louis*
- Collected primary qualitative data related to the collateral consequences of both incarceration and reentry for family members of parolees in St. Louis and the roles of families during the prisoner reentry process.
- 2011-2012 **Research Interviewer** for Professor Scott Decker, Arizona State University
- Duties included conducting in-depth, semi-structured interviews with paroled gang members in St. Louis about how gangs use technology, among other topics.
- 2011- 2012 **Research Assistant** for Professor Beth Huebner, University of Missouri-St. Louis
- Duties included conducting semi-structured interviews with gang-involved and non-gang-involved state parolees and federal releasees, transcribing those interviews, analyzing data, and writing summary reports of the findings.
- 2010- 2011 **Research Assistant**, United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Roudebush Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana

- I was a research assistant for three large, longitudinal, multi-site studies and was responsible for recruiting and interviewing research participants, entering and verifying data, and managing study information.

2009-2011 **Research Assistant** for Professor Kenna Quinet, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

- In collaboration with Marion County Coroner’s Office, I assisted with the *Unclaimed Dead* project by gathering, coding, and analyzing agency data and collecting articles about procedures for managing the unclaimed dead in other jurisdictions.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2018-present The Justice George Lewis Ruffin Society (board member)
- 2018-present American Sociological Association
- 2018-present • Crime, Law, and Deviance
- 2018-present • Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2017-present Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network
- 2017-present Association of Black Sociologists
- 2013-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
- 2012-present American Society of Criminology
- 2013-present • Division on Developmental and Life-Course Criminology
- 2012-present • Division on Corrections and Sentencing
- 2012-present • Division on People of Color and Crime

REFERENCES

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