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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Sociology, Columbia University, 2001

M.A. Sociology, Columbia University, 1994

B.A. Political Science, Barnard College, Columbia University, 1990

EMPLOYMENT

Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York,
2023

Executive Officer, Program of Doctoral Studies in Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, City University of
New York, acting, 2019-2022

Deputy Executive Officer, Program of Doctoral Studies in Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, City
University of New York, 2013-2019

Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New
York, 2008-present

Faculty Member, Program of Doctoral Studies in Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, City University of
New York, 2005-present

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New
York, 2003-2007

Scholar-In-Residence, Center for Research on Violence Prevention (CRVP), Columbia University, 2001-2002

PUBLICATIONS

(*denotes student co-author)

Books and Special Issues

- 2026 **Rajah, V.**, Umamaheswar, J. & Osborn, M. *Building an Anti-Racist Criminology: Ideas for Research, Teaching, and Community Engagement*. (New York University Press)
- 2026 Palmer, J. & **Rajah, V.** Scholar Activism in Feminist Criminology. *Feminist Criminology*. (Special Issue Editors.)
- 2026 Palmer, J. & **Rajah, V.** Community-Based Research Methods in Criminology. *Feminist Criminology*. (Special Issue Editors.)
- 2022 Palmer, J., **Rajah, V.**, & Wilson, S. Anti-racism & intersectionality in feminist criminology & academia: Where do we go from here? *Race & Justice*. (Special Issue Editors.)

Peer-reviewed articles

- 2024 Vásquez, L.*, Kim, C., & **Rajah, V.** Intimate partner violence in El Salvador: a relationship between femicide attempts and barriers to help-seeking. *Violence against women*. 10778012231222489.
- 2024 Osborn, M., Ball, T.*, **Rajah, V.** Peer Support Work in the Context of Intimate Partner Violence: A Scoping Review. *Trauma, Violence and Abuse*. (online first): <https://doi.org/10.1177/15248380241271350>
- 2023 **Rajah, V.**, Thomas, C.*, Shlosberg, A., & Chu, S. P.* Enhancing the tellability of death-row exoneree narratives: Exploring the role of rhetoric. *Punishment & Society*, 25(1): 122-140. <https://doi.org/10.1177/14624745211016304>
- 2023 Kim, C., Vasquez, L.*, & **Rajah, V.** The effects of polyvictimization by intimate partners on suicidality among Salvadoran women. *Journal of interpersonal violence*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778012231199105>.
- 2023 Kim, C., Vasquez, L.*, & **Rajah, V.** The effects of polyvictimization by intimate partners on suicidality among Salvadoran women. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, 38(15-16), <https://doi.org/10.1177/08862605231162654>.
- 2022 **Rajah, V.**, Palmer, J. E., & Duggan, M. The personal is political and so is discomfort: Intersectional, anti-racist praxis in feminist criminology. *Race and Justice*, 12(3), 548-568. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687221101793>
- 2022 Palmer, J. E., **Rajah, V.**, & Wilson, S. K. Anti-racism in criminology: An oxymoron or the way forward?. *Race and Justice*, 12(3), 531-547. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687221101785>

- 2021 **Rajah, V.**, & Osborn, M.* Understanding the body and embodiment in the context of women's resistance to intimate partner violence: A scoping review. *Trauma, Violence, & Abuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838021995941>
- 2020 **Rajah, V.**, & Osborn, M.* Understanding women's resistance to intimate partner violence: A scoping review. *Trauma Violence & Abuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838019897345>
- 2020 Osborn, M.,* & **Rajah, V.** Understanding formal responses to intimate partner violence and women's resistance processes: A scoping review. *Trauma Violence & Abuse*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1524838020967348>
- 2020 Sung, H.-E., **Rajah, V.**, Delgado, S.,* & Peña, D.* Viajes violentos, almas heridas: exposición a la violencia, cruce de fronteras y resultados del trastorno de estrés postraumático (TEPT) entre las mujeres latinas indocumentadas migrantes. *Administración Pública y Enfoque de Género*, 3, 405-430.
- 2016 Kramer, R., **Rajah, V.**, & Sung, H.-E. Entrapments of consumerism: Adolescent prisoners, cognitive treatment, and consumption. *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 16(3), 801-823. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1469540514536196>
- 2015 **Rajah, V.**, Kramer, R., & Sung, H.-E. The mis-synchronization of juvenile reform. *British Journal of Criminology*, 55(1), 184-202. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azu058>
- 2014 Welsh, M.,* & **Rajah, V.** Rendering invisible punishments visible. *Feminist Criminology*, 9(4), 323-343. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557085114524616>
- 2014 **Rajah, V.**, Kramer, R., & Sung, H.-E. Changing narrative accounts: How young men tell different stories when arrested, enduring jail time and navigating community reentry. *Punishment & Society*, 16(3), 285-304. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1462474514527148>
- 2013 Kramer, R., **Rajah, V.**, & Sung, H.-E. Neoliberal prisons and cognitive treatment: Calibrating the subjectivity of incarcerated young men to economic inequalities. *Theoretical Criminology*, 17(4), 535-556. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1362480613497780>
- 2010 **Rajah, V.** Intimacy, time, and scarcity: Drug-involved women account for secretly withholding financial capital in violent intimate relationships. *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography*, 39(2), 131-158. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0891241609345995>
- 2009 Raghavan, C., **Rajah, V.**, Gentile, K., Collado, L.,* & Kavanagh, A. M.* Community violence, social support networks, ethnic group differences, and male perpetration of intimate partner violence. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 24(10), 1615-1632. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886260509331489>
- 2008 Haviland, M., Frye, V., & **Rajah, V.** Harnessing the power of advocacy-research collaborations: Lessons from the field. *Feminist Criminology*, 3(4), 247-275. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557085108323365>

- 2007 **Rajah, V.** Resistance as edgework in violent intimate relationships of drug-involved women. *The British Journal of Criminology*, 47(2), 196-213.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azl064>
- Reprinted in: Anderson, T. L. (2014). *Understanding Deviance: Connecting Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*. Routledge.
- 2007 Frye, V., Haviland, M., & Rajah, V. (2007). Dual arrest and other unintended consequences of mandatory arrest in New York City: A brief report. *Journal of Family Violence*, 22, 397-405. <https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1077801206292872>
- 2007 Gentile, K., Raghavan, C., **Rajah, V.**, & Gates, K.* It doesn't happen here: Eating disorders in an ethnically diverse sample of economically disadvantaged, urban college students. *Eating Disorders*, 15(5), 405-425. <https://doi.org/10.1080/10640260701667904>
- 2006 **Rajah, V.** Respecting boundaries: Symbolic and material concerns of drug-involved women employing violence against violent male partner violence. *The British Journal of Criminology*, 46(5), 837-858. <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azl003>
- 2006 **Rajah, V.**, Frye, V., & Haviland, M. "Aren't I a victim?": Notes on identity challenges relating to police action in a mandatory arrest jurisdiction. *Violence Against Women*, 12(10), 897-916. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1077801206292872>
- 2003 El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., & **Rajah, V.** The relationship between drug abuse and sexual performance among women on methadone. *Addictive Behaviors*, 28(8), 1385-1403. [https://doi.org/10.1016/s0306-4603\(02\)00266-6](https://doi.org/10.1016/s0306-4603(02)00266-6)
- 2001 Gilbert L., El-Bassel, N., **Rajah V.**, et al. Linking drug related activities with experiences of partner violence: A focus group study of women in methadone treatment. *Violence and Victims*, 16(5), 517-536.
- 2001 Frye, V., El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., **Rajah, V.**, & Christie, N. Intimate partner sexual abuse among women on methadone. *Violence and Victims*, 16, 553-564.
- 2001 El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., **Rajah, V.**, Foleno, A., & Frye, V. Social support among women in Methadone treatment who experience partner violence. *Violence Against Women*, 7, 246-274. <https://doi.org/10.1177/10778010122182433>
- 2000 El-Bassel N., G. L., **Rajah V.**, & Frye V. Fear and violence: Raising the HIV stakes. *AIDS Education Prevention*, 23(2), 154-170.
- 2000 Gilbert L, E.-B. N., **Rajah V.**, et al. The converging epidemics of mood-altering-drug use, HIV, HCV, and partner violence: A conundrum for methadone maintenance treatment. *Mt. Sinai Journal of Medicine*, 67, 452-464.
- 2000 Leifer, E., & **Rajah, V.** Getting Observations: Strategic ambiguities in social interaction. *Soziale Systeme*, 6(2), 251-267.

Other publications

- 2026 Palmer, J., **Rajah, V.** Both/And: Scholar-Activism as an Ethical Imperative. *Violence Against Women*, 21(3), 246-274. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851261449925>
- 2026 Palmer, J., **Rajah, V.** Positionality, Power, Privilege, and Accountability in Feminist Community-Engaged Research. *Violence Against Women*, Online first.
- 2024 Shlosberg, A., **Rajah, V.**, Hourahan, M.*, & Malheiros, J.* “Death Row Exonerations: A Scoping Review” in *Elgar Companion on Capital Punishment and Society*. Eds A. Sarat and B. Fleury-Steiner. New York, Edward Elgar Publishing.
- 2020 Shlosberg, A., Nowotny, J., Panuccio, E., & **Rajah, V.** They open the door, kick you out, and say, ‘go.’ *Wrongful Conviction Law Review*, 1(2), 226–252.
- 2019 **Rajah, V.**, & M. Osborn.* “The place of the body in resistance to intimate partner violence: What do we know?” in *The Oxford Handbook of the Sociology of Body and Embodiment*. Eds N. Boero and K. Mason. New York, Oxford University Press.
- 2017 Abt Associates. Evaluation of the New York City Family Justice Centers, Final report, (**V. Rajah**, contributing consultant).
- 2014 **Rajah, V.** Evaluating the sexual assault forensic examiner training institute (SAFETI) basic course: Project summary and next steps. The New York City Alliance Against Sexual Assault.
- 2011 Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center, (2011). Final report: Evaluation of the institute for inner development, (**V. Rajah**, contributor, Principal Investigator).
- 2001 Haviland, M., Frye, V., **Rajah, V.**, Thukral, J., & Trinity, M. The family protection and domestic violence intervention Act of 1995: Examining the effects of mandatory arrest in New York City: The Family Violence Project, Urban Justice Center.
- 2001 Gilbert, L., El-Bassel, N., **Rajah, V.**, Foleno, A., Fontevilla, J., Frye, V., et al. The converging epidemics of mood-altering drug use, HIV, HCV, and partner violence: A conundrum for methadone maintenance treatment. *Methadone Symposium: A Handbook*. Binghamton: NY. The Harworth Press.

Articles under review

Rajah, V. Epistemic Shock and the Backward Reorganization of Self: Discovery Narratives of Rape Conception and Their Dialogic Repair.

Rajah, V. Making Wrongful Conviction Audible: Narrative Strategies and Interpretive Conditions in Digital Activist Testimony.

Rajah, V. & Pascaud, M. Claiming Justice: How Emotion Talk Enacts Narrative Resistance in the Innocence

Movement.

Rajah, Valli & Austin, D. Rape-Related Pregnancy in the United States: Social Constructions of Mothers, Perpetrators, and Children in Law, Culture, and Institutional Practices.

Greene-Colozzi, E. and **Rajah, V.** Interpreting meaning and significance of mass shooter leakage, manuscript under first review.

RESEARCH GRANT ACTIVITIES

External

- 2021-2025 **Rajah, V.**, Co-Principal Investigator (Pezzella, F., Stageman, D., Capellan, J., Co-PIs), NYC Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice. \$400,000. Report on the history and context of racialized policing by the NYPD.
- 2017-2019 **Rajah, V.**, Investigator (PI: Pei-Chun Shi Ma), Banco Santander. 12,500€/14,000. Cross cultural differences in human agency, self-control, and aggression between American and Spanish college students.
- 2016-2017 **Rajah, V.**, Consulting Investigator (Abt Associates), The Mayor's Office to Combat Domestic Violence. \$24,690. Evaluation of the New York City Family Justice Centers.
- 2013-2014 **Rajah, V.**, Co-Principal Investigator, Supervisor (PI: Welsh, Megan), National Institute for Justice, Graduate Research Fellowship 2013-IJ-CX-0052. \$30,000. How women and front-line workers manage the bureaucratic process of prisoner reentry.
- 2011-2013 **Rajah, V.**, Investigator (PI: Jeremy Travis; Co-PI: Sung, H-E), National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities, National Institutes of Health, 1 P20 MD006118-01. \$1,208,517. Institutional development for correctional health and healthcare research.
- 2009-2011 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator (Sung, H-E, Co-PI), New York City Department of Corrections. \$682,464. Evaluation of the Institute for Inner Development at Rikers Island.
- 2008 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, American Association of University Women, American Fellowship. \$40,000. The importance of culture in framing policy responses to domestic violence.
- 2007 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Research Award. \$11,280. Negotiating cultural constructions of domestic violence: Drug-involved women engage, resist, and reframe discourses of a social problem.
- 2006 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation, Research Award. \$25,670. Relations on the margins: Love, drug use, and violence in the inner city.
- 2001 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, National Institute of Drug Abuse, R03 DA13129-01, \$27,835. Partner abuse and HIV-risk behavior: Resistance of women in MMTPs.

1999 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator (El-Bassel, N. Co-P.I.), National Institute of Drug Abuse, DA 11027-02-Minority Supplement. \$44,460. Resistance of women to partner violence: A study of women in MMTPs.

1998 **Rajah, V.**, (Gans, H. J. mentor), RISM Landes Foundation. Summer salary. Bi-Racial Identity: A Study of Mixed-Race Individuals.

Internal

2025-2026 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-56 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$5,070.00 The meaning-making of mother survivors after Rape: Exploring the role of family narratives.

2024-2025 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-55 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$5,393.92 Embodied narratives of wrongful conviction and exoneration: Considerations of audibility, projection, and scholarly perspectives on voice.

2022-2023 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-53 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$5,676.06 Commemorating wrongful conviction day: A semantic network analysis of social movement organizations' messages about wrongful conviction and audience responses to them.

2021-2022 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-52 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$4,989. Investigating peer support models in intimate partner violence assistance programs.

2019-2020 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-50 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$4,990. Self-control, aggression, and school success among socio-economically diverse El Salvadorian youth.

2016-2017 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-47 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$4,470. From the silence of living death to telling stories for a living: Making the exoneree experience sensible through embodied narrative sensemaking.

2015-2016 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-46 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$5,968. Being a SAFE: Learning and conducting Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations.

2013-2014 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-44 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$4,989. Narrative accounts of crime and economic prospects among incarcerated juveniles.

2012-2013 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-43 Research Award Program TRAD A. \$3,499. Do some stories pay?: A narrative analysis of rape victims' claims for state compensation for losses associated with their victimization.

2011-2012 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-42 Research Award Program TRAD B. \$5,989. An examination of sources of social capital in girls' and young women's reentry from incarceration.

- 2010-2011 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-41 Research Award Program. \$3,325. Processing domestic violence victims: a study using institutional ethnography.
- 2009-2010 **Rajah, V.**, Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-40 Research Award Program. \$3,516. Processing domestic violence victims: a study using institutional ethnography.
- 2008-2009 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-39 Research Award Program. \$4,523. Processing domestic violence victims: a study using institutional ethnography.
- 2007-2008 **Rajah, V.** John Jay College Research Assistance Program, \$1,000.
- 2007-2008 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-38 Research Award Program. \$4,625. Framing the domestic violence problem: cultural constructions of policy.
- 2007-2008 **Rajah, V.** John Jay College Research Assistance Program. \$1,000.
- 2006-2007 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-37 Research Award Program. \$2,723. Gender differences in how young adults negotiate cultural constructions of partner violence.
- 2005-2006 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-36 Research Award Program. \$3,840. Gender differences in accounts for dating violence among a low income, minority, college sample.
- 2004-2005 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-35 Research Award Program. \$4,854. Relations on the margins: Love, drug use, and violence in the inner city.
- 2004-2005 Raghavan, C., P.I., **Rajah, V.**, Co-P.I., & Gentile, K., Co-P.I. Forensic Psychology Research Institute. \$10,280. An examination of dating violence in first-year students at John Jay College.
- 2003-2004 **Rajah, V.** Principal Investigator, PSC CUNY-34 Research Award Program. \$5,055. Power and scarcity: Drug-involved women managing limited capital in violent intimate relationships.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2023 **Rajah, V.**, Embodied Narratives of Wrongful Conviction and Exoneration: Audibility, Attunement, and Scholarly Perspectives on Voice. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Panelist).
- 2023 **Rajah, V.**, Pezzella, F., Capellan, J., Stageman, D., Pascaud, M.*, Evan, J.*, O'Hanlon, R.*, Investigating Racialized Policing: How has Research Defined the Problem, and Where Do We Go from Here?. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Panelist).
- 2023 Capellan, J., Pezzella, F., **Rajah, V.**, Stageman, D., Evan, J.*, Taylor, E.*, O'Hanlon, R.*, Race or Place? A Systematic Review of Racial Disparities in NYPD Policing Practices. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Panelist).

- 2023 Capellan, J., Pezzella, F., **Rajah, V.**, Stageman, D., Quantifying and Visualizing Racial disparities in NYPD's Use of Stops and Arrests: 2003 and 2022. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Panelist).
- 2023 Stageman, D., Pezzella, F., Capellan, J., **Rajah, V.**, Taylor, E.*. A Minimum of Unpleasantness for All Parties Concerned: Race, Place, and Policing in the History of New York City. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Panelist).
- 2023 Hourahan, M.*, Shlosberg, A., **Rajah, V.**, Malheiros, J.*, Death Row Exonerations: What Does Research Tell Us? Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Panelist).
- 2023 **Rajah, V.**, Pezzella, F., Cappellan, J., Stageman, D., Pascaud, M.*, Evans, J.*, Racialized policing: How do we conceptualize, investigate, and redress the phenomenon? Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 **Rajah, V.**, Pezzella, F., Cappellan, J., Stageman, D., Pascaud, M.*, Evans, J.*, Racialized policing: How do we conceptualize, investigate, and redress the phenomenon? Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 **Rajah, V.** Advancing anti-racism in criminology and academia, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Moderator & Chair).
- 2022 **Rajah, V.**, Pascaud, M.* Commemorating wrongful conviction day: Social movement organizations' messages and audience responses to them, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 **Rajah, V.** Advancing Anti-Racism in Criminology and Academia, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Moderator & Chair).
- 2022 Shlosberg, A., **Rajah, V.** The role of co-defendants in wrongful conviction, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 Vasquez-Rodriguez, L.*, Kim, C., **Rajah, V.** Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) in El Salvador: A Relationship Between Femicide Attempts and Barriers for Help-Seeking, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 **Rajah, V.**, Caprio, B.* "Ma said hit back, but grandma said no!": A multi-vocal and intersectional analysis of intimate partner violence narratives, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 Stageman, D., Pezzella, F., **Rajah, V.**, Cappellan, J., Henry*, A., Arietti, R.* The history of racialized policing, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 Pezzella, F., Cappellan, J., **Rajah, V.**, Stageman, D., Arietti, R.*, Henry, A.* Institutionalized structures of racialized policing within the NYPD, Annual Meeting of the

American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).

- 2022 Cappellan, J., Pezzella, F., **Rajah, V.**, Stageman, D., Evans, J.*, Sharp, J.* A tale of two cities: documenting racialized disparities in NYPD policing practices and procedures, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Panelist).
- 2022 **Rajah, V.** Inclusive efforts in recruiting and retaining diverse graduate students, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Roundtable Panelist).
- 2021 **Rajah, V.** Criminological identities / Identity criminologies, critical conversations in gender and criminology symposium, BSC, Women, Crime and Criminal Justice Network (Invited lecture).
- 2021 **Rajah, V.** Recruiting, mentoring & retaining underrepresented graduate students, Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism, and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology & Academia. (Presenter).
- 2021 **Rajah, V.** Research-informed strategies to address racism in the criminal justice system, Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism, and Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology & Academia. (Moderator).
- 2021 **Rajah, V.** Bringing the margins to the center: Creating safe spaces for BIPOC inside the classroom and out, UN NGO Forum, Commission on the Status of Women. (Moderator & Chair).
- 2021 **Rajah, V.**, Chu, S.*, Shlosberg, A. Exploring the role of rhetoric in the tellability of death-row exoneree activist narratives, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. (Presenter).
- 2021 **Rajah, V.**, Inclusive Scholarly practice in our research and classrooms, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL. (Roundtable Panelist).
- 2020 **Rajah, V.** Bringing the margins to the center: Creating safe spaces for BIPOC inside the classroom and out, Crimcon. (Panelist & Chair).
- 2020 Barthelemy, S.* & **Rajah, V.** State narratives and police lethality in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. (Conference canceled because of COVID-19).
- 2020 **Rajah, V.** & Caprio, B.* How family stories shape drug-involved women's understanding of resistance to intimate partner violence, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. (Conference canceled because of COVID-19).
- 2019 **Rajah, V.** Bringing the margins to the center: Inclusive pedagogy, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA. (Roundtable Chair & Panelist).

- 2018 **Rajah, V.** Bringing the margins to the center: Inclusive pedagogy, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Roundtable Chair & Panelist).
- 2018 **Rajah, V.** Preparing for success in a PhD program, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Roundtable Panelist).
- 2018 **Rajah, V.** Diversity in doctoral education, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, New Orleans, LA. (Roundtable Panelist).
- 2018 **Rajah, V.** Increasing diversity in criminal justice PhD programs, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Roundtable Panelist).
- 2018 **Rajah, V** and Osborn, M.* Embodiment and resistance in intimate partner violence literature, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA. (Presenter).
- 2017 **Rajah, V.** Professional development: Success in graduate school & beyond, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia. (Roundtable Panelist).
- 2017 **Rajah, V.** Sensemaking and the exoneree experience, CUNY Law School, New York. (Invited lecture).
- 2017 **Rajah, V.** From the silence of living death to telling stories for a living: Making the exoneree experience sensible through narrative, Annual Meeting of Law & Society, Mexico City, Mexico. (Presenter).
- 2017 Shlosberg, A. & **Rajah, V.** After exoneration: Participation in the exoneree movement, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia. (Presenter).
- 2017 **Rajah, V.**, Thomas. C.*, Shlosberg, A. Making sense of the exoneree experience through embodied narrative, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia. (Presenter).
- 2013 Welsh, M.*, & **Rajah, V.** Rendering invisible punishments visible: Using institutional ethnography in feminist criminology, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY. (Presenter).
- 2013 **Rajah, V.**, Kramer, R., Sung, H.-E. Changing narrative accounts: How young men tell different stories when arrested, enduring jail time and navigating community reentry, Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA. (Presenter).
- 2012 **Rajah, V.**, Kramer, R., & Sung, H.-E. Economic prospects, cultural scripts, and reentry among violent juvenile offenders, John Jay College's Tenth Biennial International Conference: Global Perspectives on Justice, Security and Human Rights, NY. (Presenter).
- 2011 Kramer, R. & **Rajah, V.** Adolescent detainees and 'their' culture, Annual Meeting of the New York State Sociological Association, Loudonville, NY. (Presenter).

- 2007 **Rajah, V.**, Raghavan, C., & Gentile, K. Accounts of agency and control: An examination of dating conflicts in an urban, college sample, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. (Presenter).
- 2007 Raghavan, C., Gentile, K., Collado, L.*, & **Rajah, V.** Relationships between young men and their impact on violence, Conference on the Role of Human Service Providers in Ending Violence Against Women: A Call to Men, New York, NY. (Presenter).
- 2007 Frye, V., Haviland, M., & **Rajah, V.** An analysis of mandatory arrest in NYC: Applications to restorative justice. Alternatives to Mass Incarceration: Promises and Challenges, New York University School of Law, New York, NY. (Invited Lecture).
- 2005 **Rajah, V.** Scarcity, resistance, and sociological ambivalence: Drug Involved women manage limited capital in violent intimate relationships, Annual Meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP), Washington DC. (Presenter).
- 2005 **Rajah, V.**, Raghavan, C., & Gentile, K. Gender differences in accounts for dating violence among a low income, minority, college sample, American Psychology Law Society Conference, La Jolla, CA. (Presenter).
- 2005 Raghavan, C., Gentile, K., **Rajah, V.**, & Kavanagh, A. M. Description of dating violence and community risk factors in an urban college sample, American Psychology Law Society Conference, La Jolla, CA. (Presenter).
- 2005 Carter, A.*, Raghavan, C., **Rajah, V.**, Gentile, K., & Kavanagh, A. M. Alcohol use and dating violence in an urban college sample, American Psychology Law Society Conference, La Jolla, CA. (Presenter).
- 2005 Gentile, K., Raghavan, C., **Rajah, V.**, & Kavanagh, A. M. Eating disorders in a low-income ethnic minority sample, American Psychology Law Society, Conference, La Jolla, CA. (Presenter).
- 2004 **Rajah, V.**, Frye, V., & Haviland, M. ‘Aren’t I a victim?’ An investigation of mandatory arrest law and its consequences, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA. (Presenter).
- 2003 **Rajah, V.** Ethical considerations in domestic violence research, Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Hartford, CT. (Presenter).
- 2003 **Rajah, V.** Power and scarcity: Drug-involved women manage limited capital in violent intimate relationships, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta, GA. (Presenter).
- 2002 **Rajah, V.** ‘That’s the line I wouldn’t cross’: Symbolic boundaries and the rationales of drug involved women for the use of violence in their intimate relationships, Annual Meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA. (Presenter).

- 2001 Frye, V., Haviland, M., & **Rajah, V.** The family protection and domestic violence intervention act of 1995: Examining the effects of mandatory arrest in New York City, Annual Family Violence Conference, Durham, N.H. (Presenter).
- 1998 El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., **Rajah, V.**, Frye, V., Elam, E., & Foleno, T. Contextual gender inequalities and drug determinants of partner violence and sexual HIV risk behavior among women on methadone, Twelfth International Conference on AIDS, Geneva, Switzerland. (Presenter).
- 1998 **Rajah, V.**, El-Bassel, N., Gilbert, L., Frye, V., & Foleno, T. Stigma and focus group dynamics in a study of partner abuse, drug abuse and sexual-risk behavior, Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Washington, DC. (Presenter).
- 1996 **Rajah, V.** Double contingency and the racial identifications of bi-racial individuals, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY. (Presenter).
- 1995 **Rajah, V.** Hedging their bets: Minority students' success stories in career magnet schools, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Washington, DC. (Presenter).

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Graduate Courses

Doctoral Level Courses

Research Methods

Advanced Qualitative Research Methods

Theory and research on Race and Ethnic Relations

MA/MPA Level Courses

Research Methods

Urban Violence

Sociology of Violence

Undergraduate Courses

Introduction to Sociology

Race and Ethnic Relations

Sociology of Violence

Research Methods

Sociological Theory

Loving v. Virginia: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of the Criminalization of Love and Marriage (BA, Hum 300)

Courses in development

Qualitative Methods in Race and Ethnic Inquiry (MA)

STUDENT SUPERVISION

Dissertations ("third exam")

Chair, Robin O'Hanlon, The Abortion Abolition Movement: Membership, Beliefs, and Practices, (in progress).

Chair, Alexis Acevedo, Through their eyes: Understanding a focused deterrence IOV intervention through the experiences of victim-survivors, (in progress).

Chair, Maria Barrera-Vilert, Safety and control in a multivalent risk context: An analysis of public communication campaigns in the NYC subway, (Successfully defended 2025).

Chair, Max Osborn, LGBTQIA+ individuals' encounters with police: Contextual factors, help-seeking, and service needs, (Successfully defended 2021).

Received 2022 John Jay College Ph.D. program Outstanding Dissertation Award

Chair, Megan Welsh, Ph.D. Dissertation: The ruling relations of reentry: An institutional ethnography of street-level bureaucrats in the lives of formerly incarcerated women, (Successfully defended 2015).

Received 2015 John Jay College Ph.D. program Outstanding Dissertation Award

Received 2014 National Institute of Justice, Graduate Research Fellowship

Chair, Amber Horning Ruf. Ph.D. Dissertation: Pimps of Harlem: Identity constructions through talk of doing and quitting the illicit market, (Successfully defended 2015).

Internal member, May Pascaud, (in progress).

Internal member, Justice Evans, (in progress).

Internal member, Lance Lindsay, (in progress).

Internal member, Brianna Caprio, (in progress).

Internal member, Lauren Moton, (Graduate Center, CUNY, 2021).

Internal member, Emily Greene-Colozzi, (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2019).

Internal member, Cynthia Lee Maragh (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2015).

Internal member, Allison Walker Franklin (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2015).

Internal member, Michael Aiello (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2015).

Internal member, Chunrye Kim, (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2014).

Internal member, Ashmini Kerodal, (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2014).

Internal member, Cassandra Ramdath (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2013).

Internal member, Timothy Clifford (Second exam completed, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2012).

Internal member, Amy Shlosberg (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2012).

Internal member, Julie Siddique (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2012).

Internal member, Yvonne Nieman (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2012).

Internal member, Andrea Cantora (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2011).

Internal member, Kevin Barnes-Ceeney, (Ph.D, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2010).

Internal member, Mohsen Alizadeh, (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2010)

Internal member, Patrick Morris (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2009)

Internal member, Tracy L. Tamborra, (PhD, Graduate Center, CUNY, 2008)

Exam 2 (publishable paper)

Chair, Dominique Austin (completed 2026)

Chair, May Pascaud (completed 2024)

Chair, Robin O'Hanlon (completed 2024)

Chair, Rachelle Wetsman (in progress)

Chair, Stacy Quashie (in progress)

SERVICE & ACTIVITIES

Service to the John Jay College

Member, Transforming the John Jay Justice Core (2020)
Member, Provost's Charter Revision Study Group (2015)
Member, Provost's Advisory Committee, Undergraduate Major in Public Health (2014)
Member, Sociology Review Panel, PSC CUNY Grants (2007-09)
Member, Search Committee for CJREC Director (2008-09)
Member, College Council Committee on Scholarships, Prizes & Awards (2006-07)
Member, Faculty Senate, John Jay College (2005-07)
Member, Council, John Jay College (2005-07)
Member, Institutional Review Board, John Jay College (2004-05)
Member, Standards Committee, John Jay College (2004-05)

Service to the CJ PhD program, Graduate Center

Diversity Committee, PhD program in Criminal Justice (chair, 2017-2019, member 2019-22)
Executive Committee, PhD program in Criminal Justice (chair 2019-22, member 2013-19)
Membership Committee, PhD program in Criminal Justice (chair 2019-22, member 2007-19)
Awards Committee, PhD program in Criminal Justice (chair 2013-19, member 2019-22)
Admissions Committee, PhD program in Criminal Justice (chair 2019-22, member 2008-19)
Member, Graduate Council (member 2019-22)

Service to the Sociology Department

Member, Faculty Search Committee (2022)
Member, Committee on Student Appeals (2006-08; 2017-22)
Member, P&B Committee (2009; 2013-14)
Deputy Chair (2009)
Tabling, Undergraduate Admissions Fair (2012-14; 2003-06)
Member, Curriculum Committee (2003-06)
Member, HEO Search Committee (2007)

College activities

Member, Women's Studies Committee (2003-09)
Participant, General Education Workshop (2007)
Participant, Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) Workshops (2006-07; 2010; 2013)

Service to the profession and professional memberships

Member, External Nominations Committee, Division of Women & Crime, American Association of Criminology, (2021)
Member, Organizing Committee, Anti-Racism, & Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology & Academia, (2021).
Co-chair, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Division of Women & Crime, American Association of Criminology, (2018-2021).
Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Division of Women & Crime, American Association of Criminology, (2017-2018).
Member, Program Committee, American Society of Criminology, Annual Meeting, (2005).

Regional Organizer, Eastern Sociological Society, (2004).

Manuscript reviewer:

American Journal of Sociology

Criminology

Critical Discourse Studies

Feminist Criminology

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Journal of Interpersonal Violence

Journal of Research on Crime and Delinquency

Journal of Urban Health

Punishment & Society

Qualitative Sociology

Social Forces

Sociology Compass

Theoretical Criminology

Violence Against Women

Past & present professional organization memberships:

American Society for Criminology

American Sociological Association

American Studies Association

Eastern Sociological Association

Society for the Study of Social Problems

AWARDS & HONORS

Sarah Hall Award, DWC, American Society of Criminology (2021)

American Association of University Women; American Fellow (2007-08)

Donal E. J. MacNamara Junior Faculty Award (2007)

John Jay College Faculty Scholarly Excellence Reward (2006; 2007)

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation; Research Award (2006-07)

John Jay College Faculty Scholarly Excellence Award (2006)

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation; Research Award (2005-06)

Faculty Fellowship Publications Program; C.U.N.Y

Honors, Doctoral Qualifying Examinations in Social Theory & Racial and Ethnic Theory

Paul F. Lazarsfeld Fellowship in Sociology, Columbia University

Watumull Fellowship, Columbia University

President's Fellowship, Columbia University

Research Assistant, Columbia University (competitive funding)

Teaching Assistant, Columbia University (competitive funding)