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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

2014- Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, John Jay College and the Graduate Center, CUNY  
Global Fellow, The Academy of Sport, The University of Edinburgh  
Graduate Faculty, Department of Kinesiology, The University of Toronto

2008-2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, John Jay College

2006-2008 Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow on Race, Crime, and Justice, Vera Institute of Justice

## EDUCATION

2006 Ph.D. with Distinction, African American Studies and Sociology, Yale University

1999 M.A. with Distinction, Culture, Communication and Societies, University of London

1997 B.A. with Honors, American Studies and Human Ecology, Brown University

## PUBLICATIONS

### Work in Progress

*Lights Out: An Ethnography of Concussion.*

### Books

2013 *Come Out Swinging: The Changing World of Boxing in Gleason's Gym.* Princeton, N.J.: Princeton University Press.  
Honourable Mention for the 2014 North American Society for the Sociology of Sport (NASSS) Outstanding Book Award.

### Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

forthcoming "Boxing and Black Culture." In *African American Culture*, edited by Omari L. Dyson and Judson L. Jeffries.

forthcoming "The Moral Economy of the Urban Gym." In *Rings of Dissent: Boxing and the Performance of Rebellion*, edited by Gaye Theresa Johnson, David J. Leonard, and Rudolfo Mondragón.

forthcoming "Lights Out: The NFL, Concussion Research, and the Suppression of Scientific Evidence." In *The Politics of Sport Injury*, edited by Stephen Wagg and Allyson Pollock.

2018 "Taking a Knee, Making a Stand: Social Justice, the Politics of Sport, and Trump America." *Quest*, DOI: 10.1080/00336297.2018.1551806.

2016 "Studying Sport in the University: Some Problematics and Problems." *American Studies Journal* 55(3).

2012 "'Tough Love': Mediation and Articulation in the Urban Boxing Gym" (reprint). In *Ethnography and the City: Readings on Doing Urban Ethnography*, edited by Richard E. Ocejo. Routledge Press.

2011 "Buying and Selling Blackness: White-Collar Boxing and Racialized Consumerism." In *Modes of Social Identification and Division: Reconsidering the Structures of Race, Gender, Class, and Caste*, edited by Abdul JanMohamad. Routledge Press.

2011 "'Tough Love': Mediation and Articulation in the Urban Boxing Gym." *Ethnography* 12(3).

2011 "'Me and the Law is Not Friends': How Former Prisoners Make Sense of Reentry" (reprint) In *About Criminals: A View of the Offenders' World Second Edition*, edited by

- Mark R. Pogrebin. Sage Publications.  
 2009 “‘Me and the Law is Not Friends’: How Former Prisoners Make Sense of Reentry.”  
*Qualitative Sociology* 32(3).

#### **Invited Articles**

- 2016 “Change Doesn’t Necessarily Mean A Paycheck.” *Contexts* Fall.  
 2016 “Still My Brother.” *The Allrounder*. <http://theallrounder.co/2016/05/03/still-my-brother/>.  
 2015 “Finding Mike Tyson.” *The Allrounder*. <http://theallrounder.co/2015/04/27/finding-mike-tyson/>.  
 2015 “The Professor’s Guide to Pugilism: How to Watch the Fight of the Century.” *The Allrounder*. <http://theallrounder.co/2015/05/01/the-professors-guide-to-pugilism-how-to-watch-the-fight-of-the-century/>.  
 2014 “Rings of Refuge: The Boxing Gym in a Shrinking City.” *Urban Omnibus*.  
<http://urbanomnibus.net/2014/07/rings-of-refuge-the-boxing-gym-in-a-shrinking-city/>.  
 2007 “Boxing ‘For a Living’ in Brooklyn.” *In Critical Solidarity* 7(2).

#### **Reviews**

- 2017 Review of *Doing Qualitative Research: The Craft of Naturalistic Inquiry* by Joost Beuving and Geert de Vries. *Contemporary Sociology*, 46(5).  
 2015 Review of *Military Migrants: Fighting For YOUR Country* by Vron Ware. *Antipode*.  
[https://radicalantipode.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/book-review\\_trimbur-on-ware1.pdf](https://radicalantipode.files.wordpress.com/2015/02/book-review_trimbur-on-ware1.pdf).  
 2013 “Bittersweet” (review of *Searching for Sugarman*). *New Labor Forum* 22(2).  
 2012 Review of *Banished: The New Social Control in Urban America* by Katherine Beckett and Steve Herbert. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare* 39(2).  
 2003 Review of *Environmental Justice in South Africa* by David McDonald. *African Studies Review* 46(1).

#### **Reports**

- 2018 “Method for Determining the Probability of Silicosis in Deceased Claimants with No Medical Records.” Report submitted to The Q(h)ubeka Trust, South Africa.  
 2008 “Report of the Subcommittee on Incarceration and Reentry.” New York State Sentencing Commission.  
 2001 “Asbestos in South Africa.” Report submitted to the South African Parliament.  
 Braun, Lundy et al. [http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Africana\\_Studies/Asbestos/Report](http://www.brown.edu/Departments/Africana_Studies/Asbestos/Report)

#### **Editorial**

- Fall 2016 Editor (with Noah Cohan, Daniel Gilbert, and Theresa Runstedtler), *American Studies Journal* Special Issue on “Sport in the University.”

#### **AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2017 Visiting Professor, The Academy of Sport, The University of Edinburgh.  
 2017 Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Recognition Certificate, Teaching and Learning Center, John Jay College.  
 2014-2015 Faculty Fellow, The Center for Place, Culture, and Politics, CUNY Graduate Center.  
 2014-2015 Office for the Advancement of Research Discretionary Fund Grant, John Jay College.  
 2014 Dean’s List for Teaching Excellence Award, John Jay College.  
 2013 Dean’s List for Teaching Excellence Award, John Jay College.  
 2013 Office for the Advancement of Research Seed Money Grant, John Jay College.  
 2012 Dean’s List for Teaching Excellence Award, John Jay College.  
 2011 Dean’s List for Teaching Excellence Award, John Jay College.  
 2010 Faculty Fellowship Publication Program recipient, CUNY Graduate Center.  
 2009 Office for the Advancement of Research Special Research Support Fund Grant, John Jay College.  
 2009 Office for the Advancement of Research Research Assistance Program Grant, John Jay College.  
 2009 PSC-CUNY Grant, CUNY.

- 2009 Dean's List for Teaching Excellence Award, John Jay College.
- 2007 Marvin B. Sussman Award, for the best dissertation, Sociology Department, Yale University.
- 2005 Enders Fellowship, Yale University, to support dissertation writing.
- 2005 Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library Fellowship, Yale University, to perform archival research on 18th, 19th, and 20th century boxing manuals.
- 2004 John Perry Miller Fund, Yale University, to conduct ethnographic research in a Brooklyn gym.
- 2003-2004 University Dissertation Fellowship, Yale University, to support dissertation research and writing.
- 2001-2003 Camp Fund Fellowship, Sociology Department, Yale University, to conduct pre-dissertation research in a Brooklyn boxing gym.
- 2001 Coca-Cola World Fund at Yale, Yale Center for International and Area Studies, to conduct ethnographic research on disease activism and asbestos-related diseases in South Africa.
- 2001 Yale Center for International and Area Studies Pre-dissertation Mini-Grant, to conduct ethnographic research in South Africa.
- 1998-1999 Fulbright Fellowship, United Kingdom, to study cultural studies at University College London's Institute of Education.
- 1998 Cianci Urban Fellow, Office of the President, Brown University, to study school-university partnerships and present recommendations to the president of Brown and Mayor of Providence.
- 1997-1998 Jane Addams Fellowship, Center on Philanthropy, Indiana University, to study non-profit organizations, community development, and the history of philanthropy.

## LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS

### Invited Talks

- 2018 "Taking a Stand, Taking a Knee: Sport and 1968." Department of Africana Studies, Brown University.
- 2017 "What are the Politics of Sports Protests in Trump America?" Edinburgh Social and Politics Sports Research Forum, The Academy of Sport, The University of Edinburgh.
- 2017 "Sport and Violence." The Global Impact of Sport Summer School, The Academy of Sport, The University of Edinburgh.
- 2017 "The Study of Sport in the Age of Trump." 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Physical Cultural Studies Graduate Student Conference, University of Maryland.
- 2016 "Sport and the Changing Valuations of Racial Difference." Sports: Race, Class, and Gender Symposium. Department of Sociology and Anthropology, St. Johns University, New York.
- 2016 "Urban Ethnography: From Field to Text." Haverford College Distinguished Visitors Program.
- 2015 "Come Out Swinging: The Changing World of Boxing in Gleason's Gym." (book talk) Office for the Advancement of Research, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2015 "Intervention Not Definition: The Intellectual Life of the Mind." Brown University Independent Concentration Commencement Address.
- 2015 Author-Meets-Critics: *The Stickup Kids: Race, Drugs, Violence, and the American Dream* by Randol Contreras. Eastern Sociological Society, New York.
- 2014 "What Emile Griffith Can Tell Us about 'Manliness' and Homophobia in the Collins/ Sam Moment." Jason Collins in the American Sportscape: Race, Gender, and the Politics of Sexuality Symposium, Washington University in St. Louis.
- 2014 "Come Out Swinging: The Changing World of Boxing in Gleason's Gym." (book talk) Brooklyn Public Library.
- 2013 "Between Representation and Marginality: The Place of Lived Experience." Maumaus, Escola de Artes Visuais, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2013 "Come Out Swinging: The Changing World of Boxing in Gleason's Gym." (book launch) Brooklyn Historical Society.
- 2013 "Ethnographic Research in Postindustrial New York." Brooklyn Historical Society.

- 2013 “Preconditions and Catalysts for Abolition: The Case of Prison Education.” Abolish/Reform: Rethinking Incarceration and Education, Department of Social and Cultural Analysis Graduate Conference, New York University.
- 2013 “Between Representation and Marginalization: Mediation and Rearticulation in Postindustrial New York.” Maumaus, Escola de Artes Visuais, Lisbon, Portugal.
- 2013 “Methodological Lessons Learned from Ethnographic Research in a New York City Boxing Gym.” Sociology Department, University of Toronto.
- 2012 “Changing at the Gym: Women Boxers and the Politics of Gender.” Sociology Department, Brown University.
- 2012 “Researching Racism and Reentry.” Sociology Department, New School for Social Research.
- 2011 “Invisible Instruction: The Critical Pedagogies of Boxing Trainers.” Center for the Humanities at Temple, Temple University.
- 2011 “Training Fighters, Making Men: The Work of Boxing Trainers in Postindustrial New York.” Urban Ethnography Workshop, University of Pennsylvania.
- 2011 “Claims and Evidence: Writing an Ethnography.” Sociology Department, Princeton University.
- 2011 “Race, Racism, and Sport.” Sport and Society Panel, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2010 “Boxing in Postindustrial New York.” Sociology Department, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2009 “‘Tough Love’: Hegemonic or Counter-Hegemonic Strategy?” Sociology Department Colloquium, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2008 “Interviewing in the Criminal Justice System.” Center for Sentencing and Corrections, Vera Institute of Justice.
- 2008 “Qualitative Research and the Real World.” Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service, New York University.
- 2007 “‘You Don’t Pet Grown Men’: Making Masculinity and Mediating Anti-Black Racism in an Urban Boxing Gym.” Sociology Department, Brooklyn College, CUNY.
- 2007 “Fictive Kinship as Reentry Strategy: The Role of Social Relations in Reintegration Processes.” Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2007 “Tough Love: Training Fighters, Making Men, and Negotiating Racial Inequality in Postindustrial Brooklyn.” Sociology Department, Hunter College, CUNY.
- 2007 “Conceptualizing Reentry through Research.” The Second Annual Brooklyn Prisoner Reentry Conference, Kings County District Attorney and ComAlert, New York.
- 2007 “Recommendations of the Subcommittee on Incarceration and Re-entry.” New York State Commission on Sentencing Reform (NYSCSR), Governor’s Office, New York.
- 2007 “Between Prison and the Wage: The Work of Amateur Boxers in Postindustrial New York.” Sociology Department, Yale University.
- 2007 “Thinking Critically about Actuarial Instruments: The ‘Risks’ of Risk Assessment.” Vera Institute of Justice.

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2018 “Hidden Labor: The Work of Sport Protest.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 2017 “Requests of the Field: The Social Meanings of an Ethnographic Transaction.” London Conference in Critical Thought Annual Meeting, London, England.
- 2016 “Studying Sport in the University: Some Problematics and Problems.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Denver.
- 2016 “Teaching Ethnography: Recasting Expertise and Reframing Knowledge Production.” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston.
- 2015 “Solidarity and Sanction: The Moral Economy of the Urban Gym.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.
- 2014 “The Moral Economy of the Urban Gym.” Between Representation and Marginality, CUNY Graduate Center.

- 2014 “Contradictions of Crime Control in the Classroom: Using Students’ Lived Experience as Resource.” Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2014 “Invisible Instruction: The Critical Pedagogies of the Urban Gym.” London Conference in Critical Thought Annual Meeting, London, England.
- 2014 “Fighting For Justice in the Urban Gym: From the Prison to the Boxing Ring.” Performance and Justice: Critical Interventions in the Arts, Pedagogy, Politics Symposium, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2014 “White-Collar Boxing and the Cultural Capital of Racial Difference.” America Comparative Literature Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2013 “Snowden, Exile, and Revolutionary Futures.” The Snowden Affair: The Surveillance State and Witch Hunts in Everyday Life, An Interdisciplinary Symposium/Teach-in, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2013 “I Prefer That You Hit Me First’: The Changing Practices of Gender in the Gym.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2012 “The Role of Anti-Black Racism in Prisoner Resettlement.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Juan.
- 2011 “‘Me and the Law is Not Friends’: Anti-Black Racism and Prisoner Reentry.” Collegium on African American Research Bi-Annual Meeting, Paris, France.
- 2010 “‘Daring Defeat’: Neoliberalism, Critical Discourse, and Rearticulation in the Urban Gym.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio.
- 2009 “Buying Blackness: The Cultural Capital of Racial Difference.” Forum on Contemporary Theory XII International Conference, Trivandrum, India.
- 2009 “Fantasies of ‘Pure Male Domination’ and the Production and Consumption of Black Racial and Gender Identities.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2009 “‘Tough Love’ in the Urban Boxing Gym: Hegemonic or Counter Hegemonic Discursive Practice?” Collegium for African American Research Bi-Annual Meeting, Bremen, Germany.
- 2007 “Fighting for Justice: Violence, Criminality, and Boxing in Postindustrial Brooklyn.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia.
- 2007 “Between Prison and the Wage: The Work of Amateur Boxers in Postindustrial New York.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York.
- 2007 “Racialized Consumerism: Buying Authentic Racial Identities in an Urban Boxing Gym.” Collegium for African American Research Bi-Annual Meeting, Madrid, Spain.
- 2006 “In Search of ‘Authentic’ Identities: White-Collar Clients, Boxing Trainers, and the Commodification of Black Masculinity.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Oakland.
- 2005 “Training Fighters, Making Men: Identity and Homosocial Bonding in an Urban Boxing Gym.” Collegium for African American Research Bi-Annual Meeting, Tours, France.

#### **Media Interviews**

- 2014 New Books Network, “New Books in Sport,” April 2014.
- 2013 BBC Radio4, “Thinking Allowed,” November 2013.
- 2013 The University of Minnesota, “The Society Pages,” October 2013.

#### **AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH**

race and racisms, gender subordination, class stratification; sport studies; critical prison studies; ethnographic field methods

#### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

##### **CUNY Graduate Center**

- 2017- Thesis Supervision, Liberal Studies Program

- 2017, 2019 American Social Institutions: The Rise and Fall of the American Prison, Liberal Studies/  
American Studies Program
- 2015- Dissertation Supervision, Sociology Department and Criminal Justice Department
- 2015- Race, Racisms, and Punishment, Criminal Justice Department
- 2012, 2013 Social Theories of Crime: Criminological Theory II, Criminal Justice Department

**John Jay College**

- 2016 Teenagers and Punishment, Sociology Department
- 2015 Senior Seminar, Honors Program
- 2013 Theories of Social Order, Sociology Department
- 2013 Revenge and Forgiveness, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2013 Violence and Justice, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2013 Immigration and Its Discontents, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2013 Human Trafficking, Sociology Department
- 2012- Senior Seminar: Writings from Prison, Sociology Department
- 2012 Justice and the Individual, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2012 Solitary Confinement: Real and Imagined, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2011 Slavery, Sex, and Human Trafficking, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2011 Controlled Violence: The Fighting Arts, Interdisciplinary Studies Program
- 2010 Political Prisoners, Political Imprisonment, Sociology Department
- 2009 Citizen, Subject, State, Sociology Department
- 2008- Introduction to Sociology, Sociology Department

**SERVICE**

**Professional**

- 2018 Panel Organizer. "Rebel Athletes: Emergent Forms of Labor, Time, and Value in the World of Sport." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta.
- 2017 Discussant. "Sport and the Pedagogies of Race and Gender in the Post-Civil Rights Era." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Chicago.
- 2017 Stream Organizer (with Vron Ware), "Theorizing Ethics and Politics in Ethnographic Practice." London Conference in Critical Thought.
- 2014-2015 Coordinator, Critical Prison Studies Caucus, American Studies Association.
- 2015 Organizer, Sport Studies and Critical Prison Studies Caucus Co-Sponsored Panel: "Between Misery and Resistance: The Connections between the Carceral State and Sporting Cultures." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Toronto.
- 2015 Discussant, "Ethnography Mini-Conference Session: Selves and Bodies." Eastern Sociological Society, New York.
- 2014 Organizer, "Between Representation and Marginality." CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2014 Organizer, "Mirrored Surfaces: Reflexive Representation and Stories of Struggle Workshop" by James Newitt, John Jay College, CUNY.
- 2013 Discussant and Chair, "Penalties, Sanctions, and Fines: Discourses of American Sports Gone Afoul." American Studies Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.
- 2013 Discussant, "To Serve and Protect? Critical Perspectives on the Policing of Social Problems." Law and Society Association Annual Conference, Boston.
- 2013-2015 Mentor, ISS Publication Mentoring Program. Institute for Security Studies, South Africa.
- 2012 Participant, "Indicators in Development: Safety and Justice Annual Workshop." The Program in Criminal Justice Policy and Management, Harvard University.
- 2012 Discussant, "Insidious Solidarity: Fight for Your Rights." New School for Social Research Sociology Conference.
- 2011-2015 Scholarly Advisor, Crossing Borders, Bridging Generations project. Brooklyn Historical Society.

- 2010-2014 Participant, From Field To Text (monthly ethnography working group). Institute for Public Knowledge, New York University.
- 2010 Participant, Craft of Ethnography Workshop. Columbia University and New York University.
- 2010 Organizer, “Neoliberal Structures of Feeling.” American Studies Association Annual Meeting, San Antonio.
- 2010 Discussant, “Reflecting on Marginality.” Stony Brook University Ethnography Conference.
- 2009 Co-organizer, “Contracting Boundaries.” Forum on Contemporary Theory XII International Conference, Trivandrum, India.
- 2009 Presider, Section on Crime and Deviance panel. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco.
- 2009- Reviewer, Columbia University Press, Princeton University Press, Rutgers University Press, University of California Press, University of Minnesota Press, *American Sociological Review*, *City and Community*, *Education as Change*, *Ethnography*, *Gender and Society*, *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, *Journal of African American Studies*, *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Sociology of Sport Journal*, *The Sociological Review*.
- 2008-2009 Participant, Foucault’s Post-1975 Courses (reading group). *The New School* and *N+1 Magazine*.

### **College and University**

- 2018 Selection Committee, Dissertation Write-up Fellowships, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2018 Department Representative, Faculty Senate and College Council, John Jay College.
- 2017 Search Committee Member, Sociology Department, John Jay College.
- 2016- Member, Doctoral Admissions Committee, Sociology Department, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2016-2017 Advisor, Sociology Department, John Jay College.
- 2014-2015 Personnel and Budget Committee, Sociology Department, John Jay College.
- 2014-2015 Faculty Athletic Representative, John Jay College.
- 2014-2015 Member, Curriculum Committee, Criminal Justice PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2013-2014 Member, Personnel and Budget Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies Program, John Jay College.
- 2012-2014 Member, Assessment Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies Program, John Jay College.
- 2012- Member, Grade Appeal Committee, Sociology Department, John Jay College.
- 2012-2014 Member, Honors College Advisory Committee, John Jay College.
- 2012-2014 Grader, Comprehensive Examinations, Criminal Justice PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2012-2013 Member, UCASC Subcommittee on General Education, John Jay College.
- 2012-2015 Member, Membership Committee, Criminal Justice PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2012-2013 Member, Assessment Task Force, Sociology Department, John Jay College.
- 2011-2012 Member, Elections Committee, Criminal Justice PhD Program, CUNY Graduate Center.
- 2011-2012 Member, Grade Appeal Committee, Interdisciplinary Studies Department, John Jay College.
- 2011-2014 Member, Curriculum Committee, Sociology Department, John Jay College.
- 2010-2012 Member, Provost’s Task Force on Making Teaching Visible and Valued in the Personnel Process.
- 2010 Presenter and Facilitator, Honors Program Recruitment Day, John Jay College.
- 2009-2010 Member, Honors Program Curriculum Committee, John Jay College.
- 2009 Member, Subcommittee on Introductory Courses, General Education Task Force, John Jay College.
- 2009 Co-facilitator, Teaching Workshop, Orientation for Full-Time Faculty, John Jay College.
- 2009 Co-facilitator, Teaching Workshop, Orientation for Adjunct Faculty, John Jay College.

### **MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS**

- American Sociological Association
- American Studies Association
  - Critical Prison Studies Caucus
  - Ethnography Caucus

Sports Studies Caucus  
Collegium for African American Research  
Eastern Sociological Society  
London Conference on Critical Thought Collective