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## Education

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Ph.D. (expected), Sociology, Princeton University, 2006.  
M.A., Sociology, Princeton University, 2002.  
B.A. Summa Cum Laude, Sociology, Fordham University, 1999.

## Research Areas

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### *Dissertation*

How Sentencing Policies Produce and Maintain Inequality: the effects of determinate sentencing on racial, ethnic, and gender disparities in punishment outcomes, 1983 – 2001  
Committee: Bruce Western (Chair); Sara Curran, Devah Pager, Mario Small

### *Research and Teaching Interests*

Law and Society	Quantitative Methods
Criminal Justice and Social Control	Race, Ethnicity, and Inequality
Social Construction of Deviance	Sociological Theory
Social Inequality	Feminist Theory

## Publications

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2005. Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Pretrial Criminal Processing. *Justice Quarterly*, 22(2): 170 – 192.

## Fellowships, Grants, and Honors

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NSF Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2004.  
Princeton University American Studies Program's Summer Fellowship, 2004.  
Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division of the Society for the Study of Social Problems's Graduate Student Paper Competition: Honorable Mention, 2003.  
Princeton University African American Studies Dissertation Support Award, 2002.  
Graduate Summer Grant, Princeton University, 2001 – 2003.

Summer Language Grant, Princeton University, 2000.  
Graduate Fellowship, Princeton University, 1999 – 2003.  
Phi Kappa Phi: International Honor Society, 1999.  
Fordham College at Lincoln Center: Sociology Award, 1999.  
Datha Brack Women's Studies Award, 1997.  
Beacon Scholar Excellence Award for best paper in Religious Studies, 1997.  
State of NJ Commission on Higher Education: Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, 1997.  
Phi Theta Kappa: International Honor Society, 1997.

## **Presentations**

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- "The Limits of Colorblind Anti-Discrimination Laws: an empirical assessment of determinate sentencing policies". Presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, 2005.
- "An Evaluation of Racial Non-Recognition as an Anti-Discrimination Strategy" Presented at Rendering Race Visible: Centralizing the Effects of Racial Realities, 2005.
- "Differential Effects of Determinate Sentencing Policies: race, ethnicity, and gender". Presented at the Princeton University Colloquium on Women and Gender, 2005.
- "Mass Racialized Imprisonment: An Empirical Assessment of the Role of Determinate Sentencing Policies". Presented at the Princeton University Program in American Studies Research Series, 2005.
- "Racial and Ethnic Disparity in Pretrial Criminal Processing". Presented at the Law & Society Annual Meeting, 2004.
- "Discrimination in Criminal Processing: A Spotlight on Pretrial Release". Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Annual meeting, 2003.
- "Racial Disparity in Incarceration: The Role of State Variation in the Enactment of Sentencing Reforms". Presented at the Law and Society Developmental Workshop at New York University, 2002.
- "An Overview of the Prison State". Presented at Rockefeller College, Princeton University, 2002.
- "Race, Racism, and Criminal Justice". Invited lecture at Bergen Community College: Paramus, NJ, 2001.
- "Judeo-Christian Religion: Its Role in the Subjugation of Women". Invited Presentation at the Beacon Scholar's Conference, 1997.

## **Teaching Appointments**

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- Adjunct Lecturer of Sociology, Drew University, 2005.  
Sociology of Deviant Behavior and Introduction to Social Welfare.
- Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, 2004.  
Deviance and Social Control.
- Lecturer, Program in African American Studies, Princeton University, 2003 – 2004.  
Race, Class, and Intelligence.

Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, 2001 – 2003.  
Sociological Theory; Sociology of Crime and Punishment; and Social Bases for Individual Behavior.

### Research Appointments

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Research Assistant for Dr. Janet Gornick, Baruch University, 2005 – Present.  
Cleaned, coded, merged, and analyzed comparative social welfare data from Europe, Japan, and North America.

Research Assistant for Dr. Bruce Western, Princeton University, 2001 – 2002.  
Conducted review of literature on disparity in the criminal justice system. Also collected data on state level sentencing reforms passed in all 50 states.

Research Assistant for Dr. Michele Lamont, Princeton University, 2000.  
Conducted research on elite African Americans using a variety of sources: this included creating a data base of several hundred elite African Americans, researching their life histories, and setting up interviews with each individual.

### Professional Activities and Service

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Reviewer, *Social Forces* and *Criminology & Public Policy*, 2004 – 2005  
Organizer, Feminist and Anti-Racist Pedagogy Reading Group, 2005  
Participant, Luxembourg Income Study Workshop, 2005  
Discussant, Criminology and Economics Summer Workshop, 2005.  
Graduate Mentor, Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience, Princeton University, 2004.  
Chair, Race and Discrimination Panel at Law & Society's Annual Meeting, 2004.  
Organizer, Princeton University Sociology Department's Dissertation Support Group, 2003 – 2004.  
Member, American Criminological Association, 2003 – Present.  
Member, Law & Society Association, 2002 – Present.  
Member, American Sociological Association, 2000 – Present.  
Member, Eastern Sociological Society, 2000 – Present.

### References

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