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CURRICULUM VITAE

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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Loyola University Chicago Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice <i>Assistant Professor</i>	2021-present
The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Department of Sociology <i>Assistant Professor</i>	2019-2021
New York University Prison Education Program <i>Postdoctoral Fellow</i>	2018-2019

EDUCATION

Binghamton University (SUNY) Doctorate of Philosophy in Sociology Dissertation: <i>'The Making of 'Disconnected Youth': The Role of Criminal Courts, Probation and Non-Profit Organizations in the Criminalization and Management of Youth of Color in NYC.</i>	2018
Binghamton University (SUNY) Master of Science in World-Historical Sociology	2008
Binghamton University (SUNY) Bachelor of Arts in Comparative Literature and Latin American/Caribbean Studies, <i>magna cum laude</i>	2005

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Carceral Studies; Race, Class, Gender and Criminal Justice; Mass Supervision; Ethnography; Qualitative Methods; Political Economy of Crime and Punishment; Race, Gender and Juvenile Justice.

BOOKS

Forthcoming **Zhandarka Kurti** and Jarrod Shanahan *States of Incarceration: Rebellion,*

Reform and the Future of America's Punishment System Reaktion Books (Field Notes Series) Spring 2022.

Forthcoming Geert, Dhondt, **Zhandarka Kurti** and Jarrod Shanahan *Treason to Whiteness: Race, Class and Revolution*. Verso Fall 2022.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- 2021 **Kurti, Zhandarka** and Jarrod Shanahan "Carceral Non-Profits and the Limits of Prison Reform" *ACME: An International Journal for Critical Geographies (Special Issue: Carceral Geographies and Policing)* 20 (6) pp. 597-617
- 2021 **Kurti, Zhandarka** "Starting a Dialogue: From Radical Criminology to Critical Resistance: An Interview with Tony Platt Special issue of *Journal of World Systems Research* (Capitalist World Economy in Crisis: Policing, Pacification and Legitimacy) 27 (1).
- 2021 **Kurti, Zhandarka** (Guest Editor) "Introduction" Special issue of *Journal of World Systems Research* (Capitalist World Economy in Crisis: Policing, Pacification and Legitimacy)
- 2020 **Kurti, Zhandarka**. "Police Power After Black Lives Matter" *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict, and World Order*. Special Issue: *Police Power and the Fabrication of Social Order: The Critique of Police in the Twenty-first Century* 47 (3/4) pp. 137-150.
- 2018 **Kurti, Zhandarka** and Jarrod Shanahan "Rebranding Mass Incarceration: The Lippman Commission and 'Carceral Devolution' in New York City" *Social Justice: A Journal of Crime, Conflict and World Order* 45 (2/3) pp. 23-50.

BOOK REVIEWS

- 2021 **Kurti, Z** "Review of William I. Robinson's The Global Police State" Special issue of *Journal of World Systems Research* (Capitalist World Economy in Crisis: Policing, Pacification and Legitimacy)
- 2018 **Kurti, Z**. "Critical Reflection on George S. Rigakos "Security/Capital: A Theory of Pacification" *Abolition: A Journal of Insurgent Politics*.
- 2017 **Kurti, Z**. "Review of Zeynep Gonen's "Politics of Crime in Turkey: Izmir Public Order Police and Criminalization of the Urban Poor" *Meltem: Journal of the Izmir Mediterranean Academy*

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY AND PEDAGOGY

- 2021 “Justice Department Investigations Don’t Actually Challenge Police Violence” Op Ed with Jarrod Shanahan *TruthOut*, April 26.
- 2021 Review of “Elizabeth Hinton’s America on Fire” with Jarrod Shanahan *Brooklyn Rail* (September Issue)
- 2020 “The Dangerous Seduction of Reform: Review of Prison By Another Name” with Jarrod Shanahan *Brooklyn Rail*
- 2020 “Prelude to a Hot Summer” with Jarrod Shanahan *Brooklyn Rail*.
- 2020 “From New York to Salt Lake City, There’s no Such Thing as a Nice Prison” with Brinley Froelich and Jarrod Shanahan *Verso (blog)*.
- 2019 “Managing Urban Disorder in the 1960s: The New York City Model” With Jarrod Shanahan Gotham Center for New York City History (blog).
- 2019 “Central Park Five Syllabus: A Supplementary Reading List.” with Odilka Santiago *Abolition Journal*
- 2019 “Why the Bronx Burned: An Interview with Vivian Vásquez Irizarry and Gretchen Hildebran” *Jacobin*.
- 2019 “Meek Mill’s Case ‘is Not about One Judge, One Courtroom” with Jarrod Shanahan *Jacobin*.
- 2018 “Building a Kinder Justice System: Youth Experiences with Incarceration” Interview with Dr. Alexandra Cox, *Abolition Journal*
- 2018 “Cuomo’s ‘Carceral Humanism”” with William G. Martin *Jacobin* November 16, 2018
- 2018 “#NYCStripperStrike: Race, Class and Women’s Work” with Tanzeem Ajmiri *Hard Crackers: Journal of Everyday Life*.
- 2017 “Probation and Second Chances in the Era of the Jobless Future” *Brooklyn Rail*.
- 2017 “‘Raise the Age’ Bill Sharpens the Damaging Distinction Between People Convicted of ‘Nonviolent’ and ‘Violent’ Offenses” *TruthOut*.

RESEARCH GRANTS (Total \$10,300)

- 2020-2021 The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Professional and Scholarly Development Award (PSDA) *Book Proposal* “The Best Friend a Kid Can Have:” A Social History of the NYC Police Athletic League” \$4,300.
- Spring 2021 The University of Tennessee, Knoxville Hanes Morris Grant “Policing the Mountain South: Persistent Inequalities” \$6,000.

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2018-2019 New York University Prison Education Program (Postdoctoral Fellow)
- 2014-2015 Beyond the Bars Fellow, Columbia University (Declined)
- 2005-2009 Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Binghamton University (\$15,000) Joel Robinson Scholarship Fund for Social Activists, BU (\$1,000)

INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS

- March 2021 “The Carceral State” Webinar (Guest Panelist) Department of Anthropology Disasters, Displacements and Human Rights Program
- February 2021 “13th Webinar” (Guest Panelist) Tickle College of Engineering Anti-Racism and Allyship Taskforce
- August 2020 “Policing the Global Crisis: In Conversation with Wallerstein and World-Systems” Immanuel Wallerstein: Celebrating the Legacies Conference California *Institute of Integral Studies* (CIIS), 1453 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103
- Nov. 2019 Author Meets Critic Panel “Pervasive Punishment: Making Sense of Mass Supervision” American Society of Criminology Annual Conference “Criminology in the New Era: Confronting Injustices and Inequality” San Francisco, CA November 13-16, 2019.
- April 2019 “Wither Mass Incarceration? Criminalization of NYC Youth of Color” Carceral Crisis Speaker Series, *New York University Prison Education Program* April 10, 2019
- Jan. 2019 “Youth and Policing” Panel Discussion with Alex Vitale *Woodbine Research Series* 1883 Woodbine, Ridgewood, NY January 24, 2019

Oct. 2018 "Criminal Justice Reforms in the Era of Mass Incarceration: A View From New York" *Framingham State University*, Sociology Department Lecture Series
October 16, 2018

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION

August 2021 "A Hot American Summer: Political Lessons from the George Floyd Rebellion" American Sociological Association "COVID19 and the Capitalist-World System," (PEWS section panel)

November 2020 "'Keeping Busy': Contemporary Crime Control Strategies in the Era of Criminal Justice Reform" *American Studies Association 2020: "Creativity in Revolt"* Baltimore, Maryland November 12-15, 2020.

August 2020 "'Kids and Cops: the Rise of the New York Police Athletic League," Panel 13 Crime and Surveillance." *American Sociological Association*. "Power, Inequality, and Resistance at Work" August 8-11, 2020

Feb. 2020 "Carceral Non-Profits and the Limits of Liberal Reform" 5th Annual International Transformative Justice & Abolition Criminology Conference, Salt Lake City Community College. Salt Lake City, Utah. February 18, 2020.

May 2018 "The Turn to 'Community': Legitimizing the Role of NYC Probation for Latino Youth in the Era of Austerity" Latin American Studies Conference "Latin American Studies in a Globalized World" Barcelona, Spain May 23 – 26, 2018

Feb. 2017 "The Judge Loves the Youth: Alternatives to Incarceration Programs, Ideology and the Making of "Productive" Citizens" Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting "The End of the World as We Know It" Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown February 23-26, 2017

Nov. 2016 "The Turn to Community: Legitimizing the Role of Probation and the Criminal Court System in the Era of Austerity" Social Science History Association 41st Annual Meeting, "Beyond Social Science History: Knowledge in an Interdisciplinary World" Chicago, IL November 21-24, 2016

Nov. 2015 "Challenging or Extending the Reach of the Carceral State: Juvenile Justice Reform in NYC" Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora [ASWAD] Annual Conference "African Diaspora Circularities: Forging Communities, Cultures, and Politics" November 4-7, 2015 Charleston, SC

Nov. 2011 "Understanding Vagrancy, Moral Regulation and Positivism from a World-Historical Perspective" American Society of Criminology Annual Conference "Breaking the Mold: Innovations and Bold Ventures in Criminology" November 16-19, 2011 Washington D.C.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

(** Designed Course)

Loyola University Chicago

Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice
Assistant Professor

Undergraduate courses:

CJC 372 Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice

CJC 375 Punishment and Society

The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Department of Sociology
Assistant Professor

Undergraduate courses

SOCI 452 Race, Ethnicity, Crime and Justice (Crosslisted with Africana Studies)

SOCI 456 Punishment and Society

SOCI 449 Juvenile Delinquency

SOCI 353 Criminal Justice (Online Summer Intensive)

Graduate Courses:

SOCI 656** Carceral Studies (Contemporary Critical Criminology Special Topics)

New York University

Prison Education Program
Instructor

SOC 101** Sociology of New York City (Fall 2018, Wallkill Correctional Facility)

SCA-UA 200** Carceral Crisis: Race, Class and Punishment in America (Spring 2019)
NYU Department of Social and Cultural Analysis)

SCA-UA 280** Crime and Punishment in Popular Culture (Summer 2019 NYU
Department of Social and Cultural Analysis)

Fordham University

Department of Sociology and Anthropology
Instructor

SOCI 3606** The Global City (Summer 2014)

SOCI 2925** Media, Crime, Sex and Violence (Summer 2012)

SOCI 1100 Intro to Sociology (Fall 2012- present)

SOCI 2450** Gender, Race and Media (Summer 2011)

SOCI 3405 Gender, Race and Class (Fall 2010-Fall 2013)
SOCI 3713 Criminology (Spring 2011)
SOCI 2701 Intro to Criminal Justice (Summer 2010, Fall 2009)
SOCI 2703 Social Deviance (Fall 2011, Spring 2010)

Fordham University

School of Professional and Continuing Studies

Online Instructor

SOCI 1100 Introduction to Sociology (Fall 2013-2018)
SOCI 3021 Sociology of Medicine (Fall 2013-2017)

Hostos Community College (CUNY)

Department of Behavioral and Social Sciences

Instructor

SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology (2014-2015)

Hunter College (CUNY)

Department of Sociology

Instructor

SOC 257 Sex and Gender Roles (Summer 2012)
SOC 319 Criminology (Summer 2011)
SOC 301** Medical Sociology (Fall 2010 and Summer 2010)

Borough of Manhattan Community College (CUNY) Center for Ethnic Studies

Instructor

AFST 125 Comparative Ethnic Studies (Winter 2010-Spring 2012)
LAT 152 Puerto Rican Experience in Urban United States (Fall 2009)

Rose M. Singer Center Riker Island Correctional Facility East Elmhurst, NY Prison Education Initiative

Instructor

**Creative Writing (September 2011-January 2012)

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

University and College Service

April 2021 Judge, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement
April 2020 Judge, Exhibition of Undergraduate Research and Creative Achievement

2019-Present Critical Race Collective
2019-present Faculty Reviewer *Pursuit: Journal of Research Review*

Department Service

2021 Committee for Non-Tenure Track Bylaws
2021 Undergraduate Committee
2020 Collaborative Online Training, Department of Sociology, The University of Tennessee, Knoxville

Graduate Committee

- Jiayi Li, PhD Comprehensive Exam, Sociology, University of Tennessee, Committee Member
- Kyra Ann Martinez, PhD Comprehensive Exam, Sociology, University of Tennessee, Committee Member

Student Mentoring

- Diego Taboada, PhD, Sociology University of Tennessee, Faculty Advisor
- Abigail Seely, Undergraduate, Sociology, University of Tennessee, Mentor

OTHER ACADEMIC SERVICE

2019 Reviewer, *Transformative Justice Journal*
2019-present Peer-Reviewer, *Social Problems*
2009-present Search Committee for the Joel Robinson Fund for Social Activists (Binghamton University)
2011-2014 Fordham University's Women's Empowerment Organization Mentor
2009-2013 Fordham University's Higher Educational Opportunity Program (HEOP) Mentor

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2019-Present Face to Face Knox (Group restoring in person visitation to Knox County Jail)
2013-2019 Take Back the Bronx
2016-2017 People's History of the South Bronx Youth Program (Bronx Social Center)
2014-2016 Bronx Social Center (Community Organizer)

CURRICULUM EXPERIENCE

Summer 2020 University of Tennessee
Virtual Vols Bootcamp
Online Teaching Workshop Series

2020-2021 Tennessee Board of Regents
Statewide Dual Credit (SDC)
Redesign Team, Sociology

2016-2017 W.W. Norton

MEDIA APPEARANCES

- 2019 C-Span [“Beyond These Walls: Evening with Tony Platt”](#) NYU Prison Education Program
- 2019 NYU Prison Education Program [“Faculty in Action”](#)
- 2019 NYU News: [“Journalism Class Invites Author Alex Vitale to Discuss the Impacts of Mass Incarceration”](#)
- 2019 NYU News: [“Sociology of NYC Mixtape”](#)
- 2018 NYU News [“Three Men Behind Bars Graduate with their NYU Degrees”](#)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- 2014- Present American Society of Criminology
- 2016-Present American Sociological Association
- 2020-Present Law and Society

LANGUAGES

- Albanian (Fluent Reading, Speaking and Writing Competence)
- Spanish (Fluent Reading, Speaking and Writing Competence)