

# Newsletter

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## Note from the Chair

**Dear Crime and Justice Division Members,**

As Chair of the Crime and Justice Division, I want to take a moment to connect with you at the start of what promises to be a particularly consequential year for our field. Our division has always been committed to critically examining systems of power, inequality, and law, and the current U.S. socio-political landscape makes that mission feel especially urgent. Across issues of punishment, surveillance, and state control, we are seeing old logics reemerge in new forms, demanding careful analysis, engaged scholarship, and collective dialogue.

This year, I am particularly focused on the intersection of crime, justice, and immigration, a nexus where theory meets



lived experience. In the United States, narratives of criminality are increasingly and problematically fused with immigration status, shaping policy, enforcement practices, and public discourse. As critical social scientists, our task is to interrogate these confluences and to examine how systems of punishment expand to regulate, manage, and exclude migrant populations. These processes are not abstract; they carry profound consequences for families, communities, and conceptions of belonging. Our scholarship plays a crucial role in making these dynamics visible and contestable.

As we approach the upcoming annual meeting, I encourage you to consider how your work speaks to the broader dynamics of criminalization, governance, and resistance. The 2026 Annual Meeting theme, “Resisting Colonization of Lifeworlds,” offers a robust framework for examining how legal, bureaucratic, technological, and punitive systems encroach upon everyday life, and how communities respond, resist, and reimagine justice.

In that spirit, our division is organizing a rich set of sessions that reflect both the breadth and depth of contemporary crime and justice scholarship. These include critical dialogues on the global production of criminality; sessions on mass incarceration and perpetual punishment; the state of policing; algorithmic injustices and the impact of AI on marginalized communities; and thematic sessions on immigration, therapeutic regimes, gender and violence, and the weaponization of child welfare. Together, these sessions highlight the ways punishment operates across institutions, borders, and lifeworlds, while also pointing toward alternative frameworks rooted in care, accountability, and equity.

I strongly encourage you to submit abstracts, participate in our division sessions, and engage through the listserv to continue these conversations. Let us use this moment to apply our collective expertise, challenge injustice, amplify marginalized voices, and advocate for evidence-based approaches that center human dignity over criminalization.

I look forward to working with you throughout the year and to continuing to build our division as a vibrant space for rigorous, engaged, and impactful scholarship. Please feel free to reach out with ideas or if you are interested in getting more involved.

In solidarity,

**Rafia Mallick**

# Introductions

## **Associate Chair** (2025-2027)

Jennifer M. Carpenter is a PhD Candidate at Georgia State University. She currently serves as the Managing Editor for the department's two journal publications, The Criminal Justice Review and The International Criminal Justice Review, as well as teaching Criminal Justice courses in the department. Her current research is focused on the reentry needs of gender minorities and how a lack of gender concordant documentation may hinder their ability to find jobs and housing after incarceration



## **Chair-Elect** (2027-2029)

I am an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Alfred University in Alfred, New York. I teach and have taught in the areas of Sociology, Critical Criminology, and Criminal Justice Studies. My main research areas are carceral system inequalities, structural racial inequalities, and colonialism - specifically as this impacts Indigenous peoples in the United States, as well as having interests in the structure of Native Nation sovereignty and tribal criminal justice systems.



# Recent and Upcoming Books



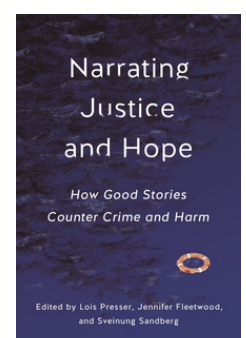
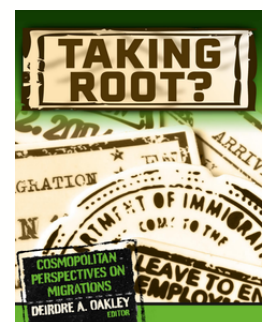
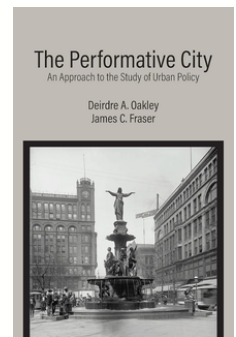
**Carpenter, J. M.** (2025). "Breaking down the harm in U.S. public housing assistance in the name of affordable and decent living environments." In Oakley, D. A. & Fraser, J. C. (Eds.), *The Performative City: An Approach to the Study of Urban Policy*. Long Grove, IL. Waveland Press.

**Carpenter, J. M., & Mallick, R. J.** (2025). "Is collective efficacy real? Government-sponsored 'empowerment' and the implications for health in poor urban neighborhoods." In Oakley, D. A. & Fraser, J. C. (Eds.), *The Performative City: An Approach to the Study of Urban Policy*. Long Grove, IL. Waveland Press.

**Mallick, Rafia.** 2025. "Chapter 8: Where do we fit in the vegetable tray? Immigrants navigating through physical spaces in U.S. cities." in *The Performative City: An Approach to the Study of Urban Policy*. Waveland Press, Inc.

**Mallick, Rafia.** 2025. "Chapter 8: Who are South Asians, You Ask? Culture, Identity, and Diversity." in *Taking Root? Cosmopolitan Perspectives on Migration*: Kendall Hunt Publishing Company.

**Presser, Lois,** Fleetwood, Jennifer, and Sveinung Sandberg (Eds.). 2025. *Narrating Justice and Hope: How Good Stories Counter Crime and Harm*. New York and London: New York University Press.







## Member News

**Joachim Savelsberg** received distinguished Sociologist 2025, Sociologists of Minnesota

**Robert L. Peralta** received National Science Network on Drug Abuse Award for Innovations in Health Research

**Jennifer M. Carpenter** is now a PhD Candidate-Fall 2025

**Dr. Diana Therese M Veloso PN(Res)** was a fellow at Write Right: De La Salle University Writing Retreat for High Impact Publications.

Dr. Veloso was awarded the Bronze Cross Medal for her service during the Traslacion 2025: Feast of Jesus Nazareno, a religious devotion for Filipino Catholics.

She also received the Military Merit Medal at the General Headquarters (GHQ) Units, Unified Commands, and Armed Forces of the Philippines Wide Support and Separate Units (AFPQSSUs) (GUAs).

She is the new Chair of the Department of Sociology and Behavioral Sciences at De La Salle University.

She is also the Coordinator of Gender and Multiculturalism, an interdisciplinary course housed under her department.

She was reelected to the Board of Directors of Philippine Sociological Society (PSS), for the year 2026.

## Solidarity Campaign

**Jennifer M. Carpenter** is constantly fighting for the rights of Trans individuals. I am Chapter President of my local PFLAG Chapter in Lawrenceville, GA. [www.pflag.org](http://www.pflag.org). We are a 501(c)(3) organization that is always in need of donations and volunteers across the US!

# New Publications



**Tabbutt, Kelly.** 2025. "Indigenous Carceral System Inequalities in the US: A Synthesis of the Literature About the Nature and Sources." *Sociology Compass*. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.70123>.

**Joachim J. Savelsberg**, Jillian LaBranche, and Miray Philips. "Prosecutorial-NGO Complex: New Legal Opportunity Structures and the Role of (I)NGOs in Universal Jurisdiction Trials on Syria." *Law & Society Review* 2025 (Online First).

John Hagan and **Joachim Savelsberg**. "Memorializing War Crimes and How We Remember to Forget: The Vietnam War, Collective Memory, and America's Forever Wars" In: *Handbook on Crime and Society*, edited by Terry Miethe and Wendy Regoeczi. Edward Elgar Publ., pp. 63-83.

**Brooks, Iolanthe.** 2025. "Shuffling Within the System: The Pervasive Uncertainty of Prison Transfers." *Social Problems* spaf067. doi:10.1093/socpro/spaf067.

**Young, Cassandra Mary Frances**, and Taylor Robinson. 2025. "Amplified Victimization: Contextualizing Misogynoir, Sex Trafficking, and Trauma." *Victims & Offenders* 20(5-6): 1142-1166. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1080/15564886.2025.2517659>.

Xi, Juan., & **Robert L. Peralta.** (2025). Mental Health, Resilience, and Well-Being Among Sexual Minority College Students: A Study Framed by the Minority Stress and Minority Resilience Models. *Social Sciences*, 14(4), 231.

Ahadzie, Veronica M. and **Robert L. Peralta.** 2025. "Racialization of Drug Use and Gang Involvement: Racial Crime Stereotype of Minorities, Fear of Crime and the Impact of Sex." *J. of Social Sciences* 20 (1): 65-77.

Jauk-Ajamie, Daniela, **Robert L. Peralta**, and Courtney Michael\*. 2024. "'Chickens in the Slaughterhouse' Police-Inflicted Trauma and Mental Health Consequences for an Urban African American LGBTQI+ Community" *Social Sciences* 13, no. 10: 505.

**Phelps, Michelle S.** and Daniel Cueto-Villalobos. 2025. "Making Racial Demands: Tracing the Struggle over Public Safety in Minneapolis." *Social Problems*. Published Online September 23, 2025: <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaf046>.

# Presentations



**Carpenter, J. M.** Minority Stress, Self-Medication, and Attempted Suicide. Southern Criminal Justice Association, Charleston, SC, September 2025

**Veloso, Diana Therese M.** Conference Presentations:

- “From Death to Life: The Lived Experiences of Women Formerly on Death Row in the Philippines.” Paper presented at the Philippine Sociological Society International Conference. Davao City. October 2, 2024.
- “The Impact of Gender-Based Violence on Women, Children, and Youth in Conflict Zones in the Southern Philippines: The Experiences of Internally Displaced People from Zamboanga and Marawi.” Paper presented at the International Sociological Association Forum of Sociology. Rabat, Morocco. July 8, 2025.
- “Of Involuntary Migration, Gender-Based Violence and Security Risks in Times of Armed Conflict: The Lived Experiences of Internally Displaced People from Zamboanga and Marawi.” Paper presented at the 8th International Conference on Asian and Philippine Studies. Tagaytay City. May 29, 2025.

# Achievements



This fall WSU launched a Prison Education Program at Macomb Correctional Facility (Michigan). We have 24 students in our first cohort. They are working toward their Baccalaureate degree in Sociology with a minor in Entrepreneurship and Innovation. Here is our webpage: <https://clas.wayne.edu/sociology/undergrad/prison-education-program>.

# Job Market Candidates

**Kendall Riley** is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Iowa. Kendall is a fellow with the National Science Foundation's Graduate Research Fellowship Program, American Society of Criminology's Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity, and American Sociological Association's Minority Fellowship Program. Her research investigates the social and structural processes driving disease development, especially those perpetuating health inequalities across race, place, and gender. She investigates this line of inquiry across social contexts and levels of analyses in several peer-reviewed publications across leading sociological, criminological, and health journals including Social Science and Medicine, Journal of Aging and Health, Sociology Compass, and Journal of Crime and Justice. Kendall is pursuing career opportunities in academia, research, and policy.

**Dissertation/project title:** Women's Aging in the Shadow of the Carceral State

**Research specialization:** Punishment; social control; population health; race and racism; aging; life course; quantitative methodology

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**Rafia Javaid Mallick** is a Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology at Georgia State University, graduating May 2026. With extensive research experience in urban studies, immigration, race, and inequality, she has contributed to multiple university and community-based projects, including work with the Southern Poverty Law Center and the City of Atlanta. Her scholarship includes peer-reviewed publications, book chapters, and reports on topics ranging from policing alternatives to immigrant integration. She is skilled in qualitative, quantitative, and geospatial methods and has held leadership roles in professional organizations such as ASA and SSSP. Rafia is prepared for roles in academia, research, or policy analysis.

**Dissertation/project title:** Tangled Threads of Belonging: Racial Discrimination and Segmented Assimilation among Asian Indian Immigrants in the United States

**Research specialization:** Diasporic Belonging and Decolonization. Patriarchal Systems and Gender Violence. Urban Inequities and Performative Governance.

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