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EDUCATION

Expected 06/2023 PhD, Criminology, Pennsylvania State University
Dissertation Title: All Hands on Deck: Structural and Temporal Variation in Police and Protestor Behavior at Recent Social and Political Protests
Committee: Dr. Derek Kreager (Chair), Dr. Jeremy Staff, Dr. Sarah Damaske

2018 M.S., Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
2017 B.B.A., Marketing, University of Cincinnati, *with honors*

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Crime, Law, & Deviance; Race & Class; Social Stratification & Inequality; Policing; Race & the Criminal Justice System; Incarceration Experiences & Reentry; Qualitative & Mixed Methods

PUBLICATIONS

† *graduate student co-author*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2020 Seto, Christopher† & Iman Said. "[Religious perceptions of crime and implications for punitiveness.](#)" *Punishment & Society*.

2019 Said, Iman & Ben Feldmeyer. 2019. "[Unpacking the Theory of African American Offending: A Qualitative Exploration of Racial Socialization Processes and their Effects on African American Male College Students.](#)" *Race and Justice*.
*Winner, 11th Annual Criminology Published Paper Competition, Penn State University

Public Criminology & Sociology

Mar. 2021 "[A Dual-Pronged Model for Eliminating Police Shootings](#)" – The Criminologist, with Bianca Wirth†

Feb. 2021 "[Two Administrations, No Real Work on Police Reform](#)" – Medium, with Bianca Wirth†

Aug. 2019 "[Future View: Where Should the Gun Debate Go?](#)" – The Wall Street Journal

Aug. 2018 "[Opinion: Changing the Definition of Success](#)" – The Cincinnati Enquirer

UNDER REVIEW

Said, Iman and Kim Davidson†. "A Mixed Method Exploration of the Sociological and Psychological Mechanisms of Religion in Prisoner Reentry." *Revise & Resubmit at Justice Quarterly*

Said, Iman and Christopher Seto†. "A Crisis in Legitimacy: Variation in Police Response to Recent Social & Political Protests."

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Said, Iman and Rachel McNealey†. “Revenge Porn: Perceptions of Police Efficacy Among Victims and Perpetrators.”

Said, Iman. “Islam in Prison: A Case Study Analysis of the Effects of Islam on Prison Coping & Reentry.”

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2021 Conference Travel Grant – \$1,035
Society for the Scientific Study of Religion
- 2021 Dissertation Support Grant – \$2,000
Penn State University College of the Liberal Arts
- 2019 External Grant Incentive Award – \$500
Penn State University College of the Liberal Arts
- 2018-2022 Bunton Waller Fellowship – \$110,00
Penn State University
- 2013-2017 Darwin T. Turner Scholarship
Cincinnatus Presidential Scholarship
University of Cincinnati

AWARDS AND HONORS

- 2021 Honorable Mention – 12th Annual Criminology Working Paper Criminology
Penn State University, Dept. of Sociology & Criminology
- 2021 Winner – Jackson Lethbridge Tolerance Award
Penn State University
- 2020 Winner – 11th Annual Criminology Published Paper Competition
Penn State University, Dept. of Sociology & Criminology
- 2019 Winner – Robert B. Mills Memorial Graduate Award for Outstanding Scholarship in the Criminal Justice Masters’ Program
University of Cincinnati, School of Criminal Justice
- 2018 Finalist – Presidential Leadership Medal of Excellence
University of Cincinnati
- 2015 Finalist – Cincinnati Women in Excellence and Leadership Together (CWEST) Red Rose Award
University of Cincinnati
- 2015 Winner – Darwin T. Turner Leadership Award
University of Cincinnati

PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 **Said, Iman** and Kim Davidson. "A Mixed Method Exploration of the Sociological and Psychological Mechanisms of Religion in Prisoner Reentry." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August.
- Said, Iman.** "Suggestions for Graduate School Success." Invited to present to members of the McNair Scholars Program, July.
- Said, Iman.** "Achieving Local Reforms: A Case Study of Mass Incarceration and the Development of Criminal Justice Policies." Invited to present at an undergraduate seminar, March.
- Said, Iman** and Kim Davidson. "'Are you there, God?': A Longitudinal Mixed Methods Exploration of the Role of Religion in Prison Reentry". PSU/UMD/UPENN Virtual Mini Conference, January.
- 2020 **Said, Iman** and Bianca Wirth. "An Exploration of Officer Rationalizations in Use of Force Situations". American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Washington D.C. (*Conference not held due to COVID-19*), November.
- Said, Iman.** "Business Skills for Graduate Students." Invited to present to current first-year graduate students in introductory class, October.
- Said, Iman.** "Subculture theories and Code of the Street: Why Culture Matters for Crime." Invited to guest lecture in introductory theory class, October.
- Said, Iman.** "Where Victims Matter: Importance of Place for Understanding Police Shootings, Media Coverage, and Legal Cynicism". American Sociological Association Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA (*Conference not held due to COVID-19*), August.
- Said, Iman.** "Race, Inequality, and Mass Incarceration." Invited to guest lecture in introductory theory class, May.
- 2019 **Said, Iman.** "The Effect of Police Shootings on Neighborhood Legal Cynicism". American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, CA, November.
- Said, Iman.** "Tips and Tricks for Succeeding in Graduate School." Invited to speak to first-year graduate students, October.
- 2018 **Said, Iman** and Ben Feldmeyer. "Racial Socialization & The Theory of African American Offending". American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA, November.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 Certification in Online Teaching Methods

Graduate Instructor

Summer 2020 Policing in America (CRIM 459)
 Taught a course on the history, theory, and contemporary strategies of police forces in the United States; this course was forced to transition rapidly to a virtual format due to

the COVID-19 pandemic.

Graduate Teaching Assistant

Fall 2020 Criminological Theory (CRIM 249)
Spring 2019 Criminology Research Methods (CRIM 250w)
Fall 2018 Criminology Research Methods (CRIM 250w)

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

2021 – Present Faciliator, Sexual Assault Women’s Support Group
Centre Safe, Centre County PA

2021 – Present Vice President, Black Graduate Student Association
Penn State University

2021 – Present Co-Chair, Journal Club
Department of Sociology & Criminology, Penn State University

2021 – Present Co-Chair, Travel Funding Award Committee
Department of Sociology & Criminology, Penn State University

2018 – Present Chair, Diversity Promotion Committee
Department of Sociology & Criminology, Penn State University

2020 – Present Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor-Advocate
Centre Safe, Centre County PA

2020 – Present Board Member, Office of Graduate Educational Equity Advisory Group
Penn State University

2020 – Present Advisory Board Student Representative, Graduate Student Alumni Society
Penn State University

2020 – 2021 Executive Board Member, Student Restorative Justice Initiative
Penn State University

2019 – 2020 Appointed Senator-at-Large, Graduate and Professional Student Association
Penn State University

2019 – 2020 Chair, Political Action Committee
Black Graduate Student Association, Penn State University

2018 – 2019 Chair, Social Thought Program Workshop
Department of Sociology & Criminology, Penn State University

2018 – 2019 Member, Culture & Politics Workshop
Department of Sociology & Criminology, Penn State University

2018 – 2020

Member, Travel Funding Award Committee
Department of Sociology & Criminology, Penn State University

AD HOC REVIEWER

Race and Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Society of Criminology

- * Division on Corrections and Sentencing
- * Division on People of Color and Crime
- * Division on Communities and Place
- * Division on Policing

American Sociological Association

- * Crime, Law, & Deviance

Society for the Scientific Study of Religion

REFERENCES

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Associate Professor of Sociology & Demography
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