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OBJECTIVE

Aspiring data scientist seeking position to leverage extensive experience in designing generative and evaluative research projects, using both qualitative and quantitative research methods with a specialty in focus groups and in-depth interviews, and communicating results to a variety of stakeholders including topic experts, undergraduate students, and a popular audience.

SKILLS & TRAINING

Qualitative Methodology; In-Depth Interviews; Focus Groups; Ethnography & Observations; Survey Design & Analysis; A/B Testing; STATA (proficient); ATLAS.ti (proficient); R (beginner); R-tidyverse (beginner). Familiar with Quantitative Methodology, Causal Inference, Natural Language Processing, and Regression Modeling. Skilled in Team Leadership and Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Initiatives.

EDUCATION

06/23	Ph.D. Sociology & Criminology, The Pennsylvania State University (expected)
08/18	M.S. Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati
12/17	B.B.A. Marketing, University of Cincinnati

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Penn State – Dept. of Sociology & Criminology   **Aug. 2018 – Present**

Project: Mixed Method Analysis of Police & Protestor Behavior   *Sep. 2021 – Present*
- Conducted extensive content analysis using ATLAS.ti for over 19,000 protest events to analyze behaviors at protests during 2020 for use in writing a dissertation
- Conducted statistical analyses using logistic regressions and data visualizations using Stata
- Identified gaps in knowledge on protest policing and protest-civilian interactions
- Drafted application materials for grant and fellowship opportunities (pending)

Project: Quantitative Survey of Distribution of Explicit Images   *Sep. 2021 – Present*
- Designed a quantitative survey using Qualtrics including A/B testing with vignettes and qualitative text entry to examine patterns of victimization and offending related to the nonconsensual distribution of intimate images (NCDII); coordinated survey distribution resulting in 977 responses (63.7% response rate)
- Communicated results through presentations to undergraduate students and prepared manuscript for peer review publication

Project: Qualitative Analysis of In-Depth Interviews with Current Prisoners   *Sep.2020 – Dec. 2021*
- Conducted qualitative analyses using manual coding methods on in-depth interviews from 51 individuals who had recently been incarcerated to examine their attitudes towards religion during and after their prison sentence
- Integrated prior research on religion, prisoner reentry, and criminological theory
- Partnered with a colleague to submit a paper for publication; forthcoming at *Justice Quarterly* (impact factor: 3.214)
- Presented results at American Sociological Association annual meeting, UPenn/PSU/UMaryland Virtual Conference, and American Society of Criminology annual meeting

Project: Mixed Method Analysis of Faith-Based Prison Programs   *Aug. 2019 – Present*
- Designed a study of participation in faith-based programs among incarcerated individuals in Pennsylvania including in-depth interviews and quantitative surveys
- Coordinated access to state prison facilities with multiple stakeholder groups
- Conducted a pilot study using in-depth interviews with former prisoners contacted through extensive outreach with community-based religious organizations
- Created application materials for grant and fellowship opportunities resulting in over $3000 of support

Project: Interviews with College Students on Adaptation to School   *Aug. 2017 – Jul. 2018*
- Designed a qualitative study to examine Black college students' strategies for succeeding academically and developing community; wrote the interview guide and interviewed 19 students using snowball sampling techniques
- Analyzed 100+ pages of interview transcripts; published results in *Race & Justice* (impact factor: 1.13)
- Presented results at American Society of Criminology annual meeting, including recommendations for policy changes in educational institutions

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Said, Iman and Rachel McNealey. "Non-Consensual Distribution of Intimate Images: Exploring the Role of Social and Legal Attitudes in Victimization and Offending." *Under review.*

Said, Iman and Kimberly Davidson. 2021. "A Mixed Method Exploration of the Sociological and Psychological Mechanisms of Religion in Prisoner Reentry." *Forthcoming at Justice Quarterly*

Seto, Christopher and Iman Said. 2020. "Religious Perceptions of Crime and Implications for Punitiveness" *Punishment & Society.*

Said, Iman and 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 & Justice.*

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY PUBLICATIONS

Mar. 2021   "A Dual-Pronged Model for Eliminating Police Shootings" – The Criminologist
Feb. 2021   "Two Administrations, No Real Work on Police Reform" – Medium
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

SELECTED COMMUNITY SERVICE

2021 – Present   Vice President, Black Graduate Student Association
                                  Penn State University
2020 – Present   Crisis Counselor-Advocate for Survivors of Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
                                  Centre Safe
2018 – Present   Chair, Diversity Promotion Committee
                                  Penn State University, Dept. of Sociology & Criminology