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TENURE-TRACK ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2020-present *Assistant Professor*
Georgia State University, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology

2018-2020 *Assistant Professor*
Northeastern University, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice

2016-2018 *Assistant Professor*
Indiana University-Bloomington, Department of Criminal Justice

DEGREES AWARDED

2016 *Doctor of Philosophy in Criminology & Criminal Justice*
University of Missouri-St. Louis
Dissertation: “Race, Neighborhood Context, and Drug Enforcement: A Mixed-Method Analysis of Racial Disparities in Drug Arrests”

2013 *Master of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice*
University of Missouri-St. Louis

2011 *Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, distinction*
Minor: Psychology
Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Race, racism, crime, and criminal justice
- Corrections and punishment
- Collateral consequences of criminal justice contact
- Families and communities
- Quantitative, qualitative, and mixed methodologies

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

Hood, Brittany J.* and **Shytierra Gaston**. (accepted). “How Families Cope with the Collateral Consequences of Incarceration and Prisoner Reentry.” *Family Relations*.

Gaston, Shytierra, Faraneh Shamsrad*, and Beth Huebner. (2021). “‘Every Thought and Dream a Nightmare’: Violence and Trauma among Formerly-Imprisoned Gang Members.” *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/00938548211040099>

- Gaston, Shytierra.** (2021). “Historical Racist Violence and Intergenerational Harms: Accounts from Descendants of Lynching Victims.” *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science*. 694(1): 78-91.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/00027162211016317>
- Gaston, Shytierra, April Fernandes, and Rashaan DeShay.** (2021). “A Macrolevel Study of Police Killings at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender.” *Crime and Delinquency*. 67(8): 1075-1102.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0011128720977444>
- Gaston, Shytierra and CheyOnna Sewell.** (2021). “Parsing out the ‘Hispanic Effect’ in Disaggregated Homicide Trends at the Intersection of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender from 1990-2016.” *Homicide Studies*. 25(2): 111-138.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/BS2WKP8KVSXCZV8UNFMX/full>
- Gaston, Shytierra, Rod K. Brunson, and Leigh S. Grossman.** (2020). “Are Minorities Subjected to, or Insulated from, Racialized Policing in Majority-Minority Community Contexts?” *The British Journal of Criminology*.
<https://academic.oup.com/bjc/advance-article/doi/10.1093/bjc/azaa038/5855084?searchresult=1>
- Gaston, Shytierra and Rod K. Brunson.** (2020). “Reasonable Suspicion in the Eye of the Beholder: Routine Policing in Racially Different Disadvantaged Neighborhoods.” *Urban Affairs Review*. 56(1): 188-227.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/1078087418774641>
- Gaston, Shytierra.** (2019). “Producing Race Disparities: A Study of Drug Arrests across Place and Race.” *Criminology*. 57(3): 424-451.
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1745-9125.12207>
- Gaston, Shytierra, Jamein P. Cunningham, and Rob Gillezeau.** (2019). “A Ferguson Effect, the Drug Epidemic, Both, or Neither? Explaining the 2015 and 2016 U.S. Homicide Rises by Race and Ethnicity.” *Homicide Studies*. 23(3): 285-313.
<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1088767919849642>
- Gaston, Shytierra.** (2019). “Enforcing Race: A Neighborhood-Level Explanation of Black-White Differences in Drug Arrests.” *Crime & Delinquency*. 65(4): 499-526.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/0011128718798566>
- Gaston, Shytierra and Elaine Eggleston Doherty.** (2018). “Why Don’t More Black Americans Offend? Testing a Theory of African American Offending’s Ethnic-Racial Socialization Hypothesis.” *Race and Justice*. 8(4): 366-395.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/2153368716688740?journalCode=raja>
- Gaston, Shytierra.** (2016). “The Long-term Effects of Parental Incarceration: Does Parental Incarceration in Childhood or Adolescence Predict Depressive Symptoms in Adulthood?” *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. 43(8): 1056-1075.
<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/abs/10.1177/0093854816628905>

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

- Rosenfeld, Richard, **Shytierra Gaston**, Howard Spivak, and Seri Irazola. (2017). “Assessing and Responding to the Recent Homicide Rise in the United States.” *National Institute of Justice. U.S. Department of Justice*. NCJ 251067.
<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/251067.pdf>
- Gaston, Shytierra** and Beth Huebner. (2015). “Gangs in Correctional Institutions.” In Scott H. Decker and David C. Pyrooz (eds). *The Handbook of Gangs*. New Jersey: John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

Gaston, Shytierra and Jennifer Lorentz. (2013). "Making the Most out of Relationships with Mentors." *The Criminologist*. 38(4): 36-37.
http://www.asc41.com/Criminologist/2013/2013_July-August_Criminologist.pdf

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Gaston, Shytierra. (conditionally accepted). "U.S. Homicide Inequalities across Race, Ethnicity, and Gender" in *Taking Stock of Homicide: Trends, Emerging Themes, and the Challenges* edited by Karen F. Parker and Ashley M. Mancik. Temple University Press.

Teti, Matthew*, **Shytierra Gaston**, and Matheson Sanchez.* (revise and resubmit). "Does Racial Congruence between Police Agencies and Communities Reduce Racialized Police Killings of Civilians?"

Gaston, Shytierra. (under review). "Moving Toward Historical Contextualization in Criminology."

Sanchez, Matheson* and **Shytierra Gaston**. (under review). "Out with 'Fine Time,' in with Financial Waivers: Recent Developments in Massachusetts Probation Fines and Fees Policies."

Sanchez, Matheson* and **Shytierra Gaston**. (under review). "Reforming Monetary Sanctions: Implications of the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Reform Bill."

Gaston, Shytierra and Rod K. Brunson. (in preparation). "Officer Accounts of Race, Place, and Policing in a Majority-Minority Context."

Gaston, Shytierra. (in preparation). "Structural Correlates and Crime Changes Amid a Policing Crisis and Pandemic."

*graduate student coauthor

GRANTS

2018-2023 **Co-Principal Investigator**, "Fees and Fines in Community Corrections: A Multi-State Study."
Amount: \$2,697,998. Arnold Ventures

Principal Investigator: Ebony Ruhland Co-Principal Investigators: Miriam Northcutt Bohmert, Jordan Hyatt, Nathan Link, Meghan O'Neil, and Julia Laskorunsky

2012-2015 **Principal Investigator**, "Families of Parolees." Amount: \$141,000. National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

AWARDS AND HONORS

2017 Trustees' Outstanding Teaching Award, Indiana University

2017 **Fellow**, Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network Summer Research Institute, Rutgers University, Newark, New Jersey

2010 & 2011 IUPUI Top 100 Outstanding Student Award, *honored twice*

- Faculty, staff, and alumni award this prestigious recognition to 100 students based on scholastic achievement, co-curricular achievement, leadership, and civic engagement. There were over 30,000 students enrolled at IUPUI in 2010 and 2011

- 2010-present Alpha Phi Sigma National Criminal Justice Honors Society
- 2009- 2011 Ronald E. McNair Research Scholar, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, Faculty Sponsor: Dr. Kenna Quinet

INVITED ENGAGEMENTS

- 2020 **Expert Panelist**, *Policing and Historical Injustice*. Remembrance and Repair: Police Violence in the Jim Crow Era Convening, hosted by the Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project. Birmingham, Alabama
- 2015-2021 Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network Workshop. Rutgers University. Newark, New Jersey
- 2018 **Expert Panelist**, Prisoner Reentry Panel. Petey Greene Program. Boston, Massachusetts
- 2018 **Expert Panelist**, *Understanding Increases in Homicide Rates: How the Opioid Epidemic and Police-Community Relations Impact Homicides*. Annual Congressional “Ask a Criminologist” Series, Crime and Justice Research Alliance. Washington, D.C.
- 2018 **Expert Panelist**, *Crime Trends 2017-2018—Is the Homicide Spike Real?*, 13th Annual Harry F. Guggenheim Symposium on Crime in America, John Jay College of Criminal Justice. New York, New York
- 2017 **Guest Speaker**, *Race and Police Brutality*. Political Science Club, Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana
- 2017 **Expert Panelist**, *13th Documentary Screening and Discussion Panel*, hosted by the School of Public and Environmental Affairs, Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana
- 2017 **Panelist**, Preparing Future Faculty Conference. Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana
- 2016 **Expert Panelist**, *Race and the U.S. Police System*, hosted by the Black Law Students Association and Students for Equity in Public Affairs, Indiana University. Bloomington, Indiana
- 2012 **Keynote Speaker**, *Wisdom for Succeeding as an Undergraduate and Graduate Student*. Professional Development Institute, sponsored by IUPUI’s Center for Research and Learning. Indianapolis, Indiana

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2021 *Illuminating the Production of Disparity: Lessons of Racially-Disparate Policing from Two American Cities*
Shytierra Gaston
American Association for the Advancement of Science

- 2019 *A Ferguson Effect, the Drug Epidemic, Both, or Neither? Explaining the 2015 and 2016 U.S. Homicide Rises by Race and Ethnicity*
Shytierra Gaston, Jamein P. Cunningham, and Rob Gillezeau
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California
- 2017 *Policing Strategies and Race Disparities in Arrests*
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2015 *Race, Neighborhood Context, and Drug Arrest Disparities: A Qualitative Analysis of Drug Enforcement Practices*
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.
- 2014 *Differential Involvement or Differential Enforcement: Do Neighborhood-Level Characteristics Explain Racial Differences in Drug Arrests?*
Shytierra Gaston, Sherri Schaefer, and Richard Rosenfeld
American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California
- 2014 *Race, Sex, and Homicide Victimization Trends Over Time*
Terrance J. Taylor, Shytierra Gaston, and CheyOnna Sewell
Homicide Research Working Group Annual Meeting, San Antonio, Texas
- 2013 *Does Parental Incarceration Predict Internalizing Problems Through Early Adulthood?*
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2013 *Families of Gang-Affiliated and Non-Gang Affiliated Releasees*
Shytierra Gaston
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Dallas, Texas
- 2012 *Families of Gang-Affiliated Parolees*
Shytierra Gaston
American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois
- 2009 *Who Are the Unclaimed Dead?*
Shytierra Gaston and Kenna Quinet
Committee on Institutional Cooperation Summer Research Opportunities Program Conference,
University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan

UNIVERSITY COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate

- Race and the Criminal Justice System*
- Corrections
- Probation and Parole*
- Introduction to Criminal Justice*
- Senior Seminar: Crime and Public Policy*

Graduate

- Race, Crime, and Injustice

- Probation and Parole*

*taught online or in hybrid in addition to in-person delivery

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

SERVICE TO STUDENTS

- 2017 **Committee Member**, Dissertation Committee of Jessica Peterson (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Doctoral Student Advisory Committee of Mia Gilliam (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Doctoral Student Advisory Committee of Sherouk Ahmed (Criminal Justice Ph.D. student), Indiana University
- 2016-2017 **Committee Member**, Honors Thesis Committee of Brian Babb (Criminal Justice B.A. student), Indiana University

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT/UNIVERSITY

- 2020-2021 **Committee Member**, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology, Georgia State University
- 2019-2020 **Committee Member**, Undergraduate Studies Committee, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- 2018-2019 **Committee Member**, Graduate Studies Committee, School of Criminology & Criminal Justice, Northeastern University
- 2017 **Faculty Marshal**, Graduate Commencement, Indiana University
- 2016-2018 **Committee Member**, Undergraduate Studies Committee, Department of Criminal Justice, Indiana University

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Manuscript Reviewer
Race and Justice
Criminology
Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Justice Quarterly
Critical Criminology
Journal of Family Issues
Journal of Crime and Justice
Journal of Criminal Justice Education
Justice Policy Journal
Routledge Taylor & Francis

- 2021-2023 **Chairperson**, American Society of Criminology's Diversity and Inclusion Committee

- 2021 **Program Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology
- 2020-2021 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- 2018 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Dissertation Scholarship Committee
- 2018 **Thematic Session Organizer**, *The Ferguson Effect*, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting 2018, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- 2015-2016 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Minority Affairs Committee
- 2015 **Judge**, St. Louis Area Undergraduate Research Symposium, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2014-present **Experienced Resource Person**, National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program
- 2012-2013 **Committee Member**, American Society of Criminology's Division on Corrections and Sentencing, Newsletter Committee

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

- 2021-present **Founding Member**, Safe Atlanta Initiative, Atlanta, Georgia
- 2015 **Case Manager**, Ferguson Jail Support, St. Louis, Missouri
- Provided legal and social support to jailed protestors
- 2013-2014 **Mentor**, Big Brother Big Sister, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2012- 2013 **Youth Group Facilitator and Co-Curriculum Reviser**, RAVEN Batterer Intervention and Youth Violence Prevention Program, St. Louis, Missouri
- 2010-2011 **Instructor** for *Family Healing* at Indianapolis Reentry Educational Facility, Department of Corrections, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2010-2011 **Co-Chairperson**, Organizational Development Committee, Roudebush Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Indianapolis, Indiana
- 2010 **Co-Instructor and Curriculum Reviser** for *Family Healing* at Workforce Inc., a work release center, Indianapolis, Indiana

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- 2020-present Urban Studies Institute at Georgia State University (faculty affiliate)
- 2020-present Civil Rights and Restorative Justice Project (research collaborator)
- 2018-present The Justice George Lewis Ruffin Society (board member)
- 2018-present American Sociological Association
- Crime, Law, and Deviance
- Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2017-present Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network
- 2017-present Association of Black Sociologists
- 2013-present Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences

2012-present

American Society of Criminology

- Division on Developmental and Life-Course Criminology
- Division on Corrections and Sentencing
- Division on People of Color and Crime