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EMPLOYMENT

- 2020-present Assistant Professor, University of Colorado Denver, Department of Sociology
- 2018-2020 Assistant Professor, University of Florida, Dept. of Sociology, Criminology, & Law

EDUCATION

- 2018 Ph.D., City University of New York – Graduate Center, Sociology
Dissertation: *Uneven Policing*
Committee: Richard Alba (chair), Lynn Chancer, Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Michael Jacobson, Jeremy Porter
- 2007 B.A., Bard College, Political Studies

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (*student co-author)

[Google Scholar profile](#)

- 2022 Beck, Brenden, Eaven Holder*, Abigail Novak, and Jacob Kaplan. "The Material of Policing: Budgets, Personnel, and the United States' Misdemeanor Arrest Decline." Forthcoming in *the British Journal of Criminology*.
- 2022 Beck, Brenden, Joseph Antonelli, and Gabriela Piñeros*. "Effects of New York City's Neighborhood Policing Policy." Forthcoming in *Police Quarterly*.
- 2021 Zapatka, Kasey* and **Brenden Beck**. "Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification." *Urban Studies* 58(11): 2348-2368.
- 2020 Beck, Brenden. "Policing Gentrification: Stops and Low-Level Arrests during Demographic Change and Real Estate Reinvestment." *City & Community* 19(1): 245-272.
- 2019 Beck, Brenden. "Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac: Race/Ethnicity and Quality-of-Life Policing in the Changing Suburbs." *Crime & Delinquency* 65(2):270-292.
- Winner, American Society of Criminology, Division of Critical Criminology, Graduate Student Paper Award.
- 2018 Beck, Brenden and Adam Goldstein. "Governing Through Police? Housing Market Reliance, Welfare Retrenchment, and Police Budgeting in an Era of Declining Crime." *Social Forces* 96(3):1183-1210.
- Winner, American Society of Criminology, Joan Petersilia Outstanding Article Award.
- 2018 Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. "The Rise of Mixed Parentage: A Sociological and Demographic Phenomenon to be Reckoned with." *The ANNALS of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* 677(1): 26-38.

- 2018 Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. "The American Mainstream Expands—Again." *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(1): 99-117.
- 2016 Beck, Brenden, Anthony Buttarò Jr., and Mary Clare Lennon. "Home Moves and Child Well-being in the First Five Years of Life in the United States." *Journal of Longitudinal and Life Course Studies* 7(3): 240-264.

GRANTS

- 2021 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, "Policies to Reduce Racial Inequities in Policing," \$255,515, finalist, unfunded.
- 2021 CU Denver, Office of Research Services, "Gathering and Validating Data on Racial Inequities in Police Killings," \$23,000 funded.
- 2020 William C. Mullen Fund, Bard College, \$500 funded.
- 2020 University of Florida Seed Grant, \$10,000 requested, unfunded.
- 2017 Center for Place Culture and Politics, Dissertation Fellowship, \$11,000 funded.
- 2017 Bureau of Justice Statistics, Graduate Research Fellowship, \$22,000 requested, unfunded.
- 2016 CUNY Law School, Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship, \$19,000 funded.
- 2012-2015 CUNY Graduate Center, Enhanced Chancellor's Fellowship, \$19,000 funded.
- 2014, 2016 CUNY Graduate Center, Doctoral Research Grant, \$900 and \$1,100 funded.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPERATION (*student co-author)

- Antonelli, Joseph and **Brenden Beck**. "Estimating Heterogeneous Causal Effects in Time Series Settings with Staggered Adoption: An Application to Neighborhood Policing." Revise and Resubmit at the *Journal of the Royal Statistical Society, Statistics in Society, Series A*.
- Simes, Jessica, **Brenden Beck**, and John Eason. "Police, Prisons, and Place: Spatial Analyses of the Criminal Legal System." Invited by the *Annual Review of Sociology*.
- Beck, Brenden. "Police Killings and Municipal Reliance on Fine-and-Fee Revenue." Invited by *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*.
- Beck, Brenden. "Austerity Cuts Spare Police Budgets: Revenue Shortfalls and the Budgetary Shift from Social Services to Law Enforcement." Working paper.
- Beck, Brenden and Joseph Antonelli. "Chokehold Bans, Police Unions, and Reducing Fatal Encounters with the Police." Working paper.
- Kendall, Emmett*, **Brenden Beck**, and Joseph Antonelli. "Robust Inference for Geographic Regression Discontinuity Designs: Assessing the Impact of Police Precincts." Working paper.
- Beck, Brenden and Eaven Holder*. "Proximity and Policing: Spatial Dynamics of the Misdemeanor Arrest Decline." Working Paper.

Beck, Brenden and Joseph Antonelli. "The Effects of Shifting Police Spending to Social Services." Working Paper.

PEER REVIEWED BOOK REVIEWS

2017 Beck, Brenden. "Policed in the Suburbs: Review of Race, Place, and Suburban Policing, by Andrea S. Boyle." *Sociological Forum* 32(1): 240-242.

2015 Beck, Brenden. "Review: Immigrants and Crime in the New Destinations, by Vincent A. Ferraro." *Contemporary Sociology* 42(2): 288-289, 292.

INVITED PRESENTATIONS/WORKSHOPS

"The Economic Determinants of Policing and Incarceration." Boston University Department of Sociology. February 21, 2020.

"Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification." Boston University Urban Inequality Workshop. February 21, 2020.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

"Police Killings and the Reallocation of Municipal Expenditures from Police to Social Services." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL. November 2021.

"How Many Michael Browns in How Many Fergusons? Police Killings and Municipal Budgeting in Unequal Suburbs." Russell Sage Foundation Conference, Suburban Inequality in the United States, New York City, NY. November 4-5, 2021.

"Incarcerating Recession? Budgets, Crime, and Jail Admissions during Economic Decline." Vera Institute of Justice Symposium, In Our Backyards. Scheduled for April 2020, cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic.

"Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification," Quantitative Approaches to Studying Gentrification in the United States, University of Cincinnati. October 2019.

"The Chicken or the Egg? Temporality in the Analysis of Gentrification," American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington, DC. March 2019.

"The Decline of Broken Windows Policing," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA. November 2018.

"Policing Housing Markets: Real Estate Speculation, Demographic Change, and Broken-Windows Arrests in Gentrifying New York," American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA. August 2018.

"Gentrification and Proactive Policing in New York City, 2006-2012," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

"Gentrification and Proactive Policing in New York City, 2006-2012," American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. November 2017.

"Is Misdemeanor-Focused Policing Following Poor People to the Suburbs?" American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA. August 2016.

“Geographic Limits to the Diffusion of Broken Windows-style Policing,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Boston, MA. March 2016.

“In a Time of Falling Crime Rates and Rising Home Prices: Housing Market Reliance as a Predictor of Penalty,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. August 2014.

“The Housing Bubble and the Penal State: Testing Simon’s ‘Governing Through Crime’ Thesis,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA. November 2013.

OTHER PRESENTATIONS

“Racial Equity in Traffic and Pedestrian Stops in Denver.” Denver Streets Partnership. December 18, 2020.

“Denver’s Police Data in Context.” Denver Task Force to Reimagine Policing. October 15, 2020.

“Policing and Crime Trends in Denver, 1990-2020.” Reclaim the Block Community Organization, at the invitation of Denver City Councilwoman CdeBaca. August 18, 2020.

Introductory Remarks, “Coded for Crime: Challenges and Opportunities in AI-Directed Criminal Justice.” University of Florida conference: Promises and Problems in Emerging Technology. March 1, 2019.

Panelist, “Drug War, the Ethics of Prohibition and the Prison Industrial Complex.” American University. August 30, 2015.

TEACHING

Graduate

Research Methods (MA course), CU Denver, Fall 2021

Crime, Justice, and the City (MA course), CU Denver, Fall 2020

Urban Sociology, University of Florida (PhD course), Fall 2019

Undergraduate

Criminology, CU Denver, Spring 2021, Fall 2021; Hunter College Spring 2015

Urban Sociology, CU Denver, online Spring 2021; University of Florida, Spring 2019 & Fall 2019

Race & Policing, University of Florida, Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

Introduction to Sociology, Hunter College, Fall 2013, Spring 2014

UNIVERSITY AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

Member, University Curriculum Committee, University of Colorado, 2021-present.

Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver, 2020-present.

Member, Executive Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado Denver, 2021-present.

Member, Graduate Student Committee, Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law, University of Florida, 2019-2020.

Member, Faculty Search Committee, Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law, University of Florida, 2019.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Peer reviewer: *American Sociological Review* (3x), *American Journal of Sociology*, *Criminology* (2x), *Social Problems* (3x), *Social Forces* (6x), *Urban Studies* (3x), *Justice Quarterly* (2x), *Punishment & Society* (2x), *British Journal of Sociology*, *Crime & Delinquency*, *Urban Affairs Review*, *American Journal of Criminal Justice* (2x), *City & Community*, *Police Quarterly*, *Law & Social Inquiry*, *Race & Justice*, *Police Practice and Research*, *Longitudinal and Life-Course Studies*, and *Routledge Textbooks*.

Reviewer: American Sociological Association Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant, 2021.

Panelist: American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance graduate student paper award, 2020.

Panelist: American Society of Criminology, Division on Critical Criminology graduate student paper award, 2018.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Sociological Association, member 2012 – present

American Society of Criminology, member 2013 – present

AWARDS

2020 Joan Petersilia Article Award for “Governing Through Police.” American Society of Criminology.

2017 Graduate Student Paper Award for “Broken Windows in the Cul-de-Sac.” American Society of Criminology Division of Critical Criminology.

PRESS COVERAGE OF RESEARCH IN

Vox, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *KTVU Fox 2 Oakland*, *KMGH ABC 7 Denver*, *the Daily Beast*, *Citations Needed*, *Urban Institute’s Housing Matters*, *Salon*, *the Coast News*, *the Dig*, *KUNC 91.5 FM Greely*, *CBS Radio 880 AM New York*, *TheCity.nyc*, and *The Brother Jeff Show*.

POPULAR WRITING IN

The New York Daily News, *The Appeal*, *Westword*, *The Gainesville Sun*, *Gotham Gazette*, *Philadelphia Weekly*, *The Philadelphia Notebook*, *The New York Times online*, *City Limits*, *AM New York*, and *Newsday*.