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POSITIONS

University of Colorado Denver

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology

Denver, CO

2020 – present

- Areas of specialization: criminology, urban sociology, race & ethnicity, quantitative methods

University of Florida

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Criminology, & Law

Gainesville, FL

2018 – 2020

EDUCATION

City University of New York – Graduate Center

Ph.D., Sociology

New York, NY

2018

- Dissertation: *Uneven Policing: Low-Level Arrests during Suburbanization, Gentrification, and Fiscal Crisis*
- Committee: Richard Alba (chair), Lynn Chancer, Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Michael Jacobson, Jeremy Porter

Bard College

B.A., Political Studies

Annandale, NY

2007

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

[Google Scholar Page](#)

Beck, Brenden. 2020. "Policing Gentrification: Stops and Low-Level Arrests during Demographic Change and Real Estate Reinvestment." *City & Community* 19(1): 245-272.

Beck, Brenden. 2019. "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, 2017 Graduate Student Paper Award, Critical Criminology Division of the American Society of Criminology.

Beck, Brenden and Adam Goldstein. 2018. "Governing Through Police? Housing Market Reliance, Welfare Retrenchment, and Police Budgeting in an Era of Declining Crime." *Social Forces* 96(3):1183-1210.

Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. 2018. "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.

Alba, Richard, **Brenden Beck**, and Duygu Basaran Sahin. 2018. “The American Mainstream Expands—Again.” *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* 44(1): 99-117.

Beck, Brenden, Anthony Buttaro Jr., and Mary Clare Lennon. 2016. “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.

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW (*graduate student)

Kasey Zapatka* and **Brenden Beck**. “Does Demand Lead Supply? Gentrifiers and Developers in the Sequence of Gentrification.” Revise and resubmit at *Urban Studies*.

WORKING PAPERS (*graduate student)

Beck, Brenden, Eaven Holder*, and Abigail Novak*. “The Decline in Misdemeanor Arrests: The Social and Spatial Contexts of Low-Level Police Enforcement’s Rise and Enduring Fall.”

Beck, Brenden. “Do Austerity Cuts Spare the Carceral State? Arrests, Criminal Justice Expenditure, and Fines during Fiscal Crises.”

Beck, Brenden. “Market Makers: How Oligopolist Landlords Saturate Neighborhoods, Raise Rents, and Deliver Shareholder Value”

BOOK REVIEWS, ESSAYS, AND REPORTS

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

Beck, Brenden. 2015. “Crime, Incarceration, and the Left.” *New Politics* 15(2): 89-94.

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

Kaplan, Dana, **Brenden Beck**, and Nicholas Kapustinsky. 2007. “Impacts of Jail Expansion in New York State: A Hidden Burden.” Report from *The Center for Constitutional Rights*.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

William C. Mullen Fund Grant, Bard College, \$500	2020
Dissertation Fellowship, Center for Place Culture and Politics	2017 – 2018
Writing Across the Curriculum Fellowship, CUNY Law School	2016 – 2017
Enhanced Chancellor’s Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center	2012 – 2017
Doctoral Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center, \$900 and \$1,100	2014, 2016
Presidential Research Fellowship, CUNY Graduate Center	2014 – 2016

TEACHING

University of Colorado Denver

Denver, CO

- Crime, Justice, and the City (combined undergraduate and M.A. course)

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

- Undergraduate courses: Race & Policing, Urban Sociology (online)
- Graduate course: Urban Sociology

Hunter College

New York, NY

Graduate Teaching Fellow

- Undergraduate courses: Crime & Punishment, Urban Sociology, Intro to Sociology

INVITED TALKS

“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.

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.

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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

“Does Demand Lead Supply? 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.

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

EXTERNAL SERVICE

Peer Reviewer for: *American Sociological Review, American Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, Social Forces, Urban Studies, British Journal of Sociology, Crime & Delinquency, Routledge Textbooks*

Award committee judge: American Sociological Association section on Crime, Law, and Deviance graduate student paper award; American Society of Criminology division on Critical Criminology graduate student paper award.

DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE

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.

POPULAR WRITING FOR OR INTERVIEWED IN

The Daily Beast, The Coast News, The Gainesville Sun, Gotham Gazette, Philadelphia Weekly, The Philadelphia Notebook, The New York Times online, City Limits, AM New York, Newsday

SOFTWARE

Advanced with Stata, SPSS, ArcGIS, and QGIS. Proficient with R and Geoda.