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EMPLOYMENT

University of California, Los Angeles, 2024 –
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology
Faculty Affiliate of the California Center for Population Research (CCPR)

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2024
M.A., Sociology, The University of Texas at Austin, 2019
B.A., Biology, Trinity University, Cum Laude, 2018

AREAS OF INTERESTS

Criminology, Debt/Money, Family/Support Networks, Health

PUBLICATIONS

*Denotes equal co-authorship

^Denotes graduate student author

Journal Articles

2026

Auyero, Javier, **Faith M. Deckard**, Alex Diamond, Maricarmen Hernandez, Katherine Jensen, Allison Lang, Eldad J. Levy, Águeda Ortega, Katherine Sobering, and Mary Ellen Stitt. “Why Ethnography.” *Qualitative Sociology*. <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s11133-026-09640-5>

Powell, Amber Joy, **Faith M. Deckard**, Shannon Malone Gonzalez, and Brittany P. Battle. “Abolition Feminist Storytelling as Methodology: Lessons Within the Stories We (Re)Tell About Punishment and Violence.” *Feminist Criminology* 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851261445970>

Deckard, Faith M., Shannon Malone Gonzalez, Yasmiyn Irizarry, and Jaime Feng-Yuan Hsu[^]. “Perpetual Encounters: Reconceptualizing Police Contact and its Relationship to Black Women’s Mental Health.” *Social Forces*. soaf070. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sf/soaf070>

2025

Deckard, Faith M. “Surveilling Sureties: How Privately Mediated Monetary Sanctions Enroll and Responsibilize Families.” *Social Problems* 72(4):1651-1667. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac041>

- Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Family Section 2024
- Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Law Section 2024
- Distinguished Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Crime, Law and Deviance Section 2024
- Burt Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Economic Sociology Section 2023
- The Norval Glenn Prize, UT-Austin Sociology 2023

Deckard, Faith M. ““A Good Client Gets Arrested A Lot’: Constructing and Maintaining Profitable Subjects Through Marking and Surveillance.” *Theoretical Criminology* 29(4):434-451.

2024

Malone Gonzalez, Shannon and **Faith M. Deckard***. “‘We Got Witnesses’: Black Women Navigating Police Violence and Legal Estrangement.” *Social Problems* 71(3):894-911.

<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac043>

- Featured on Social Problems’ Authors Attic
<https://youtu.be/6elFmh2LjbM?feature=shared>
- Devon T. Wade Graduate Student Paper Award, ABS 2020
- Crime, Law, and Deviance Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA 2021
- Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award, SSSP 2023

2023

Deckard, Faith M., Andrew Messamore, Bridget J. Goosby, and Jacob E. Cheadle. “A Network Approach to Assessing the Relationship between Discrimination and Mental Health.” *Social Psychology Quarterly* 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/01902725221123577>

- Featured on ASA podcast
<https://sagesociology.libsyn.com/social-psychology-quarterly-a-network-approach-to-assessing-the-relationship-between-discrimination-and-daily-emotion-dynamics>

2022

Deckard, Faith M., and Javier Auyero. “Poor People’s Survival Strategies: Two Decades of Research in the Americas.” *Annual Review of Sociology* 48(1):373-395. <https://doi.org/10.1146/annurev-soc-031021-034449>

- Featured on Faculti
<https://faculti.net/poor-peoples-survival-strategies/>

Deckard, Faith M., Bridget J. Goosby, and Jacob E. Cheadle. “Debt Stress, College Stress: Implications for Black and Latinx Students’ Mental Health.” *Race and Social Problems* 14:238–253. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12552-021-09346-z>

- W. Parker Frisbie Best Publication Award, UT-PRC 2021-2022

Book Chapters

Forthcoming

Deckard, Faith M. “‘We’re Like Partners, Right?’: Private Companies Responsibilizing Families as Pretrial Surveillants.” In Hucklesby, A., Morgenstern, C., and Myers, N., Editors. *Research Handbook on Pre-Trial Detention and Bail*. Elgar Publishing.

Deckard, Faith M., Bridget J. Goosby, Phillip Schwadel, and Jacob E. Cheadle. “Everyday Discrimination: Defined, Measured, and Contextualized.” In Grusky, D., Dahir, N., and Davis, C., Editors. *Social Stratification: Class, Race, and Gender in Sociological Perspective* 5th ed. Oxfordshire, UK: Routledge Press.

2026

Deckard, Faith M. “The Pandemic Let Us Breathe.” In Rudruppa, S., Gonzalez-Lopez, G., and Smith, C., Editors. *World Making in Nepantla: Feminists of Color Navigating Life and Work in the Pandemic*. The University of Texas Press.

SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE

Profiles:

[The Bail Project](#)

Interviews:

[The University of Texas at Austin Graduate School](#)

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

External

- 2023 Minority Fellowship Program, American Sociological Association
American Association of University Women Austin Branch Fellowship (\$3650)
Warfield Graduate Student Travel Grant, John L. Warfield Center for African and African American Studies (\$500)
Law and Society Association Early Career/Graduate Student Workshop (\$750)
- 2022 Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$7790)
American Society of Criminology Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity (\$6,000)
Alternate for Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
Graduate Student Assembly Travel Award (\$500)
- 2021 Inequality and Human Rights Graduate Fieldwork Grant, Bernard and Audre Rapoport Center (\$1,000)
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program (\$121,500)
- 2020 National Institute of Child Health and Human Development Pre-Doctoral Traineeship (\$24,816)
Clogg Scholarship for Participation in ICPSR Summer Program in Quantitative Methods of Social Research (\$2,300)

Internal

- 2025 Bunche X Blackbird Academic Writing Fellowship Awardee
COR Research Grant, Academic Senate (\$5000)
Dialogue Across Difference Faculty Fellows Program (\$3500)
- 2022 Sociology Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin (\$5,000 2x)
- 2021 Shark Tank Winner for Proposed Dissertation Pilot Study, Inequality Working Group, The University of Texas at Austin (\$350)
- 2020 Ethnography Lab Summer Fellowship, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin (\$2,500 2x)
- 2019 Think Race Extended Abstract Competition, Race and Ethnicity Working Group, University of Texas at Austin (\$600)
- 2018 McNair Diversity Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin (\$24,000)

HONORS & AWARDS

2026	Racial Democracy, Crime, and Justice Network (RDCJN) Summer Research Institute (SRI) Fellow
2026-2027	Association of Population Centers Fellowship Program
2025	Dissertation Prize Honorable Mention, Law and Society Association
2024	Michael H. Granof Award for University's Top Dissertation, UT-Austin (\$10,000) Outstanding Dissertation Award in Social Sciences, Business and Education Dean's Distinguished Graduate Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Family Section Graduate Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Sociology of Law Section Distinguished Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Crime, Law and Deviance Section Criminal Justice Research Scholar, Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Training Program NIH Subaward (R25DA037190)
2023	The Norval Glenn Prize, UT-Austin Sociology Burt Student Paper Award Honorable Mention, ASA Economic Sociology Section Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award, SSSP
2021	W. Parker Frisbie Best Publication Award, UT-Austin PRC Crime, Law, and Deviance Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA
2020	Devon T. Wade Graduate Student Paper Award, ABS

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Panels

Conducting Research with Vulnerable Populations

- 2026 UCLA California Center for Population Research (CCPR)

Interrogating Moral and Economic Harm

- 2025 American Sociological Association

Invited Talks

“Commercial Bail and Responsibilized Families”

- 2025 The Bail Project Convening in LA

“Police Contact and Health Inequality”

- 2025 University of California, Irvine NextGenPop

“‘A Good Client Gets Arrested A Lot’: Constructing and Maintaining Profitable Subjects Through Marking and Surveillance.”

- 2025 NYU/Columbia Carcerality, Law, and Punishment Workshop

“Commercial Bail: Spotlighting Families and Uneven Burdens.”

- 2024 Punishment Beyond Mass Incarceration Symposium,
Urban Institute and the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University

Conferences

“Carceral Co-Dependence: The Provision of Support and Relational Dynamics Between Women and System-Involved Men.”

- 2025 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC, Washington, D.C.)

“‘Right Now I’m Really Not Looking to Work’: Barriers and Pathways to Pretrial Employment.”

- 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC, San Francisco)

“Surveilling Sureties: How Privately Mediated Monetary Sanctions Enroll and Responsibilize Families.”

- 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA, Montreal)

“Constructing Profitable Subjects Through Criminal Legal Processing.”

- 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA, Philadelphia)
- 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC, Philadelphia)

“Perpetual Encounters: Reconceptualizing Police Contact and its Relationship to Black Women’s Mental Health.”

- 2023 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA, New Orleans)
- 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology (ASC, Atlanta)

“‘Walking Liabilities’: How Bail Agents Utilize Cosigners to Mitigate Risk and At What Costs.”

- 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA, Los Angeles)

“How Do People Mobilize Support?: The Restricting Role of Organizations.”

- 2022 Chicago Ethnography Conference (CEC, virtual presentation due to COVID-19)

“A Network Approach to Assessing the Relationship between Perceived Discrimination and Mental Health.”

- 2021 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA, virtual presentation due to COVID-19)

“‘We Got Witnesses’: Black Women Navigating Police Violence and Legal Estrangement.”

- 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA, virtual presentation due to COVID-19)
- 2021 Annual Meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (SSS, virtual presentation due to COVID-19)

“The ‘Labor vs. Worth Tax’: Making Sense of Educational Debt in a Racialized Society.”

- 2020 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (ASA, virtual presentation due to COVID-19)
- 2020 Annual Meeting of the Population Association of America (PAA, canceled due to COVID-19)

TEACHING

University of California, Los Angeles, Assistant Professor

2025 - 2026 SOC1 Introductory Sociology, Undergraduate Lecture
180B Surveillance and Society, Undergraduate Lecture
285A Surveillance and Society, Graduate Seminar

University of Texas at Austin, Graduate Student

2024, 2022 **Criminology Instructor** position through **Summer Discovery**

- Summer Discovery is a 3-week pre-collegiate program for high school students

2019 - 2022 **TPEI (Texas Prison Education Initiative) Volunteer Co-instructor**

- Introduction to Sociology (x2)
- Health and Society

2020 **PRC Statistical Consultant**

2019 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

- Introduction to Social Statistics, Undergraduate Course

Guest Lectures:

2024 - 2025 “Methods: Crafting, Producing, and Writing a Dissertation.”

- The Whats, the Hows, and the Whys of Ethnography (Dr. Javier Auyero), Scuola Normale Superiore, Florence, Italy

Q&A grounded in “Surveilling Sureties” Article

- Introduction to Sociology (Dr. Beth Prosnitz), Diablo Valley College
- Crime, Punishment, and Inequality (Dr. Sarah Brayne), Stanford University
- Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Dr. Demar Lewis), University of Maryland, College Park
- Corrections (Dr. Erin Eife), George Mason University

PEDAGOGICAL TRAINING

2025 – 2026 Dialogue Across Difference Faculty Fellows Program

2022 Advanced Teaching Preparation Series Certificate

- Administered by Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Texas at Austin

2022 Inclusive Classrooms Leadership Certificate Seminar

- Co-sponsored by UT Division of Diversity and Community Engagement and Graduate School

2021 Supervised Teaching Course in Sociology, University of Texas at Austin

SERVICE

To Discipline and National Organizations:

- 2026 - Los Angeles Unified Chapter Leader, Scholars Strategy Network (SSN)
- 2025-2026 **Committee Member** for Granovetter Award for Best Article (ASA Economic Sociology Section) and Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award (ASA Family Section)
- 2024-2025 **Organizer** for Sessions titled “Vicarious Criminal Legal System Contact on Families, Networks, and Neighborhoods” and “Collateral Consequences of Monetary Sanctions,” *Population Association of America (PAA)*
- Sub-Area Chair** for Critical Race/Ethnicity, *American Society of Criminology (ASC)*
- Inclusion and Engagement Committee Member**, Crime, Law, and Deviance, *American Sociological Association (ASA)*
- Communications Chair**, Sociology of Law, *American Sociological Association*
- 2023-2024 **Co-organizer** for Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award, Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities, *Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)*
- Student Council Member**, Sociology of Law, *American Sociological Association (ASA)*
- Undergraduate Student Paper Prize Committee Member
- Membership, DEI, Media Committee Member**, Crime, Law, and Deviance, *American Sociological Association (ASA)*
- 2021 **Interviewer** for Sarah Kaufman’s “American Roulette: The Social Logic of Death Penalty Sentencing Trial.” *Trinity University*
(<https://soundcloud.com/user-936731397/a-conversation-with-sara-beth-kaufman>)
- Ongoing **Ad Hoc Reviewer**: American Journal of Sociology, British Journal of Sociology, Current Psychology, European Societies, Gender and Society, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Marriage and Family, Law and Social Inquiry, Race and Justice, Social Forces, Social Sciences, Sociology of Education, Sociology of Race and Ethnicity

To University, School, and Department:

- 2025-2026 **Faculty Advisory Committee Member**, UCLA Bunche Center for African American Studies
Law and Punishment Area Coordinator, *UCLA Sociology*
- 2025 **RC28 Program Committee Member**, *UCLA*
Research Revealed Speaker, *UCLA Undergraduate Research Center*
- 2024-2025 **Undergraduate Education Committee (UEC) Member**, *UCLA Sociology*
- 2019-2022 **Working Group Co-coordinator**, Crime Law and Deviance, Department of Sociology,
University of Texas at Austin

To Students and Community:

Undergraduate Research Advisor: Tahlia Disisto (UCLA Sociology, URFP & Keck Research Award, AY 2024-2026)

Undergraduate Honor Thesis Advisor: Katherine Mara (UCLA Sociology, AY 2025-2026)

Undergraduate Faculty Mentor: Elijah Blanchard (Undergraduate Student Initiated Education (USIE) Program, AY 2026-2027)

Graduate Faculty Mentor: Danny Bonitz (UCLA Chicana/o and Central American Studies, GRSM 2026)

MA Committees: Prashasti Bhatnagar (UCLA Sociology, AY 2024 - 2025), Kai Bovik (UCLA Sociology, AY 2025 – 2026), Isa Rivera Volquez (UCLA Sociology, AY 2025 – 2026)

Dissertation Committees: Lillian Cheeks (UCLA Sociology, 2025-), Nada Ramadan (UCLA Sociology, 2026), Monica Ramsy (UCLA Sociology, 2026-)

2022-2023 **Chair** of Sociology Graduate Student Committee, *University of Texas at Austin*

2020-2021 **Minority Student Liaison**, Sociology Graduate Student Committee, *University of Texas at Austin*

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS

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| American Sociological Association | Association of Black Sociologists |
| American Society of Criminology | Law and Society Association |
| Population Association of America | McNair Scholar Program |