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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Geographic Information Systems (GIS), social network analysis, community-based participatory research, Black geographies, gun violence, gangs, terrorism

EDUCATION

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, degree expected May 2025

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, May 2023
Cumulative GPA: 3.9

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice with Certificate in Geographical Information Systems, December 2020
Cumulative GPA: 3.8

Tuskegee University, College of Business and Information Science, Tuskegee, AL
Non-degree seeking, Accounting, May 2016
Cumulative GPA: 3.7

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION

2023 | Community-Based Participatory Research for Strengthening Urban Neighborhoods, Urban Health Summer Institute, Drexel University
Credits: 1.5 CEU / 15 CPH

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Director of Research, Down North Foundation, Spring 2022 – Present. Worked collaboratively with Dr. Ajima Olaghere, Dr. Celeste Winston, Dr. Heather Leach, and owner Muhammad Abdul-Hadi on a grant-funded study focusing on Black reconstruction to amplify voices and remedy systemic inequalities affecting food systems and community well-being in North Philadelphia. Data collection included in-depth interviews, focus groups, static spatial ordinary least squares map, interactive food desert map, and body mapping.

Research Assistant, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Spring 2023 – Present. Worked with Dr. Jennifer Wood and Criminal Justice PhD scholars on a study to assess how Inside-Out instructors across disciplines perceive problems, people, and institutions, and whether it fosters transformative experiences in connecting students inside and outside the prison through shared humanity. Data collection included interviews and thematic analysis coding.

Research Assistant, Ghost Guns, Social Networks, and Twitter, Spring 2022 – Present. Worked with Dr. Jason Gravel to identify and investigate the social dynamics of gun enthusiast communities that manufacture and distribute access to downloadable blueprints for 3D printed guns or unserialized “ghost guns.” The aim is to gain insight into members’ attitudes towards firearm ownership and related issues, with a critical perspective on Whiteness in tech culture. Data collection involved a social network analysis from Twitter API data.

Research Assistant/Consultant, Youth Violence Initiative Project, Fall 2022 – Summer 2023. Worked with Dr. Caterina Roman and Dr. Brandy Blasko while collaborating with the School District of Philadelphia on a grant-funded study aimed at reducing gang and gun violence in and around Bartram High School. Data collection involved student surveys, static maps of shooting victims in the school’s vicinity, and a scoping review.

Research Assistant, Systematic Review on Officer Misconduct and Weapon Use, Spring 2022 – Summer 2022. Collaborated with Dr. Marie Ouellet and Dr. Jason Gravel on a research project examining officer misconduct and weapon use. Data collection involved coding articles for manuscript and conducting literature review for data collection.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor, Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University.
Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Global Security (CJ 3405), Summer Session II, 2023 (Elective Course).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University.
Nature of Crime (2401), Fall 2023 (Required Course).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University.
Race and Criminal Justice (3003), Fall 2023 (Elective Course).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University.
Criminal Justice Research Methods (2597), Fall 2022; Spring 2023 (Required Course).

Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University.
Criminal Gangs (CJ 3409), Fall 2022 (Elective Course).

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Exploring the Structure and Attitudes Surrounding Ghost Guns in the DEFCAD Network on Twitter

Reducing Gang and Gun Violence in Schools: A Scoping Review of Secondary and Tertiary Prevention Programs

Reimagining Black Geographies: Using Spatial Analysis to Uncover Black Experiences in the Criminal Justice System

Rebranding Hate: Obama and Trump’s Presidency and the White Power Movement

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PAPER PRESENTATIONS

LaSane, T. (2022). "Rebranding Hate: Obama and Trump's Presidency and the White Power Movement." Presented at *American Society of Criminology*, November 2022

INVITED TALKS

"Navigating Academia as Black Scholars." Presented at *Temple University, Gladfelter Hall for Black History Month event*, February 2023

"Digital Literacy and Hygiene: Digital Footprints." Presented at *Temple University, Cybersecurity Undergraduate Course*, October 2022

"Digital Literacy and Hygiene: Digital Footprints." Presented at *Digital Equity Center*, October 2022

"A Discussion About Racial & Religious Terrorism in the U.S." Presented at *Friend's Select High School, Social Justice Week*, March 2022

"A Conversation About Reconstruction with Down North Foundation." Presented at *Temple University, Mazur Hall for Black History Month event*, February 2022

FELLOWSHIPS/SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS

University Fellowship, Temple University, 2021-2023

Doris Grabosky Award, Temple University, 2018

Booker T. Washington Economic Development Award, Tuskegee University, 2017

Enactus Regional/National Award, Tuskegee University, 2017

Gates Millennium Scholarship, Advanced Technologies Academy, 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2023 | Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, DATA Lab

Data Analyst

Collect, analyze, and map data to develop data-driven solutions aimed at reducing crime and addressing racial disparities within the criminal legal system.

2021 | Panasonic Security, Allied Universal

Security Guard

Conducted patrols of all areas of the Gigafactory and maintained detailed records of all access control-related incidents. Responded to accidents and medical emergencies by providing first aid and CPR, or by assisting in clearing the scene.

2020 | Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, ATF

Weapons Enforcement Intern

Carried out data entry duties, monitored prisoner calls, and conducted surveillance by reviewing footage. Took part in a real-time operation to monitor social media intelligence, participated in tactical training sessions, observed criminal court proceedings, attended operational briefings, and joined special agents on outings.

2020 | Delaware Valley Intelligence Center, DVIC

Intelligence Analyst Intern

Utilized georeferencing techniques to visualize criminal activity on a map, facilitating the identification of patterns and relationships. Conducted thorough analysis of threat-related information and effectively disseminated findings.

2019 | Philadelphia Police Department, 3rd District

Law Enforcement Intern

Organized incident reports and shadowed patrol officers on a day-to-day basis to gain insight into their work.

2018 | Family Law Italy

Civil Law Intern

Attended Court hearings, performed the research needed and answered case-law questions competently. Mastered the working relationship with clients and with the family law Court's environment.

2017 | Enactus

Project Captain

Executed marketing strategies, contributed to the writing of two grants and two contracts to secure additional funding, and assisted with the production of the company's products under the guidance of management.

ADDITIONAL CERTIFICATION

2022 | College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Teaching Certification, Temple University

2020 | Geographical Information Systems Certificate, Temple University

2018 | Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certification, Temple University Rome Campus

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Women in GIS, Arizona Chapter
Eurogang Network - European Society of Criminology
American Society of Criminology
Temple University Alumni Association
Gates Millennium Scholars Program Alumni Association

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Present | Lecturer, Temple University
Present | Teaching Assistant, Temple University
Present | Research Assistant, Temple University
Present | Student Mentoring Center, Temple University

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

2023 | 57 Blocks Coalition, Neighborhood Clean-Up
2019 | Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program at SCI Phoenix Correctional Facility
2019 | Public Affair Events, Philadelphia Police Department

2018 | Liceo Classico Statale T. Mamiani High School
2017 | Rebuilding Together Philadelphia
2016 | Blind Center of Nevada, Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation
2012 – 2016 | Academic Support & Community Services Center

SKILLS

Quantitative Research Methods: R Studio, ArcGIS Pro, QGIS, SPSS, JMP, STATA, Business Analyst, Tableau, Python, Excel

Qualitative Research Methods: Nvivo (content analysis), Gephi (social network analysis), and Qualtrics (survey methodology and scale development), interviews

Graphic Design: Adobe, Photoshop CC, Illustrator, Final Cut Pro

Architecture: AutoCAD, Revit

Medical: CPR, blood collection methods (venipuncture/capillary skin puncture), vacuum collection devices, urinalysis dipstick, fecal occult blood observation, proper infection prevention