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EDUCATION

Temple University, College of Liberal Arts	Philadelphia, PA
Ph.D. in Criminal Justice	Expected Spring 2027
Dissertation Title: <i>A Mixed Methods Study of Changes in Drug Court Participant Personal Social Networks and Social Capital</i>	
M.A. in Criminal Justice (GPA: 3.9)	2023
B.A. in Criminal Justice & Cert. in Geographical Information Systems (GPA: 3.8)	2020
<i>Study Abroad: Rome & Sicily, Italy; Berlin, Germany</i>	2018
Tuskegee University, College of Business and Information Science	Tuskegee, AL
Non-degree seeking, Accounting (GPA: 3.7)	2017
Advanced Technologies Academy	Las Vegas, NV
<i>*Selected Scholarship: Gates Millennium Scholar</i>	2016

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Race & Crime	GIS Mapping
Networks & Social Capital	Social Network Analysis
Problem-Solving Courts	Restorative Justice
Prison Programming & Reentry	Community Centric Research
Social and Spatial Dynamics of Violence	Applied Research

RELEVANT SKILLS

Quantitative Methods: Network Analysis, Time Series, Regression Analyses, Spatial Mapping
Qualitative Methods: Interviews, Focus Groups, Surveys, Observations, Spatial Mapping
Programs: ArcGIS Pro, R Studio, STATA, ATLAS.ti, Gephi, Qualtrics, QGIS, SPSS, JMP, Business Analyst, Tableau, Excel

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION & TRAINING

Social Network Analysis , Washington University, Summer Training Institute	2025
Credits: 1.5 CEU	
Penn Injury Science Center Trainee Learning Lab , University of Pennsylvania	2024
7-monthly sessions	
Crime Prevention with Risk Terrain Modeling , Rutgers University, Simsi	2024
5-hour Course of Instruction	
Inside-Out Prison Program Instructor Training , Temple University	2024
Credits: 4 CEU	
Privately Made Firearms: The Proliferation of “Ghost Guns” Training	2023
Mid-Atlantic Regional Association of Crime Analysts (ATF Intelligence Research)	
Community-Based Participatory Research for Strengthening Urban Neighborhoods	2023
Urban Health Summer Institute , Drexel University	
Credits: 1.5 CEU / 15 CPH	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

*Denotes Graduate Student

Director of Research, Down North Foundation

2022 – Present

Worked with the [Down North Foundation](#), a 501(c)(3) non-profit, focuses on reconstructing relationships and culture in North Philadelphia, with a focus on food sovereignty, housing, and healing. I support the [Growing Freedom Project](#) at the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center, engaging Black and Brown youth through a healing garden, horticulture, and culinary classes. Initiatives include restorative justice practice, a youth-created cookbook, and a mathematical graphic novel. Additional data collection efforts include creating a static spatial OLS map, and an interactive food desert map.

Team: Dr. Ajima Olaghere, Dr. Celeste Winston, Dr. Heather Leach, Muhammad Abdul-Hadi (Owner)

Funding: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Independence Public Media Foundation

Research Assistant, Drug Court Treatment Risk Assessment & Quality

2024 – Present

The study has three phases: Phase one explores the strategies and challenges around serving high and low risk populations in drug treatment court. Phase two examines how treatment quality affects client outcomes, using the Treatment Quality Index to analyze retention and compliance. Phase three focuses on improving collaborative case planning through training. Data collection involves interviews, focus groups, and court hearing observations across various U.S. cities.

Principal Investigators: Dr. Steven Belenko and Dr. Deborah Koetzle (John Jay College of Criminal Justice)

Funding: Bureau of Justice Assistance

Research Assistant, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program

2023 – 2025

Study explores how Inside-Out instructors perceive problems, people, and institutions while fostering shared humanity through transformative experiences in blended classrooms of “inside” (incarcerated) and “outside” (college) students. The research focuses on three key areas: (1) instructors’ motivations for joining Inside-Out, (2) their experiences facilitating blended classrooms with diverse lived experiences, and (3) the potential for Inside-Out pedagogy to advance knowledge production in academia and society. Data collection involves interviews and thematic analysis coding.

Project Leads: *Talia LaSane, *Claire Graves, *Sarah D. Jones

Research Assistant, Ghost Guns, Social Networks, and Twitter

2022 – 2023

Study identifies and investigates 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.

Project Lead: Dr. Jason Gravel

Research Assistant, Youth Violence Initiative Project

2022 – 2023

Worked with the School District of Philadelphia’s Office of School Safety on a study aimed at reducing gang and gun violence in and around Bartram High School. Data collection involved student surveys and static maps of shooting victims in the school’s vicinity.

Principal Investigators: Dr. Caterina Roman, Dr. Brandy Blasko

Funding: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Research Assistant, Systematic Review on Officer Misconduct and Weapon Use

Spr. 2022 – Summer 2022

Study examines officer misconduct and weapon use. Data collection involved coding articles for analysis.

Project Leads: Dr. Marie Ouellet (Georgia State University) and Dr. Jason Gravel

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct, Criminal Justice & Social Control (CJ 303)

2025

Department of Criminal Justice at San Diego State University, Fall (Required)

Instructor, Race and Criminal Justice (CJ 3003)

2024

Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Summer Session II (Elective)

Instructor, <i>Terrorism, Transnational Crime and Global Security</i> (CJ 3405) Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Summer Session II (Elective)	2023
Teaching Assistant, <i>Criminal Behavior</i> (0812) Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Spring (Required)	2024
Teaching Assistant, <i>Nature of Crime</i> (2401) Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Fall (Required)	2023
Teaching Assistant, <i>Race and Criminal Justice</i> (3003) Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Fall (Elective)	2023
Teaching Assistant, <i>Criminal Justice Research Methods</i> (2597) Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Fall & Spring (Required)	2022, 2023
Teaching Assistant, <i>Criminal Gangs</i> (CJ 3409) Department of Criminal Justice at Temple University, Fall (Elective)	2022

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (N=5)

- LaSane, T.**, Olaghere, A., Leach, H., Smagorinsky, Y., Schultz, J. Implementing Restorative Justice Education and Practice at Philadelphia's Juvenile Justice Service Center.
- Garman, J., **LaSane, T.**, Fanarraga, I., Stanley, J., & Koetzle, D. Perceptions of Racial and Ethnic Disparity within an Adult Drug Court.
- LaSane, T.** Reimagining Black Geographies: Using Spatial Analysis to Uncover Black Experiences in the Criminal Justice System.
- LaSane, T.**, Jones, S. D., & Graves, C. Finding Common Humanity: A Qualitative Study of Instructors' Experiences with the Pedagogy of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program.
- LaSane, T.**, & Gravel, J. Rebranding Hate: Obama and Trump's Presidency and the White Power Movement.

TECHNICAL REPORTS & POLICY BRIEFS (N=7)

- Belenko, S., Koetzle, D., Spiegel, S., Garman, J., Stanley, J., Fanarraga, I., Galleguillos, S., **LaSane, T.**, & Weiland, D. *Opening the Black Box of Treatment in Drug Court Settings: Risks, Needs, Treatment Quality, and Service Matching*. Report to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) as part of the Drug Court Treatment Risk Assessment & Quality Study. *In Progress*.
- Leach, H., Olaghere, A., Winston, C., Schultz, J., & **LaSane, T.** *Growing Freedom Project: Impact Report at Juvenile Justice Services Center*. Report to Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Services Center and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. *In Progress*.
- Smith, C. & **LaSane, T.** (2023). *Analysis of VUFA Arrests, Shooting Incidents, and Homicide Trends in Philadelphia*. Internal report for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office (DAO)
- LaSane, T.** (2023). *Gun Cases in Felony Waivers and Major Trials Unit*. Internal report for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.
- LaSane, T.** (2023). *Gun Violence Task Force Caseload between Philadelphia District Attorney's Office and Office of Attorney General (OAG)*. Internal report for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.
- Smith, M., **LaSane, T.**, & Arayata, C.J. (2023). *April-June 2023 Police Subpoena Failures: Analysis of Officer Nonappearance in Philadelphia Municipal Court*. Internal report for the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.
- Philadelphia District Attorney's Transparency Analytics (DATA) Lab. (2023). *Racial Injustice Report: Disparities in Philadelphia's Criminal Courts (2015-2022)*. Released by the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office. [\[https://phillyda.org/news/das-office-releases-report-on-racial-disparities-in-phillys-criminal-legal-system/\]](https://phillyda.org/news/das-office-releases-report-on-racial-disparities-in-phillys-criminal-legal-system/)

MEDIA (N=3)

The Philadelphia Inquirer. (2023, December). *Too many Philly police are no-shows in court, derailing cases and undermining our justice system. The Philadelphia Inquirer.*

- Article mentions internal DAO research, including my subpoena failure analysis, contributed to discussions on officer nonappearance and its impact on case dismissals.

Kensington Voice. (2023, December). *Philly residents patrolled Kensington for 36 nights this fall. Now they want the city to back the model. Kensington Voice.*

- Article mentions my data analysis for the DAO's Transparency Analytics (DATA) Lab and [57+ Blocks Coalition](#), updating high-violence block analysis.

WHYY-PBS. (2023, November). *Philadelphians hope a cleaner city will reduce gun violence. Will Oh or Parker make it a reality? WHYY.*

- Article mentions my mapped data on vacant lots, street lighting, and trash for the [57+ Blocks Coalition](#) and DAO's Transparency Analytics (DATA) Lab, used for community outreach and block clean-up initiatives.

GRANTS, AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, SCHOLARSHIPS

Grants

Independence Public Media (IPMF) — \$30,000 **2025**

Community Voices Project—This project challenges the myth of Black criminality by examining systemic harm in Philadelphia and exploring transformative justice efforts through storytelling, interviews, and archival footage.

Awards & Honors

McCord Dissertation Research Award — \$1,330 **2025**

Awarded by Temple University's Department of Criminal Justice to support dissertation fieldwork and methodological training.

Doris Grabosky Award — \$1,000 **2019**

Nominated by Dr. Elena Vilciã and awarded as a junior Criminal Justice major based on academic performance.

Enactus Regional/National Award **2017**

Awarded for innovation and leadership in regional (2nd) and national (3rd) competitions with the [Tuskegee University Enactus team](#). Directed projects supporting small businesses and introduced gasifier technology for farmers.

Booker T. Washington Economic Development Award **2017**

Awarded by Mayor Lawrence (Tony) Haygood Jr. for excellence in a business pitch and plan benefiting the Tuskegee, Alabama community.

Fellowships & Scholarships

Southern Poverty Law Center Fellowship — \$7,000 **2025**

Selected as the sole summer fellow (1 of 4 finalists from 350+ applicants) for a highly competitive national program supporting applied policy research in criminal legal reform.

University Fellowship — 4-year Full Funding Package (\$35,000) **2021 - 2026**

Awarded by Temple University's College of Liberal Arts to support graduate students who demonstrate outstanding potential for success in their chosen fields.

Gates Millennium Scholarship **2016 - 2020**

Awarded by the [Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation](#) as one of six recipients representing the State of Nevada in the 2016 cohort, selected from 1,000 students nationwide for a full scholarship covering tuition, fees, books, housing, and professional development.

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

LaSane, T. & Galleguillos, S. (2025). **“Understanding Staff Perceptions of Racial Disparities Among Drug Court Clients and Providing More Equitable Solutions.”** Will present at *American Society of Criminology* (District of Columbia DC), November 2025

LaSane, T. & Garman, J. (2025). **Participants as Co-Creators: Understanding Drug Court Clients’ Lived Experiences and Positioned Perspectives on Program Strengths, Challenges, and Support Services.** Will present at *American Society of Criminology* (District of Columbia DC), November 2025.

LaSane, T. (2025). **Reimagining Spatial Analysis: Using Black Geographies to Center Black Life in Criminal Justice Research.** Will present at *Western Association of Criminal Justice* (Lake Tahoe, NV), October 2025.

LaSane, T., Olaghere, A., Leach, H., & Smagorinsky, Y. (2025). **“Implementing Restorative Justice Education and Practice at the Philadelphia Juvenile Justice Service Center.”** Presented at *Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences* (Denver, CO), March 2025.

LaSane, T. & Jones, S. (2025). **“Transformative Learning Techniques: Lessons from Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program.”** Presented at the *Annual Faculty Conference on Teaching Excellence* (Philadelphia, PA), January 2025.

Garman, J., LaSane, T., Fanarraga, I., Stanley, J., & Koetzle, D. (2024). **“Perceptions of Ethnic and Racial Disparity within an Adult Drug Court.”** Presented at *American Society of Criminology* (San Francisco, CA), November 2024.

LaSane, T., Jones, S., & Graves, C. (2024). **“Finding Common Humanity: Inside-Out Pedagogy.”** Presented at *Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences* (Gettysburg, PA), June 2024.

LaSane, T. & Gravel, J. (2023). **“Exploring the Social Networks and Attitudes of Ghost Gun Enthusiasts on Twitter.”** Presented at *American Society of Criminology* (Philadelphia, PA), November 2023.

LaSane, T., Jones, S., Mitchell, S., Latko, J., & Rege, A. (2023). **“Fostering Community-Academic Partnerships via Experiential Learning Public Cyber-hygiene Projects.”** Presented at *American Society of Criminology* (Philadelphia, PA), November 2023.

Bleiman, R., Jones, M. Q., Wermer-Colan, A., LaSane, T. (2023). **“Non-profit Partnerships to Develop After-school Cybersecurity Programs for High School Students.”** Presented at *American Society of Criminology* (Philadelphia, PA), November 2023.

Gravel, J., Kamar, E., LaSane, T., Jaques, S., & Maimon, D. (2023). **“The State of Gun Markets on Encrypted Markets: A Descriptive Analysis of the Volume, Price, and Distribution Methods.”** Presented at *American Society of Criminology* (Philadelphia, PA), November 2023.

Abdul-Hadi, M., LaSane, T., Atif, S., & McGlenn, K. (2023). **“The Rise and Role of Mission-driven Organizations in Reentry.”** Chair at *American Society of Criminology* (Philadelphia, PA), November 2023.

Russell-Brown, K., Thomas-Davis, S., Delacruz, M., LaSane, T., Mitchel, M., Smith, V., & Williams, J. (2023). **Roundtable: Elevating Our Stories: Narratives of Black and Brown Scholars in Academia.** Discussant at *American Society of Criminology* (Philadelphia, PA), November 2023.

Olaghere, A., Winston, C., Abdul-Hadi, M., & LaSane, T. (2023). **“Growing Freedom Down North: Addressing Intersecting Health Inequities through Community Gardening in North Philadelphia.”** Presented at *Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Leadership Meeting* (Minneapolis, MN), October 2023.

LaSane, T. (2022). **“Rebranding Hate: Obama and Trump’s Presidency and the White Power Movement.”** Presented at *American Society of Criminology* (Atlanta, GA), November 2022.

INVITED TALKS

“Asset-Mapping in Community-Centric Work.” Presented at <i>Temple University, Community Scholars Program</i>	2025
“Down North Foundation’s Food Co-Op in Strawberry Mansion.” Presented at <i>University of Pennsylvania, City and Regional Planning Capstone Graduate Course</i>	2024
“Beyond the Screen: Safeguarding Against Digital Threats.” Presented at <i>Digital Equity Center, Cyber Security Day</i>	2023
“Strategies for Effective Resume Writing and Grad School Admissions.” Presented at <i>Temple University, Professional Development Undergraduate Course</i>	2023
“From Data to Action: Using GIS to Center Community Experiences in the Study of Gun Violence.” Presented at <i>Temple University, Gun Violence Capstone Course</i>	2023
“Navigating Academia as Black Scholars.” Presented at <i>Temple University, Black History Month event</i>	2023
“Digital Literacy and Hygiene: Digital Footprints.” Presented at <i>Digital Equity Center and Temple University, Cybersecurity Undergraduate Course</i>	2022
“A Discussion About Racial & Religious Terrorism in the U.S.” Presented at <i>Friend’s Select High School, Social Justice Week</i>	2022
“A Conversation About Black Reconstruction with Down North Foundation.” Presented at <i>Temple University, Black History Month event</i>	2022

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Southern Poverty Law Center, SPLC <i>Policy Graduate Summer Fellow</i> Conducted applied policy research on racial and economic justice issues in the Deep South, including voting rights, immigration, and criminal legal reform. Supported policy analysts with legislative tracking, drafting policy briefs and memos, and translating research into advocacy materials for community impact and systemic change.	June 2025 – Aug 2025
Philadelphia District Attorney’s Office, DATA Lab <i>GIS & Data Analyst</i> Collect, analyze, and map data to develop data-driven solutions aimed at reducing crime and addressing racial disparities within the criminal legal system. Worked closely as the primary analyst for the Gun Violence Task Force Unit, Felonies & Waivers Unit, and Special Investigation Unit.	Feb 2023 – Jan 2024
Panasonic Security, Allied Universal <i>Security Guard</i> 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.	Jan 2021 – Aug 2021
Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, ATF <i>Weapons Enforcement Intern</i> 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.	Jan 2020 - Mar 2020
Delaware Valley Intelligence Center, DVIC <i>Intelligence Analyst Intern</i> 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.	Jan 2020 – Mar 2020

Philadelphia Police Department, 3rd District

Aug 2019 – Dec 2019

Law Enforcement Intern

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

Family Law Italy

Aug 2018 – Dec 2018

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.

Enactus

Sep 2017 – July 2018

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 CERTIFICATOIN

College of Liberal Arts Teaching Certification, Temple University	2022
Geographical Information Systems Certificate, Temple University	2020
Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) Certification, Temple University Rome Campus	2018

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Illinois Coalition for Higher Ed in Prison, Emergent Programs Committee (IL-CHEP)
 Gun Violence Research Collaborative at Temple University
 American Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
 Northeastern Association of Criminal Justice Sciences (NEACJS)
 Women in GIS, Professional Development & Outreach Committee (WiGIS)
 Eurogang Network - European Society of Criminology (ESC)
 American Society of Criminology (ASC)
 Temple University Alumni Association
 Gates Millennium Scholars Program Alumni Association (GMS)

SERVICE TO THE DEPARMENT

Lecturer, Temple University	Present
Research Assistant, Temple University	Present
Student Mentor, Temple University	Present
Teaching Assistant, Temple University	2022 - 2024
Vice President, CJ Graduate Student Association (CJGSA), Temple University	2023 - 2024
Co-Organizer, Black History Month at Dept. Criminal Justice Temple University	2022 - 2023

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

St. Louis Data Informed Community Engagement (DICE)	2024
Culinary Class, Juvenile Justice Service Center & Down North Foundation	2024
Horticulture Class, JJSC & DNF	2023
Farmers Market, JJSC & DNF	2023
Community Healing Gardens, JJSC & DNF	2023
Community Outreach and Block Clean-Up, 57+ Blocks Coalition	2023
Community Outreach, Strawberry Mansion Learning Center & DNF	2023
Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program at SCI Phoenix Correctional Facility	2019
Public Affair Events, Philadelphia Police Department	2019
Liceo Classico Statale T. Mamiani High School	2018
Rebuilding Together Philadelphia	2017
Blind Center of Nevada, Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation	2016
Academic Support & Community Services Center	2012 – 2016