

Eileen Chen

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EDUCATION

Ph.D., Criminal Justice, Temple University

Aug 2025-Present

B.A., Psychology and Criminal Justice, George Washington University

Aug 2019-May 2023

GPA: 3.91 | Women's Leadership Program

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION

Spatial inequality, urban ecology, neighborhoods, youth violence prevention, gentrification, social infrastructure, race, families, and ethnography

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Town Watch Integrated Services Research Project

Apr 2024-Oct 2025

Executive Director Anthony Murphy | Office of Public Safety | City of Philadelphia

- Identified gaps in city safety services, proposed research initiative for evidence-based approaches
- Designed a survey directed toward issue areas of collective efficacy, social networks, common disturbances, housing, and social service needs
 - Created survey recruitment plan consisting of physical flyers and civic association meetings
- Established baseline information with literature reviews for TWIS trainings

PhD Dissertation Research Team-Black Parenting Power Project

May 2024-Aug 2025

Maya Cook Psychology PhD | George Washington University

- Performed thorough data organization for recruitment sites targeting Black youth aged 13-16
- Coded interview transcripts for themes regarding racial socialization messages and decision-factors
- Communicated across organizations via phone and email for recruitment of Black coparenting families

Diverse Family Relations Lab

May 2022-May 2023

<https://diversefamilyrelationships.weebly.com/>

Dr. Christina Gee | George Washington University

- Investigated the timing, topics of interest, reasoning, and social influences race-related discussions from Black coparents to children
 - Edited screener survey along with focus group questions to promote desired discussions
 - Established focus group strata and recruitment sites
- Condensed survey data across 4 timepoints per measure for research on college students' mental health
- Produced additional research on Asian American help-seeking manuscript
- Conducted literature searches of measures and research question basis; categorized articles in database by summaries, significant findings, and population of study
- Coded qualitative responses regarding coparenting experiences during COVID-19

Supervised Psychology Research Internship

Sep 2021-Dec 2021

Professor Stephen Dopkins | George Washington University

- Created and charted stimuli graphics for experiments relating space and distance reasoning

Dr. Philip Moore's Research Lab

Spring 2021

George Washington University

- Sorted literature reviews on responses to and mental preparations for environmental sources of stress

CONFERENCES

Chen, Eileen. "Disability and Policing: Legally Enmeshed Behavioral Structure in a Society of Non-uniform Behavior." Poster, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, November 14, 2024.

TEACHING

Temple University, Teaching Assistant

Gun Violence and Policy in America

Fall 2025

Research Methods

Fall 2025

Introduction to Criminal Justice

Spring 2026 & Fall 2026

Reentry and Rehabilitation

Spring 2026

Doing Justice

Spring 2026

Nature of Crime

Fall 2026

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCES

Substitute Teacher

ESS | Lower Merion School District | Lower Merion, PA

Apr-Present

- Administered substitute lesson plans, managed diverse K-12 classes, adapted to new classes/students

Community Support Specialist

Aug 2023-Oct 2025

Town Watch Integrated Services | City of Philadelphia's Office of Public Safety | Philadelphia, PA

- Coordinated LGBTQ, Asian American, and youth specific safety initiatives to marginalized concerns
- Evaluated residents' local concerns and conducted outreach to 40+ community members of 6th, 9th, and 22nd police district via police community meetings, civic associations, and resource fairs
- Conducted safety overview presentations while personalizing information per block
- Outlined a youth empowerment forum to discuss gun violence needs.

Help Line Resource Referral Specialist

Aug 2022-May 2023

National Alliance on Mental Illness | Remote

- Conducted rapid extensive research and compiled comprehensive lists of local resources for 32+ help-seekers per week via chatline and phone calls based on their implicit and explicit needs
- Analyzed struggles while utilizing creative problem solving exhausting all resources for solutions
- Memorized over 20 types of housing and treatment locator services to suggest to help-seekers

Meltzer Center Community Ambassador

April 2022-May 2023

Meltzer Center: Psychological and Community-Based Services | Washington D.C.

- Facilitated clinical group direction to the interest of both doctoral supervisors and clinicians
- Aided in topic proposals, recruitment methods, and locations for target populations
- Moderated the line of communication between the local high school and the Meltzer Center in advertising for stress management services

Academic Tutor

May 2022– Aug 2022

Petey Greene Program (at the Youth Services Center) | Washington, D.C.

- Shaped a comfortable learning process in academic and life skills education for incarcerated youth
- Modified tutoring methods based on weekly evaluation of student progress socially and intellectually

Data and Editorial Intern

Jan 2021-Apr 2021

<https://dcwitness.org/index.php?s=Eileen+Chen>

D.C. Witness | Washington D.C.

- Compiled and interpreted monthly court conviction statistics & created graphs upon significant data
- Identified relevant crime patterns upon neighborhood, demographics, and crime type
- Composed and edited articles based on weekly court hearings; collaborated with interns

LEADERSHIP

Active Minds GW Policy Committee

Feb 2022-May 2023

- Designed opinion survey identifying disparities and changes in GWU's mental health services

Criminal Justice Student Association Philanthropy Director | Jan 2021-May 2023

- Directed fundraisers, drives, and educational events to support justice-impacted individuals
- Moderated tasks among executive chairs to effectively circulate ongoing philanthropic opportunities

SKILLS/PROGRAMS

SPSS | R Studio | Stata | Qualtrics | Apricot | Microsoft Suites | Adobe Spark | Airtable | Twilio

Certifications

CITI Program Human Subjects Training in Social and Behavioral Research (Jul 2024-Jul 2026)

Languages

English: Fluent/Native

Spanish: Advanced in speaking, listening, writing, and reading

Mandarin: Conversational fluency