

Elizabeth K. Brown

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic Positions

- 2022 - present MA Program Director, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2019 - present Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2014 - 2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Massachusetts Boston
- Spring 2014 Visiting Scholar at the Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at the University of Minnesota Law School
- 2009 - 2014 Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Niagara University

Education

- 2009 Ph.D. in Criminal Justice, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- Dissertation: *Public Opinion and Penal Policymaking: An Examination of Constructions, Assessments, and Uses of Public Opinion by Political Actors in New York State*
- 2002 M.A. in Criminal Justice, School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- 2000 B.A. in Psychology, Tufts University (Summa Cum Laude; Phi Beta Kappa)

Research Interests

Animus toward the poor and punishment; Moral politics; Determinants of public views; Law and society; Punishment policy

Academic Publications

- Wozniak, K. H., Pickett, J. T., & Brown, E. K. (2022). Judging hardworking robbers and lazy thieves: An experimental test of act- vs. person-centered punitiveness and perceived redeemability. *Justice Quarterly, Online first.* <https://doi.org/10.1080/07418825.2022.2111326>
- Brown, E. K., & Silver, J. R. (2022). The moral foundations of crime control in American presidential platforms, 1968-2016. *Punishment & Society, 24(2)*, 169-220.
- Brown, E. K. (2020). Toward refining the criminology of mass incarceration: Group-based trajectories of U.S. states, 1977–2010. *Criminal Justice Review, 45(1)*, 45-63.
- Brown, E. K., Socia, K. M., & Silver, J. R. (2019). Conflicted conservatives, punitive views, and anti-Black racial bias 1974-2014. *Punishment & Society, 21(1)*, 3-27.
- Brown, E. K., & Socia, K. M. (2017). Twenty-first century punitiveness: Social sources of punitive American views reconsidered. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology, 33(4)*, 935-959. doi:10.1007/s10940-016-9319-4
- Socia, K. M., & Brown, E. K. (2017). Up in Smoke: The Passage of Medical Marijuana Legislation and Enactment of Dispensary Moratoriums in Massachusetts. *Crime & Delinquency, 63(5)*, 569-591.
- Socia, K. M., & Brown, E. K. (2016). “This Isn’t About Casey Anthony Anymore” Political Rhetoric and Caylee’s Law. *Criminal Justice Policy Review, 27(4)*, 348-377.
- Worden, A. P., Davies, A. L. B., & Brown, E. K. (2014). Public Defense in an Age of Innocence: The Innocence Paradigm and the Challenges of Representing the Accused In M. Zalman & J. Carrano (Eds.), *Wrongful Convictions and Criminal Justice Reform.*
- Brown, E. K. (2013). Foreclosing on incarceration? State correctional policy enactments and the Great Recession. *Criminal Justice Policy Review, 24(3)*, 317-337.
- Brown, E. K. (2012). Rethinking public opinion in penal policymaking: Recommendations for research. *Sociology Compass, 6(8)*, 601-613.
- Brown, E. K. (2011). Constructing the public will: How political actors in New York State construct, assess and use public opinion in penal policymaking. *Punishment & Society, 13(4)*, 424-450.
- Worden, A. P., Davies, A. L. B., & Brown, E. K. (2011). A Patchwork of Policies: Justice, Due Process, and Public Defense Across American States. *Albany Law Review, 74(3)*, 1423-1463.

Brown, E. K. (2009). *Public opinion and penal policymaking: An examination of constructions, assessments, and uses of public opinion by political actors in New York State*. State University of New York at Albany, School of Criminal Justice.

Acker, J., Brown, E. K., & Englebrecht, C. M. (2007). The Scottsboro Boys: Black Men as "Racial Scapegoats". In *Crimes and Trials of the Century* (pp. 131-151). Westport, CT: Greenwood Press.

Brown, E. K. (2006). The dog that did not bark: Punitive social views and the professional middle classes. *Punishment & Society*, 8(3), 287-312.

Research Presentations

- 2017 *The Moral Foundations of Crime Control: Mapping the Moral Foundations of American Political Party Platforms, 1948-2016*. Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 15, 2017, Philadelphia, PA
- 2017 *Race, Racism, and the Contemporary Politics of Criminal Justice in the United States*. Panel presentation at Social Theory Forum, March 25, 2017, UMass Boston.
- 2017 *Conflicted Conservatives, Punitive Views, and Anti-Black Racial Bias 1974-2014*. Roundtable presentation at the Eastern Sociological Society (ESS) Conference, February 24, 2017, Philadelphia, PA
- 2015 *Twenty-First Century Punitivity: Social Determinants of Punitive Views in a New Era*. Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 19, 2015, Washington, DC
- 2015 *Framing the Problem of Mass Incarceration: Competition and Consensus in the Diagnostic, Motivational, and Prognostic Framing of American Penal Reform*. Participant in roundtable discussion at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 19, 2015, Washington, DC
- 2015 *The Role of Mass Incarceration in Reinforcing Racial Inequality*. Invited panelist. MIT Amnesty International. Co-hosted by the MIT Black Students' Union and MIT Anthropology Department, April 29, 2015, Cambridge, MA
- 2015 *Social Contexts of Mass Incarceration: Prospects for Ending an Era*. College of Liberal Arts (CLA) Junior Faculty Colloquium, March 24, 2015, UMass Boston
- 2015 *Explaining Patterns of Incarceration Across U.S. States*. Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, February 26th, 2015, New York City, NY

- 2014 Discussant on conference paper, *Republicanism, Policing, and Race*, by Ekow Yankah. Robina Institute of Criminal Law annual conference entitled “The Future of Criminal Law?” April 25, 2014, Minneapolis, MN
- 2014 *Mass Incarceration: Explaining Dramatic Differences in State Incarceration Rates*. Robina in Conversation Series, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, Co-sponsored by UMN Department of Sociology, April 16, 2014, Minneapolis, MN
- 2013 *Patterns of Punishment: Exploring State-level Trajectories in Punishment*. Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 22, 2013, Atlanta, GA
- 2012 *What Goes Up Must Come Down? Exploring State-Level Declines in Incarceration*. Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 15, 2012, Chicago, IL
- 2011 *Explaining Variable Rates of State Correctional Policy Revisions in the Wake of the Great Recession*. Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 17, 2011, Washington DC
- 2010 *Examining Interstate Differences in Penal Policymaking*. Roundtable presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 18, 2010, San Francisco, CA
- 2010 *Theoretical Perspectives on Public Defense*. Poster presentation with Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew L.B. Davies at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 18, 2010, San Francisco, CA
- 2009 *How Journalists Think About Public Opinion and Penal Policymaking: Evidence from New York State*. Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 6, 2009, Philadelphia PA
- 2009 *The Right to Counsel: A Historical and Comparative Analysis of State Policies*. Poster presentation with Alissa Pollitz Worden and Andrew L.B. Davies at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 5, 2009, Philadelphia PA
- 2008 *Paradoxes of Public Opinion in Penal Policymaking*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 12, 2008, St. Louis MO
- 2007 *How Political Actors “Read” Public Opinion in Penal Policymaking in New York State*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 15, 2007, Atlanta GA

- 2007 *Public Opinion and Penal Policymaking in New York State: How Political Actors Perceive, Assess, and Use Opinion.* Research Seminar at Oxford University, Centre of Criminology, August 8, 2007, Oxford UK
- 2005 *The Role of Public Opinion in the “Punitive Turn.”* Presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 16, 2005, Toronto ON
- 2004 *The Dog That Did Not Bark: Punitive Social Views and the Professional Middle Classes.* Presented at the American Society of Criminology (ASC) Conference, November 19, 2004, Nashville TN
- 2003 *A Life or Death Issue: The Print News Media Portrayal of Victims in the Illinois Death Penalty Debate.* Presented with Christine M. Englebrecht at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Conference, March 6, 2003, Boston MA

Scholarly Awards/Funding

- 2019 UMB Dean’s Research Fund Award, 1 course load reduction for spring 2020
- 2015 Selected for Junior Faculty Research Seminar, UMB (\$500)
- 2013 Summer Research Stipend, Research Council, Niagara University (\$5,200)
- 2011 Research Support Grant, Research Council, Niagara University (\$2,000)
- 2010 Summer Research Stipend, Research Council, Niagara University (\$5,200)
- 2007 University at Albany Dissertation Research Fellowship Award (\$850)
- 2006 The Eliot H. Lumbard Award for Academic Excellence (\$500), School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- 2006 Graduate Student Employees Union (GSEU) Professional Development Award (\$1,200 reimbursement for educational expenses)
- 2005 GSEU award for advanced Ph.D. students making substantial progress towards the doctoral degree (\$3,000)
- 2005 Presidential Award (\$1,000) from Initiatives for Women, University at Albany, in support of early dissertation research
- 2004 The Frank Remington Award for Interdisciplinary Study in Law and Social Science (\$100), School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany

- 2001 Hindelang Fellowship for most promising new doctoral student (\$5,000), School of Criminal Justice, University at Albany
- 2000 Selected for membership in Phi Beta Kappa, Tufts University
- 1998 Membership in Golden Key Honor Society and Psi Chi Honor Society (Psychology), Tufts University

Post-Doctoral Research Training/Programs

- 2015-6 Junior Faculty Research Seminar, University of Massachusetts Boston
- 2012 Analyzing Developmental Trajectories, ICPSR summer program, June 4th-6th, University of Massachusetts Amherst

Prior Research Experience

- 2005 Research Assistant on Domestic Violence project at the University at Albany
- 2004 Research Intern at New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services
- 2002 Research Assistant on Ph.D. Dissertation through New York University's Department of Education on "Career Development of Puerto Rican Females"
- 2001 Research Assistant on "Inter-temporal Decision Making" Project in the Department of Marketing, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 2000 Research Assistant on "Affective Forecasting" Project in the Social Psychology Department, Harvard University

Teaching

Courses Taught at UMass Boston

- SOC 104: Introduction to Criminal Justice Systems (undergraduate)
- SOC 202: Research Methods (undergraduate)
- SOC 338: Criminal Courts (undergraduate)
- SOC 350: Social Statistics (undergraduate)
- SOC 352: Criminological Statistics and Data Analysis (undergraduate)
- SOC 474: Senior Seminar: Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (undergraduate)
- SOC 479: Directed Study (undergraduate)
- SOC 610: Teaching Sociology (graduate)

SOC 700: Proseminar: Introduction to Graduate Sociology (graduate)

Additional Courses Taught at Niagara University and SUNY-Albany

Punishment and Corrections (undergraduate)
Comparative Crime and Justice (undergraduate)
Seminar in Comparative Crime and Justice (graduate)
Politics of Punishment (graduate)
Policy Paper (capstone graduate course)

Research Mentoring

Dissertation Committee Member for Tim Dacey (2022)
Comprehensive Exam Committee Member for Bill McNicholas (2022)

Teaching Mentor for Graduate Student, Ken Arsenault (spring 2020)
Supervision for Directed Study for an undergraduate, Frank Baez (spring 2018)
Supervision of graduate research assistant, Kate Price (fall 2017)
Research supervision for undergraduate major, Nicole Pehrson (2013 – 2015)
Undergraduate independent study, Comparative Criminal Justice: Italy (fall 2011)
Supervision of graduate research assistant, Matt Johnson (fall 2010-spring 2011)

Teaching Awards

2009 Recognized as an influential professor by student, Facelys Suero, receiving the Outstanding Senior Award, University at Albany

Teaching Workshops/Courses Completed

2019 *Ideas for Passionate Online Teaching!*; Center for Innovative Teaching; Spring 2019 Forum Series; UMass Boston

2018 *Asynch, Synch, and Synch with a Twist*; Center for Innovative Teaching; Spring 2018 Forum Series; UMass Boston

2017 *Anything Goes? Thinking Through Free Speech in the Classroom*; Office of Faculty Development Roundtable, UMass Boston

2016 *Webinar on Guidelines for Assessment and Instruction in Statistics Education (GAISE) College Report 2016*. American Statistical Association.

2016 *Learning by Doing: Examples from Biology Classrooms*. Office for Faculty Development and Center for Innovative Teaching, UMass Boston

2016 *Teaching Linguistically-Diverse Learners: Approaches and Methods*. Office for Faculty Development and Center for Innovative Teaching, UMass Boston

- 2014 *Figuring Out What Students Know Before the High Stakes Test or Paper*. Office for Faculty Development and Center for Innovative Teaching, UMass Boston
- 2014 *Teaching Large Classes*. Center for the Advancement of Scholarship, Teaching, and Learning, Niagara University
- 2013 *Online Course Design: Faculty Learning Community*. Online course facilitated by Melissa Langridge and Danyelle Moore. Summer session, 2013, Niagara University
- 2013 *How The Mind Works And What It Means For (Student) Learning?* Center for the Advancement of Scholarship, Teaching, and Learning, Niagara University
- 2013 *Faculty, Staff, Diversity and Student Success*. Interactive presentation by Dr. Derek Greenfield, sponsored by Diversity Advocates, Niagara University
- 2012 *Today's Chinese Student: What Really Matters*. Office of Academic Affairs and International Studies Office webinar via NAFSA: Association of International Educators, Niagara University
- 2011 *Assessing and Grading Student Writing: Best Practices*. Office of Instructional Support, Niagara University
- 2011 *Mobility Revolution: iPad in Education*. Office of Instructional Support, Niagara University
- 2010 *Clickers in the Classroom*. Office of Instructional Support, Niagara University
- 2010 *Diverse Learners: Strategies to Provide Instructional Access and Support*. Office of Academic Support, Niagara University
- 2009 *Blackboard 101: Upgrade Training*. Office of Instructional Support, Niagara University
- 2008 *Blackboard for Effective Course Management*. Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership, University at Albany
- 2008 *You "Taught" It; How Do You Know If They Got It?* Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership, University at Albany
- 2008 *Teaching Effectively: Course and Syllabus Design for Significant Learning*. Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership, University at Albany
- 2007 *A Simple Plan... To Foster Critical Thinking and Independent Learning*. Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership, University at Albany

2007 *“Will this be on the test?” And Other Questions That Drive Instructors Crazy.*
Institute for Teaching, Learning and Academic Leadership, University at Albany

University Service Activities

Current UMB Sociology Department Committees/Service

MA Program Director
Graduate Committee (Member)

UMB College and University Committees

Standards and Credits Committee, 2015-2019
Quantitative Reasoning Committee (Faculty Council), 2017-

UMB Student Outreach and Engagement

Participant in Welcome Day, February 26, 2022
Participant in Freshman Open House, October 19, 2019
Participant in Welcome Day for Accepted Students, February 23, 2019
Participant in Welcome Day for Accepted Students, February 24, 2018
Participant in Welcome Day for Accepted Students, April 9, 2016
Participant in Welcome Day for Accepted Students, April 11, 2015
Academic advisor to twenty-eight (28) criminal justice students

Academic Service Beyond the University

- 2017 American Society of Criminology (ASC) National Policy Subcommittee
organizing policy relevant panels bring together experts from academia and
government at the annual ASC meeting, November 2017
- 2017 Structured Reflection Facilitator for summer fellowship program at the Tisch
College of Civic Life, Tufts University
- 2015 Panelist at MIT Amnesty International event on racial disparities and mass
incarceration, April 29, 2015

Academic Manuscript Reviewer

Criminology
Justice Quarterly
Law & Society Review
Social Problems
Sociological Inquiry
American Journal of Sociology

Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency
Theoretical Criminology
Punishment & Society
Criminal Justice Policy Review
Criminal Justice Review
International Criminal Justice Review

Grant and Textbook Reviewer

National Science Foundation (NSF), Law and Social Sciences Program
Wiley Blackwell Publishing
Routledge Publishing

Professional/Academic Affiliations

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

ASC Division of Public Opinion & Policy (DPOP)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Community Involvement

Volunteer with Boston Cares 2021-present
Cambridge, MA Participatory Budgeting Delegate 2021