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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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- 2024- **Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park
- Fall 2023 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park

## EDUCATION

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- 2023 **Yale University**  
Ph.D., Sociology & African American Studies  
Certificates: College Teaching Preparation, Public Communication  
Dissertation Title: *Black Ideologies on Community Safety in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Centuries*  
Committee: Elijah Anderson (Chair), Andrew V. Papachristos, Monica C. Bell, Tracey L. Meares, Crystal N. Feimster
- 2020 M.Phil., Sociology & African American Studies
- 2016 **University of Michigan- Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy**  
M.P.P., Social Policy, *cum laude*
- 2011 **University of St. Thomas-MN**  
B.A., Business Administration, *cum laude*  
Minor: American Culture and Difference Studies

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Community Safety, Policing, Racism, Inequality, Lynching & Historical Racial Violence, Law & Society, Du Boisian Sociology, Mixed Methods (Archival, Interviews, Statistical, Computational)

## PUBLICATIONS (\*denotes equal authorship; † graduate student)

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Anderson, Andrew\*, **Demar F. Lewis IV\***, Paul Shafer, Jordan Anderson, and Thomas A. LaVeist. 2023. "Public Trust is Earned: Historical Discrimination, Carceral Violence, and the COVID-19 Pandemic." *Health Services Research* 58(52):218-228. [[article link](#)]

**Lewis, Demar F., IV.** 2021. "Troubling America's Historical Waters: Towards the Transdisciplinary Study of U.S. Lynchings as an Active Present." *Sociology Compass* 15(11): e12931. [[article link](#)]

- ◆ Honorable Mention, 2021 ASA Theory Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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Rocha Beardall, Theresa, Rahim Kurwa, and **Demar F. Lewis IV**. “The Broken Plate of Policing: A Du Boisian Analysis of Race and Police Violence in Midsized U.S. Cities.” (Revise and Resubmit at *City and Community*)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (\*denotes equal authorship; † graduate student)

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**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. “From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure: Illuminating Gentrification as a Threat to Safety Beyond Gentrifying Neighborhoods in a Mid-sized Chocolate City.”

**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. “Defund, ‘Refund’, or Abolish the Police? Black Cincinnatians' Reactions to Contested Political Ideologies.”

**Lewis, Demar F., IV** and Roderick L. Pearson\*†. “Vacant Properties, More Policing? A Spatial Analysis of Gentrification, Vacancies, and Crime Enforcement in Cincinnati.”

**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. “To Agitate A Southern Audience: Revisiting the Impact of Abolition on Tuskegee Institute’s Institutional Interventions, Anti-Lynching Advocacy, and Sociological Contributions.”

**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. “Till Death Do Us Part: Remembering the Social Structure of Lynching in the United States.”

**Lewis, Demar F., IV\***, Carolina Batista\*†, Samar Haider†, Deepaboli Chatterjee†, Anurag LNU†, and Angelita Repetto†. “‘Defund’ in American Politics: Evaluating Media Discourse Surrounding the Mandate to ‘Defund’ in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”

## BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

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**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. 2019. Book Review. “Doing Violence, Making Race: Lynching and White Racial Group Formation in the U.S. South, 1882-1930.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 5(3): 440-441.

**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. 2016. “Transforming the Black Silent Majority into an Engaged Black Majority.” *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy* 22: 18-20.

**Lewis, Demar F., IV**. 2016. “Interview With Courtney Carter: Unpacking the Mandate Rhetoric of HBCU Diversity Discourse.” In Penny A. Pasque, Noe Ortega, John C. Burkhardt and Marie P. Ting, (Eds.) *Transforming Understandings of Diversity In Higher Education: Demography, Democracy, and Discourse* Sterling, VA: Stylus.

## PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA SELECTIONS

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2022 [“Walk it Like We Talk It’: Reimagining Community Safety in the United States.”](#)

Award-winning participant in Yale University 3-Minute Thesis Competition.

2021 [“Connecticut Bar Association Policing Task Force—Report and Recommendations.”](#) Co-

- authored research report with colleagues Matthew G.T. Denney\* and Alberto Cifuentes that sustained policy recommendations of the Connecticut Bar Association's Policing Task Force. Co-presented findings to Attorney General William Tong.
- 2021 ["Public Sociology & Social Theory: An Interview With Demar Lewis."](#) Interviewed by the ASA Theory Section.
- 2020 Interviewed for 'The People vs. The Klan' CNN Documentary by Blumhouse Films.
- 2020 ["Housing the Formerly Incarcerated Should Be A Fundamental Right, Especially In A Pandemic."](#) *The Appeal*
- 2020 ["Anti-Lynching Policy and Ahmaud Arbery."](#) Interviewed for the *Coloring Health Policy* Podcast.

## GRANT FUNDING

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### External

- 2022 Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$28,000)
- 2020 Racism & COVID-19 Systems and Policy Change Funding Award, Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$40,000)(Co-PI)
- Dissertation Award, Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$10,000)
- 2018 Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$120,000)

### Internal

- 2023 Conference Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, Yale University (\$750)
- 2023 Conference Travel Grant, Graduate Student Assembly, Yale University (\$800)
- 2022 Dissertation Research Funding, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University (\$2,500)
- 2021 Dissertation Research Funding, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University (\$2,500)
- 2019 Graduate Policy Fellowship, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University (\$5,500)
- 2018 Graduate Research Fellowship, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University (\$2,000)
- Summer Research Fellowship, Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, & Transnational Migration, Yale University (\$1,000)
- Corpus Creation Grant, Digital Humanities Lab, Yale University (\$1,500)
- CAMP Mini-Grant, Department of Sociology, Yale University (\$500)
- Conference Travel Grant, Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, & Transnational Migration, Yale University (\$500)

## SELECTED FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS

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- 2023 Inductee, National Center for Institutional Diversity - Diversity Scholars Network, University of Michigan
- 2022 Fellow, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
- 2022 Inductee, Scholars Network on Masculinity and the Well-Being of African American Men
- 2021-2022 Program Co-Director, Graduate Policy Fellows Program, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
- 2021 Fellow, Notre Dame Future Faculty Workshop, University of Notre Dame

2021	Inductee, Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, Yale University
2021	Alternate/Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship
2020-2023	Spencer Fellow, Institute for Critical Quantitative Computational and Mixed Methodologies-Cohort 1
2020	Law & Society Association Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop
2019-2020	Graduate Policy Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University Magee Fellow, Dwight Hall at Yale   Center for Public Service and Social Justice
2018-2022	Fellow, Health Policy Research Scholars Program-Cohort 3
2018	Honorable Mention, Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship
2016-2017	Fellow, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers
2014-2016	Fellow, Rackham Merit Fellowship, University of Michigan
2009-2010	Fellow, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

## INVITED TALKS, PANELS, AND GUEST LECTURES

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2022	“Unveiling the Trauma of the Routine: Illuminating Levels of Persisting Inequity in Conceptions of Community Safety.” Department of Sociology-SOC 501. New York University, New York, NY, USA
2022	“Troubling America’s Historical Waters, Towards the Transdisciplinary Study of U.S. Lynchings as an Active Present.” Department of African American Studies-AFAM 200. American University, Washington, D.C., USA
2020	“Putting Policing and Racial Justice in Historical Context.” Institution for Social and Policy Studies. Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
2020	“Unpacking the Durable Tangle of Racial Inequities and Police Violence in the United States.” Department of Psychology-PSYCH 211. University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI, USA
2020	“Policing in America: A Community Forum for Sickness and Health Alumns.” Departments of African American Studies, History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health. Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
2020	“Is it Juneteenth Yet?” Washington University St. Louis-Racism Pandemic Town Hall Series. Washington University St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA
2019	“Pretrial Detention and Police Violence in Connecticut.” School of Social Work-Macro Foundations of Social Work Practice. University of Connecticut, Hartford, CT, USA.
2018	“Making Sense of the Numbers: A Du Boisian Approach to the Study of Prisoner Reentry.” Contemporary Studies of Race & Ethnicity Workshop. Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.

## CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

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Vacant Properties, More Policing?\*\*\*

2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA

Defund, ‘Refund’, or Abolish the Police?\*\*\*

2023 American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA

From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure\*\*

2023 Gentrification and Displacement Conference, Boston University, Boston, MA, USA

Broken Plate of Policing

2023 Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico

Unveiling the Trauma of the Routine

2022 Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale University, CT, USA

2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2022 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2021 Center for Empirical Research on Stratification & Inequality, Yale University, CT, USA

Police Homicides in the United States

2020\* Population Association of America Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C., USA

To Agitate a Southern Audience

2020 Eastern Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, USA

2019 Comparative Historical Research Workshop, Yale University, CT, USA

Till Death Do Us Part

2020 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, USA

2019 Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, New York, NY, USA

2019 Center for Empirical Research on Stratification & Inequality, Yale University, CT, USA

2017 Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale University, CT, USA

\*= cancelled due to logistical complications imposed by COVID-19

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## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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**Professor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Maryland  
Course (UG): Race, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Spring 2024)

**Graduate Student Instructor**, Departments of Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University  
Course: Race, Gender, & Class Inequities in the U.S. (Instructor of Record; Summer 2022; Summer 2023)  
Course: Theories and Methods in Measuring and Detecting Racism (Fall 2021)  
Course: Methods of Inquiry (Spring 2020)  
Course: Ethnography of the African American Community (Fall 2019)

**Other Course Instruction** (Community-Based)

Course: Social Science Research Methods, New Haven Health Leaders Program (Fall 2021)

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

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Reviewer: *Sociology of Education*, *Social Problems*, *Du Bois Review*, *Race & Social Problems*, *Journal of Ethnic & Migration Studies*, *Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science*, *Women & Criminal Justice*

Committees

Elected Graduate Student Representative, ASA Sociology of Law Section, 2022-2023

Elected Student Representative, Ford School Executive Committee, University of Michigan, 2015-2016

#### Institutional and Departmental Service

Undergraduate Writing Tutor, Poorvu Center for Teaching & Learning, Yale, 2018-2021  
Elected Representative, Yale Graduate and Professional Student Senate, Spring 2019  
African American Studies Representative, Yale Graduate Student Assembly, 2017-2019  
Elected Graduate Student Representative, Yale Department of Sociology, 2018-2019  
Graduate Student Representative, Ford School Strategic Diversity Planning Committee, University of Michigan, 2015-2016  
Executive Board Member, Students of Color of Rackham, University of Michigan, 2015-2016  
Co-Chair, Students of Color in Public Policy, University of Michigan, 2015-2016  
Student Liaison, Board of Trustees, University of St. Thomas, 2010-2011

#### Organizer and Reader

Session Co-organizer, “Unlearning Core Concepts in Urban/Community Sociology,” Community & Urban Sociology Section, 2022 American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

Member: American Society of Criminology, American Sociological Association, Society for the Study of Social Problems, Association of Black Sociologists, Du Boisian Scholars Network, Population Association of America, Law & Society Association, Association for Public Policy and Management, Scholars Network on Masculinity and the Well-Being of African American Men, National Center for Institutional Diversity - Diversity Scholars Network, Interdisciplinary Association for Population Health Science

## UNDERGRADUATE & GRADUATE STUDENT MENTORSHIP

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#### Yale University

2022	Lisa Dong, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
2022	Yasmin Abdella, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
Spring 2022	Ayanle Nur, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
Spring 2022	Simon Debesai, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
Spring 2022	CJ Thompson Jr., Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
2021-2022	Nina Todd, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
2021-2022	Isaac Yearwood, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
Summer 2021	Ihea Inyama, Research Assistant, “Spatial Legacy of Lynchings”
Summer 2021	Avik Sarkar, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
Summer 2021	Mikayla Johnson, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
April 2021	Teigist Taye, Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
March 2021	Brianna Baker, Graduate Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i> , Columbia University
March 2021	Ayanna Miller, Graduate Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i> , Northeastern University
March 2021	Demetrius Murphy, Graduate Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i> , University of Southern California
2021	Sophia Lindner, Graduate Research Assistant, <i>Black Ideologies on Community Safety</i>
2020-2022	Addee Kim, Research Assistant, CT Bar Association Reimagining Policing

Report and *Black Ideologies on Community Safety*

2018-2020 Tahj Lakey, Research Assistant, CT Pretrial Detention and “Police Homicides in the US”

Spring 2020 Eden Senay, Research Assistant, “Spatial Legacy of Lynchings”

2019-2020 Samantha Grayman, Graduate Research Assistant, CT Pretrial Detention, Yale Law

2019-2020 Isaac Yearwood, Research Assistant, CT Pretrial Detention and *Black Ideologies on Community Safety*

2019-2020 Tyler Miles, Senior Thesis Mentee, African American Studies

2018-2021 Makyla LaRonde-King, Research Assistant, “Till Death Do Us Part” and *Black Ideologies on Community Safety*

Summer 2019 Reneson Jean-Louis, Graduate Research Assistant, “Till Death Do Us Part”

2018-2019 Caleb Dean, Research Assistant, “Till Death Do Us Part”

2018-2019 Marcus Reneau, Senior Thesis Mentee, African American Studies

Summer 2018 Elsa Mota, Graduate Research Assistant, “Till Death Do Us Part”, Yale Law