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Academic Appointments

Assistant Professor Department of Sociology and Criminology The University of New Mexico	2024-Current
Postdoctoral Scholar Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Oregon State University	January 2024- August 2024
Lecturer Department of Criminology Loyola University- Chicago	2019- 2023
Instructor Department of Justice Studies Sociology Women and Gender Studies Northeastern Illinois University	2013- 2019

Education

University of Illinois at Chicago Ph.D. in Criminology, Law, and Justice Gender and Women Studies Concentration Committee: Beth E. Richie (Chair), Juanita Diaz-Cotto (SUNY), Lorena Garcia, Vera Lopez (ASU), Laurie Schaffner, David Stovall	2024
University of Illinois at Chicago M.A. in Criminology, Law, and Justice	2013
Northeastern Illinois University B.A. in Justice Studies; Minor in Sociology	2011

Publications

In-Progress Manuscripts

Martensen, K. Criminalizing Trauma: Trauma-Informed Services in Community-Based Juvenile Justice Reforms.

Manuscripts Accepted and Pending Publication

Martensen, K. (2025). "Carceral Collusions with "The Community": An Examination of Community-Based Juvenile Justice Reforms. *The Scholar and Feminist Online*

Lopez, V. and **Martensen, K.** (2025). Exploring Community-Academic Research Partnerships Within the Arena of Race, Youth Justice and Abolition. In Welch, K. (Ed) *Research Handbook on Race, Crime, and Justice*. Edward Elgar Publishing

Published Manuscripts

Lopez, V., **Martensen, K.**, Diaz, M. (2024). Solidary in Action: Collaborating with System-Impacted Youth to Transform the Juvenile (In)Justice System through Youth Activism. *Family Court Review*, 62(4), 806-817.

Martensen, K. (2024). Book Review: Imperfect Victims Criminalized Survivors and the Promise of Abolition Feminism. *Gender and Society*, 38(4). <https://doi.org/10.1177/08912432241241009>

Martensen, K. (2022). Prison is not Feminist, Service is not Liberation: Punishment, Service and a Web of Detainment. In Bierria, A., Caruthers, J. &, Lober, B. (Eds.) *Abolition Feminisms: Feminist Ruptures Against the Carceral State*. Haymarket Books.

Wong, R. & **Martensen, K.** (2022). Let's start talking: A reflective essay on minority students' experiences in academic spaces, publishing, and journal involvement. *Learned Publishing*, 35: 413–417. <https://doi.org/10.1002/leap.1471>

Martensen, K. (2022). Book Review: Latinas in the Criminal Justice System: Victims, Targets, and Offenders. eds Vera Lopez and Lisa Pasko. *Theoretical Criminology*, 26(2). <https://doi.org/10.1177/13624806221089669>

Martensen, K. & Richie, B.E. (2021). Prison Abolition in Global Perspective. In *Oxford Encyclopedia of International Criminology*. Oxford. <https://doi.org/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.625>

Martensen, K. (2021). Sanctuary?: A Discussion on Latinx/a Women and Girls in a Carceral State. In Leonard, L. (Ed), *People, Process, and Practice in Criminal Justice*. IGI Global. [10.4018/978-1-7998-6646-6.ch002](https://doi.org/10.4018/978-1-7998-6646-6.ch002)

Richie, B., Kanuha, V.K. & **Martensen, K.** (2021). Colluding with and Resisting the State: Organizing Against Gender Violence in the U.S. *Feminist Criminology* 16(3). <https://doi.org/10.1177/1557085120987607>

Martensen, K. (2020). Review of Carceral State Theories and Applications. *Social Compass*, 14(7). <https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.12801>

Martensen, K. (2020). Teaching Abolition to Future Police Officers: A Reflective Essay on Pedagogies of Response and Care. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 23(3). <https://doi.org/10.1080/10282580.2020.1755848>

Maniglia, R. and **Martensen, K.** (2020). Introduction to Special Issue on Teaching Social Justice: The Classroom as a Space for Social Transformation. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 23(3). <https://doi.org/10.1080/10282580.2020.1755933>

Richie, B. and **Martensen, K.** (2020). Resisting Carcerality, Embracing Abolition: Implications for Feminist Social Work Practice. *Affilia*, 35(1), 12-16. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0886109919897>

- Republished in *The Routledge International Handbook of Feminisms in Social Work*. (2024). Taylor & Francis. Noble, C., Rasool, S., Harms-Smith, L., Muñoz-Arce, G., & Baines, D. (Eds.).

Martensen, K. (2019). Media Review: Stay Woke. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 22(4).

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10282580.2019.1670526>

Martensen, K. (2019). Book Review: Complicated Lives Girls, Parents, Drugs, and Juvenile Justice by Vera Lopez. *Criminal Justice Review*, <https://doi.org/10.1177/0734016818824145>

Martensen, K. (2017). Gramsci, Antonio. In *The Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Hoboken, NJ: Wiley-Blackwell.

Martensen, K. (2012). The Price that U.S. Minority Communities Pay: Mass Incarceration and the Ideologies that Fuel Them. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 15(2), 211-222.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10282580.2012.681165>

Fellowships

American Dissertation Fellowship, \$25,000	2023-2024
American Association of University Women (Declined)	
Deans Scholar, \$26,000	2022-2023
University of Illinois Chicago	
Access to Excellence, \$26,000	2020- 2021
University of Illinois Chicago	
Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship	2021-2022
\$55,000 cumulative	2016-2020

Research Positions

Contributor	2024
National Science Foundation (NSF)	
Supported Project: The ADVANCE Journal	
Principal Investigator(s): Dr. Susan Shaw	
Oregon State University	
Research Assistant	2020
Beth E. Richie	
University of Illinois Chicago	
Research Area: Batter's Women Movement	
Research Assistant	2018
Laurie Schaffner	
University of Illinois Chicago	
Research Area: Anti-Trafficking Legislation	

Awards

Beth E. Richie Justice Advocacy Award University of Illinois Chicago	2024
Gender and Women Studies Graduate Award University of Illinois Chicago	2024
Feminist Criminology Graduate Research Scholarship, \$5,000 Division of Feminist Criminology American Society of Criminology	2020
Institute of Race and Public Policy, \$1,500 Emerging Scholars Program University of Illinois Chicago	2019
Graduate Student Council Travel Award University of Illinois at Chicago	2024, 2022, 2018
President's Research in Diversity Travel University of Illinois at Chicago	2023, 2018
Liberal Arts College Scholarship, \$350 University of Illinois at Chicago	2022
Center for the Study of Women Travel Award, \$500 The University of California Los Angeles	2019
Esther O. Kegan Funded Travel Award, \$500 Gender and Women's Studies, University of Illinois at Chicago	2018

Teaching Experience

Assistant Professor The University of New Mexico Sociology and Criminology Courses Taught: Race, Class and Crime; Social Justice in Criminology; Intro to Criminology	(spring 2025)
Faculty Lecturer Loyola University, Chicago Criminology and Criminal Justice Courses Taught: Race and Ethnicity in the Criminal Justice System; Women in the Criminal Justice System; Social Justice and Crime; Intro to Criminology; Punishment and Society (<i>writing intensive</i>); Criminal Courts	2019- 2023
Faculty Instructor Northeastern Illinois University Justice Studies, Women and Gender Studies and Sociology Departments Courses Taught: Introduction to Social Justice (<i>various formats</i>); Internships in Justice Studies(<i>various formats</i>); Practicum in Justice Studies (<i>equivalent to capstone</i>); Justice and Inequality; Race, Class, Gender (<i>writing intensive, various formats</i>); The Carceral State (<i>created</i>); Women as Political Prisoners (<i>reinvented</i>); Latinxs people in the Criminal Legal System; Research Methods in Justice Studies; Portrayal of Crime in the Media (<i>online</i>); Social	2013- 2019

Inequalities and Social Change; (*Sociology*); Intro to Women and Gender Studies (*WGS, various formats*); Feminists' Engagement with Education (*WGS*);

Instructor on Record 2015-2024

University of Illinois Chicago
Criminology, Law, and Justice
Gender and Women Studies

Courses Taught: Gender, Crime, and Justice (*400-level; crossed referenced in Gender and Women Studies*); Victimization (*400-level*); Punishment, Prisons & Corrections; Courts and Society; Introduction to Criminology, Law and Justice

Teaching Assistant 2013-2024

University of Illinois Chicago
Criminology, Law, and Justice

Courses Assisted: Disability, Mental Health and Prison; Punishment, Prisons & Corrections; Introduction to Criminology, Law and Justice; Community Corrections and Reentry

Adjunct Instructor

Governor State University
Triton College

2016; 2019

2019

Courses Taught: Mass Incarceration (*hybrid*); Race and Gender (*online*); Juvenile Justice

Editorial Experience

ADVANCE

Managing Editor

January 2024- August 2024

Feminist Criminology

Editorial Board Member

2024-Current

Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work

Consulting Editor

2023-Current

Contemporary Justice Review

Associate Editor

2021- Current

Guest Editor, *Teaching Social Justice*

2020

Managing Editor

2019-2021

Editorial Associate

2015- 2019

Professional Service

Society of Social Problems

Membership and Outreach Committee

2025-2028

Society of Social Problems

Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee

2025

Application Reviewer

2024

Virtual Visiting Scholars

ARC Network: A STEM Equity Brain Trust

Society of Social Problems Gender Outstanding Article Awards Committee	2024
ARC Network Communities of Practice Committee ARC Network: A STEM Equity Brain Trust	2024
The Justice Studies Association Communications Director Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee Program Committee	2016, 2017, 2019

Ad Hoc Reviewer

Affilia, 2022; American Journal of Sociology, 2024; Contemporary Justice Review, 2024; Feminist Criminology, 2024; Social Compass, 2021; Social Work Education, 2024; Social Problems ,2024;

Service to Unit

The University of New Mexico Equity and Inclusion Committee	2024-2026
Loyola University Chicago Faculty Advisor for Prelaw Minority Society Student Group	2020-2022
Northeastern Illinois University Curriculum Committee Summer Transition Program Committee	2017-2018 2017-2019

Service to Community

After School Matters Peacemaker Program Chicago, IL	2019-2024
Chicago Girl Talk Collective Member Chicago, IL	2014-2017

Selected Academic Conference Presentations

Martensen, K. (2025). The Trouble with the “Trauma-Informed” Trend: Trauma-Informed Legal Interventions in the Cycle of Juvenile Justice Reforms. Paper Presentation at Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL.

Martensen, K. (2024). The Criminalization of Trauma in Carceral/Community Alliances Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Martensen, K. (2024). Criminalizing Trauma: Trauma-Informed Practices and Community-Based Juvenile Justice Reforms. Paper Presentation at The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, Canada.

Martensen, K. (2024). She Said It. I Believe It. That Settles It. Institutional Betrayal & Academic Trauma. 2024 ADVANCE Equity in STEM Community Convening (EiSCC). Baltimore, MD.

Martensen, K. (2024). Meaningful Intersectional Mentorship of 2SLGBTQ+ and BIPOC Individuals and Communities. 2SLGBTQ+ Meaningful Care Conference. Portland, OR.

Martensen, K. (2023) Carceral Expansion: How the Community Became Implicated in Carcerality. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2023) Reconfigured Surveillance: Institutional Failing Reforms and the Call for Abolition. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2023). Shifting the Carceral Landscape: The Move away from Incarceration and toward Community-based Services. Paper Presentation at The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2022). Carceral Services: Carceral Reform or Carceral Expansion? Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Martensen, K. (2022). Prison is Not Feminist, Service is Not Liberation- the Future of Criminology. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

- Martensen, K. (August, 2022). The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Los Angeles, CA.

Martensen, K. (2021). Teaching Social Justice: The Classroom as a Space for Social Transformation. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Martensen, K. (2020). When Social Services Become Carceral Services. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C. (canceled due to Covid-19)

Martensen, K. (2019). Making a Case for Research on Latinx Girls. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Martensen, K. (2019). Gender Violence and Women of Color Feminisms at the Center of Prison Abolition. Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Martensen, K. (2019). DFI Fellow Paper Presentation: Stuck in a 'Web of Detainment': The Carceral Control of Latinx Girls. ILACHE (Illinois Latino Council on Higher Education). Chicago, IL.

Martensen, K. (2019). Stuck in a 'Web of Detainment': The Carceral Control of Latinx Girls. Paper Presentation at the Center for the Study of Women, UCLA. Los Angeles, CA.

Martensen, K. (2018). In the Shadows: Centering Latinx Women and Girls in Abolition Conversations. Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Martensen, K. (2018). Latinas Barred from Sanctuary: A Discussion on the Carceral State and How Latinas Must Navigate this System of Punishment. Paper presentation at the Justice Studies Association. Flagstaff, AZ.

Martensen, K. (2017) Teaching Prison Abolition to Future Prison Guards. Paper presentation at the Justice Studies Association. Detroit, MI.

Martensen, K. (2015). The Carceral State: A Theoretical Framework Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology. Washington D.C.

Martensen, K. (2015). Control, Surveil, Detain: Analyzing the Racial Implications of the Carceral State. Paper presentation at the Justice Studies Association. Bridgewater, MA.

Martensen, K. (2014). Examining the Role of the Carceral State: An Analysis of Race, Ethnicity, and Gender in Juvenile Detention. Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Martensen, K. (2014). Examining the Role of the Carceral State: An Analysis of Girls Detained in Juvenile Detention. Paper presentation at Midwestern Criminal Justice Association. Chicago, IL.

Martensen, K. (2014). Envisioning Justice in an Unjust System: Searching for Transformation inside Juvenile Detention. Paper presentation at the Justice Studies Association. Baltimore, MD.

Panels Chaired:

Martensen, K. (2023) Abolition Feminism. Roundtable Chair at The American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2015). Juvenile Court Decision-Making. Panel Chair at The American Society of Criminology. Washington D.C.

Martensen, K. (2014, May). Restorative Justice Research. Panel Chair at The Justice Studies Association. Baltimore, MD.

Other Conference Participation

Martensen, K. (2024). Author Meets Critic: Recovering Identity: Criminalized Women's Fight for Dignity and Freedom. The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Montreal, Canada. (cancelled)

Martensen, K. (2023). Roundtable: Teaching Abolition II: Abolition in the College Classroom Discussant at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2023). Roundtable: Abolition in Practice. Discussant at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2023). Reconfigured Surveillance: How Community-based Services are Implicated in Carceral Surveillance. Roundtable discussant at The Society for the Study of Social Problems. Philadelphia, PA.

Martensen, K. (2021). Authors Meet Critics: Latinas in the Criminal Justice System: Victims, Targets, and Offenders. Invited Critic at The American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

Martensen, K. (2015). Intersections between Race, Gender, and Crime. Roundtable discussant at The American Society of Criminology. Washington D.C.

Presented and participated in various other conferences not listed here.

Invited Guest Lectures/Talks

Martensen, K. (2023). Just Beginnings Institute Meeting. (honorary)

Martensen, K. (2021). Care Or Criminalization?: BIPOC Youth In Foster Care. The University of California Santa Barbra. (honorary)

Martensen, K. (2019). Latinx Girls in a Carceral State. Loyola University.

Martensen, K. (2014). Examining Juvenile Detention Centers. Guest Lecture in Youth, Law, and Justice. University of Illinois, Chicago.