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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. 2006 University of Washington, Department of Sociology.
Dissertation Title: *Social (Dis)Organization and Racially Motivated Crime in Chicago*. Committee: Ross L. Matsueda (chair), Robert Crutchfield, Becky Pettit, Stewart Tolnay.
- M.A. 2002 University of Washington, Department of Sociology .
Thesis Title: *Perceptions of Victims and Perpetrators of Bias Offenses: A Multilevel Factorial Survey Approach*. Committee: Ross L. Matsueda (chair), Judith Howard.
- B.A. 1996 Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo MI. *Magna cum Laude*.
Honors in Sociology and Anthropology.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

- 2018 – Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico
2012 – Associate Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico
2006 – Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of New Mexico
2009 – Senior Fellow, UNM Robert Wood Johnson Center for Health Policy

AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION: criminology, social control, urban communities, inequality

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2013 UNM Regents' Lecturer Award
2010 Nominated, New Faculty Teacher of the Year Award, University of New Mexico.
2006 Excellence in Teaching as a Graduate Student, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
2004 Pass with Distinction, Major Examination in Deviance and Social Control, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
2003 Outstanding Performance for Masters of Arts Degree, Department of Sociology, University of Washington.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed articles:

Christopher J Lyons, Noah Painter-Davis, and Drew Medaris. The Lynching Era and Contemporary Lethal Police Shootings in the South. *Race and Justice*. Forthcoming.

Christopher J. Lyons, María B. Vélez, and Lauren J. Krivo. 2022. "The Dynamic Racial Structure and Disparities in Neighborhood Crime Change". *Social Problems*.
<https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spac013>

Krivo, Lauren J., Christopher J. Lyons and María B. Vélez. 2020. The U.S. Racial Structure and Ethno-Racial Inequality in Urban Neighborhood Crime, 2010-2013. *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/2332649220948551>

Mogford, Elizabeth, and Christopher J. Lyons. 2019. "The Impacts of International Service Learning on a Kenyan Host Community: Host Student Perspectives Related to Global Citizenship and Relative Deprivation." *Frontiers* (November 2019 issue).

Krivo, Lauren J., María B. Vélez, Christopher J. Lyons, Jason B Phillips, and Elizabeth Sabbath. 2018. "Race, Crime and the Changing Fortunes of Urban Neighborhoods (1993-2013)." *The DuBois Review*; <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1742058X18000103>

Hernandez, Alma, María B. Vélez and Christopher J. Lyons. 2016. "The Racial Invariance Thesis and Neighborhood Crime: Beyond the Black-White Divide." *Race and Justice*. DOI: 10.1177/2153368716669986

María B. Vélez, Christopher J. Lyons, and Wayne Santoro. 2015. "Black Political Opportunities and the Race-Violence Link: A Multilevel Analysis." *Social Problems* 62(1): 93-119.

Lyons, Christopher J. and Aki Roberts. 2014. "The Difference 'Hate' Makes in Clearing Crime: An Event History Analysis of Incident Characteristics." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* DOI: 10.1177/1043986214536663

María B. Vélez and Christopher J. Lyons. 2014. "Making or Breaking Neighborhoods: Public Social Control and the Political Economy of Urban Crime." *Criminology and Public Policy* 13(2): 225-235.

Mogford, Elizabeth A. and Christopher J. Lyons. 2014. "Village Tolerance of Abuse, Women's Status, and the Ecology of Intimate Partner Violence in Rural Uttar Pradesh, India." *The Sociological Quarterly* DOI: 10.1111/tsq.12067

Lyons, Christopher J., María B. Vélez, and Wayne Santoro. 2013. "Immigration, Neighborhood Violence, and City Political Opportunities." *American Sociological Review* 78(4): 604-32.

- María B. Vélez, Christopher J. Lyons, and Blake Boursaw. 2012. "Neighborhood Housing Investments and Violent Crime in Seattle: 1981-2007." *Criminology* 50(4): 1025-56.
- Kreager, Derek, Christopher J. Lyons, and Zachary Hays. 2011. "Condos, Coffeeshops and Crime: Urban Revitalization and Seattle Crime Trends." *Social Problems* 58(4): 615-39.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Becky Pettit. 2011. "Compounded Disadvantage: Race, Incarceration, and Wage Growth." *Social Problems* 58(2): 257-80.
- Aki Roberts and Christopher J. Lyons. 2011. "Hispanic Victims and Homicide Clearance by Arrest." *Homicide Studies* 15(1): 48-73.
- Hirsh, Beth and Christopher J. Lyons. 2010. "Perceiving Discrimination on the Job: Legal Consciousness, Workplace Context, and the Construction of Race Discrimination." *Law and Society Review* 44 (2):269-98.
- Pettit, Becky and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. "Incarceration, Employment and Wages over the Life Course." *Law and Society Review* 43(4): 725-56.
- Aki Roberts and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. "Victim-Offender Racial Dyads and Clearance of Lethal and Non-Lethal Assault." *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency* 46(3): 301-326.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2008. "Defending Turf: Racial Demographics and Hate Crime against Blacks and Whites." *Social Forces* 87(1): 357-385.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2008. "Individual Perceptions and the Social Construction of Hate Crime." *Social Science Journal* 45(1): 107-131.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2007. "Community (Dis)Organization and Racially Motivated Crime." *American Journal of Sociology* 113(3): 815-63.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2006. "Stigma or Sympathy: Attributions of Fault to Hate Crime Victims and Offenders." *Social Psychology Quarterly* 69(1): 39-59.

Book chapters:

- Vélez, María B. and Christopher J. Lyons. 2012. "Situating the Immigration and Crime Relationship across Multiple Neighborhoods and Cities." Pgs. 159-177 in *Punishing Immigrants: Policy, Politics and Injustice*, edited by M. Zatz, C. Kubrin, and R. Martinez. New York: New York University Press.
- Pettit, Becky and Christopher J. Lyons. 2007. "Status and the Stigma of Incarceration: The Labor Market Effects of Incarceration by Race, Class, and Criminal Involvement." Pg. 203-226 in *Barriers to Reentry? The Labor Market for Released Prisoners in post-Industrial America*, edited by Shawn Bushway, Michael A. Stoll and David F. Weiman. New York: Russell Sage Foundation.

Other:

- Lyons, Christopher J., María B. Vélez, and Wayne A. Santoro. 2013. "The Protective Influence of Neighborhood Immigration on Violence is Strongest in Cities that are More Open to Immigrants." Guest blog for The London School of Economics and Political Science, American Politics and Policy: <http://blogs.lse.ac.uk/usappblog/2013/10/15/cities-that-are-more-open-to-immigrants-have-lower-levels-of-neighborhood-violence/>
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Maria B. Vélez. 2011. "Do Immigrants Actually Make Us Less Safe?" Guest blog for Latino Decisions: <http://latinodecisions.wordpress.com/2011/06/20/doimmigrants-actually-make-us-less-safe/>
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2012. Review of R. Peterson and L. Krivo (2010) *Divergent Social Worlds: Neighborhood Crime and the Racial-Spatial Divide*. *Social Forces* doi: 10.1093/sf/sos093
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2008. "Hate Crime." Page 239-240 in *Encyclopedia of the Culture Wars*, edited by Roger Chapman. Armonk, New York: M.E. Sharpe.

Technical Reports:

- Willits, Dale, Danielle Albright, Lisa Broidy, and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. "An Evaluation of the Career Pathways Program Implementation in the New Mexico Department of Corrections." Prepared for the New Mexico Department of Corrections Education Bureau.
- Willits, Dale, Danielle Albright, Lisa Broidy, and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. "Evaluating Motivational Interviewing Training." Prepared for the New Mexico Department of Corrections Education Bureau.

PRESENTATIONS

Professional Meetings (selection):

- Lyons, Christopher and Maria B Velez. 2022 (forthcoming). Neighborhood Violence, Racial Structure, and the Legacy of Redlining. ASC Atlanta
- Lyons, Christopher, Maria B Velez, Lauren Krivo. 2019. Ethnoracial Inequality in Changing Neighborhood Crime. ASC San Francisco
- Noah Painter-Davis, Christopher J Lyons, and Jenna Dole. 2019. The Face of Punishment: Skin Tone and Sentencing of White, Black, Latino, and American Indian Defendants. ASC San Francisco
- Christopher J. Lyons, Noah Painter-Davis, Drew C. Medaris. 2018. Legacies of Racial Violence and Police Shootings. ASC Atlanta
- Lyons, Christopher, Maria B Velez, Lauren Krivo, and Elizabeth Sabbath. 2016. The Dynamics of Neighborhood Crime: A Multi-City Longitudinal Analysis. ASC, New Orleans.
- Painter-Davis, Christopher J. Lyons. 2016. Skin Tone and Sentencing in Pennsylvania. ASA, Seattle.
- Painter-Davis, Christopher J. Lyons, and Maria B. Velez. 2015. Racial Gaps in Drug Arrests over Time. ASC, Washington DC.
- Tasha Galardi and Christopher J. Lyons. 2015. "Parenting While Incarcerated: Child Contact among Fathers and Mothers." ASC, Washington DC.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2014. "Hate Crime Victimization." Session discussant at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco.

- Painter-Davis, Noah, Aubrey L. Jackson, and Christopher J. Lyons. 2014. Patterns of Intimate Partner Violence Surrounding the Economic Downtur. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco.
- Vélez, Maria B and Christopher J. Lyons. 2012. "Black Political Empowerment and the Race-Violence Link: A Multi-Level Analysis." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Denver.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2012. Immigration, Neighborhood Violence, and City Political Opportunities. Presented at the *Issues of Immigration and Criminal Justice Conference* at John Jay College of Criminal Justice.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Maria B. Vélez. 2011. City Contexts of Incorporation and the Neighborhood Immigrant-Crime Connection: A National Study of Neighborhoods. Presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2011. Advances in Social Psychological Studies of Crime and Deviance. Session discussant at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Becky Pettit. 2010. Compounded Disadvantage: Race, Incarceration, and Wage Growth. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Maria B. Vélez. 2010. City Contexts of Incorporation and the Neighborhood Immigrant-Crime Connection: A National Study of Neighborhoods. Paper presented at the Politics of Race, Immigration, and Ethnicity Consortium, University of New Mexico.
- Vélez, Maria B and Christopher J. Lyons. 2009. The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006). Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia.
- Aki Roberts and Christopher J. Lyons. 2008. Victim-Offender Racial Dyads and Crime Clearance by Arrest." Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Boston.
- Lyons, Christopher J. and Becky Pettit. 2008. Employment Discontinuities and Wage Declines: Race Differences in the Cumulative Effects of Incarceration. Paper presented at the National Poverty Center Workshop on Incarceration, Race, and Poverty, Ann Arbor.
- Kreager, Derek, Christopher J. Lyons, and Zachary Hays. 2007. Condos, Coffeeshops and Crime: Urban Revitalization and Seattle Crime Trends. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta.
- Hirsh, Beth and Christopher J. Lyons. 2007. Social Status, Workplace Context, and Perceptions of Race Discrimination. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- Ross L. Matsueda and Christopher J. Lyons. 2007. A Multilevel Theory of Hate Crime. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, New York.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2006. The Difference Hate Makes: Comparing Hate and Non-Bias Crimes. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Los Angeles.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2006. Community Economic and Social Capital and Racial Hate Crime in Chicago. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Philadelphia.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2005. Racial Composition and the Defense of Turf: Antiwhite and Antiblack Hate Crime in Chicago. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Toronto.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2004. Community (Dis)Organization and Racially Motivated Crime Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Society of Criminology, Nashville.

- Pettit, Becky and Christopher J. Lyons. 2003. Labor Market Outcomes of Ex-inmates: Evidence from Washington State. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Atlanta.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2002. Perceptions of Victims and Perpetrators of Bias Offenses: A Multilevel Factorial Survey Approach. Paper presented at the annual meetings of the American Sociological Association, Chicago.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2002. Race, Class and Multiple Experiences of Inequality. Session organizer with Denise Johnson. Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver B.C.
- Lyons, Christopher J. 2002. Stigma, Race and Sexuality: Multiple Performances and Representations. Session organizer with Dan Renfrow. Pacific Sociological Association, Vancouver B.C.

Invited (selection):

2021. The Lynching Era and Contemporary Lethal Police Shootings in the South. University of California Irvine, School of Criminology, Law and Society.
2021. The Dynamic Racial Structure and Disparities in Neighborhood Crime Change, with Maria Velez and Laurie Krivo. University of Pennsylvania, Department of Criminology.
2019. The Lynching Era and Contemporary Lethal Police Shootings of Blacks in the South. University of Bologna, Department of Sociology.
2014. Black Political Empowerment and the Race-Violence Link: A Multi-Level Analysis. Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
2009. The Social Organization of Racially Motivated Crime. Presented at the Criminal Justice Research Center, The Ohio State University.
2007. Racial Threat in Context: Community Dynamics, Racial Demographics, and Hate Crime in Chicago. Department of Sociology, University of Washington.
2008. Mentor-Student Dynamics. McNair/ROP training seminar, University of New Mexico.
2009. Data Collection and Analyses. McNair/ROP training seminar, University of New Mexico.

RESEARCH FUNDING

- “Crime and Community in a Changing Society: The National Neighborhoods and Crime Study 2.” *National Science Foundation*. (\$630,000), with Laurie Krivo (Rutgers) and Maria B. Vélez.
- “Pilot Data Collection for Arrest Related Deaths and Victimization in New Mexico.” *Bureau of Justice Statistics/JRSA*. 2011-2012. (\$65,000), with Lisa Broidy and Maria Velez.
- “Probation and Parole Officer’s Attitudes towards Offenders.” *Bureau of Justice Statistics/JRSA*. 2010-2011. (\$73,686), with Lisa Broidy.
- “Criminal Justice Professionals’ Attitudes towards Offenders: Assessing the Link Between Global Orientations and Specific Attributions.” *Bureau of Justice Statistics/JRSA*. 2010-2011. (\$50,000), with Lisa Broidy.
- “Evaluating the Career Pathways Initiative.” *Grant from New Mexico Department of Corrections*. March 2008-February 2009. (\$50,000), with Lisa Broidy.
- “The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006).” *UNM Research Allocation Committee*, Sept 2008-2009. (\$4,000, direct costs), with Maria Velez.
- “The Long-term Consequences of Bank Disinvestment on Neighborhood Crime: An Analysis of Albuquerque Neighborhoods (1990-2006).” *UNM Robert Wood Johnson Foundation*, June 2008-August 2008. (\$10,000, direct costs), with Maria B. Velez .

“Employment Discontinuities and Wage Declines: Race Differences in the Cumulative Effects of Incarceration.” *University of Michigan National Poverty Center*, May 2007 – August 2008. (\$15,000, direct costs), with Becky Pettit.

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship, September 2005 – May 2006. (\$15,000)
Graduate Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Washington. 2002. (\$300)

TEACHING

Courses

Undergraduate:

- Soc 213. Sociology of Deviance
- Soc 424. Race, Crime, and Justice
- Soc 426. Drugs, Crime, and Social Control

Graduate Seminars:

- Soc 590. Racial Structure, Crime, and Justice
- Soc 590. Communities, Race, and Crime
- Soc 593. Race and Justice
- Soc 595. Crime, Law and Social Control

SERVICE

University

- Provost Promotion and Tenure Review Committee (20-)
- A&S Full Professor Promotion Review Committee (19-20)
- A&S Mid-Probation Review Committee (17-18)
- A&S Regent’s Lecturer Award Committee (16)
- Provost Task Force (2016-17)
- Faculty Senate (2015-17)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Fellowship Committee, Member (08)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Grant Award Committee, Member (08)
- Ronald E. McNair and Research Opportunity Scholars Program, Application Evaluator (07)

Professional

- National Science Foundation, Panel Reviewer (16-19, 21-22.)
- National Institute of Justice, Panel Reviewer, (15; 2022-present)
- American Society of Criminology:
 - Nominations Committee (21-22)
 - Teaching Award Committee (15-16)
 - Student Affairs Committee (13-14)
 - Program Committee (10-11)
- American Sociological Association
 - Crime, Law and Deviance Program Committee (16-17; 12-13)
 - Crime, Law and Deviance Section, Nomination Committee (11-12)
- Racial Democracy and Criminal Justice Network
 - SRI Selection Committee (17-21)
 - SRI mentor (2021)
 - SRI reviewer (2021)

- National Academies of Medicine (formerly Institute of Medicine), consensus committee on Committee on Community Based Solutions to Promote Health Equity in the United States; Jan 16- Jan 17. Link to published report:
<http://www.nationalacademies.org/hmd/Reports/2017/communities-in-action-pathways-to-health-equity.aspx>
- Editorial Board, *Sociological Perspectives* (20-)
- Editorial Board, *Social Science Research* (15-17)
- Associate Editor, *Social Problems* (13-14)
- Advisory Editor, *Social Problems* (11-13)