

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic positions

- 2024-2025 Visiting scholar, Center for the Study of Law and Society, Berkeley Law, University of California, Berkeley
- 2023-present Associate professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University, 2023
- Co-founder, Captive Money Lab – with Dr. Brittany Friedman & Dr. Gabriela Kirk-Werner
- 2016-2023 Assistant professor, Department of Sociology & Anthropology, North Carolina State University
- 2015-2016 Post-doctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of Washington
Supervisor: Alexes Harris
Research: Multi-state monetary sanctions project

Education

- 2015 PhD, Sociology, University of Washington
Dissertation title: “How Far Up the River? Assessing the Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact”
Dissertation Committee: Robert Crutchfield (chair), Becky Pettit, Hedwig Lee, Jerald Herting
- Graduate certificates: Law & Society Studies / Center for Statistics & the Social Sciences
- 2010 M.A., Sociology, University of Washington
M.A. Thesis title: “Red Lights & Handcuffs: The Effect of Arrests on Perceptions of Crime”
M.A. Committee: Robert Crutchfield (chair), Katherine Beckett, Ross Matsueda
- 2003 B.A., Sociology & Psychology, University of Southern California

Scholarly & teaching interests

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| Criminal legal system | Race & ethnicity | Urban sociology |
| Incarceration | Stratification & inequality | Deviance |
| Punishment & social control | Disability | Monetary sanctions |
| Pay-to Stay | Law & Society | Health |

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

Research Grant, Arnold Ventures, “A National Survey of Pay-to-Stay Recoupment: Mapping Variation in the Use of Civil Lawsuits, Fiscal Incentives, and Collateral Consequences,” 2023 (Funded – \$1.5 million; with Brittany Friedman & Gabriela Kirk)

Research Grant, National Science Foundation, Sociology, “Mass Criminalization & Traumatic Brain Injuries: Assessing the Experiences and Consequences of Contact” (under review; requested \$650,000)

Research Grant, Hayek Foundation, Institute for Humane Studies, “Pay-to-Stay and its Consequences,” 2022 (Funded – \$14,400; with Brittany Friedman & Gabriela Kirk)

Faculty Research Development Grant, North Carolina State University, “The Dark Side of Pay-to-Stay: Suing Prisoners for the Costs of Incarceration,” 2021 (\$4,000)

Graduate Mentor Award, North Carolina State University, 2019

Junior Faculty Development Award, North Carolina State University, “The Collateral Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact,” 2018 (\$3,500)

Faculty Research Development Grant, North Carolina State University, “Legal debt collections: The role of tax levies and wage garnishment,” 2018 (\$4,000)

Fellow, Summer Research Institute, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN), Summer 2017.

National Science Foundation, “Doctoral Dissertation Research: Social and Economic Consequences of ‘Minor’ Contacts with the Criminal Justice System,” Co-principal Investigator with Robert Crutchfield (PI), 2014.

Peer-reviewed publications

*graduate student

**equal authorship

Fernandes, A.D., Friedman, B.** & Kirk-Werner, G. 2024. “Civil Lawfare.” Forthcoming in *Social Problems*.

Levero, J., Ferraro, R.*, **Fernandes, A.D.**, & Herting, J. 2023. “Understanding the Developmental Dynamics of Mental Health and Offending.” *Journal of Developmental and Life-Course Criminology*, 9:273–302. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40865-023-00226-1>

Fernandes, A.D. & Kurdyla, V.* 2022. “Social Control, Punishment, and Disability in the United States.” *Oxford Handbook on the Sociology of Disability*. Oxford University Press.
DOI: 10.1093/oxfordhb/9780190093167.013.38

Fernandes, A.D., Friedman, B., & Kirk, G. 2022. “The ‘Damaged’ State vs. the ‘Willful’ Nonpayer: Pay-to-Stay and the Social Construction of Damage, Harm, and Moral Responsibility in a Rent-Seeking Society.” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences*, 8(1), 82-105.
DOI: 10.7758/RSF.2022.8.1.04

_Featured: Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman & Gabriela Kirk. "Perspective | Forcing People to Pay for Being Locked up Remains Common." The Washington Post, WP Company, 02 May 2022

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/05/02/forcing-people-pay-being-locked-up-remains-common/>.

Friedman, B., **Fernandes, A.D.**, & Kirk, G. 2021. "Like if you get a hotel bill": Consumer Logic, Pay-to-Stay, and the Production of Incarceration as a Public Commodity." *Sociological Forum*, 36(3): 735-757. DOI: 10.1111/socf.12718

Gaston, S., **Fernandes, A.D.**, & DeShay, R. 2021. "Community Violence or Racial Conflict? Explaining Police Killings of Civilians by Race, Ethnicity, and Gender." *Crime & Delinquency*, 67(8): 1075-1102. DOI: 10.1177/001128720977444

_Featured: Rhone, Nedra. "Opinion | Reducing police fatal force requires standards, accountability." The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, GA, published November 5, 2021.

[OPINION: Reducing police fatal force requires standards, accountability \(ajc.com\)](#)

Kirk, G., **Fernandes, A.D.**, & Friedman, B. 2020. "Who Pays for the Welfare State? Austerity Politics and the Origin of Pay-to-Stay Fees as Revenue Generation." *Sociological Perspectives*, 63(6), 921-938. DOI: 10.1177/073121420967037

Fernandes, A.D. 2020. "On the Job or In the Joint: Criminal Justice Contact and Employment Outcomes." *Crime & Delinquency*, 66(12): 1678-1702. DOI: 10.1177/001128719901112

Fernandes, A.D. 2020. "How Far Up the River? Assessing the Health Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact." *Social Currents*, Vol. 7(1): 29-45. DOI: 10.1177/2329496519870216

_Featured: Rogan, Adam. "Systems failed Malcolm James before he was even arrested, experts say." The Journal Times, Racine, WI, published June 28, 2021

[Systems failed Malcolm James before he was even arrested, experts say | Crime and Courts | journaltimes.com](#)

Fernandes, A.D., Edwards, F., Cadigan, M. & Harris, A. 2019. "Monetary Sanctions: A Review of Revenue Generation, Legal Challenges, and Reform." *Annual Review of Law and Social Science*. Volume 15: 397-413. DOI: 101518-042816

Fernandes, A.D. & Crutchfield, R.D. 2018. "Race, Crime and Criminal Justice: Fifty Years Since The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society." *Criminology & Public Policy*. 17(2), 397-417. DOI: 10.1111/1745-9133.12361

Fernandes, A.D. 2018. "Red Lights and Handcuffs: The Effect of Arrests on the Fear of Crime." *Social Science Quarterly*. Vol. 99(4): 1390-1408. DOI:10.1111/ssqu.12503

Fernandes, A., Skinner, M., Woelfel, T., Carpenter, T., & Haggerty, K. 2012. "Implementing Self-collection of Biological Specimens With a Diverse Sample." *Field Methods*. 25(1): 58-73. DOI: 10.1177/1525822X12453526

Crutchfield, R., **Fernandes, A.** & Martinez, J. 2010. "Racial and Ethnic Disparity and Criminal Justice: How Much is Too Much?" *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology*. 100 (3). DOI: 0091-4169/10/10003-0903

Publications under review

Fernandes, A.D. "‘It’s Just Like Jail’: The Institutional Pains and Time Pressures of Alternatives to Incarceration." (Under review)

Fernandes, A.D., Leupp, K., Cryer-Coupet, Q & Hope, E. "Watched, Stopped, and Handcuffed: The Effects of Direct and Indirect Police Contact on the Health of Black Women" (under review)

Friedman, B., A.D. Fernandes & Kirk, G. "Economies of Violence: Pay-to-Stay, Rent-Seeking, and the Value of Incarcerated Bodies." *Consuming Bodies: Body Commodification and Embodiment in Late Capitalist Societies*. Edited by Jackie Hogan, Fae Chubin, and Sarah Whetstone. Routledge Press: New York. (Under editorial review)

Publications in progress

Fernandes, A.D. "‘My Pills Are Always Ready’: Mental Health Programs & Access to Care within a Southern Jail Setting."

Fernandes, A.D. "The Role of Race and First Criminal Justice Contact on Employment Outcomes."

Kurdyla, V., Fernandes, A.D., & Morrissey, B.* "Expanding the Violence Binary: Intimate Partner Violence and Trans and Nonbinary Survivors."

Friedman, B., A.D. Fernandes & Kirk, G. "Dismantling the Shadow Carceral State." *Theoretical Criminology*. Special Issue: Dismantling the Shadow Carceral State. Edited by Brittany Friedman, April D. Fernandes & Gabriela Kirk.

Cho, A., Crutchfield, R., & Fernandes, A.D. "Not in My 'Hood! The Influence of "Neighborhood Adoptees" on Collective Efficacy & Crime."

Book & encyclopedia chapters

Fernandes, A.D. & Crutchfield, R.D. 2019. "Race & the Criminal Justice System." Mathieu Deflem, editor. *The Handbook of Social Control*. Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell.

Fernandes, A., Ramirez, S. & Crutchfield, R. 2013. "Race and Ethnicity in Social Disorganization Theory." In *Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. eds. G. Bruinsma and D. Weisburd. New York: Springer. 4237-4245. DOI: 10.1007/978-1-4614-5690-2

Reports

Kirk-Werner, G., **Fernandes, A.D.**, & Friedman, B. 2024. "Pay-to-Stay as Stategraft." Case Study. *Wisconsin Law Review*, 2024:1.

Fernandes, A.D. 2017. "Monetary Sanctions in North Carolina." In *Monetary sanctions in the criminal justice system*. Edited by Harris, Alexes, Beth M. Huebner, Karin D. Martin, Mary Pattillo, Becky Pettit,

Sarah Shannon, Bryan Sykes, Chris Uggen, and April Fernandes. Houston, Tex.: Laura and John Arnold Foundation. <http://www.monetarysanctions.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/Monetary-Sanctions-Legal-Review-Final.pdf>.

_Featured: WUNC (local NPR affiliate) interview on monetary sanctions in North Carolina [air date: December 7, 2017]

Conference Presentations & Invited Talks

“Adding Insult to Injury: Monetary Punishment, Willfulness & Disability in Pay-to-stay Lawsuits,” Invited speaker, Law, Policy, and Society Workshop, Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University, November 2023

“Civil Lawfare.” Invited presenter, Law and Society Association annual conference, June 2023 (with Brittany Friedman & Gabriela Kirk)

“Adding Insult to Injury: Suing Prisoners with Disabilities for Incarceration Costs.” Invited presenter, American Sociological Association annual conference, August 2022 (with Brittany Friedman & Gabriela Kirk)

“Adding Insult to Injury: Suing Prisoners with Disabilities for Incarceration Costs.” Invited presenter, Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network meeting, July 2022 (with Brittany Friedman)

“Watched, Stopped, and Handcuffed: The Effects of Direct and Indirect Police Contact on the Health of Black Women.” Presenter, Population Association of America annual conference, April 2022

“The ‘Damaged’ State vs. the ‘Willful’ Nonpayer: Constructing Damage, Harm and Willfulness through Pay-to-Stay Lawsuits.” Invited speaker, The Cost of Justice meeting, Russell Sage Foundation, February 2020 [online]

“Watched, Stopped, and Handcuffed: The Effects of Direct and Indirect Police Contact on the Health of Black Women.” Invited speaker, Virtual Seminar on Policing and Police Reform in the United States, University of Pittsburgh, Center for Governance and Markets, November 2020

“Collateral consequences of arrests & jail stays.” Invited speaker, Punishment Symposium, Justice Lab [Columbia University], April 2020 [postponed due to COVID-19]

“Watched, Stopped, and Handcuffed: The Effects of Direct and Indirect Police Contact on the Health of Black Women.” Invited speaker, Virginia Tech, April 2020 [postponed due to COVID-19]

“Carcerality Quantified: How the Predatory State Uses Consumer Logic to Sue Prisoners for the Cost of Incarceration” Presenter, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2019

“Criminal Justice Contact, Race & Employment Outcomes.” Invited presenter, Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy (CEBCP) Symposium, June 2018

“Race, Crime and Criminal Justice: Fifty Years Since The Challenge of Crime in a Free Society.” Invited Presenter, Congressional Briefing, Center for Evidence-Based Crime Policy (CEBCP), April 2018

“Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice.” Presidential Panel, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 2017 (Co-author: Robert Crutchfield)

“Stigma of Conviction: Employment Outcomes and Misdemeanor Convictions.” Roundtable presentation, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, November 2016

“How Far Up the River? Assessing the Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact.” Invited presenter, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN), July 2016

“On the Job or in the Joint: Employment Outcomes and Criminal Justice Contact.” Presenter, Population Association of America Annual Conference, Boston, MA, May 2014.

“How Far Up the River? Assessing the Health Consequences of Criminal Justice Contact.” Presenter, Population Association of America Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, April 2013.

“Red Lights & Handcuffs: The Effect of Arrests on Perceptions of Crime.” Presenter, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., November 2011

“Public & Private Crime: Evaluating the Fear of Crime using Drug & Domestic Violence Arrests.” Roundtable Participant, University of Washington Graduate Research Symposium, Seattle, WA, April 2011

“Red Lights & Handcuffs: The Effect of Arrests on Perceptions of Crime.” Roundtable Participant, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, November 2010

Media engagement

Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman & Gabriela Kirk. “Perspective | Forcing People to Pay for Being Locked up Remains Common.” The Washington Post, WP Company, 1 May 2022,

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/05/02/forcing-people-pay-being-locked-up-remains-common/>.

Rhone, Nedra. “Opinion | Reducing police fatal force requires standards, accountability.” The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, GA, published November 5, 2021.

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Rogan, Adam. “Systems failed Malcolm James before he was even arrested, experts say.” The Journal Times, Racine, WI, published June 28, 2021

[Systems failed Malcolm James before he was even arrested, experts say | Crime and Courts | journaltimes.com](#)

WUNC (local NPR affiliate) interview on monetary sanctions in North Carolina [air date: December 7, 2017]

Written testimonies

2023 Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and Gabriela Kirk. "Opposition to Bureau of Prisons' proposed amendment to 28 CFR 545 regarding the Inmate Financial Responsibility Program (IFRP)." Federal Bureau of Prisons.

2022 Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and Gabriela Kirk. "Pay-to-Stay and Socioeconomic Inequality in Connecticut." Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee.

2021 Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and Gabriela Kirk. "Pay-to-Stay and Socioeconomic Inequality." U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary Special Hearing "A Fine Scheme: How Court-Imposed Fees and Fines Unjustly Burden Vulnerable Communities."

Teaching Experience

Courses taught (undergraduate): Criminology, Introduction to Deviance, Institutions of Social Control, Communities & Crime

Courses taught (graduate): Social Control, Communities & Crime

Instructor, University Beyond Bars, Monroe Correctional Facility, Monroe, WA, Fall 2015

Editorial Activities & Professional Service

Council member, Crime, Law, and Deviance division, *American Sociological Association*, 2022

Chair, Membership committee, *American Society of Criminology*, 2022

Sub-area Chair, Theories of Conflict, Oppression, and Inequality, *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*, 2022

Co-Editor, Special Issue of *Journal of Criminal Justice Education: Latina/o/x Criminology and Justice: Pedagogy, Curriculum, Representation, and Reflections* (co-editors: Anthony Peguero & Janice Iwama), 2022

Member, Membership committee, *American Society of Criminology*, 2021

Sub-area Chair, Prisoner Reentry, *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*, 2018

Member, Peterson-Krivo Mentoring Award Committee, Crime, Law & Deviance Section, *American Sociological Association*, 2018

Member, Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity Award Committee, *American Society of Criminology* 2018

Member, Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award Committee, Racial and Ethnic Minorities Section (SREM), *American Sociological Association Annual Conference* 2017

Organizer, Latina/o Criminology Thematic Panels & Author Meets Critic, *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference* 2017

Member, Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity Award Committee, *American Society of Criminology* 2017

Organizer, Crime, Law & Deviance roundtables, *American Society of Criminology Annual Conference*, 2016

Student editorial board member, *Social Problems*: Fall 2011 - Spring 2014

Research assistant, Social Development Research Group, Seattle, WA, 2010

Reviewer, *American Sociological Review*, *Law and Society Review*, *Criminology*, *Social Problems*, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Social Science Research*, *Child and Youth Services Review*, *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, *City and Community*, *National Institute of Justice*, *National Science Foundation*

Affiliations

Co-PI & Co-Founder, Captive Money Lab, 2022-present

Research Collaborator, Multistate Study of Monetary Sanctions, 2015-2021

Member, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network (RDCJN), 2012 – present

Fellow, Law, Societies and Justice Program, University of Washington, 2013 – 2015

Professional Organizations

American Sociological Association

American Society of Criminology

Population Association of America

Law and Society Association