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### Education

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- Expected 2025*      **Ph.D. in Criminology and Justice Policy**, Northeastern University, Boston  
*Dissertation:* “Policing Perceptions: Framing, Attitudes, and Public Views”  
 Committee: Drs. Kevin Drakulich (chair), Eric Piza, Rod Brunson
- 2021                      **M.S. in Criminology and Criminal Justice**  
 Northeastern University, Boston
- 2019                      **B.A. in Forensic Psychology, Cum Laude**  
 John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York  
 Minors: Sociology, Africana Studies

### Publications

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#### *Peer-Reviewed:*

- Brunson, Rod. K. and **Ayanna Miller**. (2022). Police Observational Research in the Twenty-First Century. *Annual Review of Criminology*, 6.
- Zimmerman, Greg. M., Daniel Trovato, and **Ayanna Miller-Smith**. (2022). Discrimination in context: examining neighborhood-level variation in the incidence and adverse effects of perceived racial and ethnic discrimination among Chicago youth. *Race and Social Problems*, 1-24.
- Zimmerman, Greg. M. and **Ayanna Miller-Smith**. (2022). The impact of anticipated, vicarious, and experienced racial and ethnic discrimination on depression and suicidal behavior among Chicago youth. *Social Science Research*, 101, 102623.

#### *Reports:*

- Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board. (2022). Racial and Ethnic Disparities at the Front Door of Massachusetts’ Juvenile Justice System: Understanding the Factors Leading to Overrepresentation of Black and Latino Youth Entering the System. Contributor.
- Contreras Renée, **Ayanna Miller**, and Julia Stukonis (2022). *Shannon Community Safety Initiative 2022 Spotlight Report: Police-youth relationships*. Northeastern University / University of Pennsylvania.

#### *Under Review/ In Progress:*

- Hazen, Katherine, **Ayanna Miller**, and Eve Brank. (Under Review). “The Summer of 2020: Its moderating effect on evaluations of police legitimacy and procedural justice.”

**Miller, Ayanna.** (In Progress). “Examining the Contextual Effects in Youth Overnight Arrests.”

### Applied Research

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- May 2024— **RAND Corporation**, Boston, MA  
*Summer Associate | Adjunct Employee*
- 2022 **Crime and Justice Policy Lab, University of Pennsylvania**, Pennsylvania, PA  
*Consultant*
- 2021 **Northeastern University Public Evaluation Lab (NU-PEL), YW Boston**, Boston, MA  
*Research Assistant*
- 2021 **Office of the Child Advocate and Department of Youth Services**, Boston, MA  
*Harvard Rappaport Public Policy Fellow*
- 2019 **Arnold Ventures**, New York, NY  
*Pretrial Justice Graduate Research Associate*
- 2017-2019 **Center for Policing Equity**, New York, NY  
*Research Assistant*
- 2019 **Brennan Center for Justice at NYU School of Law**, New York, NY  
*Intern, Office of the President*
- 2016 **New York City Department of Corrections, Commissioners Office**, New York, NY  
*Policy Intern to Senior Policy Advisor to the Commissioner*

### Funded Research Experience

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- Research Assistant. (2024—). “*Exploring Officer Patrol Behaviors Using Automated Vehicle Locator and Body-Worn Camera Data in Kansas City, Missouri.*” Funded by the National Institute of Justice. (Principal Investigator: Eric L. Piza)
- Research Assistant. (2023—). “*The Paterson, NJ Coalition for Opioid Assessment and Response: Problem Analysis and Program Evaluation.*” Funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and Institute for Intergovernmental Research. (Principal Investigator: Eric L. Piza)
- Research Assistant. (2021—). “*It may not be your CORI; it might be your credit*”: Navigating Mainstream Institutions and Non-Traditional Alternatives Post Incarceration.” Funded by the National Science Foundation (Principal Investigators: Megan Denver and Rod K. Brunson).
- Research Assistant. (2019-2021). “*Developing New Tools to Fight the Opioid Epidemic.*” Funded by Arnold Ventures (Principal Investigators: Anthony Braga, Ben Struhl, Rod K. Brunson, and Greg Zimmerman).
- Research Assistant. (2019-2021). “*Enhancing Procedural Justice in Hot Spots Policing: A Multi-Site Randomized Trial.*” Funded by Arnold Ventures (Principal Investigator: David Weisburd. Co-Principal Investigators: Anthony A. Braga, Tracey Meares, and Cody Telep).

## Teaching Experience

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### Northeastern University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice

#### Instructor

*CRIM 1100: Introduction to Criminal Justice (UG)*  
Fall 2023 (50 Students) | Spring 2024 (50 Students) | Fall 2024 (50 Students)

*INSH 6300 – Research Methods in Social Sciences (Grad)*  
Fall 2024 (25 Students)

#### Guest Lecturer

*CRIM 1120 – Criminological Theories*  
“Understanding Police Violence Through Criminology Theory”  
Spring 2023

#### Teaching Assistant

*CRIM 4040 – Crime Prevention*  
Fall 2022 (25 Students)

## Grants, Awards, and Fellowships

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2024	Brudnick Center on Violence and Conflict Student Research Award (\$2,000)
2024	Northeastern University Office of the Provost: Outstanding PhD Student Award, Teaching (Nominated)
2023	Institute for Humane Studies, Dissertation Expense Support (\$3,000)
2023	Association for Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice Student Research Award (\$1,000)
2021	Harvard Rappaport Public Policy Fellowship: Harvard Kennedy School (\$8,000)
2019-	Northeastern University College of Social Sciences and Humanities Dean Scholar Fellowship: (\$13,000)
2018–19	CUNY Pipeline Program for Careers in College Teaching and Research (\$7,000)
2017	The Black Doctoral Network 5th Annual National Conference Undergraduate Poster Competition, Honorable Mention
2016–19	Ronald E. McNair Post-baccalaureate Scholar (\$4,000)

## Presentations, Roundtables, and Workshops

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2024	<b>Miller, A.</b> (2024, November) <i>From Outrage to Action: Understanding Public Support for Transformative Policing Measures</i> . Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA. (Forthcoming).
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- 2023 **Miller, A.** (2023, November). *Examining Contextual Factors in Youth Overnight Arrests Outcomes*. Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA
- 2023 (2023, January). Panelist. *What is Justice?* Student Alliance for Prison Reform. Northeastern University. Boston, MA.
- 2022 **Miller, A.** (2022, November). *Evaluation of a firearm pointing policy*. Paper presentation at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.
- 2022 **Miller-Smith, A.** (2022, March). *Overnight Arrest Admissions Racial and Ethnic Disparities Data*. Presentation at the Juvenile Justice Policy and Data Board Data Subcommittee Meeting. Boston, MA
- 2021 (2021, April). Panelist. *Has Justice Been Served? Reflections on the Guilty Verdicts of Derek Chauvin*. Northeastern University. Boston, MA
- 2020 Brunson Rod K., Brian Wade, **Ayanna Miller-Smith.** (2020, January) *The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Crime Analytics*. Poster presentation at Civil Rights in the Age of Artificial Intelligence, Northeastern University. Boston, MA
- 2017 **Miller-Smith A.** (2017, October) *Maybe I've Seen Too Much: Examining the Psychosociological Impact of Vicariously Experiencing Police Violence on Social Media*. Poster presentation at The Black Doctoral Network 5th Annual National Conference Undergraduate Poster Competition, Honorable Mention. Atlanta, GA

## Service

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- 2020— Northeastern University Police Department Community Advisory Board, Member

## Professional Memberships

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American Society of Criminology, Member

## Professional Skills and Qualifications

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### Methodology

Interviews  
Ethnography  
Surveys  
Program Evaluation  
GIS Analysis

### Software & Programs

Microsoft Office Suite  
NVivo  
Stata  
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Qualtrics  
ArcGIS Pro