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EDUCATION

- 2021 – Present **Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, The Ohio State University**
Affiliate: Institute for Population Research; Criminal Justice Research Center
Dissertation committee: Rin Reczek (Chair), Dana Haynie, and Townsend Price-Spratlen
- 2023 **M.A., Sociology, The Ohio State University**
- 2020 **M.A., Human Rights Studies, Columbia University**
- 2018 **B.A., Criminology with honors, Penn State University**
B.A., Communication Arts and Sciences, Penn State University

AREAS of EXPERTISE

Incarceration & Punishment (*reentry, race, class, & gender*); Family & Social Ties (*intergenerational relationships, Black families*); Life-Course; Community & Urban Sociology; Qualitative Methodologies

PROFESSIONAL and RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2026 – Present *Graduate Research Fellow*, The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology
- 2025 – 2026 *Graduate Research Associate*, The Ohio State University, Institute for Population Research
- 2024 – 2025 *Graduate Research Associate*, The Ohio State University, Motherhood Biographies & Midlife Women's Health (NIH R01)
- 2024 – 2025 *Research Assistant*, University of Michigan, Strong, Thriving and Resilient Men (STAR-M) Project
- 2022- 2024 *Research Assistant*, University of Nebraska, Interpersonal Violence Research Laboratory
- 2021-2022 *Graduate Research Fellow*, The Ohio State University, Department of Sociology
- 2019-2021 *Program Analyst*, The Vera Institute of Justice, Jail Decarceration Team
- 2020 *Writing Tutor*, New York University, Prison Education Program

PUBLICATIONS

- Crutchfield, Candice (2026). "[Bend, Bind, or Break: Examining the Social Ties of Formerly Incarcerated Black Men.](#)" *Sociological Forum*
- Reczek, Rin, Aianne Torres Beltran, and Candice Crutchfield (2026). "[Pathways to Adult Sibling Estrangement: Perspectives of Estranged U.S. Adults.](#)" *Journal of Marriage and Family*
- Thomeer, Mieke Beth, Dee Ferguson, Candice Crutchfield, and Rin Reczek (2025). "[Motherhood Biographies and Health Over the Life Course.](#)" *Sociology Compass*
- Crutchfield, Candice (2025). "Critiquing Criminology: Toward a Discipline Centered on Abolition" in *Abolition and Queer Justice: Reckoning with and Challenging Queer and Critical Criminology as Sites of Police and Prison Preservationism*, edited by Aimee Wodda and Allyn Walker, University of California Press.
- Crutchfield, Candice (2023). "[America, Goddam](#)" [Review of the Book, *America, Goddam: Violence, Black Women, and the Struggle for Justice* by Treva B. Lindsey]. *Frontiers Journal of Women Studies*
- Pierce, Jennifer, Madeline Bailey, Sandhya Kajeeptha, Candice Crutchfield (2021). "[A Toolkit for Jail Decarceration in your Community.](#)" *The Vera Institute of Justice and Arnold Ventures Foundation*

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Reczek, Rin, Rui Cao, Mieke Beth Thomeer, and Candice Crutchfield. "Prevalence of Estranged Parent-Adult Child Relationships in Parents' Mid and Later Life"

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Crutchfield, Candice. “Freedom Delayed or Freedom Denied? Transit Deserts, Access, and the Shadow of Incarceration”

FELLOWSHIPS and GRANTS

2025	Ruth D. Peterson Grant for Racial and Ethnic Diversity, <i>American Society of Criminology</i> (\$8,000) Silverman Research Award, <i>The Ohio State University</i> (\$1,500) Feminist Research, Education, and Engagement Grant, <i>The Ohio State University FREE Center</i> (\$500)
2024-2025	National Institutes of Health R01 Diversity Supplement (\$95,808 direct costs)
2023	Silverman Research Award, <i>The Ohio State University</i> (\$1,000) Criminal Justice Research Center (CJRC) Research Grant, <i>The Ohio State University</i> (\$1,000)
2021	Dean’s Graduate Enrichment Fellowship, first year and dissertation year, <i>The Ohio State University</i> (~\$60,000)
2019	Institute for the Study of Human Rights Fellowship, <i>Columbia University</i> (\$16,000)
2014-2018	Mildred S. Bunton and Calvin H. Waller Fellowship, <i>Penn State University</i> (\$160,000)

AWARDS

2025	Graduate Student Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, <i>The Ohio State University</i> Graduate Student Award for Diversity Enhancement, College of Arts & Sciences, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
2024	Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, Department of Sociology, <i>The Ohio State University</i> Department Service Award, Department of Sociology, <i>The Ohio State University</i>
2018	Criminology Student Marshal, College of Liberal Arts Spring Commencement, <i>Penn State University</i> Richard B. Gregg Memorial Award for Academic Excellence, <i>Penn State University</i>
2017	Inaugural “All In” Award for commitment to diversity, inclusion, and retention, <i>Penn State University</i>

INVITED TALKS

2025	Crutchfield, Candice N. “Movements Matter: Resistance, Power, and Social Change Through Case Study Analyses” guest lecture for “Social Movements” course at The Ohio State University
2024	Crutchfield, Candice N. “Voices Behind Bars: Conducting Qualitative Research Centered on Incarcerated Experiences” guest lecture for “Sociological Research Methods” course at The Ohio State University Crutchfield, Candice N. “Mass Incarceration: Understanding the Key Civil Rights Struggle of Our Lifetime” guest lecture for “Sociology of Deviance” course at The Ohio State University
2023	Crutchfield, Candice N. “Resisting & Reshaping: Black Feminist Perspectives on Controlling Images and Beauty” guest lecture for “Gender Identities, Interactions, and Relationships” course at Vanderbilt University
2021	Crutchfield, Candice N. “Language Matters: Tips and Tricks for Covering the Criminal Legal System.” Invited guest lecture for “Journalism Ethics” course at the University of Southern California * <i>virtual due to COVID-19</i> Swavola, Elizabeth L., Candice N. Crutchfield , and Melvin M. Washington. “Closing Mass Incarceration’s Front Door: Jail Decarceration in the U.S.” Invited talk at American Express Business Development Team’s monthly meeting
2020	Crutchfield, Candice N. “Jail Decarceration during COVID-19 and Beyond” guest lecture for The Presidential Leadership Academy at Penn State University Crutchfield, Candice N. “Centering Black Women in Jail Decarceration Work” guest lecture for “The African American Woman” course at Penn State University Crutchfield, Candice N. “(In)Justice Served: The Case for Incarcerated Firefighters and Prison Labor Reform.” Guest Lecture for “Human Rights in the U.S.” course at Columbia University Guest Lecture for “The American Corrections System” course at Penn State University

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2025 Reczek, Rin, Akanne Torres Beltran, and **Candice Crutchfield**. "The Causes of Sibling Estrangement." Presented at American Sociological Association Annual Conference
- Reczek, Rin, Rui Cao, Mieke Beth Thomeer, and **Candice Crutchfield**. "Prevalence of Estranged Parent-Adult Child Relationships in Parents' Mid and Later Life" Poster presentation at Population Association of American Annual Conference
- 2024 **Crutchfield, Candice N.** "Bend Bind or Break? Examining the Social Ties of Formerly Incarcerated Black Men." Presented at Association of Black Sociologists Annual Conference
Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Conference
- 2023 **Crutchfield, Candice N.** "(In)Justice Served: Prison Labor Exploitation & the Incarcerated Women Fighting Wildfires on the West Coast" Presented at the American Society for Environmental History (ASEH) Conference: Panel 1; Unfree Labor and the U.S. Environment
- Crutchfield, Candice N.** "Critiquing Criminology: Toward a Discipline Centered on Abolition" Presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference: Prison Abolition Panel 2
- 2020 **Crutchfield, Candice N.** "Collective Action Behind Bars: Examining the Conditions Under Which Incarcerated Individuals Strike." Presented at Criminology Consortium (CrimCon) Annual Conference
Accepted presentation at American Society of Criminology Annual Conference: Prison Abolition Panel 7: Abolition as Resistance Through Media **canceled due to COVID-19*

TEACHING

Independent Instructor

Criminology (SOCIO 3410), The Ohio State University, Spring 2024, Summer 2025

Recitation Instructor

Research Methods Recitation (SOCIO 3487), The Ohio State University, Summer 2023; Fall 2023

Teaching Assistantship

Juvenile Delinquency (SOCIO 4511), The Ohio State University, Fall 2022; Spring 2023

SERVICE and COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Department

- 2025-2026 Vice President of Events, Sociology Graduate Student Association
- 2023-2024 Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Sociology Graduate Student Association
Graduate Student Representative, Sociology Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Committee
- 2022-2023 Vice President of Diversity and Inclusion, Sociology Graduate Student Association
Graduate Student Representative, Sociology Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Committee
Graduate Student Peer Mentor, Sociology Graduate Student Association
Member, Teaching Working Group, Department of Sociology
- 2021-2022 Member, Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Sociology Graduate Student Association
Member, Teaching Working Group, Department of Sociology

Discipline

- 2025 Discussant, Supporting Abolitionist Undergraduate and Graduate Students, American Society of Criminology
- 2024 Chair and Discussant, Abolition(ish) Research, American Society of Criminology
Chair and Discussant, Supporting Abolitionist Undergraduate Students, American Society of Criminology
Alumni Mentor, Presidential Leadership Academy, *Penn State University*

2023	Panelist, “Diversity, Racial Justice & Policy Implications” Department of Sociology, <i>University of Louisville</i>
2022	Discussant, Penal Abolition at ASC: Building Ideas and Practices, American Society of Criminology Chair and Discussant, Penal Abolition 3 of 3: The Abolitionist Imagination, American Society of Criminology Panelist, “Careers in Criminal Justice Reform,” Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice, <i>University of Maryland</i>

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

*Section on Crime, Law, and Society

*Section on Teaching and Learning in Sociology

American Society of Criminology

*Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice

*Division on Queer Criminology

Association of Black Sociologists

*Membership Committee