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EDUCATION

Rutgers University Ph.D. Criminal Justice	Newark, NJ Expected Spring 2027
Eagleton Institute of Politics Eagleton Graduate Fellow – Class of 2026	New Brunswick, NJ May 2026
The University of Oxford – Pembroke College Quill Studies Summer Programme	Oxford, UK Summer 2025
Rutgers University – Newark M.A. Criminal Justice Summa Cum Laude	Newark, NJ May 2022
Jersey City University B.S. Criminal Justice Summa Cum Laude	Jersey City, NJ May 2019

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Introduction to Criminal Justice, policing, courts, institutional narratives, punishment, and sociological theories.

RESEARCH & TEACHING EXPERIENCE

County of Mercer – New Jersey Research Fellow to County Executive Dan Benson • Draft proclamations • Draft, revise, and publish News Clips • Corrections and re-entry research • Attend county events • Support the County Executive as needed	Trenton, NJ 2026 – Present
Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice Case Processing: Law and Court, Lecturer	Newark, NJ Spring, 2026

- Draft course syllabus
- Prepare course material including Power Point presentations
- Facilitate weekly office hours
- Administer midterm and final assessments
- Grade assignments and provide feedback.

University of Wisconsin, Department of Sociology
Research Assistant (RA)

Stanford, CA
2026 - current

- Archival Research – Children and Families
- Develop and review strategies for data transcription with PI.
- Collaborate with PI to identify and address issues in the archival data.
- Read and transcribe archival data.
- Data entry – track ethnographic data in Microsoft Excel.

Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice
Reducing Local Crime, Lecturer

Newark, NJ
Fall, 2025

- Draft course syllabus
- Prepare course material including Power Point presentations
- Facilitate weekly office hours
- Administer midterm and final assessments
- Grade assignments and provide feedback.

Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice
Introduction to Criminal Justice, Teaching Assistant (TA)

Newark, NJ
Spring, 2023

- Assistant to Dr. Colleen Berryessa in a ninety-six (96) student class.
- Facilitate as a guest lecturer on policing and public perception.
- Conduct midterm and final reviews.
- Facilitate weekly office hours and proctored midterm and final exams.
- Grade assignments and provide feedback.
- Read and provide feedback on class material.

Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice
Juvenile Gangs, Teaching Assistant (TA)

Newark, NJ
Fall, 2022

- Assisted Dr. Elizabeth Griffiths in a ninety-five (95) student class.
- Facilitate as a guest lecturer on policing and public perception.
- Conduct midterm and final reviews.
- Facilitate weekly office hours and proctored midterm and final exams.
- Grade assignments and provide feedback.
- Read and provide feedback on class material.

Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice
(*In collaboration with the Center for Guaranteed Income Research, UPenn*)
Research Assistant (RA) / Research Fellow

Newark, NJ
2023 - 2024

- Collaborate with the research team to collect qualitative data.
- Conduct qualitative interviews.
- Engage with research participants through phone and email.

Stanford University, Department of Sociology
Research Assistant (RA)

Stanford, CA
2023

- Develop and review strategies for data transcription with PI.
- Collaborate with PI to identify and address issues in the archival data.
- Read and transcribe archival data.
- Data entry – track ethnographic data in Microsoft Excel.

PUBLICATIONS

Blog Posts

Brown, Ryan. May 29, 2025. Innovation in the Social Sciences: The Call for a New Enlightenment Perspective (Blog)

Book Reviews

Brown, R. (2025). *Review of Before the Badge: How Academy Training Shapes Police Violence*, by Samantha J. Simon. *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books* (Rutgers University).
<https://clcjbooks.rutgers.edu/books/before-the-badge/>

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS & UNDER REVIEW

Brown, Ryan. Time, Moral Order, and Institutional Attitude: Reading Police Disciplinary Narratives as Institutional Text. *In Review*

PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL WORKS

Elizabeth Griffiths, Heather L. Scheuerman, and Ryan Brown. Types of Appellate Review and the “Harmlessness” of Prosecutorial Misconduct in New Jersey.
<https://policylab.rutgers.edu/types-of-appellate-review-and-the-harmlessness-of-prosecutorial-misconduct-in-new-jersey/>

Ryan Brown, Elizabeth Griffiths, and Heather L. Scheuerman. December 2, 2025. An Objective Strategy: Weighing Trial Objections in Appellate Review of Plain Error Cases.
<https://policylab.rutgers.edu/an-objective-strategy-weighing-trial-objections-in-appellate-review-of-plain-error-cases/>

Heather Scheuerman, Elizabeth Griffiths, and Ryan Brown. October 10, 2024. Prosecutorial Errors: Determining “Harmless” vs. “Not” at the Appellate Level.
<https://policylab.rutgers.edu/prosecutorial-errors-determining-harmless-vs-not-at-the-appellate-level/>

Elizabeth Griffiths, Ph.D., Heather L. Scheuerman, Ph.D., and Ryan Brown. August 29, 2024. Appellate Court Policing of Prosecutorial Misconduct.
<https://policylab.rutgers.edu/appellate-court-policing-of-prosecutorial-misconduct/>

LEADERSHIP/TEAM EXPERIENCE

Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice Board, Student Government Association Research and Development – Chair	Newark, New Jersey 2025-2026
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Rutgers University, School of Criminal Justice Board, Student Government Association Master’s Student Representative	Newark, New Jersey 2020-2021
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Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Reviewer	Newark, New Jersey 2022-2023
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TALKS AND CONFERENCE PAPERS

American Society of Criminology	Philadelphia, PA	2023
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SERVICE ACTIVITIES

Rutgers School of Criminal Justice - Newark

2025 – Present SCJ - Graduate Student Association (GSA), Research and Professional Development - Chair

2019 – 2020 SCJ - Graduate Student Association (GSA), master’s student representative

FELLOWSHIPS

2025 – 2026 Eagleton Institute of Politics — Graduate Fellow

AWARDS

2025 Harold and Reba Martin Award

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

2025 — Present American Bar Association (Standard)

2025 — Present International Association of Chiefs of Police

2023 — Present American Society of Criminology