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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Criminal Justice
Michigan State University (MSU) Expected Graduation: May 2025
East Lansing, MI

- Chair: Dr. Merry Morash
- Committee Members: Drs. Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Steven Chermak, Breea Willingham

B.A. Criminal Justice Studies & Criminology and Sociology
The Ohio State University May 2020
Columbus, OH

- Minors: Security and Intelligence
- Summa Cum Laude

FELLOWSHIPS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

- Division of Convict of Criminology's Early Career Travel Scholarship September 2022
- ICPSR Diversity Scholarship (declined) May 2021
- MSU College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship March 2021, March 2022
- Graduate School Commitment Fellowship October 2020 & October 2021
- MSU SCJ Graduate Research Assistantship September 2020 – May 2021
- National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP) April 2020
 - Project Title: *Do School Physical Characteristics Predict School Shooting Fatalities?*
- General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant August 2017 – May 2020
- Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship August 2017 – May 2020
 - <https://www.ohiohighered.org/ohio-war-orphans>

HONORS AND AWARDS

- AGEP Scholar Award March 2022
- MSU College of Social Science Summer PURI Award March 2022
 - Received to hire an undergraduate student and support an undergraduate research experience
- MSU SCJ Criminal Justice 75th Travel Award November 2021
- Warren & Mary Huff Travel Award November 2021
- MSU College of Social Science CSS-FGSI Award September 2021
 - Received to hire an undergraduate student and support an undergraduate research experience
 - Project Title: *Women Facing the Board*
 - <https://socialscience.msu.edu/undergraduate/current-students/scholarships.html>
- ACJS Corrections Section Student Travel Award February 2021
 - Project Title: *Examining the Effects of Gender and Race on Probationer/Parolee-Agent Relationship Style*
- MSU College of Social Science Early Start Award July 2020
- AGEP Conference 3rd Place Best Undergraduate Presentation Award November 2019
 - Project Title: *Dissimilarities Between Fatal and Nonfatal School Shootings*

GRANTS

- MSU Prospective Doctoral Student Recruitment and Retention Program Grant May 2022

- \$30,000 grant from the Michigan State University Graduate School to help doctoral programs at MSU recruit, retain, and support a diverse group of traditionally underrepresented domestic doctoral students
- <https://grad.msu.edu/pdsrrp>

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Sanders, K. (2022). “The second sentencing”: A qualitative exploration of women going up for parole. *Feminist Criminology*, 0(0). <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851221120357>

LaBerge, A., Mason, M., & **Sanders, K.** (2022). Police dispatch times: Social disorganization and neighborhood disadvantage. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 79. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101885>

BOOK CHAPTERS & EDITED ENTRIES

Sanders, K., Cobbina, J., & McCoy, H. Evidence-Based policy for diverse populations. (2022). In *The Oxford Handbook for Evidence-Based Policy*. Oxford Press.

Sanders, K. (Forthcoming). Inside-Out: A transformative experience. In *Mass Incarceration in the 21st Century: Realities and Reflections*. Routledge.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Sanders, K., Chermak, S., Freilich, J., & Klein, B. (in preparation). School Shootings and Suicide: A Comparison of School Shooters Who Complete Suicide and Non-Suicide School Shooters.

Sanders, K., Hoskins, K. M., & Morash, M. (in preparation). A First Step in Understanding Influences on System-Involved Women’s Changes in Financial Need.

Barnes, A., & **Sanders, K.** (in preparation). One-Size- (Does NOT)-Fit-All: Examining Gender and Racial Equity in Assessments of Youth Who Misuse Substances.

PRESENTATIONS

Note: *Undergraduate Student

Sanders, K. (2022, November). Inclusive Efforts in Recruiting and Retaining Diverse Graduate Students. Roundtable presentation at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Sanders, K. (2022, November). “The second sentencing”: A qualitative exploration of women going up for parole. Thematic panel presentation at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Sanders, K., Hoskins, K. M., & Morash, M. (2021, November). A qualitative exploration into the differential financial experiences of women on probation and parole. Thematic panel presentation at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Sanders, K., Chermak, S., Freilich, J., & Klein, B. (2021, November). School Shootings and Suicide: A Comparison of School Shooters Who Complete Suicide and Non-Suicide School Shooters. PowerPoint presentation at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

LaBerge, A., Mason, M., & **Sanders, K.** (2021, November). Police Dispatch Times: Social Disorganization and Neighborhood Disadvantage. PowerPoint presentation at the 2021 Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

*Mayrand, A., *Klein, A., *Susalla, K., *Ballard, T., **Sanders, K.**, & Hoskins, K. M. (2021, November). Gauging the Extent of Trauma-Informed Care Implementation in Adult and Juvenile Carceral Settings. Poster presentation at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.

Sanders, K., (2019, November). Dissimilarities Between Fatal and Nonfatal School Shootings. PowerPoint Presentation at the AGEP Student Success Conference, East Lansing, MI.

Sanders, K., (2019, November). Dissimilarities Between Fatal and Nonfatal School Shootings. PowerPoint Presentation at Autumn Undergraduate Research Festival, Columbus, OH.

Sanders, K., (2019, November). Dissimilarities Between Fatal and Nonfatal School Shootings. Poster Presentation at Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences, East Lansing, MI.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator, Digital Literacy Among Justice-Involved Individuals

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI. May 2022 – Present
Principal Investigators: Kaelyn Sanders
Funding: AGEP Scholar Award and MSU College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship

Principal Investigator, Women Facing the Board

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI May 2021 – April 2022
Principal Investigators: Kaelyn Sanders
Funding: MSU College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship

Project Manager and Graduate Research Assistant, Getting It Right, Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI February 2021 – Present
Principal Investigators: Drs. Merry Morash and Deborah Kashy
Funding: Bureau of Justice Assistance, US Department of Justice

Graduate Research Assistant, Understanding the Causes of School Violence

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI August 2020 – May 2021
Principal Investigator: Drs. Steven Chermak, Joshua Freilich, Gary LaFree, and Nadine Connell
Funding: National Institute of Justice

Graduate Research Assistant, Communication Between Probation and Parole Agents and Their Clients

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI July 2020 – May 2021
Principal Investigator: Drs. Merry Morash, Amanda Holmstrom, Deborah Kashy, and Sandi Smith
Funding: National Science Foundation

SROP Summer Research Intern, Understanding the Causes of School Violence

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI May 2019 – Aug. 2019
Principal Investigator: Drs. Steven Chermak, Joshua Freilich, Gary LaFree, and Nadine Connell
Funding: National Institute of Justice

Undergraduate Research Assistant, Police Violence: A Shift Toward Impacts on Black Women

The Ohio State University Department of Sociology

January 2019 – May 2020

Principal Investigators: Dr. Sadé Lindsay and Laura Frizzell, M.A.

Funding: Ohio State University's Silverman Research Grant and Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Application Reviewer

Culture of Healing Leadership Institute for Racial Healing

July 2022 – August 2022

- Assist The National Collaborative for Health Equity with their application review process for the Culture of Healing Leadership Institute for Racial Healing
- Reviewed and scored 8 applications

Graduate Assistant

MSU Prospective Doctoral Student Recruitment and Retention Program Grant

May 2022 - Present

- Schedules visits to academic institutions for recruitment efforts
- Gives panel presentations at annual conferences
- Connects minoritized students with resources on and off-campus
- Schedules affinity group meetings
- Review personal statements of prospective students

Intern

NorthWest Initiative A.R.R.O., Lansing, MI

February 2022 – Present

- Facilitate Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) group sessions
- Conduct intakes for new clients referred to the probation programs
- Assists with daily office tasks (e.g., setting up Zoom meetings or organizing program documents)

Graduate Research Associate, Pretrial Justice

Arnold Ventures, New York, NY

May 2021 – August 2021

- Collaborated with the Director of Criminal Justice Research to research, assess, and develop policy areas and projects focused on bail reform, prosecution, defense, and court function
- Created content for internal and external purposes for the Arnold Ventures' Board, Vice President, and Executive Vice President of Criminal Justice and other members of the Criminal Justice Initiative
- Contributed to research projects, develop data metrics and managing research transparency requirements
- Supported the Pretrial Justice Team's work, which includes coordinating meetings with the Pretrial Research Advisory Board, supporting collaborative work with Arnold Ventures' partners, and carrying out project management duties

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Supervisor of Undergraduate Research Experience: Taylor Ballard (2021-2022), Ebony Daniels (2021-Present), Eva Ott Hill (2022-present), Abbi Koshoshek (2022), Allyson Marchese (2022-present), Kayla Susalla (2021- 2022), Lexie Trott (2022-Present)

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

Dayton, Ohio

November 2022

- Guest Speaker

MSU School of Criminal Justice Graduate School Information Sessions

East Lansing, MI

October 2022

- Session Facilitator and Speaker

Arizona State University CRJ 835 Gender, Crime, and Criminal Justice

Virtual

October 2022

- Presented a lecture on my research on system-involved women and parole hearing experiences to an undergraduate class

Cornell Undergraduate Student Panel

Ithaca, NY

April 2022

- Panelist on a panel focusing on graduate school experiences

AGEP Student Success Conference

East Lansing, MI

November 2021

- “Making the Most Out of Your Graduate Student Experience” Panel Speaker

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School

Dayton, Ohio

October 2021

- Guest Speaker

Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP)

East Lansing, MI

- “Making the Most Out of Your MSU Experience” Panel Speaker August 2022
- NSF GRFP Panel Speaker October 2020, October 2021, October 2022

MEDIA

Doctoral Student Forum Contributor, The Criminologist

Community Engagement as A Graduate Student

November 2022

- <https://asc41.com/wp-content/uploads/ASC-Criminologist-2022-12.pdf>

Podcast Guest, The Criminology Academy

Crim Academy Alumni Compilation Episode

May 2022

- <https://bit.ly/3wVzZaM>

Podcast Guest, Virgin Territories

Activism as a Black Woman in the USA

January 2021

- <https://adbl.co/3mejkMr>

Podcast Guest, The Criminology Academy

Grad Life: Choosing a PhD Program

October 2020

- <https://bit.ly/2VRvsqE>

Podcast Guest, The Sci-Files on Impact89FM

School Gun Violence

August 2020

- <https://bit.ly/3fXpMTr>

SERVICE

Crime & Delinquency Journal

- Reviewer November 2022

MSU SCJ Graduate Student Network

- Mentor August 2022 – Present

Criminal Justice and Behavior Journal

- Reviewer August 2022

School of Criminal Justice Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (DEI) Committee

East Lansing, MI

- General Body Member September 2021 – May 2022

Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP)

East Lansing, MI

- Grad School Bulletin Reviewer February 2021
- AGEP Science Today Bulletin Reviewer October 2020 – January 2021
- NSF GRFP Application Reviewer October 2021, October 2020

The Ohio State University Sociology & Criminology Mentorship Program

Columbus, OH

- Mentor September 2020 – Present

When They See Us: Triumph and Transcendence Ft. Dr. Yusef Salaam and Raymond Santana

Columbus, OH

- Event Co-Organizer March 2020

SPECIAL COURSES, SKILLS, TRAINING, AND WORKSHOPS

CJ 896 Policy Analysis	August 2022 – December 2022
HDFS 982 Qualitative Research Methods	August 2022 – December 2022
SOC 986 Survey Research Methods	January 2022 – May 2022
CJ 809 Academic Publishing Seminar	January 2022 – May 2022
Anti-Racist Primer for Institutions	January 2022 – April 2022
ASC Critical Qualitative Methodologies Workshop	November 2021
CJ 910 Qualitative Research Methods	September 2021 – December 2021
CJ 907 Mixed Methods	September 2021 – December 2021
CenterStat Mixed Methods Workshop	May 2021

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- Division on Women and Crime
- Division on People of Color and Crime
- Division of Convict Criminology

Member, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)

- Corrections Section