

Curriculum Vitae
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ACADEMIC POSITIONS:

Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, John Jay College, 2009-

Assistant Professor, Doctoral Program in Criminal Justice, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2007-

Assistant Professor, Department of Law & Police Science, City University of New York, John Jay College, 2007-09

Adjunct, Barnard College, 2003-07

Adjunct, New York University, 2001-04

EDUCATION:

Ph.D. Sociology, New York University, 2006

M.Phil. Sociology, New York University, 1999

DISSERTATION:

The Racial Context of American Capital Sentencing, 1977-1995

An examination of variation in the use of the punishment across U.S. counties. It extends group-based threat theories to the study of capital sentencing by incorporating the racial characteristics of a sentencing jurisdiction's neighbors as one predictor of the use of capital punishment. It draws on theoretical paradigms from the sociology of punishment to explore the differential use of the punishment. In addition this research examines spatial dependency.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS:

West, Valerie (Under Review), *The County Next Door: Race and Capital Sentencing in The United States.*

Greenberg, David and **Valerie West** (2008), "Siting the Death Penalty Internationally." *The Journal of Law and Social Inquiry* Vol 33:2 295-343

Fagan, Jeffrey and **Valerie West** (2005), "The Decline of the Juvenile Death Penalty: Scientific Evidence of Evolving Norms" *The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology* Vol 95:2

Gelmen, Andrew, James Liebman, **Valerie West** and Alexander Kiss(2004) "A Broken System: The Persistent Patterns of Reversals of Death Sentences In the United States." *Journal of Empirical Legal Studies* Vol 1:2

Fagan, Jeffrey, **Valerie West** & Jan Holland (2004), "Neighborhood, Crime, and Incarceration in New York City." *Columbia Human Rights Law Review* Vol 36:1

Fagan, Jeffrey, **Valerie West** & Jan Holland (2003), "Reciprocal Effects of Crime and Incarceration in New York City Neighborhoods." *Fordham Urban Law Journal* Vol 30:5

Liebman, James, Jeffrey Fagan, and **Valerie West** (2002), "VanGrack's Explanations: Treating the Truth as a Mere Matter of 'Form'." *Washington University Law Quarterly* Vol 80:1.

Liebman, James, Jeffrey Fagan, and **Valerie West** (2002), "Misstatements of Fact in Adam VanGrack's Student Note: A Letter to the Editors of the Washington University Law Quarterly" *Washington University Law Quarterly* Vol 80:1.

West, Valerie, James Liebman and Jeffrey Fagan (2001), "Look Who's Extrapolating: A Reply to Hoffman." *Indiana Law Journal* Vol 76:4

Greenberg, David and **Valerie West** (2001), "State Prison Populations and Their Growth 1971-1991." *Criminology*.

Fagan, Jeffrey, James Liebman, and **Valerie West** (2000), "Death is the Whole Ball of Wax." *Judicature* Vol 84:3.

Liebman, James, Jeffrey Fagan, and **Valerie West** (2000), "Death Matters: A Reply." Judicature Vol 84:2.

Liebman, James, Jeffrey Fagan, **Valerie West** and Jonathan Lloyd (2000), "Capital Attrition: Error Rates in Capital Cases, 1973-1995 ." Texas Law Review Vol 78:7.

BOOK CHAPTERS:

Jeff Fagan, Amanda Geller, Garth Davies, and **Valerie West** (2010). Street Stops and *Broken Windows* Revisited: The Demography and Logic of Proactive Policing in a Safe and Changing City in *Race, Ethnicity and Policing: New and Essential Readings*, edited by Stephen K. Rice and Michael White, New York, NY: New York University Press

Fagan, J., & **West, V.** (2009). Death and Deterrence redux: Science, Law and Causal Reasoning on Capital Punishment in *Capital Punishment: The Defining Issues for the Next Generation*, edited by Charles S. Lanier, William J. Bowers and James R. Acker, Durham, NC: Carolina Academic Press.

Piquero, Alex R., **Valerie West**, Jeffrey Fagan, and Jan Holland (2006) The Neighborhood, Race, and the Economic Consequences of Incarceration in New York City, 1985-1996 in The Many Colors of Crime: Inequalities of Race, Ethnicity, and Crime in America (2006) Ruth D. Peterson, John Hagan, and Lauren J. Krivo eds New York University Press.

OTHER SCHOLARLY WORK:

Liebman, James, Jeffrey Fagan, Andrew Gelman, **Valerie West**, Garth Davies and Alexander Kiss (2002), "A Broken System II: Why There Is So Much Error in Capital Cases, and What Can Be Done About It." <http://www2.law.columbia.edu/brokensystem2/>

Liebman, James, Jeffrey Fagan and **Valerie West** (2000), "A Broken System: Error Rates in Capital Cases, 1973-1995." <http://www2.law.columbia.edu/instructionalservices/liebman/>

TECHNICAL REPORTS:

Fagan, Jeffrey, Liebman James S., **Valerie West**, Andrew Gelmen, Alexander Kiss, and Garth Davis (2002) Getting to Death: Fairness and Efficiency in the Processing and Conclusion of Death Penalty Cases After Furman, Final Technical Report Grant 2000-IJ-CX-0035

ARTICLES IN PROGRESS:

Spatial Dependency in American Capital Sentencing, 1977-2008.

The Ballot Box and Punishment: Voter Participation and Incarceration New York City, 1987-2002. with Jeffery Fagan

Foucault and Sex Offender Registries. with Karen Pepper

Sentencing Americans to Death After Furman. with David Greenberg

Felony Disenfranchisement and Incarceration in New York City 1985-2002. with Jeffery Fagan

Incarceration and the Economic Fortunes of Urban Neighborhoods with Jeffery Fagan

Grants & AWARDS:

Space & Death: Spatial Dependency in Capital Sentencing (2009) Prodius Foundation
\$5,000.00.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (A Partial List):

West, Valerie. (2008), *The County Next Door: Race and Capital Sentencing in The United States.* Paper presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Boston, MA.

West, Valerie & Jeffrey Fagan. (2008), *The Ballot Box and Punishment: Voter Participation and Incarceration New York City, 1987-2002.* Presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St Louis, MO.

Fagan, Jeffery, Amanda Geller, Garth Davies and **Valerie West** (2008), *A Decade Later: Street Stops, Broken Windows, and Crime in New York City.* Paper to be presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St Louis, MO.

Fagan, Jeffrey and **Valerie West** (2008), *Race and Legality of SQF Enforcement in New York City 2006.* Paper presented at the 2nd James Fyfe Police Accountability Conference, Stop and Frisk: Policy Practice and Research. John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

West, Valerie (2008), *Race and the Criminal Justice System,* Presentation at the annual meeting of the National Association of Black Law Enforcement (NOBLE) New York, NY

- West, Valerie.** (2007), *The County Next Door: Race and Capital Sentencing in The United States*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Fagan, Jeffery, Geller, Amanda., Zimring, Frank, & **West, Valerie.** (2007), *Race, Political Economy, & Supply of Capital Cases*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie.** (2007), *Race, capital punishment, and legislative change in the post-Furman era*. Paper presented at the second annual meeting of Empirical Legal Studies, New York, NY.
- Fagan, Jeffrey and **Valerie West** (2004), "The Decline of the Juvenile Death Penalty: Scientific Evidence of Evolving Norms" Paper presented at Innocence In Capital Sentencing a symposium sponsored by The Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology & Northwestern University School of Law.
- Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie.** (2004), *Sentencing American to death post-Furman*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.
- Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie.** (2004), *Sentencing American to death post-Furman*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Law and Society Association, Chicago, IL.
- Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie.** (2003), *Sentencing American to death post-Furman*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.
- Fagan, Jeffery, **West, Valerie,** & Holland, Jan. (2003), *Neighborhood crime, and incarceration in New York City*. Paper presented at the meeting of the Brennan Center, New York, NY
- Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie.** (2001), *Sitting the Death Penalty Internationally*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie.** (2001), *Sitting the Death Penalty Internationally*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, Anaheim, CA.
- Greenberg, David, **West, Valerie,** and Snedker, Karen (2001), *Sitting the Death Penalty*. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Law and Society Association, Budapest, Hungary.

West, Valerie (1996), Gender Bias in the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Society of Criminology,

Greenberg, David, & **West, Valerie**. (1996), Prison Population and their Growth. Paper presented at the meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

Senior Research Analyst: Collaborative Family Initiative, A Community and Family Based Treatment Alternative for youth offenders. The Center for Research and Evaluation John Jay College/CUNY, 2007-09

Senior Research Analyst: The Effects of Incarceration on Crime and Work in New York City: Individual and Neighborhood Impacts. Supported by the Future of Work Program Russell Sage Foundation Grant # 85-00-11 December 2001-06

Senior Research Analyst: Getting to Death: Fairness and Effectiveness in the Processing and Conclusion of Death Penalty Cases After Furman NIJ Grant# 200-IJ-CX-0035 Responsible for all stages of data analysis, data management and the supervision of research assistants. Staff Associate: Columbia University School of Law. September 2000-December 2001

Project Director: Life After Death: A Contextual Analysis of Judicial Review of Capital Cases. Responsible for all stages of data analysis, data management and the supervision of research assistants. Staff Associate: Columbia University School of Law. February 1998-August 2000

RELATED WORK EXPERIENCE:

Senior Research Associate: Research and Evaluation Center John Jay College/CUNY, 2007-09

Staff Associate: Center For Crime, Community & Law, Columbia University School of Law & Center for Violence Research and Prevention Columbia University School of Public Health, 2002-05

Staff Associate: Columbia University School of Law, 1999-2001

Chief Investigator: Counter Intelligence Div. Inc. Responsible for all phases of investigations and preparation for criminal and civil litigation. Supervised and trained investigators, 1988-95

TEACHING EXPERIENCE, Selected Courses:

Advanced Statistics (Graduate)
Statistics (Graduate)
Advanced Penalty: Punishment and Society (Graduate)
Quantitative Methods
Stratification & Inequality
Criminology
Introduction to Sociology.
Statistics for Research
Research Methods
Statistics Lab for Graduate Statistics II

NEW COURSES DEVELOPED:

Space is the Place: Spatial Statistics for the Social Sciences
Inequality, Crime and Justice
Power and Coercion

Ph.D. DISSERTATION STUDENTS:

Christopher Herman. *A Spatial Analysis of Crime, Inequality, and Land Usage*. The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2009-

Amy Shlosberg. *Wrongful Conviction & Reentry*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2008-

Escobar, Gipsy. *Homicide in Bogota: Does Social Capital and Collective Efficacy Matter?* The Graduate Center, City University of New York, 2008-

Ackerman, Alissa. *Sex Offenders in the Community: A Test of General Strain Theory*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York, (Defended Spring 2009)

Younoh, Cho. *Evaluation of the Automatic Voice Recognition Supervision Program (AVRS)*, The Graduate Center, City University of New York. (Defended September 2008)

UNIVERSITY SERVICE:

University Wide

At-Large Faculty Panel – Provost Search.
Faculty Senate and College Council
Faculty Senate’s Technology Committee

Departmental

Grad Appeals

Search Committee
Curriculum Committee
BA Revision

The Ph.D. Program in Criminal Justice Criminal Justice
Curriculum Committee
Admissions Committee

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE:

American Society of Criminology: *Submission Committee*, 2009 Meeting Philadelphia PA.
American Sociological Association: *Law Crime and Deviance Section Panel Organizer* 2009
Meeting San Francisco

Review submissions for the following peer reviewed journals- a selection:

Criminology
Journal of Criminal Law and Criminology
Journal of Criminal Justice
Journal of Quantitative Criminology
Punishment and Society
Social Problems

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member of, and regular presenter of papers at the professional meetings of the
following organizations:

The American Sociological Association
The American Society of Criminology
Law and Society Association
The American Statistical Association -New York Metro Chapter