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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Criminal Justice Expected: 2025
Michigan State University East Lansing, MI

Dissertation Title: *Digital (In)Justice: An Intersectional Qualitative Exploration Of Black Returning Citizens' Technology Access And Use*

Dissertation Committee: [Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Ph.D. \(Chair\)](#); [Steven Chermak, Ph.D.](#); [Carole Gibbs, Ph.D.](#); [Bianca Reisdorf, Ph.D.](#)

B.A. Criminal Justice Studies & Criminology and Sociology 2020
The Ohio State University Columbus, OH
Minor: Security and Intelligence
Honors: *Summa Cum Laude*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Community Supervision	Intersectionality
Digital Exclusion	Racial and Gender Inequality
Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion	Reentry and Reintegration

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS (N = 5)

Roddy, A., **Sanders, K.**, Sarver, C., & Salisbury, E. (2023). Financial marginalization, housing access, transportation, and employment: Intersectional considerations in women's reentry. *Kansas Journal of Law & Public Policy*, 32, 55-82. https://lawjournal.ku.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Roddy-Sanders-Sarver-Salisbury_FINANCIAL-MARGINALIZATION-HOUSING-ACCESS-TRANSPORTATION-AND-EMPLOYMENT.pdf

Sanders, K., Hoskins, K. M., & Morash, M. (2023). A first step in understanding influences on system-involved women's changes in financial need. *Feminist Criminology*, 18(3), 1-25. <https://doi.org/10.1177/15570851231176856>

Sanders, K. (2022). "The second sentencing": A qualitative exploration of women going up for parole. *Feminist Criminology*, 18(2), 1-23. <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, 1-9. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2022.101885>

Sanders, K. (2021). A qualitative exploration into the differential financial experiences of women on probation or parole. *MSU AGEP Science Today Bulletin*, 9(1): 15-16. <https://grad.msu.edu/sites/default/files/content/AGEP/AGEP%202021%20Bulletin%20final.pdf>

BOOK CHAPTERS & EDITED ENTRIES (N = 3)

Hoskins, K., & **Sanders, K.** (Forthcoming). Race and reentry after incarceration. In H. Pontell (Ed.), *Oxford research encyclopedia of criminology and criminal justice*. Oxford University Press. doi:10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013

Sanders, K., Cobbina, J., & McCoy, H. Evidence-Based policy for diverse populations. (2024). In B.C. Welsh, S.N. Zane, & D.P. Mears (Eds.) *The Oxford Handbook for Evidence-Based Policy* (pp. 349-369). Oxford University Press.

Sanders, K. (2023). Inside-Out: A transformative experience. In A. Conyers, V. Lynn, & M. Leigey (Eds.), *Mass Incarceration in the 21st Century: Realities and Reflections* (1st ed., pp. 132-136). Routledge. <https://www.taylorfrancis.com/chapters/edit/10.4324/9781003274292-18/reflection-kaelyn-sanders>

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS (N = 8)

*Denotes equal authorship

Sanders, K., Cobbina, J., McCoy, H. (in preparation). An Intersectional Examination of Black Women's Perceptions of Being Able To Safely Pursue Joyful Activities.

Sanders, K., & Rivera, N. (in preparation). Epistemic racism: centering Black and Latina women as researchers and in research in convict criminology.

Sanders, K. (in preparation). "Everything is technology. so, it's good to know": Examining technology access and use among returning citizens.

Sanders, K. (in preparation). "That's just how they are": A qualitative exploration of system-involved Black and White women's perceptions of procedural justice.

*Rivera, N., ***Sanders, K.**, & DeJong, Christina. (in preparation). Moving beyond the diversity elective: Integrating diversity, equity, and inclusion into graduate education in criminal justice.

Goodson-Miller, M., Hoskins, K. M., **Sanders, K.**, & Barnes-Lee, A. (in preparation). A mixed-method analysis of strengths, limitations, and utility of system-involved women's social networks.

Sanders, K., Chermak, S., Freilich, J., & Klein, B. (under review). School shootings and suicide: A comparison of school shooters who complete suicide and non-suicide school shooters.

Barnes-Lee, A., & **Sanders, K.** (in preparation). One-size- (does not)-fit-all: Examining gender and racial equity in assessments of youth who misuse substances.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024

Dr. Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society
Research Fellowship
Amount: \$2,500

[National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine](#)

Christine Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow

Updated: February 2024

Amount: \$11,000

Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate (AGEP)
Science and Ethics Engagement Fellow and Science Advocacy Fellow

Amount: \$2,500

2022

Michigan State University Graduate School 2022-2025

Prospective Doctoral Student Recruitment and Retention Program Grant

Amount: \$30,000

PI: Drs. Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy & Christina DeJong

Role: Graduate Assistant

2021

Michigan State University College of Social Science 2021-2023

Summer Research Fellowship

Amount: \$9,000

2020

Michigan State University Graduate School 2020-2021

Graduate School Commitment Fellowship

Amount: \$5,000

National Science Foundation

2020-2025

Graduate Research Fellowship

Amount: \$139,000

AWARDS, HONORS, AND SCHOLARSHIPS

*Denotes an award for a student mentee

2024

- [Dr. Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Inductee](#)

2023

- Association of Doctoral Programs in Criminology and Criminal Justice Fall Student Award
- Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Scholar Award
- Council of Graduate Students Conference Award

2022

- Michigan State University College of Social Science Summer Provost's Undergraduate Research Initiative Award*
- American Society of Criminology Division of Convict of Criminology's Early Career Travel Scholarship
- Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Scholar Award

2021

- Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice 75th Travel Award
- Warren & Mary Huff Travel Award 2021-2023
- Michigan State University College of Social Science First-Generation Scholars Initiative Award*
- Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research Diversity Scholarship (declined)

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- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Corrections Section Dr. Kelly Cheeseman Student Paper Travel Scholarship

2020

- Michigan State University College of Social Science Summer Early Start Award 2020-2023

2019

- Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Conference 3rd Place Best Undergraduate Presentation Award

2017

- General Henry H. Arnold Education Award 2017-2020
- Ohio War Orphan & Severely Disabled Veterans' Children Scholarship 2017-2020

PRESENTATIONS

Note: *Student/Mentee

Sanders, K. (2023, November). Examining digital literacy among system-involved populations. Thematic panel presentation at the 2023 Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

Sanders, K. (2023, August). Examining digital literacy among system-involved populations. Chalk talk presentation at the August 2023 Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Meeting. East Lansing, MI.

Barnes-Lee, A. & **Sanders, K.** (2023, January). One-size- (does not)-fit-all: Examining gender and racial equity in assessments of youth who misuse substances. Oral presentation at the 2023 Society for Social Work and Research Conference. Phoenix, AZ.

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. (2022, August). "The second sentencing": A qualitative exploration of women going up for parole. Chalk talk presentation at the August 2022 Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Meeting. East Lansing, MI.

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 Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Student Success Conference, East Lansing, MI.

- Alliance for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Conference 3rd Place Best Undergraduate Presentation Award

Sanders, K., (2019, November). Dissimilarities between fatal and nonfatal school shootings. PowerPoint presentation at The Ohio State University Autumn Undergraduate Research Festival, Columbus, OH.

Sanders, K., (2019, November). Dissimilarities between fatal and nonfatal school shootings. Poster presentation at the Mid-Michigan Symposium for Undergraduate Research Experiences, East Lansing, MI.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Principal Investigator, Examining Digital Exclusion Among Black Returning Citizens

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2023-Present
Principal Investigators: Kaelyn Sanders
Funding: AGEP Scholar Award, ADPCCJ Fall Student Award, Dr. Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Fellowship

Project Manager, Process Evaluation of Advance Peace

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2023-2024
Principal Investigators: Drs. Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, Carole Gibbs, & Emilie Smith
Funding: Diversity Research Network Launch Awards Program

Principal Investigator, Digital Literacy Among Justice-Involved Individuals

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2022-2023
Principal Investigators: Kaelyn Sanders
Funding: AGEP Scholar Award, MSU College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship, MSU College of Social Science Summer PURI Award

Principal Investigator, Women Facing the Board

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2021-2022
Principal Investigators: Kaelyn Sanders
Funding: MSU College of Social Science Summer Research Fellowship and MSU College of Social Science CSS-FGSI Award

Project Manager & 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 2021-2023

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Principal Investigators: Drs. Merry Morash & 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 2020 -2021
Principal Investigator: Drs. Steven Chermak, Joshua Freilich, Gary LaFree, & Nadine Connell
Funding: National Institute of Justice

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

Michigan State University School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2020-2021
Principal Investigator: Drs. Merry Morash, Amanda Holmstrom, Deborah Kashy, & 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 2019
Principal Investigator: Drs. Steven Chermak, Joshua Freilich, Gary LaFree, & 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, Columbus, OH 2019-2020
Principal Investigators: Dr. Sadé Lindsay & Laura Frizzell, M.A.
Funding: The Ohio State University's Silverman Research Grant and Coca-Cola Critical Difference for Women Grant

TEACHING EXPERIENCE & TRAINING

Instructor, CJ 292: *Methods of Criminal Justice Research*

Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2023

Certificate of Completion, College Teaching Workshop

Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice, East Lansing, MI 2023

MSU CJ 220 Criminology

East Lansing, MI 2023

- Presented a lecture on Feminist Criminology to an undergraduate criminal justice theory class

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

Phoenix, AZ 2022-2023

- Presented two lectures on my research on system-involved women and parole hearing experiences

MSU School of Criminal Justice Graduate School Information Sessions

East Lansing, MI 2022

- Session Facilitator and Speaker

INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, & Medicine

2024

Mirzayan Science and Technology Policy Graduate Fellow

Washington, D.C.

- Support the work of the Committee on Law and Justice and Board on Children, Youth, and Families

Culture of Healing Leadership Institute for Racial Healing

2023-2024

Application Reviewer Virtual

- Supported The National Collaborative for Health Equity by reviewing over ten applications for the Culture of Healing Leadership Institute for Racial Healing

NorthWest Initiative A.R.R.O. 2022-2024
Intern Lansing, MI

- Temporarily facilitated Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) group sessions
- Conducted intakes for new clients referred to the probation programs.
- Provided administrative support to the office by setting up Zoom meetings, organizing program documents, and assisting clients directly

Arnold Ventures 2021
Pretrial Justice Graduate Research Associate Virtual

- Assisted the Director of Criminal Justice Research in researching, assessing, and developing policy areas and projects focused on bail reform, prosecution, defense, and court function
- Coordinated meetings with the Pretrial Research Advisory Board and supported collaborative work with Arnold Ventures' partners
- Oversaw the organization and upkeep of Arnold Ventures' research library

MENTORING EXPERIENCE

Supervisor of Undergraduate Research Experience: Taylor Ballard (2021-2022), Waincey Chan (2023), Ebony Daniels (2021-2023), Eva Ott Hill (2022-2023), Abbi Koshoshek (2022), Allyson Marchese (2022-2023), Adam McCormick (2023), Riley Starr (2023), Kayla Susalla (2021- 2022), Lexie Trott (2022-2023)

INVITED TALKS

Cornell University Undergraduate Student Panel, Virtual 2022
• Panelist on a panel focusing on graduate school experiences

Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, Dayton, OH 2021-2022
• Guest Speaker

Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate, East Lansing, MI
• "Making the Most Out of Your MSU Experience" Panel Speaker 2022, 2021
• National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Panel Speaker 2020-2023

MEDIA

Doctoral Student Forum Contributor, The Criminologist 2022
Community Engagement as A Graduate Student
• <https://asc41.com/wp-content/uploads/ASC-Criminologist-2022-12.pdf>

Podcast Guest, The Criminology Academy 2022
Crim Academy Alumni Compilation Episode
• <https://bit.ly/3wVzZaM>

Podcast Guest, The Criminology Academy 2020
Grad Life: Choosing a PhD Program
• <https://bit.ly/2VRvsqE>

Podcast Guest, The Sci-Files on Impact89FM

School Gun Violence

2020

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

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Participant,

2024

[*Frederick Douglass Project for Justice*](#)

Ad hoc Reviewer,

Crime & Delinquency

Criminal Justice and Behavior

Feminist Criminology

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Michigan State University

- Mentor, School of Criminal Justice Graduate Student Network 2022-2023
- Member, School of Criminal Justice Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Committee 2021-2022
- Grad School Bulletin Reviewer, AGEP 2021, 2023
- Science Bulletin Reviewer, AGEP 2020-2021
- National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Application Reviewer, AGEP 2020-2023

The Ohio State University

- Member, Black Ohio State Homecoming Planning Committee 2023-Present
- Mentor, Department of Sociology & Criminology Alumni Mentorship Program 2020-2023
- Event Co-Organizer, When They See Us Ft. Dr. Yusef Salaam and Raymond Santana 2020
- Community Outreach Chair, Black Student Association 2019-2020
- Word On The Street Co-Chair, African American Heritage Festival 2019-2020

SPECIAL COURSES, SKILLS, TRAINING, AND WORKSHOPS

Conducting Qualitative Research in Criminal Justice Settings: Theoretical & Pragmatic Challenges	2023
CJ 896 Policy Analysis	2022
HDFS 982 Qualitative Research Methods	2022
SOC 986 Survey Research Methods	2022
CJ 809 Academic Publishing Seminar	2022
Anti-Racist Primer for Institutions	2022
ASC Critical Qualitative Methodologies Workshop	2021
CJ 910 Qualitative Research Methods	2021
CJ 907 Mixed Methods	2021
CenterStat Mixed Methods Workshop	2021
The Inside Out Prison Exchange Program	2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Mentee, American Society of Criminology Division of Corrections and Sentencing Mentoring Program

Mentee, American Society of Criminology Division of Feminist Criminology Mentoring Program

Member, American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division of Feminist Criminology

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Division of People of Color and Crime
Division of Convict Criminology

Member, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
Corrections Section