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Curriculum Vitae

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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social and digital inequality, communication and technology, urban communities, traditional and digital ethnographic methods, policing and punishment, violence and violence prevention, social media, children and media, race, gender, popular culture, sports

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS & AFFILIATIONS

2021—ongoing	Associate Professor, Department of Communication, Rutgers University
2020—ongoing	Co-founder/-chair, Rutgers Digital Ethnography Working Group (DEWG), School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
2020—ongoing	Research Affiliate, Center on Digital Culture and Society, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania
2019—ongoing	Affiliate, Faculty, Media, Inequality and Change (MIC) Center, Rutgers University & University of Pennsylvania
2019—ongoing	Affiliate, Faculty, NJ Center on Gun Violence Research, Rutgers University
2015—ongoing	Affiliate, Graduate Faculty, Department of Sociology, Rutgers University
2014—ongoing	Member, Ph.D. Faculty, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
2014—2021	Assistant Professor, Department of Communication, Rutgers University
2014—2016	Junior Fellow, Urban Ethnography Project, Yale University

EDUCATION

2014	Ph.D., Department of Sociology, Princeton University Dissertation Title: <i>The Digital Street</i> Committee: Mitch Duneier (Chair), Paul DiMaggio, Devah Pager
2009	M.A. with Distinction, Department of Sociology, Princeton University Examinations: Urban Ethnography, Culture, Crime and Punishment
2001	B.A. with Departmental Honors, Department of Sociology, Wesleyan University

RESEARCH

Books

Lane, J. (2019). *The digital street*. Oxford University Press.

2019 Nancy Baym Book Award from the Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

2019 Best Book Award from the Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Section (CITAMS) of the American Sociological Association (ASA)

Finalist, 2019 Jane Jacobs Urban Communication Book Award from the Urban Communication Foundation (UCF)

Honorable Mention, 2019 Book of the Year Award from the Human Communication & Technology Division (HCTD) of the National Communication Association (NCA)

Reviewed by *American Journal of Sociology*, *European Journal of Communication*, *Journal of Children and Media*, *Journal of Technology in Human Services*, *Open Journal of Sociopolitical Studies*, *Soziopolis*, *Symbolic Interaction*, *Theoretical Criminology*, *The Qualitative Report*, *The Nation*.

Lane, J. (2007). *Under the boards: The cultural revolution in basketball*. University of Nebraska Press.

Reviewed by *American Studies*, *WireTap*, *Pop Matters*, *Yahoo Sports*, *Slam*

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Lane, J., Ramirez, F. A., & Patton, D. U. (2023). Defending against social media: Structural disadvantages of social media in criminal court for public defenders and defendants of low socioeconomic status. *Information, Communication & Society*. DOI: [10.1080/1369118X.2023.2166795](https://doi.org/10.1080/1369118X.2023.2166795)

Lane, J., Shepherd, H., Avella, H., & Martin, A. (2023). Outside the brackets: Why school administrators fail to see gendered harassment within an antibullying law. *Law & Society Review*, 57(2), 234–253.

Lane, J., & Stuart, F. (2022). How social media use mitigates urban violence: Communication visibility and third-party intervention processes in digital urban contexts. *Qualitative Sociology*, 45, 457–475.

Lane, J., & Lingel, J. (2022). Digital ethnography for sociology: Craft, rigor, and creativity. *Qualitative Sociology*, 45, 319–326.

Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2022). Carceral communication: Mass incarceration as communicative phenomenon. *New Media & Society*. Published online first: doi.org/10.1177/14614448211060841

Lane, J. (2021). Rethinking the brand-community relationship: Wearing a biggie in Harlem. *Journal of Consumer Culture*, 21(2), 219–235.

Lane, J. (2020). A smartphone case method: Reimagining social relationships with smartphone data in the U.S. context of Harlem. *Journal of Children and Media*, 14(4), 407–421.

Ramirez, F. A., & Lane, J. (2019). Communication privacy management and digital evidence in an intimate partner violence case. *International Journal of Communication*, 13(18), 5140–5157.

- Shepherd, H., & Lane, J. (2019). In the mix: Social integration and social media adoption. *Social Science Research*, 82, 1–17.
- Lane, J., Ramirez, F. A., & Pearce, K. E. (2018). Guilty by visible association: Socially mediated visibility in gang prosecutions. *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication*, 23(6), 354–369.
- Patton, D. U., Lane, J., Leonard, P., MacBeth, J., & Smith-Lee, J. R. (2017). Gang violence on the digital street: A case study of a Southside Chicago gang member's communication on Twitter. *New Media & Society*, 19(7), 1000–1018.
- Lane, J. (2016). The digital Street: An ethnography of networked street life in Harlem. *American Behavioral Scientist*, 60(1), 43–58.

Book Chapters

- Shao, Z. & Lane, J. (December, 2024). Communication visibility as a framework for sensitive image research in criminology. In S. A. Bakken and S. K. Harder (Eds.), *Sensitive images in criminology: Visual methods and ethics on/ offline*. Palgrave.
- Lane, J., & Marler, W. (2022). Networked street life. In S. Sobieraj and D. Rohlinger (Eds.), *The Oxford handbook of sociology and digital media* (pp. 443–466). Oxford University Press.
- Lane, J. (2021). Social media and ethnographic relationships. In E. Hargittai (Ed.), *Research exposed: How empirical social science gets done in the digital age* (pp. 143–160). Columbia University Press.
- Lane, J. (2010). Mortgaging Michael Jordan's reputation. In D.C. Ogden & J.N. Rosen (Eds.), *Fame to infamy: Race, sport, and the fall from grace* (pp. 122–145). University Press of Mississippi.

Book Reviews

- Lane, J. (2019). Review of *The communication ecology of 21st century urban communities* (Y-C. Kim, M.D. Matsaganis, H.A. Wilkin, & J-O Jung, Eds.). *International Journal of Communication*, 13(4), 5591–5594.
- Lane, J. (2016). Review of *Ethnography for the internet: Embedded, embodied and everyday* (C. Hine). *Contemporary Sociology*, 45(5), 610–612.

Published Reports

- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F.A. (Fall, 2021). Social media as criminal evidence: New possibilities, problems. *ASA Footnotes: A Magazine of the American Sociological Association*, 49(4). Available at: <https://www.asanet.org/social-media-criminal-evidence-new-possibilities-problems>

Work Under Review

- Lane, J. & Rivera, Y. Leveraging “the digital” in communication research: Contributions of qualitative fluidity to the science of communication. Revise and resubmit at *Journal of Communication*. Working on revision to resubmit by Dec. 15, 2024.

Work in Progress

- Lane, J., & Singh, S. Splintering precarity of urban delivery workers in New York City. (Extended abstract accepted at AoIR 2023 Annual Conference; manuscript in progress to submit to *Mobile Media & Communication*).
- Lane, J., Lindstadt, C., Peterson-Salahuddin, C., Ala-Kortesmaa, S., & Dutta, M. Addressing the challenges of authentic listening: Drawing lessons from four domains of communication research. (Author order TBD. Manuscript in progress to submit to *Annals of the International Communication Association*).
- Kang, K., Lane, J., & Shin, I. Entrepreneurship as organizing visibility: Opportunities and challenges of socially mediated visibility for women entrepreneurs. (Finalizing manuscript to submit to *International Journal of Communication*).
- Lane, J. South Bronx micromobility project. Ongoing neighborhood and digital fieldwork with ebike and moped workers, commuters, and mechanics; next book project.
- Large-scale, multimethod, multistage research on *Gun violence exposure on social media and youth mental health* funded by Office for the Vice Provost for Research (OVPR) at Rutgers University. PIs: J. Hamilton; D. Semenza. Co-Is: P. Boxer; J. Lane; L. Oshin. Analysis of data from first stage (focus groups) in progress.
- Large-scale, multimethod, multistage research on *Teens, parents, and AI* funded by SC&I's Grants for Collaborative Research. Faculty leads: A. Jordan, J. Lane, J. Valenza. Student leads: N. Natarajan, Z. Shao. Starting first stage of interviews completed in Spring/Summer 2024. Garden State Panel survey stage to start in Jan. 2025.

Peer-Reviewed Conference Papers, Panels, and Preconferences

- Matsaganis, M, Bui, M., Georgiou, M., Halegoua, G., Ji, P., Lane, J. & Polson, E. (2025, June). *Disrupting and consolidating communication research to address emerging urban challenges*. Preconference on Urban Communication accepted at International Communication Association Convention, Denver, CO.
- Shao, Z., Lane, J., & Griffiths, E. (2024, November). *Integrating the theory of communication visibility to understand digital contexts of violence*. Poster presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA.
- Matsaganis, M, Bui, M., Halegoua, G., Georgiou, M., & Lane, J. (2024, June). *Strengthening communication's voice in the interdisciplinary dialogue around the future of cities*. Blue Sky Workshop: Big Ideas at International Communication Association Convention, Gold Coast, Australia & virtual.
- Lane, J. (Chair), Peterson-Salahuddin, C., Lindstadt, C., Ala-Kortesmaa, S., & Dutta, M. J. (2023, May). *The meaning, study, and practice of authentic listening*. Thematic panel presented at International Communication Association Convention, Toronto, Canada.
- Lane, J., & Singh, S. (2023, October). *An urban communication approach to understanding food delivery work in New York City*. Extended paper abstract presented at Association of Internet Research (AoIR) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
- Ferrari, E., Lane, J., Lingel, J., Rosa, F., & Arguedas, A. R. (2023, October). *Digital ethnography: Reassembling, reimaging, and reinterpreting the social*. Fishbowl session presented at Association of Internet Research (AoIR) Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.

- Aronczyk, M., & Lane, J. (Session Chairs). (2022, May). *Digital ethnography: Methods for networked worlds*. Blue Sky Workshop at International Communication Association Convention, Paris, France & virtual.
- Lane, J., Ramirez, F. A., & Patton, D. U. (2022, May). *Defending against social media: Public criminal defense and placing inequality in internet governance research*. Paper presented at International Communication Association Convention, Paris, France & virtual.
- Kang, K. K., Lane, J., & Shin, I. (November, 2021). *Entrepreneurship as organizing visibility: Opportunities and challenges of socially mediated visibility for women entrepreneurs*. Paper presented at National Communication Association Convention, Seattle, WA.
- Scott, C., Albu, O., Blithe, S., Cruz, J., Foot, K., Kang, K., Lane, J., Pearce, K., Peterson, B., Qiu, J., Stohl, M., Tracy, S., & Warshel, Y. (2021, May). *Researching dangerous and/or difficult to access settings: Insights from communication experts in the field*, Blue Sky Workshop at International Communication Association Convention, Virtual.
- Lane, J., Ramirez, F. A., & Patton, D. U. (2020, October). *Defending against social media: How public criminal defense helps us address social media governance*. Extended paper abstract presented at Association of Internet Research (AoIR) Annual Conference, Virtual.
- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2019, November). *Carceral communication*. Paper presented at National Communication Association Convention, Baltimore, MD.
- Lane, J., & Scott, C. R. (2019, October). *Communication as (in)visibility management: Taking it to the streets*. Paper presented at UCSB Visibility Workshop, Santa Barbara, CA.
- Lane, J. (2019, August). *A smartphone case method: Using smartphone data to reboot classic, ethnographic case studies*. Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2019, May). *A smartphone case method: Using smartphone data to reboot classic, ethnographic case studies*. Paper presented at International Communication Association Convention, Washington, DC.
- Lane, J., Ramirez, F. A., & Pearce, K. E. (2018, May). *Guilty by visible association: Socially mediated visibility and power in gang prosecutions*. Paper presented at International Communication Association Convention, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Shepherd, H., & Lane, J. (2017, August). *Connecting and disconnecting: Social media adoption and school social integration*. Paper presented at American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2017, May). *Gang surveillance in the digital era*. Paper presented at International Communication Association Convention, San Diego, CA.
- Patton, D. U., Lane, J., Leonard, P., MacBeth, J., & Smith-Lee, J. R. (2016, October). *Gang violence on the digital street: A case study of a Southside Chicago gang member's communication on Twitter*. Paper presented at Society for Research in Child Development Special Topic Meeting: Technology and Media in Children's Development, Irvine, CA.
- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2016, July). *When status updates become evidence of gang involvement: The prosecutorial affordances of social media use in New York City courtrooms*. Paper presented at the Annual Meeting of the Social Media & Society conference, London, UK.

- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2016, June). *Beyond admissibility: The prosecutorial affordances of social media use*. Paper presented at International Communication Association Convention, Fukuoka, Japan.
- Lane, J. (2016, June). Panelist for *Mediated street life in unequal cities*. Panel presented at the International Communication Association Convention, Fukuoka, Japan.
- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2015, November). *The prosecutorial affordances of social media*. Paper presented at the Urban Communication Foundation NCA Pre-Conference, Las Vegas, NV. (Spotlight Panel)
- Lane, J. (2014, November). *The digital street: An ethnography of networked street life in Harlem*. Paper presented at the National Communication Association Post-Preconference Workshop: Communication in City and Community, Chicago, IL.
- Lane, J. (2013, August). *Code switching on the digital street*. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2012, March). *The digital street*. Panelist at the Digital Media and Learning Conference, San Francisco, CA.
- Lane, J. (2011, August). *Brands in action: Brand consumption and branding amongst teenagers in Harlem street teams*. Paper presented at the American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, NV.

Invited Talks

- Lane, J. (2024, September). Panelist for *Emerging technologies to aid threat assessment: The role of social media and artificial intelligence*. K-12 Threat Assessment Efficacy and Implementation Evaluation Research: A Workshop, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine, Washington, DC & virtual.
- Lane, J. (2024, April). *Communication in urban life*. Keynote presentation for Hostos Community College Civility Day. Hostos Community College, Bronx, NY.
- Lane, J. (2023, December). Panelist for *Moving forward with social media: Balancing the benefits against the risks*. Annual Breakfast Celebration, Advocates for Children of New Jersey. Kenilworth, NJ.
- Lane, J. (2023, October). *Authentic listening in the digital age*. Keynote presentation for FIT Civility Week 2023: Civility in the Digital Age. Fashion Institute of Technology, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2022, September). Author and editor panelist for *Qualitative Sociology special issue on digital ethnography*. Panel event hosted by Rutgers Digital Ethnography Working Group, virtual.
- Lane, J. (2022, April). *Digital street life and urban-digital inequality*. 2022 Schering-Plough Executive Lecture Series, Department of Communication, Fairleigh Dickinson University, virtual.
- Lane, J. (2022, April). Panelist for *Doing digital ethnography*. Panel event hosted by The Ethnographic Café & Rutgers Digital Ethnography Working Group, virtual.
- Lane, J. (2022, March). *How the "digital street" changes youth violence and juvenile justice*. Mid-Winter Conference, Juvenile Justice Association of Michigan, Midland, MI.
- Lane, J. (2022, February). Panelist for *Deeper human insights in the age of digital disruption*. UNESCO/LiV Center, virtual.

- Lane, J. (2021, April). Panelist for *Turning dissertation into a book*. Proseminar, Department of Sociology, Princeton University, virtual.
- Lane, J. (2020, April). *Carveral communication*. Center on Digital Culture and Society Workshop, Annenberg School for Communication, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA. [Canceled due to COVID-19 precautions]
- Lane, J. (2020, February). *Book talk: The digital street*. Internet Governance Lab Roundtable, School of Communication, American University, Washington, DC.
- Lane, J. (2019, October). *Book talk: The digital street*. Speaker Series: Complex Identities, Mediated Lives, Department of Journalism and Media Studies, Lehman College, Bronx, NY.
- Lane, J. (2019, October). *Book talk in dialogue with Dr. Desmond Patton: The digital street*. Critical Media and Digital Studies Workshop, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2019, June). *How the "digital street" changes youth violence and juvenile justice*. Fourth Annual Rutgers Conference on Youth Development & Juvenile Justice, Rutgers Center on Youth Violence and Juvenile Justice, Department of Psychology, Rutgers University Newark, Newark, NJ. (Keynote).
- Lane, J., & Ramirez, F. A. (2019, May). Panelist for *Conference on social media and governance initiative*. The Justice Collaboratory (JC) at Yale Law School, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Lane, J. (2019, April). *Book talk: The digital street*. Media, Technology & Society (MTS), Department of Communication Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL.
- Lane, J. (2019, April). *Book talk: The digital street*. Urban Research Speaker, Department of Criminal Justice, Rutgers University Camden, Camden, NJ.
- Lane, J. (2019, March). *Digital urban ethnography*. Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden.
- Lane, J. (2019, March). *Book talk: The digital street*. Department of Management, Society and Communication, Copenhagen Business School, Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Lane, J. (2019, March). *Book talk: The digital street*. Department of Communication, Stanford University, Stanford, CA.
- Lane, J. (2019, February). *Book talk: The digital street*. Quello Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI.
- Lane, J. (2019, January). *Book talk: The digital street*. Internet Society Project at Yale Law School, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Lane, J. (2018, November). *Book talk: The digital street*. Department of American Studies, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- Lane, J. (2017, August). *The shifting boundaries of urban community*. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.
- Lane, J. (2017, August). *Intersectionality and media*. Media Sociology American Sociological Association Pre-Conference, Montreal, Canada. (Plenary panel).

- Lane, J. (2016, May). *Boys and girls on the networked streets of Harlem*. Data & Society Conference, Data & Society Research Institute, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2016, March). Panelist for *Examining surveillance and technology in the struggles for justice*. Beyond the Bars: Connecting the Struggles Conference, Columbia University, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2015, October). *The digital street: An ethnographic study of networked street life in Harlem*. Rutgers University, Department of Sociology, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Lane, J. (2015, March). *The prosecutorial affordances of social media*. Data & Society Research Institute, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2014, December). *Street life and school days for networked teenagers in Harlem*. Cultural Sociology and Education Conference, Center for Cultural Sociology, Linnaeus University, Växjö, Sweden.
- Lane, J. (2014, October). *The digital street*. Workshop in Urban Ethnography, Urban Ethnography Project, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Lane, J. (2014, October). *The digital street*. Urban Ethnography Workshop, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA.
- Lane, J. (2014, April). *The digital street*. Ethnography: A Conference and a Retreat, Urban Ethnography Project, Yale University, New Haven, CT.
- Lane, J. (2014, January). *The digital street*. Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY.
- Lane, J. (2013, December). *The digital street*. School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ.
- Lane, J. (2013, October). *The digital street*. Department of Sociology, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- Lane, J. (2013, October). *The digital street*. Social Action and Interaction in the Digital Society Research Seminar, Department of Sociology, Hunter College, CUNY, New York, NY. (Inaugural seminar)
- Lane, J. (2011, April). *Twitter is maaade for trouble: Violence and status on the digital street*. Center for Information Technology Policy, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ.
- Lane, J. (2009, March). Panelist for *Research trends & issues*. Sport, Sexuality, and Culture Conference, Ithaca College, Ithaca, NY.

Awards, Grants & Fellowships

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| 2023 | Co-Faculty lead, <i>U.S. parents' beliefs about the opportunities and risks of Artificial Intelligence in the lives of their teens</i> , GTFR - Grants for Team Based Research, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University (\$24,688.50) |
| 2022 | Co-Investigator, <i>Gun violence exposure on social media and youth mental health</i> , Gun Violence Seed Grant, Office for the Vice Provost for Research, Rutgers University (\$40,000) |
| 2020 | Rutgers University Chancellor's Faculty Excellence Honoree |

- 2019 Best Book Award for *The digital street*, Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Section (CITAMS), American Sociological Association (ASA)
- 2019 Nancy Baym Book Award for *The digital street*, Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)
- 2019 Honorable Mention, Book of the Year Award for *The digital street* from the Human Communication & Technology Division of National Communication Association (NCA)
- 2019 Finalist, Jane Jacobs Urban Communication Book Award for *The digital street* from the Urban Communication Foundation (UCF)
- 2019 Distinguished Achievement in Research Award, Department of Communication, Rutgers University
- 2018 Program for Early Career Excellence (PECE) Mini Grant, Rutgers University (\$570)
- 2017 *Pilot research on the use of social media in criminal case processing*, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, Research Development Grant for Pre-tenure Faculty (\$3,400)
- 2017 Outstanding PhD Faculty Award, Doctoral Student Association (DSA), School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University
- 2017 Distinguished Achievement in Teaching Award, Department of Communication, Rutgers University
- 2014 Finalist, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars
- 2013 Best Student Paper for *Code switching on the digital street*, Communication and Information Technologies Section of the American Sociological Association (CITASA)
- 2012 The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$20,000)
- 2011 Princeton Sociology Department Dissertation Grant (\$1,000)
- 2010 National Science Foundation, Sociology Program, Dissertation Improvement Grant (\$9,960)

TEACHING AND ADVISING

Courses Taught

Doctoral

Ethnography, School of Communication & Information Processes, Rutgers University. (Fall 2020).

Qualitative Research Methods, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University. (Spring 2018, Spring 2019, Spring 2022, Spring 2024).

Masters

Communication & Technology (formerly Mediated Communication), School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University. (Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Fall 2018, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024).

MCM Capstone, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University. (Fall, 2024).

Undergraduate

Introduction to Communication & Information, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University. (Spring 2023, Fall 2023).

Communication, Technology & Society (formerly Mediated Communication in Society), School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University. (Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Spring 2018, Fall 2020, Fall 2021).

Urban Communication, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University. (Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Fall 2019, Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring 2024).

Courses Assisted/Precepted/Graded (all undergraduate)

Introduction to Sociology, Department of Sociology, Princeton University. (Fall 2013, Fall 2008).

Culture Industries, Department of Sociology, Barnard College. (Spring 2012).

Inequality: Race, Class & Gender, Department of Sociology, Princeton University. (Spring 2010).

The Sociology of Crime and Punishment, Department of Sociology, Princeton University. (Spring 2009).

Students Supervised

Dissertation Committees, Advisor

Completed

Amana Kaskazi, 2021, *Marginalized youth and contemporary political engagement in the digital age* (ACLS Leading Edge Fellowship at the Social Science Research Council)

Sarah-Rose Marcus, 2020, *Resolving identity tensions across communication contexts: An ethnography of young Jewish adulthood in New York City* (qualitative UX Researcher)

Fanny Ramirez, 2019, *The digital turn in public criminal defense* (media law assistant professorship, Manship School of Mass Communication, Louisiana State University)

In Progress

Kevin Wang, 2018—ongoing, *Understanding the dimensions of virtual reality immersion: A virtual dive* (passed dissertation proposal, data collected and analyzed, writing dissertation, will file by April 2025)

Kaitlin Montague, 2019—ongoing, *Investigating mobility, place, and information access through an ethnographic study of vehicle residents' information practices in the United States* (passed dissertation proposal, data collected and analyzed, writing dissertation, will file by April 2025)

Zhuozhi Shao, 2019—ongoing, *Using child-parent relationships to understand and address harms to youth associated with artificial intelligence infused technologies* (passed dissertation proposal, data collected, analyzing data, will file by April 2026)

Dissertation Committees, Member

Completed

Robyn Caplan, 2021, *Networked platform governance: Reconciling horizontals and hierarchies in the platform era* (assistant professorship, Sanford School of Public Policy, Duke University)

Brett William (“Will”) Marler (Northwestern University), 2020, *Urban digital inequality: Adversity and adaptation in the network society* (assistant professorship, Department of Communication and Cognition, Tilburg University)

Katie Kang, 2019, *(De)Constituting Alcoholics Anonymous: The four flows of anonymous communication* (assistant professorship, Department of Communication Studies, West Virginia University)

Weixu Lu, 2019, *Reconfiguring time and space: An exploratory research of the entanglement of urban space/place and digital media technologies* (assistant professorship, Department of Communication Studies, UW La Crosse)

Samantha Jaroszewski (Princeton University), 2019, *Fantasy sports: Community through ritual and technology* (UX Researcher at Yahoo)

In Progress

Sabrina Singh (dissertation proposal defense in November 2024)

Arpita Jindani (passed dissertation proposal, collecting data)

Katie Gressitt-Diaz (passed dissertation proposal, writing dissertation)

Research Practicum / Independent Study / Capstone Project

Fighting sexual harassment on the physical and digital street, Nico Dowdy (MCM student), Summer 2022

Digital social presence, Zhuozhi Shao (PhD student), Fall 2020—Spring 2021

Empathy in virtual and augmented reality environments, Kevin Wang (PhD student), Fall 2019—Spring 2020

A study of Black Twitter, Justine Quow (MCM student), Fall 2019—Spring 2020

Communication, technology & society, Yena Kang (MCM student), Spring 2018

Exploring political socialization and participatory politics among adolescents, Amana Kaskazi (PhD student), Spring 2017

The limits of transparency in police body-worn camera video, Fanny Ramirez (PhD student), Spring 2016

Understanding consumer brands and African-American youth, Travis Henry (undergraduate student), Spring 2016

Backchannel communication and friendship in EVE Online, Fanny Ramirez (PhD student), Fall 2015

The digital barbershop: Racial segregation in online access, identity formation, and news sources, Travis Henry (undergraduate student), Fall 2015

Sin city: The police and the street on the big screen of the 80s, Jose (Joe) Cruz (MCIS student), Fall 2015

Thinspiration vs. thickspiration: Comparing pro-anorexic and fat acceptance image posts on photo-sharing sites, Sarah-Rose Marcus (PhD student), Spring 2015

Glounge: An ethnographic observation of the manifestation of winning bar in a gay lounge setting, Steven Dukes (MCIS student), Fall 2014

Qualifying Exam Committees

Chair/Co-chair

Zhuozhi Shao, Fall 2023

Kevin Wang, Fall 2020

Amana Kaskazi, Fall 2017

Fanny Ramirez, Fall 2016

Sarah-Rose Marcus, Fall 2016

Committee member

Dan Houli, Fall 2024 (in progress)

Salvador Guzmán Villegas, Fall 2024

Yunhee Shim, Spring 2024

Arpita Jindani, Fall 2023

Sabrina Singh, Fall 2023

Kaitlin Montague, Spring 2022

Katie Gressit-Diaz, Fall 2020

Nicole Weber, Fall 2020

Xizi Ru, Fall 2019

Min Kyung Kim, Fall 2019

Qualifying Paper Committees (Sociology)

Committee member

Alexandru Panait, Spring 2020

Research Assistants

Heather Davenport (PhD student), Fall 2024

Salvador Guzmán Villegas (PhD student), Fall 2023, Spring 2024

Sabrina Singh (PhD student), Spring 2023

Zhuozhi Shao (PhD student), Spring 2023

Hyun Sunwoo (PhD student), Spring 2022

Kevin Wang (PhD student), Spring 2020

Holly Avella (PhD student), Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019

Amana Kaskazi (PhD student), Spring 2017

Fanny Ramirez (PhD student), Fall 2014, Spring 2015, Fall 2015, Spring 2016, Fall 2016, Spring 2018

Jose (Joe) Cruz (MCIS student), Summer 2015, Fall 2015

Kiara McClendon (MCIS student), Spring 2015

Lauren Davis (MCIS student), Fall 2014

Teaching Interns / Graders / TAs

Salvador Guzmán Villegas (PhD student), Fall 2023
Marissa Caldwell (PhD student), Fall 2023
Justine Quow (PhD student), Fall 2023
Michael Vargas (MCM student), Fall 2023
Aleksandr Shirokov (PhD student), Spring 2023
Zhuozhi Shao (PhD student), Spring 2023
Nicole Mendoza (PhD student), Spring 2023
Pragyan Srivastava (MCM student), Spring 2023
Kaylan Depas (MCM student), Spring 2023
Katie Kang (PhD student), Fall 2018, Spring 2015
Yu Liang (MCM student), Spring 2017
Diksha Upadhyay (MCIS student), Spring 2017
Bindi Saikia (MCIS student), Fall 2016
Bangwei Yang (MCIS student), Fall 2016
Jose (Joe) Cruz (MCIS student), Spring 2016
Glenn Edridge (MCIS student), Spring 2016
Robert Sobol (MCIS student), Fall 2015
Nan Silver (MCIS student), Spring 2015

Guest Lectures

Guest lecturer in Communication course, Northwestern University, Ethnography of Culture (Ph.D.; Fall 2023)

Guest lecturer in Sociology course, University of Pennsylvania, Media, Culture, and Society (masters; Fall 2023)

Guest lecturer in Journalism course, University of South Carolina, Communication Research: Critical, Cultural, and Naturalistic Approaches (Ph.D.; Spring 2022)

Guest lecturer in Communication course, Tulane University, Media and the City (undergraduate; Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Guest lecturer in Media and Cultural Studies course, UC Riverside, Introduction to Media and Cultural Studies (undergraduate; Spring 2021, Spring 2022)

Guest lecturer in Communication course, UNC Charlotte, Special Topics in Communication Research Methods: Research with Marginalized Populations (masters; Fall 2021)

Guest lecturer in Media and Communication Research course, University of Zurich, Communication, Technology, and Urban Life (undergraduate; Spring 2021)

Guest lecturer in Sociology course, Bard College, The Sociology of Everyday Life (undergraduate; Spring 2021)

Guest lecturer in Communication course, University of Pennsylvania, Digital Inequalities (Ph.D.; Fall 2019)

Guest lecturer in Communication course, Louisiana State University, Qualitative Methods (Ph.D.; Fall 2019)

Guest lecturer in Sociology course, New York University, Social Networks (undergraduate; Spring 2019)

Guest lecturer in Communication course, UC Santa Barbara, Qualitative Methods (undergraduate; Spring 2019)

Guest lecturer in Sociology and Urban Studies course, University of Pennsylvania, Media and Popular Culture (undergraduate; Spring 2019)

Guest lecturer in Media and Journalism course, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Seminar in Qualitative Field Methods (Ph.D.; Spring 2019)

Guest lecturer in Ethnic Studies course, Brown University, Research and Transnational Communities (undergraduate; Spring 2019)

Guest lecturer in social work course, Columbia University, Contemporary Social Issues: Policies, Programs and Research (masters; Fall 2016)

Guest lecturer in Sociology course, Sociology of Culture (undergraduate; Spring 2015)

Guest lecturer in SC&I courses, Introduction to Communication and Information Processes (undergraduate honors; Spring 2016, Spring 2017), Critical Research Methods (Ph.D.; Spring 2016), Community Communication (undergraduate; Fall 2014), Ethnography (Ph.D.; Fall 2015), Intercultural Communication (undergraduate; Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Spring 2019), Intercultural Communication (Ph.D./masters; Fall 2020), Research Design (Ph.D.; Fall 2020, Fall 2021, Fall 2023), Social Media & Participatory Culture (undergraduate; Fall 2015), Qualitative Methods (Ph.D.; Fall 2017, Spring 2020, Spring 2023)

Panelist for Ph.D. Pro-Seminar Panel, “Digital Ethnography Working Group (DEWG)”, Fall 2023

Panelist for Ph.D. Pro-Seminar Panel, “Breadth of Communication as a Discipline”, Fall 2014, Fall 2015, Fall 2016, Fall 2020

Panelist for Ph.D. Pro-Seminar Panel, “Technology and Social Media Research”, Fall 2017, Fall 2019

SERVICE

To the Department and School

Co-organizer, School-wide Scholarly Incubator: Innovation in Digital Research, School of Communication & Information, March 2024

Chair, A&P committee for Youngrim Kim, Spring 2025

Chair, Research Development Committee, Department of Communication, 2024—2025

Member, Research Development Committee, Department of Communication, 2020, 2023—2024

Member, Peer Evaluation Committee (PEC), Department of Communication, Faculty Compensation Program (FCP), 2023—2024

Member, A & P Committee for Tawfiq Ammari, Spring 2024

Member, Data Science/Communication & Technology Search Committee, 2023

Panelist, DSA Data Management Panel, April 2023

Panelist, School-wide Scholarly Incubator: Inclusive Discovery, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, March 2023

Member, A & P Committee for David Love, Spring 2023

Member, Research Development Committee, 2021—2023, 2024—2025

Member, A & P Committee for Kaitlin Costello, Fall 2021

Member, Communication Processes and Inequities and/or Disparities Search Committee, Fall 2021

Panelist, *Research on Technology and Social Media*, 601 Seminar in Communication & Information, October 2021

Panelist, Colloquium, How to Approach Feedback and Revisions in your Writing, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, February 2021

Representative, Department of Communication, AAUP-AFT Rutgers Union, Spring 2021—ongoing

Member, Rules of Procedure/Elections and Nominations (RP/EN) Committee, 2020—2022

Co-Leader, Zoom Webinar: Fieldwork in the Time of COVID-19, Digital Ethnography Working Group (DEWG), School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, June 2020

Panelist, *Research on Technology and Social Media*, 601 Seminar in Communication & Information, September 2019

Representative, Distinguished Scholar Committee, Spring 2019

Representative, SC&I Web Committee, 2018—2019

Member, SC&I Youth Cluster, 2018—2020

Instructor, Graduate Student Methods Workshop on Ethnographic Methods, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, April 2018

Panelist, School-wide Scholarly Incubator: Teaching and Learning, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, April 2018

Panelist, PhD Recruitment Day, Youth and Media, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, March 2018

Panelist, Black History Month Master of Information Colloquium: The Influence of Social Media on Civic Activism, February 2018

Member, Communication and Technology Search Committee, Fall 2016, Fall 2018

Panelist, PhD Recruitment Day, Social Media & Society Cluster, School of Communication & Information, Rutgers University, March 2017

Developed special topics undergraduate course: Urban Communication (Spring 2016)

Member, Social Media & Society Cluster, 2014—2020

Member, Communication and Technology Curriculum Committee, 2014

Representative, SC&I Diversity Committee, 2015—2018

Member, Communication Curriculum Committee, 2015—2018

To the University

Workshop creator/leader, “Authentic Listening and Extension Work,” Rutgers Cooperative Extension Annual Conference, January 2025

Panelist, PECE Workshop on “What I Wish I Know about Tenure and Promotion,” October 2021

Guest Speaker, Virtual Writing Retreat, Rutgers Office for Faculty Development, September 2020

Reviewer, Internal Funding Program, NJ Center on Gun Violence Research at Rutgers, Spring 2019

Participant, Rutgers Program for Early Career Faculty Excellence (PECE), 2016—2019

To the Disciplines of Communication and Sociology

Paper Reviewer for AoIR Annual Conference, 2023

Guest Editor (with Jessa Lingel), *Qualitative Sociology*, Special issue on digital ethnography, September 2022

Member, Editorial Board, *Palgrave Studies in Digital Inequalities*, 2021—ongoing

Chair, Public Sociology Award Committee, CITAMS (Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology), American Sociological Association, 2021

Chair, Nominations Committee, CITAMS (Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology), American Sociological Association, 2020—2021

Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Children and Media*, 2020—2023

Member, Book Award Committee, CITAMS (Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology), American Sociological Association, 2020

Interviewed for the International Sociological Association RC16 Social Theory Summer 2019 Newsletter, October 2019

Instructor, Graduate Student Workshop on Digital Ethnography, Department of Sociology, Stockholm University, Stockholm, Sweden, March 2019

Member, Public Sociology Award Committee, CITAMS (Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology), American Sociological Association, 2019

Officer, Nominations Committee, CITAMS (Communication, Information Technologies, and Media Sociology), American Sociological Association, 2018—2021

Wrote and filmed lectures for the SAGE Sociology Video Collection, “Digital Inequality” and “The Digital Street”, 2017

Organizer, Mediated Street Life in Unequal Cities panel, International Communication Association Convention, Popular Communication Division, 2016

Panel Co-Organizer, Urban Communication Foundation NCA Pre-Conference, “Reducing Violence in Urban Communities Through Communication: Case Studies from Four Cities”, 2015

Paper Reviewer for International Communication Association Convention, Communication and Technology Division, 2015

Paper Reviewer for International Communication Association Convention, Popular Communication Division, 2015

Top Student Paper Reviewer, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Communication and Information Technologies Section, 2014

Ad Hoc Reviewer, National Science Foundation, Law and Science Program, Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant Program, Spring 2024

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology* (2010, 2012, 2014, 2017), *American Behavioral Scientist* (2017), *City & Community* (2021), *Criminology* (2020), *Digital Medicine* (2018), *Ethnography* (2012, 2019), *Frontiers in Sociology* (2023), *Humanity and Society* (2019), *International Journal of Communication* (2014, 2020), *Journal of Communication* (2018, 2020, 2024), *Journal of Computer-Mediated Communication* (2020, 2023), *Journal of Consumer Culture* (2018, 2019), *Journal of Urban Technology* (2016), *Management Communication Quarterly* (2021, 2022, 2023), *Network Science* (2019), *New Media & Society* (2013, 2019, 2020, 2021), *Qualitative Sociology* (2019, 2022, 2023), *Social Inclusion* (2019), *Social Problems* (2012), *Sociological Methods & Research* (2016), *Social Media & Society* (2019), *Symbolic Interaction* (2014), *Youth & Society* (2016)

Ad Hoc Reviewer, Oxford University Press (2021), University of California Press (2024, 2020), Palgrave Macmillan (2023), Polity Press (2017)

Panel Organizer, Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Urban Ethnography Mini-Conference, “Incorporating Digital Life and Technologies into Urban Ethnography”, 2011

To the Broader Community

Media citations and interviews

Interviewed in *NorthJersey.com*, Examining the relationship among social media, policing and the perception of crime, 12/15/23

Guest on *Uncommon Naledge* podcast, Episode 4: Jeff Lane, 7/8/22

Guest on *WashingTech Policy* podcast, Criminal Justice and Tech: The Digital Street with Jeff Lane, 3/20/20

Advisory work cited and interviewed in *Daily Targum*, Rutgers professor creates basketball exhibit for New York City Museum, 2/7/20

Advisory work cited and interviewed in *Rutgers Today*, Aronson and Lane collaborate on the exhibit City/Game: Basketball in New York, 2/5/20

Research cited in *The Lily*, In court cases involving domestic violence, text messages can be key — to winning or losing, 11/25/19

Research cited and interviewed in *Mashable*, Why it's time to rethink online safety for kids: A guide for anxious parents, 9/17/19

Research cited in *The Appeal*, Spotlight: In a study of cops' Facebook accounts, 1 in 5 had posted racist, violent content, 6/3/19

Research cited in *British GQ*, What is the real impact social media is having on gang violence, turf warfare and youth identity?, 6/2/19

Interviewed on *All of It with Alison Stewart*, WNYC (NPR), 1/3/19

Research cited and interviewed in *Rutgers Today*, How the 'digital street' changes social interaction, police surveillance for black urban youths, 1/3/19

Research cited and interviewed in *Rutgers Today*, Exploring life in an urban neighborhood through social media, 11/6/18

Research cited and interviewed in *My Central Jersey* (USA Today Network), Rutgers professor publishes book on social media and teens, 11/19/18

Research cited in *Vice*, The haunting social media trail left by a teen gang member, 5/4/17

Research cited and interviewed in *Next City*, Philly teens find "public space" online, 10/12/16

Research cited in *Chicago Sun-Times*, Professor studies Twitter threats of girl gang killer in Chicago, 6/5/16

Research cited in *New York Times*, Chicago's murder problem, 5/27/16

Research cited and interviewed in *Business Insider*, America's biggest police department is using Facebook to take down its most dangerous gangs, 4/17/16

Quoted in *New York Magazine*, Could cops use Facebook reactions to target criminals?, 3/7/16

Research cited and interviewed in *The Journal Standard*, Social media important in solving crimes in Freeport and U.S., 11/28/15

Research cited and interviewed in *Mic*, Police are sweeping up tweets and friending you on Facebook, whether you know it or not, 11/11/15

Research cited and interviewed in *The Guardian*, Is the online surveillance of black teenagers the new stop-and-frisk?, 4/23/15

Research cited and interviewed in *The Atlantic*, When cops check facebook, 4/19/15

Research cited and interviewed in *The Verge* (article and video), How the NYPD is using social media to put Harlem teens behind bars, 12/10/14

Research cited and interviewed on episode of MTV Brasil's *Mod MTV*, Peripheries, 6/27/11

Community outreach

“Social media workshop with Dr. Lane,” New Brunswick High School, organized by New Brunswick Public Schools and Windows of Understanding, led workshop for students and faculty in response to concerns about violence and social media, March 2022

Signee of coalition letter to the NYPD Inspector General calling for an audit of the NYPD’s gang database, a coalition of organizations and academics, September 2020

Advisory Committee, *City/ Game: Basketball in New York*, Museum of the City of New York (exhibit opens February 14, 2020), 2018—2021

Consultant (unpaid) on *Doc Society v. Pompeo*, a federal lawsuit brought by Brennan Center and co-counsel representing documentary filmmakers that challenges the U.S. Department of State’s implementation of laws requiring that nearly all U.S. visa applicants register their social media identifiers with the U.S. government, 2019

Reviewer and signee of *amicus* brief in Supreme Court case *Carpenter v. United States* on application of the Fourth Amendment’s protection against unreasonable searches in the context of cell site location information, 2017

Advisor, New Horizon Book Club /College Tour Program, 2013—2014

Invited Member, East Harlem Juvenile Gang Task Force, Harlem Community Justice Center, 2010—2012

Researcher, *East Harlem Juvenile Gang Task Force: 2011 Needs Assessment and Strategic Plan*. Task Force convened by the Harlem Community Justice Center and funded by New York State Division of Criminal Justice Services, 2011

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

International Communication Association (ICA)

National Communication Association (NCA)

American Sociological Association (ASA)

Eastern Sociological Society (ESS)

Association of Internet Researchers (AoIR)

OTHER

Founder/Director, Schoolhouse Tutors, Inc. (tutoring/mentorship program for 6th-12th graders in New York City), 2003-2011