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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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2025-*present*    **Assistant Professor**, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Utah

2024-2025    **Instructor**, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Utah

## EDUCATION

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2025    **Ph.D. Sociology**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2018    **M.S. Sociology**, University of Wisconsin-Madison

2014    **B.A. Sociology**, Reed College

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Punishment, Criminal Justice, Law and Society, Prosecution, Race and Ethnicity, Poverty, Inequality, Welfare, Qualitative Methods

## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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Paik, Leslie and **Chiara Packard**. 2023. "Broadening the Lens of Procedural Justice Beyond the Courtroom: A Case Study of Legal Financial Obligations in the Juvenile Court." *Law & Social Inquiry*.

Miesner, H. Rose, Elizabeth E. Blair, **Chiara Packard**, Lyn Macgregor, and Eric Grodsky. 2023. "Instructional Coordination for Response to Intervention: How Organizational Contexts Shape Tier 2 Interventions in Practice." *American Journal of Education*.

Miesner, H. Rose, Elizabeth E. Blair, **Chiara Packard**, Maria Velazquez, Lyn Macgregor, and Eric Grodsky. 2022. "Collaborating in Context: Relational Trust and Collaborative Structures at Eight Elementary Schools." *Teaching and Teacher Education*.

Charles, Pajarita, Luke Muentner, Sarah Jensen, **Chiara Packard**, Chloe Haimson, John Eason, and Julie Poehlmann-Tynan. 2021. "Incarcerated during a pandemic: Implications of COVID-19 for jailed individuals and their families." *Corrections*.

**Packard, Chiara.** 2021. “Contending with Carcerality: Discursive resistance to elite appropriation of anti-violence activism in Indian media.” *Violence Against Women*.

## MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

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**Packard, Chiara.** “Prosecution for Services: How the Blending of Coercion and Care Shapes Prosecutors’ Decisions.” (*Under Review*)

- \* Winner of the *Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences*, University of Wisconsin-Madison, 2024
- \* Winner of the *Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Award*, SSSP Law & Society Division, 2023
- \* Honorable Mention, *Distinguished Student Paper Award*, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance, 2023
- \* Third Place in the *Gene Carte Student Paper Prize Competition*, ASC, 2023

**Packard, Chiara** and Casey Stockstill. “AI Meets the Book Club: Evaluating an AI-Assisted Writing Assignment in Sociology.” (*Under Review*)

## MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

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**Packard, Chiara.** “Case Pending: The Role of Defendant ‘Performance’ Pretrial in Prosecutorial Decision-Making.” (*In preparation*)

**Packard, Chiara.** “Boundaries of Violence: How Prosecutors Decide Between Violent and Nonviolent Charges.” (*In preparation*)

Eason, John M., **Chiara Packard**, and Isabel Anadon. “The Prison Boom and Mass Imprisonment.” (*In preparation*).

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS

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### Working Papers and Reports

Miesner, H. Rose, **Chiara Packard**, Taylor Laemmli, & Lyn MacGregor. 2020. “Practitioners’ recommendations to improve the academic success of economically disadvantaged students in Wisconsin.” WCER Working Paper No. 2020-12.

Paik, Leslie and **Chiara Packard**. 2019. “Impact of Juvenile Justice Fines and Fees on Family Life: Case Study in Dane County, WI.” Juvenile Law Center.

Miesner, H. Rose, Elizabeth E. Blair, **Chiara C. Packard**, Maria Velazquez, Lyn Macgregor, and Eric Grodsky. 2019. “Collaborating in Context: Relational Trust and Collaborative Structures at Eight Wisconsin Elementary Schools.” WCER Working Paper No. 2019-7.

Grodsky, Eric, Yiyue Huangfu, H. Rose Miesner, and **Chiara Packard**. 2017. “Kindergarten readiness in Wisconsin.” WCER Working Paper No. 2017-3.

### Op-Eds

**Packard, Chiara** and Matt Keyser. 2021. “Improving Timely Justice in America’s Courts.” *National Partnership for Pretrial Justice*.

**Packard, Chiara** and Leslie Paik. 2020. “Legal Financial Obligations from Juvenile Court Strain Families’ Budgets, Emotions.” *Juvenile Justice Information Exchange*.

## HONORS, AWARDS, & FELLOWSHIPS

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### External

- 2023      **ASA Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant** (\$13,990), American Sociological Association, formerly administered by the National Science Foundation
- 2023      **Gene Carte Student Paper Prize** (*Third Place*), American Society of Criminology
- 2023      **Distinguished Student Paper Award** (*Honorable Mention*), Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association
- 2023      **Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Award** (\$183), Law & Society Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2020      **Visiting Research Scholar**, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Crime, Security and Law in Freiburg, Germany (*remote due to COVID19*)

### Internal

- 2024-2025      **S.T.A.R. Fellow**, Office for Faculty, University of Utah
- 2024      **Genevieve Gorst Herfurth Award for Outstanding Research in Social Sciences**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2023      **Graduate Research Fellow** (\$725/year), Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2023      **Graduate Fellow**, Wisconsin Collective for Ethnographic Research, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2021-2023      **Law & Society Graduate Fellowship** (\$2,000), Institute for Legal Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2021-2022      **IRP Dissertation Research Fellowship** (\$24,816), Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2020-2022      **Graduate Research Fellow**, UW Justice Lab, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2021      **Mellon-Wisconsin Summer Fellowship** (\$7,700), Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2021      **Student Research Grants Competition Travel Award** (\$1,500), Graduate School, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2019-2020      **Research Fellowship** (\$24,816), Center for German and European Studies, University of Wisconsin-Madison

- 2019      **Small Grant Award** (\$180), Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- 2014      **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society**, Reed College
- 2013      **Corbett Goldhammer Grant**, Reed College

## PRESENTATIONS

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### Conference Presentations

- 2025      “Reevaluating Assumptions: Ethnographic Insights into Prosecutorial Decision-Making.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. (*upcoming*)
- 2025      “The Interaction of Prosecutorial and Judicial Discretion.” (*Organizer/ chair of thematic panel*) American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. (*upcoming*)
- 2025      “Healthcare Provision Pretrial: Public-Private Partnerships with Criminal Courts in the Provision of Healthcare to Defendants.” (*Lightning Talk*) American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington D.C. (*upcoming*)
- 2025      “Boundaries of Violence: How Prosecutors Decide Between Violent and Nonviolent Charges.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- 2025      “Case Pending: The Role of Defendant ‘Performance’ Pretrial in Prosecutorial Decision-Making.” Law and Society Association. Chicago, IL.
- 2024      “Battery or Disorderly Conduct? The Role of Prosecutors in the Social Construction of Violence.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2023      “Case Pending: The Role of Defendant ‘Performance’ Pretrial in Prosecutorial Decision-Making.”
- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA. (*Organizer/ chair of thematic panel*)
  - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023      “Prosecution for Services: How the Blending of Coercion and Care Shapes Prosecutors’ Decisions.” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA.
- 2023      “Prosecution for Services: How Access to Services through the Criminal Justice System Shapes Prosecutors’ Decisions.” Chicago Ethnography Conference. Chicago, IL.
- 2022      “Prosecution for Services: How Access to Services through the Criminal Justice System Shapes Prosecutors’ Decisions.”
- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Atlanta, GA
  - American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA.
  - Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Virtual.
- 2021      ““The question is, *should* you charge?’: Prosecutorial discretion and the boundaries of violence.”
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (*roundtable*). Virtual.
  - Society for the Study of Social Problems Virtual Annual Meeting. Virtual.
  - Law and Society Association Virtual Annual Meeting. Virtual.

- 2021 Muentner, L. [presenter], Jensen, S., Haimson, C., **Packard, C.**, Charles, P., Eason, J., Poehlmann-Tynan, J. "Incarcerated during a pandemic: COVID-19 and its implications for families and children with jailed parents." Society for Research on Child Development Virtual Biennial Meeting (*poster presentation*). Virtual.
- 2019 Paik, Leslie and **Chiara Packard** [presenter]. "Bills of Injustice: Fines, Fees, and Restitution in the Juvenile Justice System." American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2019 Paik, Leslie [presenter] and **Chiara Packard**. "Bills of Injustice: Families and Victims' Experiences with Legal Financial Obligations in Juvenile Court." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (*roundtable*). New York, NY.
- 2018 "Navigating Carcerality: An analysis of activist participation in television media discourse following the 2012 Delhi Gang Rape." International Feminist Journal of Politics Conference. San Francisco, CA.
- 2015 "Voices Against Violence: Analysis of media and activist responses to the 2012 Delhi gang rape." American Sociological Association Annual Meeting (*roundtable*). Chicago, IL.
- 2014 "Cooperative and local, community-based banking and the fates of local economies through the financial crisis." Reed College. Portland, OR.

### Invited Talks

- 2021 "Managing Research in the COVID Era." University of California, Irvine Center in Law, Society and Culture. Virtual.

### Presentations to the Public

- 2018 "Kindergarten Readiness in Wisconsin." Presentation to the Wisconsin Department of Children and Families Executive Team with Eric Grodsky. Madison, WI, July 2018.
- 2017 "Kindergarten Readiness in Wisconsin." Presentation to the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council with Eric Grodsky and H. Rose Meisner. Madison, WI, December 2017.

## TEACHING & MENTORING

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**Instructor of Record**, Department of Sociology, University of Utah

SOC 3575: Criminal Courts - Online (Spring 2025)

SOC/CRIM 3561: Criminology (Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024)

**Instructor of Record**, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, University of Nebraska Omaha

CRCJ3380: Race, Ethnicity, and Criminal Justice (Spring 2023)

**Teaching Assistant**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

SOC134: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Spring 2019, Fall 2018)

**Guest Lecturer**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

"Race and the War on Drugs," Sociology of Race and Ethnicity (Fall 2018)

**Research Practicum Instructor**, Department of Sociology, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
 SOC 320: Prosecutorial Decision-Making Across Contexts (Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2022, Spring 2023; 7 students total)  
 SOC 320: Independent Study in Advanced Hindi Translation (Fall 2017; 1 student)

## SERVICE

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2024-*present* Member, Undergraduate Committee, Department of Sociology, University of Utah  
 2023-*present* Organizer, Punishment & Society Reading Group, Law and Society Association  
 2023-*present* Member, ASA Crime, Law, and Deviance Inclusion & Engagement Committee  
 2025 Thematic Panel Organizer/Chair, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting  
 2023 Thematic Panel Organizer/Chair, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting  
 2021-2022 Organizer, Notes from the Field group, UW-Madison  
 2021-2022 Communications Coordinator, 2022 Chicago Ethnography Conference  
 2020-2022 Project Director, UW Justice Lab, UW-Madison  
 2019-2022 Speaker/Panelist at various departmental workshops and events  
     “Best Laid Plans: Ethnographic research design story time,” Brownbag Workshop  
     “Finding Funding in Graduate School,” Brownbag Workshop  
     “Mentoring,” First-Year Professionalization Seminar  
     “Life as a Grad Student at UW-Madison,” Visit Day Panel for Prospective Students  
 2021 Volunteer Presider, ASA Refereed Roundtables  
 2019-2020 Member, Culture and Climate Committee, UW-Madison  
 2018-2019 Member, Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee, UW-Madison  
 2017-2019 Mentor for new graduate students, UW-Madison

Reviewer: *Law and Society Review*, *Law and Social Inquiry*, *Journal of Crime and Justice*, *Journal of Criminal Justice*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association (ASA)  
 Law and Society Association (LSA)  
 Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)  
 American Society of Criminology (ASC)

## SKILLS

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*Computing:* Stata, NVivo, MAXQDA, Dedoose, Qualtrics  
*Languages:* English and Italian (native); Spanish and Portuguese (intermediate); French (basic)