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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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

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

EDUCATION

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

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

PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Packard, Chiara. *Forthcoming*. “Evaluating Performances Pretrial: The Role of Defendant Performances in Prosecutors’ Plea Bargaining Decisions.” *Criminology & Public Policy*.

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

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 IN PROGRESS

Packard, Chiara. “Prosecution for Services: How Penal-Welfare Hybridization Shapes Prosecutors’ Decisions.”

- * 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. “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

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

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

- 2026 **CSBS Internal Grant** (\$10,000), College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Utah
- 2026 **CSBS Book Writer Award** (\$1,000), College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, University of Utah
- 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

Invited Talks

- 2026 “Molding Governable Citizens: How Prosecutors Demand and Evaluate Defendants’ Performances Pretrial.” Reed College. Portland, OR. March 2026.
- 2021 “Managing Research in the COVID Era.” University of California, Irvine Center in Law, Society and Culture. Virtual.

Conference Presentations

- 2026 “The Interaction of Prosecutorial and Judicial Discretion.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA.
- 2025 “Reevaluating Assumptions: Ethnographic Insights into Prosecutorial Decision-Making.” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.
- 2025 “The Interaction of Prosecutorial and Judicial Discretion.” (*Organizer/ chair of thematic panel*) American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Washington D.C.
- 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.
- 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.

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

Instructor of Record, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Utah
 SOC/CRIM 3561: Criminology (Spring 2026, Fall 2025, Spring 2025, Fall 2024)
 SOC 3575: Criminal Courts - Online (Spring 2026, Spring 2025)

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)

MENTORING

Honors Thesis Mentor, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Utah.
Students: Ellie Nicole Smith (2025-2026)

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

To the Discipline

2026-*present* **Council Member**, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association
2023-*present* **Punishment & Society Reading Group Organizer**, Punishment & Society CRN, Law and Society Association
2023-2025 **Inclusion & Engagement Committee Member**, Crime, Law, and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association
2023, 2025 **Thematic Panel Organizer/Chair**, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting
2021-2022 **Communications Coordinator**, 2022 Chicago Ethnography Conference
2021 **Volunteer Presider**, ASA Refereed Roundtables
Ongoing **Ad Hoc Reviewer**: Law and Society Review, Law and Social Inquiry, Journal of Crime and Justice, Journal of Criminal Justice

To the University, School, and Department

2024-*present* **Undergraduate Committee Member**, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Utah
Fall 2025 **Faculty Search Committee Member**, Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Utah
2021-2022 **Notes from the Field Group Organizer**, University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW-Madison)

- 2020-2022 **Project Director**, UW Justice Lab, UW-Madison
- 2019-2022 **Speaker/Panelist** at various departmental workshops and events, UW-Madison
 “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
- 2019-2020 **Culture and Climate Committee Member**, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2018-2019 **Minority Recruitment and Retention Committee Member**, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison
- 2017-2019 **Mentor for new graduate students**, Department of Sociology, UW-Madison

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association (ASA)
 Law and Society Association (LSA)
 American Society of Criminology (ASC)

SKILLS

Computing: Stata, NVivo, MAXQDA, Dedoose, Qualtrics

Languages: English and Italian (native); Spanish and Portuguese (intermediate); French (basic)