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RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Community Safety, Policing, Inequality, Historical Punishment Practices, Law & Policy, Mixed Methods

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024- **Assistant Professor (Tenure-Track)**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park

Fall 2023 **Visiting Assistant Professor**, Department of Criminology and Criminal Justice University of Maryland, College Park

EDUCATION

2023 Ph.D., Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University
2020 M.Phil., Sociology & African American Studies, Yale University
2016 M.P.P., Social Policy, University of Michigan- Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy
2011 B.A., Business Administration, University of St. Thomas-MN (*cum laude*)

AFFILIATIONS

2025-Present Institute for Public Leadership, University of Maryland, College Park
2024-Present Dept. of African American & Africana Studies, University of Maryland, College Park
2023-Present Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland, College Park

FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS

2024-Present Fellow, National Science Foundation Institute for Critical, Quantitative, Computational, and Mixed Methodologies
2024 Awardee, 2024 ASA Sociological Practice and Public Sociology Section Robert F. Dentler Student Practitioner Award
2023 Fellow, Summer Institute for Computational Social Science, University of Pennsylvania
2023 Awardee, 2023 ASA History of Sociology and Sociological Thought Best Graduate Student Paper Award
2023 Inductee, National Center for Institutional Diversity - Diversity Scholars Network, University of Michigan
2022 Fellow, Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$28,000)
2022 People's Choice Awardee, Yale University 3-Minute Thesis Competition
2021 Honorable Mention, 2021 ASA Theory Section Best Graduate Student Paper Award
2021 Inductee, Edward A. Bouchet Graduate Honor Society, Yale University
2020-2023 Spencer Fellow, Institute for Critical, Quantitative, Computational, and Mixed Methodologies-Cohort 1
2020 Law & Society Association Graduate Student/Early Career Workshop
2019 Graduate Policy Fellow, Institution for Social and Policy Studies, Yale University
2018-2022 Fellow, Health Policy Research Scholars Program-Cohort 3 (\$120,000)
2018 Graduate Research Fellow, Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition, Yale University (\$2,000)
2018 Summer Research Fellow, Center for the Study of Race, Indigeneity, & Transnational Migration, Yale University (\$1,000)
2016-2017 Fellow, Institute for the Recruitment of Teachers

2009-2010 Fellow, Ronald E. McNair Scholars Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES (*denotes equal authorship; † graduate student; †† undergraduate student)

- 2025 **Lewis, Demar F., IV.** “To Agitate a Southern Audience: Revisiting the Impact of Abolition on Tuskegee Institute’s Institutional Interventions, Anti-Lynching Advocacy, and Sociological Contributions.” *Du Bois Review: Social Science Research on Race* 22(2):258-282. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2024 Rocha Beardall, Theresa, Rahim Kurwa, and **Demar F. Lewis IV.** “Mended Windows, Not Broken Windows: A Du Boisian Analysis of Urban Policing.” *City & Community* 23(4):320-340. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2023 Anderson, Andrew*, **Demar F. Lewis IV***, Paul Shafer, Jordan Anderson, and Thomas A. LaVeist. “Public Trust is Earned: Historical Discrimination, Carceral Violence, and the COVID-19 Pandemic.” *Health Services Research* 58(52):218-228. [\[article link\]](#)
- 2021 **Lewis, Demar F., IV.** “Troubling America’s Historical Waters: Towards the Transdisciplinary Study of U.S. Lynchings as an Active Present.” *Sociology Compass* 15(11): e12931. [\[article link\]](#)

BOOK CHAPTERS AND BOOK REVIEWS

- Lewis, Demar F., IV.** 2024. Book Review. “Beyond Policing.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity*:1-2. [\[link\]](#)
- Lewis, Demar F., IV.** 2019. Book Review. “Doing Violence, Making Race: Lynching and White Racial Group Formation in the U.S. South, 1882-1930.” *Sociology of Race & Ethnicity* 5(3): 440-441. [\[link\]](#)

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW

- Hitchens, Brooklynn*, **Demar F. Lewis IV***, and Toryn Sperry†. “‘This Stuff Go Higher Rank’: How Exposures to Unsafty Shape Visions of Community Safety in Baltimore.” (*R&R*)
- Lewis, Demar F., IV** and Roderick L. Pearson†. “More Gentrification, More Violent Crime Spillovers? A Spatial Analysis of Gentrification Status & Violent Crime Patterns in Cincinnati, 2018-2022.” (*R&R*)
- Lewis, Demar F., IV.** “Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate as a Viable Safety Intervention.”
- Lewis, Demar F., IV**, Muna Adem, Jasmyn Nelson, and Leen Osman. “When It Rains, It Pours: Examining the Health Associations of Carceral Knowledge on the Self-Reported Stress and Sleep of Black Americans.”
- Lewis, Demar F., IV**, Lindsay S. Dieudonne†, Nicholas C. Smith, Terrill Taylor, Muna Adem, and Jason Ashe. “Weathering the Storm: How Linked Fate Influenced the Self-Reported Mental and Physical Health of Black Americans After the First Year of COVID-19.”

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA SELECTIONS

- 2025 **Quoted** in, “[Despite Baltimore crime being down, some residents still feel unsafe: ‘The perception is that it’s the same.’](#)” *Baltimore Sun*.
- 2021 “[Connecticut Bar Association Policing Task Force—Report and Recommendations.](#)” Co-authored research report with colleagues Matthew G.T. Denney* and Alberto Cifuentes that sustained policy recommendations of the Connecticut Bar Association’s Policing Task Force. Co-presented findings to Attorney General William Tong.

- 2021 **Featured** in [“Public Sociology & Social Theory: An Interview With Demar Lewis.”](#) *American Sociological Association Theory Section.*
- 2020 **Interviewed** for ‘The People vs. The Klan’ CNN Documentary by Blumhouse Films.
- 2020 [“Housing the Formerly Incarcerated Should Be A Fundamental Right, Especially In A Pandemic.”](#) *The Appeal*
- 2020 **Featured** on *Coloring Health Policy* Podcast episode. [“Anti-Lynching Policy and Ahmaud Arbery.”](#)
- 2016 “Transforming the Black Silent Majority into an Engaged Black Majority.” *Harvard Journal of African American Public Policy* 22: 18-20.

GRANT FUNDING

- 2026 MPower Early Scholars Investment Fund, University of Maryland, College Park (\$50,000)(PI)
- 2025 Anti-Black Racism Initiative Junior Faculty Seed Grant, University of Maryland, College Park (\$25,000)(Co-PI)
- 2025 Institute for Public Leadership Seed Grant, University of Maryland, College Park (\$10,000)
- 2024 Dean’s Research Initiative, College of Behavioral & Social Sciences, University of Maryland (\$20,000)
- 2020 Racism & COVID-19 Systems and Policy Change Funding Award, Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$40,000)(Co-PI)
- Dissertation Award, Health Policy Research Scholars Program, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (\$10,000)

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS (Refereed)

- 2025 “How Interactive Exposures to 2020 Police Violence Shaped the Self-Reported Mental and Physical Health of Black Adults During the Onset of COVID-19.” *Association of Black Sociologists*, Memphis, TN, USA
- 2025 “To Agitate a Southern Audience: Revisiting the Impact of Abolition on Tuskegee Institute’s Institutional Interventions, Anti-Lynching Advocacy, and Sociological Contributions.” *Southern Political Science Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- 2024 “Before 2020, #Defund Was in the Streets: Unpacking Television News Networks’ Representation of #DefundThePolice, 2011-2019.” *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2024 “The Revolving Door: Revisiting the Practical Limitations of Pattern-or-Practice Agreements to Promote Structural Police Reform in the 21st Century.” *American Society of Criminology*, San Francisco, CA, USA
- 2024 “From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure: Illuminating Gentrification as a Threat to Safety Beyond Gentrifying Neighborhoods in a Mid-sized Chocolate City.” *American Sociological Association*, Montreal, Canada
- 2024 “Vacant Properties, More Policing? A Spatial Analysis of Gentrification, Vacancies, & Crime Enforcement in Cincinnati, 2018-2022.” *Population Association of America*, Columbus, OH, USA
- 2024 “Defund, ‘Refund’, or Abolish the Police? Age Differences in Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate and its Implications for the Future of Policing.” *Stockholm Criminology Symposium*, Stockholm, Sweden
- 2023 “The Broken Plate of Policing: A Du Boisian Analysis of Race and Police Violence in Midsized U.S. Cities.” *Law & Society Association*, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2022 “Unveiling the Trauma of the Routine: Illuminating Levels of Persisting Inequity in Conceptions of Community Safety.” *American Sociological Association*, Los Angeles, CA, USA.

INVITED TALKS, PANELS, AND GUEST LECTURES

- 2026 Keynote Speaker. “New Directions in Community Safety Research.” Virginia State University, Department of Sociology, Social Work, and Criminal Justice. Petersburg, VA, USA.
- 2025 Keynote Speaker. “Short Term Fix or Long-Term Strategy? Unpacking Temporal Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate as a Safety Intervention.” Rutgers University, Camden—Department of Sociology, Anthropology, & Criminal Justice. Camden, NJ, USA.
- 2025 Keynote Speaker. “Weathering the Storm: Vicarious Racism, Linked Fate, and Self-Reported Health Among Black Americans After the First Year of COVID-19.” National Institute of Aging. Baltimore, MD, USA
- 2024 Panel Participant. “Policing Data and Equity.” More to Do: Police Accountability and Public Safety Regional Conference—Children’s Law Center, City of Cincinnati, University of Cincinnati, and Cincinnati Black United Front. Cincinnati, OH, USA.
- 2024 Keynote Speaker. “From Cultural Displacement to Communal Erasure: Illuminating Gentrification as a Threat to Safety Beyond Gentrifying Neighborhoods in a Mid-sized Chocolate City.” University of Memphis-Department of Sociology. Memphis, TN, USA.
- 2024 Keynote Speaker. “Defund, ‘Refund’, or Abolish the Police? Age Differences in Evaluations of the #DefundThePolice Mandate and its Implications for the Future of Policing.” American Bar Foundation. Chicago, IL, USA
- 2020 Panel Participant. “Putting Policing and Racial Justice in Historical Context.” Institution for Social and Policy Studies. Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA
- 2020 Panel Participant. “Is it Juneteenth Yet?” Washington University St. Louis-Racism Pandemic Town Hall Series. Washington University St. Louis, St. Louis, MO, USA
- 2018 Keynote Speaker. “Making Sense of the Numbers: A Du Boisian Approach to the Study of Prisoner Reentry.” Contemporary Studies of Race & Ethnicity Workshop. Department of Sociology, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA, USA.