

# Allison McKim

## *Curriculum vitae*

Bard College, Sociology Department  
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### **EDUCATION**

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- 2010      Ph.D. Sociology, New York University
- 2007      M.A. Sociology, New York University
- 2001      B.A. *magna cum laude*, Sociology, Barnard College, Columbia University

### **ACADEMIC POSITIONS**

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- 2017 – Present      Associate Professor of Sociology, Bard College, Sociology Department
- 2010 - 2017      Assistant Professor of Sociology, Bard College, Sociology Department

### **PUBLICATIONS**

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#### **Books**

*Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs in the Era of Mass Incarceration* (Rutgers University Press, 2017)

\*Winner of the 2018 Book of the Year Award from the Division of Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology

\*Winner of the 2018 Book Award from the Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice, American Society of Criminology

#### **Refereed Journal Articles**

- 2014      “Roxanne’s Dress: Governing Gender and Marginality through Addiction Treatment.” *Signs* 39(2).
- 2008      ““Getting Gut-Level’: Punishment, Gender, and Therapeutic Governance.” *Gender & Society* 22(3): 303-323.

#### **Book Reviews**

- 2016      Review essay: *A Halfway House for Women: Oppression and Resistance* by Gail Caputo and *Can’t Catch a Break: Gender, Jail, Drugs, and the Limits of Personal Responsibility* by Susan Starr Sered and Maureen Norton-Hawk. *Signs* 41(2): 471-475.
- 2010      Review of *Rave Culture: The Alteration and Decline of a Philadelphia Music Scene* by Tammy Anderson. *Social Forces* 88 (4): 1931-1932.

## Manuscripts in Preparation

“The Strange Career of the Glow Stick: Symbolic Criminalization in the War on Drugs”

“Irresponsible Men and Weak Women: Gender and the Revival of Rehabilitation in U.S. Criminal Justice” (with Kerwin Kaye)

## FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS, & HONORS

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| 2018      | Book of the Year Award, Division of Women & Crime, American Society of Criminology               |
| 2018      | Book Award, Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice, American Society of Criminology |
| 2011      | New York University Department of Sociology Nominee for Dean’s Outstanding Dissertation Award    |
| 2009-2010 | Prize Teaching Fellowship, New York University                                                   |
| 2008      | Dennis Wrong Award, Best Graduate Student Paper, Department of Sociology, New York University    |
| 2008      | Mainzer Pre-Doctoral Research Fellowship, New York University                                    |
| 2002-2008 | Henry MacCracken Fellowship – Enhanced, New York University                                      |
| 2006      | Graduate School of Arts & Science Travel Grant, New York University                              |
| 2002      | Dean’s Fellowship, New York University                                                           |
| 2002      | National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention                       |
| 2001      | Departmental Honors, Sociology, Barnard College                                                  |
| 2001      | Award of Distinction for Senior Thesis, Barnard College                                          |

## CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION, SYMPOSIA, & TALKS

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### Invited Talks

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| 2019 | “Race and Gender Politics of Addiction Treatment in the Criminal Justice System.”<br>Invited Lecture at Explorations in Social Justice conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, September 13.                |
| 2019 | “Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs in the Era of Mass Incarceration.” Invited Lecture at conference of the Réseau de Prévention des Addictions, Paris, France, June 22.                                  |
| 2019 | “Addicted to Rehab: Gender, Race, and Drug Treatment in the Era of Mass Incarceration.” Invited Lecture at Binghamton University, Department of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Binghamton, NY, April 25. |

- 2018 “Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drug Treatment in the Era of Mass Incarceration.” Invited Lecture at Northwestern University’s Crime, Law, & Society Workshop, Evanston, IL, January 23.
- 2017 Invited participant in a panel on “Drug User Health and Treatment Options in New York’s Department of Corrections” at John Jay College’s Punishment to Public Health conference, New York, NY, November 9.
- 2017 “Governing through Addiction: Drug Treatment in the Era of Mass Incarceration.” Drug Policy Alliance, New York, NY, September 8.
- 2016 “They Made Her Go to Rehab: Stigma, Power, and the Boundaries of Punishment.” Invited presentation, Penal Boundaries Workshop, Centre for Criminology and Socio-legal Studies, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON, April 14.
- 2009 “Mad, Bad, or Self-Actualized: Social Ties in Therapeutic Treatment for Women.” Invited Talk, Puck Seminar, Department of Sociology, New York University, NY, NY, April 27.

### **Conference Presentations**

- 2019 Presenter on Thematic Panel titled “Interrogating the Social Justice of Addiction and Drug Treatment for Justice-Involved Women.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 11.
- 2019 Presenter on rountable titled “Engaged and Activist Ethnography: Possibilities, Dilemmas, and Praxis,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, May 31.
- 2017 Presenter on panel titled, “Incorrigibles: A Transmedia Public History of Young Women’s Incarceration.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 15.
- 2017 “The Strange Career of the Glow Stick: Race and Symbolic Criminalization in the War on Drugs.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Mexico City, Mexico, June 22.
- 2016 “Addicted to Punishment: Work, Responsibility, and Racialized Rehabilitation.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, June 2.
- 2015 Participant on panel titled, “The Return of the Medical Model? The Explosion of Healthcare Spending in U.S. Prisons and Jails,” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, May 28.
- 2015 “Governing Through Addiction: Gender and the Reemergence of Penal-Welfare.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA, May 28.
- 2014 “They Made Her Go to Rehab: How Punishment Shapes Drug Treatment.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, November 19.

- 2014 “The New Dependency: Punishing Drug Using Women.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, August 18.
- 2012 “The Strange Career of the Glow Stick: Rave Culture and Symbolic Criminalization in the War on Drugs.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL, November 15.
- 2011 “Working the Program: Therapeutic Knowledge and the Meaning of Rehabilitation for Women.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC, November 17.
- 2011 “Expectations Are Resentments Waiting to Happen: Self-Help Culture, Gender, and Therapeutic Governance.” Women & Society Conference, Marist College, Poughkeepsie, NY, October 21.
- 2011 “Roxanne’s Dress: Governing Women’s Presentation of Self in Therapeutic Treatment.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 19.
- 2009 “Patients or Prisoners? Therapeutic Treatment in the State and the Market.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 4.
- 2008 “Gender, Race, and the Therapeutic Self: Treating and Punishing Addicted Women.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, MO, November 13.
- 2006 “Getting Gut-Level: Punishment, Gender, and Therapeutic Governance.” Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Montréal, QC, August 10.

### **Discussant and Other Roles**

- 2019 Reader on Author-Meets-Reading session on *Building the Prison State: Race and the Politics of Mass Incarceration*, by Heather Schoenfeld. Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Washington, DC, May 31.
- 2018 Author-Meets-Reader session on my book, *Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs in the Era of Mass Incarceration*. Annual Meeting of the Law & Society Association, Toronto, ON, June 10.
- 2017 Author-Meets-Critic session on my book, *Addicted to Rehab: Race, Gender, and Drugs in the Era of Mass Incarceration*. Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA, November 16.
- 2016 Discussant for Lynne Haney. “Incarcerated Fatherhood: The Entanglements of Child Support Debt and Mass Imprisonment.” Crime, Law & Deviance Workshop, New York University, NY, NY, April 1.

- 2014 Organizer of thematic panel *Addiction Treatment and Contemporary Punishment: Rehabilitation after the Punitive Turn* (with Kerwin Kaye), at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA
- 2013 Chair and discussant for panel on Gender & Violence, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY, August 9.
- 2011 Discussant for panel on Prisons, Punishment, and Rehabilitation, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, Las Vegas, NV, August 21.
- 2007 Discussant for Agnieszka Graff, “The Land of Real Men and Real Women: Gender and EU Accession in Three Polish Weeklies.” Fulbright New Century Scholars book release event *Global Empowerment of Women: Responses to Globalization, Politicized Religions and Gender Violence*, Carolyn Elliott, Ed. New York University, NY, NY, December 7.
- 2007 Discussant for Lynne Haney, “Offending Women: Power, Punishment, and the Regulation of Desire.” Crime, Law, Deviance Workshop, New York University, NY, NY, March.
- 2007 Discussant for Ann Orloff, “Farewell to Maternalism?: State Policies and Mothers’ Employment in the U.S. and Europe.” Gender & Inequality Workshop, New York University, NY, NY, February 16.

### **RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS**

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Gender; Punishment & Social Control; Crime & Deviance; The Welfare State; Law & Society; Intersectionality; Ethnographic Research Methods

### **RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS**

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2016-present. Investigator, Great Stories Club, American Library Association/National Endowment for the Humanities, with Maria Sachiko Cecire, PI. Survey research on underserved and incarcerated youth’s experiences with themed reading groups and debating big ideas.

2016-2018. Scholarly Advisor, Incurrigibles. National Endowment for the Humanities-funded digital public history project that explores the history of reformatories and social service agencies for girls and young women, focusing on the New York Training School for Girls in Hudson, NY. This research is presented in an interactive online platform ([incurrigibles.org](http://incurrigibles.org)).

2008-2009. Research Consultant, Social Science Research Council. Project: *Hurricane Katrina, Experts and their Publics*, with Harvey Molotch & Lee Clarke. Qualitative interviews with scientists and other professionals working on environmental and hurricane disasters about their public engagement.

2009 & 2007. Research Assistant for David Garland, New York University. Project: *Peculiar Institution: America’s Death Penalty in an Age of Abolition*. Archival research on press coverage of capital trials. Edited book chapters (June-August).

2004–2005, Summer 2007. Research Assistant for Eric Klinenberg, New York University. Project: *Going Solo: The Rise & Appeal of Living Alone*. Qualitative interviews with adults who live alone and with policy makers, emergency managers, and service providers for the elderly and homebound. Ethnographic fieldwork in senior centers and singles groups.

2001–2002. Assistant Researcher, Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, NY, NY. Managed interviewing, edited, and cleaned data in longitudinal, epidemiological, psychosocial research on family drug use patterns and adolescent risk behaviors.

1998–2001. Research Assistant for Lynn Chancer, Barnard College and Fordham University. Project: *High-Profile Crimes: When Legal Cases Become Social Causes*

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## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Bard College Undergraduate Courses, 2010–present**

*Introductory Courses:* Introduction to Sociology; Sociology of Gender; First Year Seminar

*Mid-Level Courses:* Sexualities; Punishment, Prisons, & Policing; Drugs & Society; Sociological Theory

*Advanced Courses:* Gender & Deviance; Governing the Self; Advanced Seminar in Punishment & Society; Qualitative Research Practicum; Senior Project in Sociology

### **New York University Undergraduate Courses (instructor of record), 2003–2010**

Sex & Gender, Sexual Diversity in Society, Gender & Deviance, Drugs in Society

### **Doctoral Committees**

Colleen Hackett, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado, Boulder. “Helping Women Help Themselves: An Ethnography of Carceral Empowerment and the Neoliberal Rehabilitative Ideal at a Recovery Center for Criminalized Women,” 2015

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## **PROFESSIONAL AND DEPARTMENTAL SERVICE**

### **Service to the Department/College/University**

Member, Racial Justice Working Group, Social Studies Division, Bard College, 2020–present

Director, Sociology Program, Bard College, 2017–2019, 2020–present

Division Evaluator for pre-tenure review, Social Studies Division, Bard College, 2018

Member, Steering Committee for the Gender & Sexuality Studies Concentration, Bard College, 2016–Present

Member, Faculty Diversity Committee, Bard College, 2016–2018 (chair for 2017–2018)

Member, Council on Inclusive Excellence, Bard College, 2014-2018

Member, Institutional Review Board, Bard College, 2014-2016

Search Committees, Bard College, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2019

Presenter, Panel Discussion on “Crime and Punishment.” Organized by Bard Equal Opportunities Program, March 31, 2015

Faculty Q&A for students, Bard Equal Opportunity Program, January 29, 2015

Led workshop for students on avoiding plagiarism and good research practices for the Bard Equal Opportunity Program, December 2, 2014

Presenter and co-organizer (with Center on Civic Engagement) of “In the News: Ferguson” panel on policing and criminal justice, October 6, 2014

Presenter on panel “We Are Bard, Who Are We?: Does Genderism and Sexism Exist at Bard?” Organized by Student Government and Bard Equal Opportunities Program, March 12, 2013

Presenter and co-organizer (with Human Rights Project) of panel titled “What the Delhi Gang Rape Means to Us” on gender violence and media representations, February 5, 2013

Presenter on panel “Post-Racial America?” Organized by the Black Student Organization, November 26, 2012

Member, Library, Bookstore, Technology Committee, Bard College, 2012-13

Interim Co-Director, Gender and Sexuality Studies Concentration, Bard College, 2011-2012

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Dept. of Sociology, New York University, 2005-2008

Facilitator, NYU Morse Academic Plan Teaching Assistant Training: Societies and the Social Sciences, New York University, 2004

Representative, Graduate Student Association, Dept. of Sociology, New York University, 2003-2004

### **Service to the Profession**

Reviewer, *American Journal of Sociology*, *Gender & Society*, *Social Problems*, *Punishment & Society*, *Social Science & Medicine*, *Qualitative Sociology*, *Feminist Criminology*, *Sociological Forum*, *Sociological Quarterly*, University of California Press, Columbia University Press, Routledge Press, Palgrave MacMillan, Oxford Bibliographies, *Oxford Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*

Co-Chair, Gender & Inequality Workshop, Dept. of Sociology, New York University, 2005-2007

Annual Reception Liaison, Sexualities Section, Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association, 2007

### **Service to the Community**

Participant in Drug Policy Alliance’s Race, Treatment, and the Drug War working group, 2017-2018

Member, Prison Voices Project Radio Collective, WGXC, Hudson, NY, 2014-2015

### **MEDIA APPEARANCES**

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Interviewed, *Voir Dire* podcast from Harvard Law School's Criminal Justice Policy Program. "Gender, Punishment, and Social Control with Allison McKim," March 5, 2018. <https://soundcloud.com/hlscjpp/gender-punishment-and-social-control-with-allison-mckim>

Interviewed, *Electorette* podcast. "Addicted to Rehab: Gender, Race, and Rehabilitation with Prof. Allison McKim," December 11, 2017. <https://soundcloud.com/electorette/addicted-to-rehab-gender-race-and-rehabilitation-with-prof-allison-mckim>

Interviewed, *In Theory* podcast, produced by Noorain Khan (Ford Foundation) and Maria Sachiko Cecire (Bard College). "Do-It-Yourself Theory and the Crafting Comeback," season 2, episode 7, May 25, 2015. <http://www.intheory.us/episodes/2016/5/25/s2e7-do-it-yourself-theory-and-the-crafting-comeback>

Interviewed and quoted in article "There Are Almost No Black People in Craft Brewing. Here's Why" by Dave Infante, *Thrillist*, December 3, 2015. <https://www.thrillist.com/drink/nation/there-are-almost-no-black-people-brewing-craft-beer-heres-why>

Interviewer for a segment of *This American Life*, episode: "Home Alone," Public Radio International, December 21, 2007. <http://www.thisamericanlife.org/radio-archives/episode/346/transcript>

### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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American Sociological Association  
Law & Society Association  
Sociologists for Women in Society  
American Society of Criminology