

CURRICULUM VITAE

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EDUCATION

June 2002 University of California, Los Angeles, Ph.D. in Sociology
June 1999 University of California, Los Angeles, MA in Sociology
June 1997 University of Washington, Seattle, WA, BA with Distinction in Sociology

POSITIONS HELD

9/04 – Assistant Professor, University of Washington, Department of Sociology,
West Coast Poverty Center, Faculty Affiliate (9/2008 -)
9/02 – 8/04 Postdoctoral Research Position, University of Washington, Department of Sociology
9/00 - 9/01 Graduate Student Research Assistant, Professor Walter Allen, UCLA
6/99 - 8/99 Undergraduate Summer Research Assistantship Program, Graduate Advisor, UCLA
7/98 - 9/98 Research Assistant for Professor Frank Gilliam, Political Science Department, UCLA

SPECIAL HONORS & AWARDS

2007 University of Washington Distinguished Teaching Award, Nominee
9/01 - 6/02 American Society of Criminology Minority Fellowship in Criminology & Criminal Justice
7/01 - 6/02 UCLA Dissertation Year Award
7/00 - 9/00 UCLA Summer Research Assistant Mentorship Award
9/99 - 6/00 UCLA Year-round Research Assistant Mentorship Award
2001 Honorable Mention, Ford Doctoral Fellowship for Minorities
2000 SSSP Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division Graduate Student Paper Award
9/97 - 6/01 UCLA Graduate Affirmative Action Fellowship
9/96 - 6/97 Presidential Scholar Fellowship, University of Washington
4/96 - 6/97 Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology/ Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship
6/95-12/95 Center for Studies in Demography & Ecology/ Mellon Foundation Research Fellowship

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION

2002 “Sending “Sophisticated” Children “Upstairs”: The Social, Legal and Organizational
Context of Contemporary Juvenile Waiver Proceedings.” Department of Sociology,
University of California, Los Angeles. Chair: Robert Emerson

RESEARCH & TEACHING INTERESTS

Race and ethnicity, social stratification, the juvenile and criminal justice systems, juvenile delinquency and qualitative research methods.

ARTICLES PUBLISHED

Harris, Alexes. 2008. "The Social Construction of 'Sophisticated' Adolescents: How judges integrate juvenile and criminal justice decision-making models." *Journal of Contemporary Ethnography* 37 (469-506).

Harris, Alexes. 2007. "Diverting and Abdicating Judicial Discretion: Cultural, political and procedural dynamics in California juvenile justice." *Law & Society Review* 41 (2): 387-428.

Clark, Reginald, Alexes Harris & Walter Allen. Spring 2005. "After-School Youth Programs: How They Affect Black Male Development and Educational Progress." *Challenge*, 11(2).

Harris, Alexes, and Walter Allen. 2003. "Lest We Forget Thee...The Under- and Over-Representation of Black and Latino youth in California higher education and juvenile justice institutions." *Race & Society*. 6: 99-123

MANUSCRIPTS UNDER REVIEW FOR PUBLICATION

Harris, Alexes, Heather Evans, and Katherine Beckett. 2009. "Drawing Blood from Stones: Monetary Sanctions and their Implications for the Study of Punishment, Poverty and Inequality." Revise and Resubmit at *American Journal of Sociology*.

Harris, Alexes. 2009. "Constructing Clean Dreams: The Desistance Work of Criminal Offenders." Revise and Resubmit at *Symbolic Interaction*.

Harris, Alexes, Katherine Beckett and Heather Evans. 2009. "Race and Institutional Decision-Making: Paying and Staying for Crime." Under review at *American Sociological Review*.

Harris, Alexes. 2009. "Legitimizing Loan Sharks: Rationality in the Fringe Credit Market." Under review at *Social Problems*.

Harris, Alexes. 2009. "Attributions and Institutional Processing: Focal Concerns in the Juvenile Court." Under review at *Race and Social Problems*.

Harris, Alexes. 2009 "The Role of Power in Shaming Interactions: How Social Control is Performed in a Juvenile Court." Under review at *Contemporary Justice Review*

WORK IN PROGRESS

"Undergraduate Research Practicum: Teaching, Training and Data Collection." Developing to be submitted to *Teaching Sociology*.

"Legal Financial Obligations: A qualitative study of the assessment of monetary sanctions in Superior Court."

BOOK REVIEWS

A. Harris. 2009. Book Review: DaCosta, Kimberly McClain. 2007. Making Multiracials: State, Family, and Market in the Redrawing of the Color Line. Stanford: Stanford University Press. The Black Scholar, 2009.

A. Harris. 2005. Book Review: Punishing juveniles: Principle and critique. *Punishment Society* 7: 117 - 119.

RESEARCH REPORTS & BOOK CHAPTERS

Beckett, K, Harris, A., Evans, H. (2008) “The Assessment and Consequences of Legal Financial Obligations in Washington State.” Report prepared for the Washington State Minority and Justice Commission.

Allen, W., Harris, A., Dinwiddie, G., and Griffin, K. (2008). Saving Grace: A Comparative Analysis of African American Students Receiving and Not Receiving Gates Millennium Scholarships. In St. John, E.P. (Eds.). Readings on Equal Education (Vols. 23). Resources, Assets, and Strengths Among Successful Diverse Students: Understanding the Contributions of the Gates Millennium Scholars Program. New York: AMS Press, Inc.

Ramirez, S. and A. Harris (2008) “Success and Failure in Education and Criminal Justice: Identifying Common Mechanisms.” *International Encyclopedia of Education, VI 3.* (Walter Allen ed.)

Harris, A (with W. Allen & G. Dinwiddie). (July, 2005). “Saving Grace: A Comparative Analysis of African American Students Receiving and Not Receiving Gates Millennium Scholarships.” Report prepared for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

EXTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANTS FUNDED

Principal Investigator, “The Manduley Cases: Direct-file juvenile waiver cases in California” MacArthur Foundation, Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice. Project period: December, 2004 – July 2006. Amount \$22,368.

Principal Investigator, “Credit Markets and Inequality” (with Barbara Reskin). American Sociological Association, Fund to Advance the Discipline. Project period: March, 2006 – February 2007. Amount \$7,000.

Co-Principal Investigator, “Legal Financial Obligations in Washington State” (with Katherine Beckett). Washington State Commission on Minority Affairs. Amount \$30,340.

INTRAMURAL RESEARCH GRANTS FUNDED

Principal Investigator, “The Manduley Cases: Direct-file juvenile waiver cases in California” University of Washington’s Institute for Ethnic Studies in the United States. Project period: September 1, 2005 – August 31, 2006. Amount \$7,959.

Principal Investigator, “Payday Lending and Economic Inequality.” West Coast Poverty Center, Emerging Poverty Scholars Small Grants program. Project period: March 2006 – February 2007. Amount \$15,000.

PAPERS PRESENTED AT PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS

2009 “Legitimizing Loan Sharks: Rationality in the Fringe Credit Market.” The American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. August 8th, 2009, San Francisco, CA.

- 2008 “‘Stayin’ Off the Streets:’ How Individuals Manage Stigma After Contact with the Criminal Justice System.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. November, 2008 St. Louis.
- 2006 “Culpability in Official Characterizations of Juvenile Offenders: Mechanisms leading to differences in outcomes by ethnicity.” Presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting. November, 2006, Los Angeles, CA.
- 2005 “Engaging in public dialogues about criminalization“. Roundtable presentation at the Law and Society Association annual meeting in June 2005, Las Vegas, Nevada.
- 2004 “The Institutional Careers of Juvenile Delinquents: Offending and Processing Patters of a Sample of Violent and Chronic Offenders.” Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in November 2004 in Nashville, TN.
- 2004 “A Case Study of Social Control Mechanisms Used in a Juvenile Court.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in August 2004, San Francisco, CA.
- 2003 “The Fallout of Juvenile Waiver: Analyzing the process of transferring minors to the criminal justice system.” Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology annual meeting in Denver, CO.
- 2003 “Organizational Concerns and Political Tensions: Institutional and ideological changes in the United States juvenile justice system.” Paper presented at the American Sociological Association annual meeting in Atlanta, GA. Law and Society session.
- 2003 “Lest We Forget Thee... The under- and over- representation of youth of color in California educational and juvenile justice institutions.” Co-authored with Walter Allen. Paper presented at the Reconstructing the School-to-prison Pipeline Conference at The Civil Rights Project at Harvard University and the Northeastern University Institute on Race and Justice. Cambridge, MA.
- 2001 “Race, Gender, Age, and Negotiating Qualitative Research: A reflection on fieldwork from an Insider’s and Outsider’s Perspective.” American Sociological Association, Special Session. Anaheim, CA.
- 2001 “After –School Youth Programs: How They Affect Youths’ Educational Progress.” Paper presented with R. Clark and W. Allen at the Jerome Levy Economics Institute of Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, NY.
- 2000 “Competing Interpretations of Sophistication in the Contemporary Juvenile Court.” American Sociological Association, Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance. Washington D.C.
- 2000 “Factors Affecting Judicial Decision Making During Waiver Hearings.” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Award Presentation at Regular Session. Washington D.C.
- 2000 “Assessing the Sophistication of Juvenile Offenders: How Juvenile Courts Decide When Minors are ‘Unfit’ for the Juvenile Justice System.” International Social Justice Research, Session Presentation. Rishon LeZion, Israel.

2000 "Judicial Prosecutorial Tensions in Waiver Hearings." Pacific Sociological Association, Roundtable. San Diego, California.

INVITED ADDRESSES AND LECTURES

"Race and Institutional Decision-Making: Paying and Staying for Crime." Race and Crime Research network at The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio July 23rd, 2009.

"Student to Faculty Transition." Presentation to graduate students at the University of Washington, Voices in Academia Brownbag Lunch series. April 16, 2009.

"Alternatives to Incarceration; Do We Need a New Jail?" Community forum panelist sponsored by Real Change newspaper. Seattle University, Seattle Washington. January 28, 2009.

"Mentoring First Generation Students." Presentation to Dream Project dream team students. UW undergraduate students mentoring first generation high school students on their path to college. October, 27, 2008.

"Merging Qualitative and Quantitative Data." Presentation to the Social Development Research Group (SDRG), University of Washington, May 15, 2008.

"Obstacles and Opportunities: Latino Policy Issues and Political Representation." Discussant. Washington Institute for Study of Ethnicity, Race and Sexuality (WISER). April 25, 2008.

Faculty Research Series, Eduardo Bonilla Silva. Discussant. UW Diversity Research Institute. April 18th, 2008.

"Staying Motivated in Graduate School." Presentation to graduate students at the University of Washington, Voices in Academia Brownbag Lunch series. January 16, 2008.

"The Institutional Careers of Delinquents: Offending and Processing Patterns of Violent and Chronic African American, Latino, and White Juvenile Offenders." Presented at the "Black in a White world: A comparative analysis of people of African descent living in Western nations" conference at the Bellagio Study and Conference Center in Bellagio, Italy, conference supported by the Rockefeller Foundation, October 2004.

"Sophistication & Discretion in the Contemporary Juvenile Court: Judicial Waiver in Action." MacArthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice, February, 2004.

"An Introduction to Sociology." Simulated Lecture to University of Washington Essence of Success, Office of Minority Affairs program to encourage African American high school students to attend college. November 2004, November 2005, November 2006, November 2007, November 2008.

"The Macro- and Micro- Dimensions of the Current Criminal (& Juvenile) 'Justice' Crisis." The New Racial Studies Project, Symposium on Race, Crime, and, Citizenship in the 21st Century United States. University of California, Santa Barbara, May 18th, 2006.

COURSES TAUGHT

Sociology of Race and Ethnicity, Juvenile Justice (graduate and undergraduate), Social Problems, Field Studies (graduate two-quarter sequence), "Credit Markets, Social Inequality and Social Policy" (undergraduate research practicum co-taught with Barbara Reskin)

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE & COMMITTEE SERVICE

3/09 Collegial Evaluation, Jonathan Wender
 2/09 Collegial Evaluation, Susan Pitchford
 10/07 - Executive Committee, Sociology Department, UW
 10/06 - Diversity Committee, Sociology Department, UW
 10/04 – 9/08 Undergraduate Program Committee, Sociology Department, UW
 10/99 – 6/00 Graduate Curriculum and Advisement Committee (GCAC), Sociology Department, UCLA
 10/98 - 4-99 Graduate Admissions and Awards Committee, Sociology Department, UCLA

CAMPUS SERVICE

10/08 Graduate Student Mentor Memo, University of Washington The Graduate School (Posted on *Inside Education* National On-Line Career Advice Site in September, 2009
<http://www.insidehighered.com/advice/mentor>)
 7/08 -8/08 GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) High school Summer Institute Faculty Instructor
 2007 Royalty Research Grant, Reviewer
 7/05 -8/05 GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) High school Summer Institute Faculty Instructor
 10/04 – GOMAP (Graduate Opportunities and Minority Achievement Program), UW, Board Member
 10/4/03 Presentation on "leadership" at all day workshop to Seattle UW MESA (Minority Engineering and Science Association) high school students, Seattle, WA.
 1/98 - 1-99 Building Bridges, UCLA, presenter - Attend inner city Los Angeles middle and high school career days to discuss and encourage future college attendance

COMMUNITY SERVICE

7/08 - Washington State Budget and Policy Center, Community Advisory Board Member
 1/07 – 3/08 Street Outreach Services (SOS), Seattle, WA, Board member
 1/06 – Clean Dreams/CURB Community Advisory Committee, member
 6/04 – 12/04 Rainier Vista Summer Reading Program, Tutor, Seattle WA.
 5/04 – 6/04 Facilitator at Cleveland High school workshops with parents, students, faculty and staff on racism and ethnic relations, Seattle, WA.
 1/04 - Racial Disparity Project, member (<http://www.defender.org/projects/rdp>)
 1/04 – Garfield High School Foundation, Board President (9/08 – present), Seattle, WA. (<http://www.garfieldhsf.org/>)
 5/99 - 6/00 Youth Empowerment Program (YEP), Los Angeles, CA, volunteer

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS & ACTIVITIES

The National Academies, Ford Foundation Diversity Fellowship Program, Reviewer, Washington, DC March, 2009
 ASC Program Committee, Sub-area Chair (2009)
 Racial Democracy Crime and Justice Network, Ohio State University, Member (7/06 – Present)

Macarthur Foundation Research Network on Adolescent Development and Juvenile Justice, Associate

Member (3/04 – 12/04)

American Sociological Association, member

American Society of Criminology, member

Journal Reviewer

Journal of Negro Education

Law & Society Review

Social Forces

American Journal of Sociology

Grant Reviewer

National Science Foundation, multiple programs and cycles

UW Royalty Research Fund, multiple cycles

Ford Foundation, reviewer

West Coast Poverty Center, multiple cycles

