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## **EDUCATION**

- Ph.D., 2010**     **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO; CHICAGO, IL**  
Major: Criminology, Law, and Justice
- M.A., 2007**     **UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO; CHICAGO, IL**  
Major: Criminal Justice
- B.A., 2005**     **JOHN JAY COLLEGE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE; NEW YORK, NY**  
Major: Criminal Justice  
Minor: English Honors

## **AREAS OF SPECIALIZATION**

International Violence; Crime and Deviance in the British West Indies; Impact of Record Clearance on Ex-Offenders and their Families; Police and Community Relations; Immigration and Crime

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- Visiting Professor, Department of Justice Studies, San Jose State University. 2010 to Present.
- Instructor, Department of Sociology, San Jose State University. 2011.
- Instructor, Department of Criminal Justice, Kaplan University. 2010.
- Instructor, Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago. 2009.
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago. 2006 to 2008.

### **Courses Taught:**

Undergraduate: Critical Issues and Ideas in Justice  
Family and Community Violence  
Gender and Crime  
International Crime and Deviance  
Juvenile Justice  
Senior Seminar: Contemporary Problems

## Violence in Society

### Research Experience

- 2012 Primary Investigator—"Impact of Record Clearing and the Record Clearance Project at San Jose State University on Clients and their Families"  
San Jose State University, San Jose, California
- 2008 – 2010 Primary Investigator/ Dissertation Research—"Community Violence in Trinidad and Tobago: Government Inaction, Drug Blocks, and Resident Survival"  
University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
- 2009 Research Assistant—"Women, Alcoholics Anonymous, and Mutual Aid Groups"  
Dr. Sarah Ullman, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2006 – 2007 Research Assistant—"UIC Interdisciplinary Center for Research on Violence: Changing Systems to Prevent Violence in Chicago and Beyond"  
Dr. Dennis Rosenbaum, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2006 Research Assistant—"ClearPATH Evaluation"  
Dr. Dennis Rosenbaum and Dr. Amie Schuck, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
- 2004 – 2005 Primary Investigator—"The Culture of Success: Implications for African American Youth"  
Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Program, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, NY

### Publications

- Adams, E. B.** (2012). "'We are like prey': How people negotiate a violent community in Trinidad and Tobago." *Race and Justice* 2:4, 274 – 303.
- Ullman, S. E., Najdowski, C. J., and **Adams, E. B.** (2012). "Women, Alcoholics Anonymous and Related Mutual Aid Groups: Review and Recommendations for Research." *Alcoholics Treatment Quarterly* 30:4.
- Vera Sanchez, C. G. & **Adams, E. B.** (2011). "Sacrificed on the altar of public safety: The over policing of Latino and African American youth." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 27:3, 322 – 341.
- Adams, E.**, Morales, E, Reyes, K., Schaffner, L. & Traylor, L. (2007, March). "Teaching Transgressing: Film studies in juvenile detention." *AREA*, 4, 28 – 29.
- Adams, E.** (2007). "Social Structure and Crime in a Twin Island Paradise: A Study of Juvenile Delinquency in Trinidad and Tobago." *New Challenges in Crime and Justice: From Research to Policy* (An edited selection of papers from the 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference in Crime and Justice in the Caribbean). Trinidad and Tobago: The University of the West Indies, St. Augustine.

### Papers in Progress

**Adams, E. B.** “Dismantling community: The impact of diminished social programs on community violence in Trinidad.”

**Adams, E. B.** “Residents’ perception on the causes of increased crime in Trinidad.”

**Adams, E. B.** “Promises: The relationship between infrastructural improvements and national elections.”

### Technical Reports

**Adams, E. B.** (2012). *Impact of record clearing and the Record Clearance Project at San Jose State University on clients and their families.*

**Adams, E., & Schaffner, L.** (2007). *2007 UIC Girls’ Summer Film Festival.* Final report for the University of Illinois at Chicago Summer Film Festival.

Rosenbaum, D. P., Schuck, A. M., Mattaini, M. A., & **Adams, E.** (2007). *Interdisciplinary research at the University of Illinois at Chicago: A campus-wide survey of climate, obstacles and opportunities.* Final report to the UIC Interdisciplinary Center for Research on Violence. Available online at [http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/ovcr/research/funding/limited\\_competitions/IDR\\_Report\\_2007.pdf](http://tigger.uic.edu/depts/ovcr/research/funding/limited_competitions/IDR_Report_2007.pdf)

### **Awards and Honors**

2010	Nominated for Outstanding Thesis Award: University of Illinois at Chicago
2009 – 2010	Diversifying Higher Education in Illinois Fellowship: Illinois Board of Higher Education, Chicago, Illinois.
2009	Graduate Student Travel Award: University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (\$600 for travel to the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA).
2005 – 2008	Abraham Lincoln Fellowship: University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
2008	Graduate Student Travel Award: University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (\$600 for travel to the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, St. Louis, Missouri).
2007	Graduate Fellowship for Ethnic Minorities: American Society of Criminology, Columbus, Ohio.
2007	Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Scholarship: University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois.
2006	Graduate Student Travel Award: University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois (\$600 for travel to the 4 <sup>th</sup> International Conference on Crime and Justice in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, West Indies).
2005	The Leonard E. Reisman Medal for Distinguished Scholarship and Exceptional Service to the College: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.
2003 – 2005	Ronald E. McNair Post Baccalaureate Achievement Scholarship: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.

- 2004 Student Service Award: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.
- 2004 Thurgood Marshall Scholarship: John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York, New York.

### **Presentations**

- 2012 “The creation of criminals: Neoliberalism and banishment policies.” Ann Lucas Lecture Series—*Banished: The new social control in urban America*. San Jose, California, May.
- 2012 “Effect of expungement on ex-offenders and their families.” Record Clearance Lunch Series: Current Issues and Challenges, San Jose, California, March.
- 2011 “‘We are like prey’: Self-imposed ecological imprisonment and gendered reactions to violence.” Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute: Broadening Perspectives and Participation, Columbus, Ohio, July.
- 2010 “‘*We is prey*’: Gendered reactions to violence.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November.
- 2009 “Case study of violence in a working class community in North West Trinidad.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November.
- 2008 “Criminology in a developing nation: The case of Trinidad and Tobago.” Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, St. Louis, Missouri, November.
- 2006 “Social structure and crime in a twin Island paradise: A study of juvenile delinquency in Trinidad and Tobago.” 4<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Crime and Justice in the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, February.
- 2004 “The culture of success: Implications for African American youth.” McNair Scholars Conference at University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley, California, Summer.

### **Professional Memberships**

- 2011 – Present Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice—Network
- 2009 – Present American Sociological Association; Sections: Crime, Law, and Deviance; Racial and Ethnic Minorities
- 2007 – Present American Society of Criminology; Sections: Division on People of Color and Crime; Critical Criminology

### **References**

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