

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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## EDUCATION

- 2020                      University of Georgia                      Ph.D., Sociology  
Areas: Crime, Law, Deviance  
Dissertation: **Structured Inequality**  
*Formerly Incarcerated Activism as Transformative Intervention:  
Intersections of Race, Gender, and Carceral Identity in Self and Social  
Change-Work*
- 2013                      University of Miami                      M.A., Sociology  
Areas: **Race/Ethnicity** and Criminology  
Master's Thesis: Working **Class** Solidarity  
*The Miami Model of Policing Protest: Narratives of Order,  
Resistance, and Social Change*
- 2007/2010              Kennesaw State University                      B.S., Communication  
Post-baccalaureate, **African Diaspora**

## EMPLOYMENT

### ***Faculty Positions***

- 2013-present              Senior Lecturer of Sociology – University of North Georgia  
2024-present              Instructor of Justice, Law, & Criminology - American University  
2023                      Instructor of Sociology – Life University (Lee Arrendale State Prison)

### ***Research Positions and Funding***

- 2024-2025              Co-PI –Social Recovery Intervention: Examining the Effects of Social Recovery  
Activities on Bridging **Social Capital** across **Racial Difference** for People in  
Addiction Treatment - R01 NIH NIDA federal grant proposal submitted  
08/01/2024. *Scored and Re-submitting 05/01/2025. Budget: \$1,122,722.*
- 2016-2019              Field Coordinator Atlanta site– Suburban Opioid Study (SOS). National Institute  
of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse #1R21DA025298-01 Aukje  
Lamonica, Miriam Boeri (MPI's). Award: \$341,565
- 2019                      Graduate Research Award - University of Georgia Graduate School research  
travel award. **Black, Latinx, Women, and Trans** Formerly Incarcerated Activists  
Rising. Award: \$1,931

- 2011-2013 Graduate Research Award - University of Miami. History of Sport Desegregation and the Impacts of the Housing Crisis on **Black Communities** (under Marvin Dawkins). Multiple Projects/varying award amounts.
- 2012 Principal Investigator – University of Miami. **Whiteness in Higher Education** (in collaboration with Jomills Braddock).
- 2010-2011 Research Assistant – Kennesaw State University. Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study. National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse #2R15DA021164-02 under Miriam Boeri (PI). Award: \$180,900
- 2009-2010 Research Assistant and Community Consultant - Kennesaw State University. Methamphetamine Use in the Suburbs: An Exploratory Study. National Institute of Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse #1R15DA021164-01 under Miriam Boeri (PI). Award: \$201,000

### SCHOLARSHIP

#### ***In Progress***

Woodall, Denise Ruth **Stratified Resilience: Building Capital and Managing Stigma among Formerly Incarcerated People through Activist Work.** *Manuscript in preparation for submission to **Race & Ethnicity**.*

#### ***Peer-Reviewed Publications***

Woodall, Denise *forthcoming*. The Symbolic Violence of Gender-Blind Criminological Education for Formerly Incarcerated Women: Critiques, Reflections, and Solutions in *Women of Convict Criminology* JRenee Trombley and Doshie Piper (eds). Routledge

Woodall, Denise 2023. Here She Comes: Twenty-five Years of Women and **Racial Minority Under-representation** in Convict Criminology. A special edition of the *Journal of Prisoners on Prisons*, Twenty-Five years of Convict Criminology.

Woodall, Denise and Sarah Shannon 2022. Carceral Citizens Rising: **Resisting Race, Gender, and Carceral Status Based Oppressions** through activism. A special edition of *Social Service Review* 96(2) 308-352.

Woodall, Denise and Miriam Boeri 2021. “Developing a Penal Abolitionist Application to Drug Treatment Drawing from Insider Perspectives and Lived Experiences.” *Humanity & Society*. doi.org/10.1177/0160597620978782

Boeri, Miriam; Pereira, Elise; Minkova, Alina; Marcato, Kevin; Martinez, Elianne; Woodall, Denise. 2020. "Green Hope: Perspectives on Cannabis from People who Use Opioids" *Sociological Inquiry* 91(3):668-695.

Woodall, Denise 2019. “We are All Criminals: The Abolitionist Potential of Remembering.” *Social Justice Special Edition on Penal Abolition* 45(4):117-140.

Woodall, Denise. 2017. "Interrupting Constructions of a Criminalized **Other** through a Revised Criminal Activities Checklist Classroom Exercise." *Teaching Sociology* 45(2):161-167.

Woodall, Denise and Miriam Boeri 2014. "When You Got Friends in Low Places, You Stay Low: **Social Networks and Access to Needed Resources** for Female Methamphetamine Users in Low Income Suburban Communities." *Journal of Drug Issues* 44(3):321-339.

Woodall, Denise 2013. "**Challenging Whiteness** in Higher Education Classrooms: Context, Content, and Classroom Dynamics." *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology* 5:2 Article 8.

Boeri, Miriam, Ben Tyndall, Denise Woodall. 2011. "**Suburban Poverty**: Barriers to Services and Injury Prevention among Marginalized Women who Use Methamphetamine." *Western Journal of Emergency Medicine* 7(3):284-292.

### ***Non-Refereed Publications***

Shannon, Sarah and Denise Woodall 2022 Harm Reduction and Risky Behaviors (update). In *Oxford Bibliographies in Criminology* edited by Beth M. Huebner. Oxford University Press.

Arrigo, Bruce and Denise Woodall 2016. Critical Perspectives on Female Offending in *Encyclopedia of Women in Crime* edited by F. P. Hoboken: Wiley-Blackwell.

### ***Conference Presentations***

#### ***Organizer***

Strategizing for Diversity and Inclusion Discussion Roundtables: Building an Intersectionally Marginalized [Carceral Citizen] Base in Convict Criminology. The **Importance of BIPOC, Queer, Women, and Trans voices** in criminological knowledge building. American Society of Criminology 2016-2022.

Women of Convict Criminology: Feminist Perspectives. Full Thematic Panels at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology 2016-2024.

#### ***Presenter***

Woodall, Denise 2024. The Symbolic Violence of Criminological Theory and its Impact on the **Multiply Marginalized** Carceral Citizen Students. Presentation at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA).

Woodall, Denise 2024. Empowering Self-change: Higher Education, Feminist Curriculum, and Support for Criminal Legal Impacted Students on Georgia Campuses. Presentation at the annual meeting of Georgia Sociological Association (Columbus, GA).

- Woodall, Denise 2023. Here She Comes: The Women of Convict Criminology; Denise Ruth Woodall, University of North Georgia. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA).
- Woodall, Denise and Sarah Shannon 2022. Carceral Citizens Rising: **Resisting Race, Gender, and Carceral Status Based Oppressions** through activism. Panelist in a thematic panel at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology with authors published in the special edition of *Social Service Review* on the Afterlife of Mass Incarceration (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2022. Formerly Incarcerated Activism as Transformative Intervention. Managing Stigma and Building Capital across **Intersecting Oppressions**. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Criminal Justice Association. (Dahlonega, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2021. Formerly Incarcerated Activism as Transformative Intervention. Managing Stigma and Building Capital across **Intersecting Oppressions**. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (Gainesville, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2018. Formerly Incarcerated Women Researchers: Grounding Challenges to ‘Malestream’ Criminological Thought. A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise and Miriam Boeri. 2017. “Exploring Drug Treatment with an Abolitionist Lens.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA).
- Woodall, Denise 2017. “Perishing if We Publish? The Need for **Safe Authorship Opportunities for Intersectionally Marginalized** [Carceral Citizens] (An Examination of the Absence of Women, Queer, Trans Authors of Color in the Criminological Knowledgebase). A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Philadelphia, PA).
- Woodall, Denise. 2017. Criminalized Women’s Negotiations of **Domination and Agency** and the Methods that Illuminate them.” Paper presented at the annual Women and Girls in Georgia Conference (Athens, GA).
- Woodall, Denise. 2016. “Mapping the Major: **Exclusion of [BIPOC, Queer, and Trans] Marginalized Knowers** in Criminological Discourse.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (New Orleans, LA).
- Woodall, Denise and Alan Mobley. 2015. “A Feminist Analysis of Shame and the Experience of Re-gaining Child Custody for Formerly Incarcerated Mothers.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Washington, DC).
- Woodall, Denise and Eleanor Boothe. “There’s No Way I Could Have Made it Without Help”: **Access to Resources** for Previously Incarcerated Mothers.” A paper presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (Jekyll Island, GA).

- Woodall, Denise. 2014. “Becoming the Criminalized **“Other”** and Changed Attitudes toward Harm Reduction and Restorative Justice. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA).
- Woodall, Denise 2014. “I’m a Criminal?” Deconstructing the Criminal ‘Other’ through a Criminal Activities Checklist Class Exercise at a **Primarily White Institution**. Presented at the annual meeting of the Georgia Sociological Association (St. Simons Island, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2013. “The ‘Miami Model’ of Policing Protest: Narratives of Order, Resistance, and Social Change.” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2013 “What am I, Collateral Damage? Impacts of the Prison Industrial Complex **Social Institution** on Women. Presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society (Atlanta, GA).
- Woodall, Denise 2012 “**Conflict Theory**: A Keeper!” Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Roundtable on Criminological Theory: Cultural and Critical Perspectives (Chicago, IL).
- Woodall, Denise 2012. “Democracy Needs a Bailout: How Media Structure and Content Failed the Public in Reporting the **2008 Financial Crisis**” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Session on Sociological Implications of the Capitalist Financial Crisis (New Orleans, LA).
- Woodall, Denise 2011. “You Got Friends in Low Places, You Stay Low:” Poor Female Methamphetamine Users in the Suburbs and **Barriers to Needed Resources**.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Southern Sociological Society, Session on Women, Poverty, and the South (Jacksonville, FL).
- Boeri, Miriam, Ben Tyndall, Denise Woodall 2011. “Suburban **Enclaves of Poverty**: Lack of Services for Female Methamphetamine Users in US Suburbs Increases Risks of Infections, Diseases, Violence, and Rape.” Poster at International Harm Reduction Association 2011 (Beirut, Lebanon).

### ***Discussant***

- Roundtable: Teaching College in Prison and Empowerment. American Society of Criminology 2024.
- Roundtable: Teaching Abolition. American Society of Criminology 2019.
- Roundtable: Criminalized and Harmed, Women in the Criminal Justice System. American Society of Criminology 2019.
- Roundtable: Penal Abolition – Building Ideas and Practices. American Society of Criminology. 2016-2017.

Roundtable: Abolition, Lessons from the Streets. Related Campaigns in New Orleans. American Society of Criminology 2016.

### ***Professional Organizations***

2011-present	American Society of Criminology sub-area: Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice sub-area: Division of Convict Criminology
2010-present	Georgia Sociological Association
2011-present	American Sociological Association
2010-2015	Southern Sociological Society

### ***Additional Professional Development***

2024	PackBack AI in the Classroom (workshop)
2024	Trauma Informed Care in Addictions (Georgia Council on Recovery)
2024	Artificial Intelligence Hype vs. Reality (lunch and learn)
2021-2022	Calling-in the Calling Out Culture in the <b>Fight Against White Supremacy</b> , tools for a liberatory pedagogy.
2021	<b>Racial Healing Circle</b> . UNG Sociology & Human Services. Assessing our own racial identity development.
2018	<b>Black Feminism and Standpoint Perspectives</b> in Research

## **TEACHING**

### ***Courses Taught:***

2025 Summer	SOCI 3050 – <b>Race and Ethnicity</b> (UNG) Number of Sections: 1 (in prep) Format: Online
2014-present	SOCI 2100 - Constructions of Difference <b>Race, Class, Gender, &amp; Sexuality</b> (UNG) (examines <b>structured inequality</b> ) Number of sections: 10 Formats: In-Class, Hybrid, and Online
2013-present	SOCI 1160 - Social Problems (UNG) (centers and examines <b>capitalism and structured inequality</b> ) Number of sections: 46 (1 section of Honors 1160) Formats: In-Class, Hybrid, and Online
2020-2022	SOCI 4070 – Sociological Practice (UNG) (TBD Introduction to the Major req.) Number of sections: 3 Format: Online
2018-present	SOCI 3620 - Drugs and Society (UNG) (examines how <b>inequality</b> exacerbates harms for people who use drugs) Number of sections: 8 Format: Hybrid and Online
2019-present	SOCI 4080 – Punishment and Mass Incarceration (UNG) (examines <b>race/class</b> links to incarceration)

	Number of sections: 4
	Format: Online
2013-2021	SOCI 1101 - Introduction to Sociology (UNG)
	Number of sections: 34 ( <b>includes segments on race and stratification</b> )
	Formats: In-Class, Hybrid, and Online
2024-present	JLC 431 – The Prison Community (American University)
	Format: Online Synchronous
	Number of sections: 2
2024-present	JLC 230 – Corrections in America (American University)
	Format: Online
	Number of sections: 1
2023-present	PSY 357 - Social Psychology (Life University)
	Format: Hybrid Inside a carceral facility and correspondence through Blackboard
	Number of sections: 1
2018	SOCI 4000 – Directed Study - Suburban Opioid Study (included field research)
2017	SOCI 4000 – Directed Study - Mass Incarceration (literature-based course)
2010	SOC 387 – <b>Race and Ethnic Relations</b> (UM)
	Number of sections: 1
	Format: In-Class

### ***Curriculum Development***

2025	Race and Ethnic Relations course developing
2024	The Prison Community Capstone and course developed
2022-2023	Creative design in teaching beyond the classroom and incorporating policy work into prison education curriculum.
2021	Online Theory and Methods course design (in committee)
2020	Online Sociological Practice course to support the certificate program developed
2020	Certificate program in Sociological Practice developed
2019	Online Punishment and Mass Incarceration course developed
2018	Directed study undergraduate research course (Suburban Opioid Study) developed
2018/2020	Drugs and Society hybrid and online developed
2018	Honors Social Problems developed
2017/2021	Hybrid and online Race, Class, Gender, and Sexuality developed
2016	Hybrid and online formats of Introduction to Sociology developed
2015	Hybrid and online formats of Social Problems developed
2014	Global Social Problems developed

### **AWARDS**

2024	American Society of Criminology's Division of Convict Criminology Outstanding Teaching Award
2021	University of Georgia Graduate School's Excellence in Research in Social Science Award
2020	University of Georgia Sociology Department's Certificate of Excellence

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

2022-present	Certified Addictions Recovery Empowerment Specialist (CARES)
2022-present	Certified Peer Specialist (Addictive Disease) CPS-AD

## **SERVICE**

### ***Discipline***

2021-present	Georgia Sociological Association – Semaphore Editor
2019-present	American Society of Criminology – Division of Convict Criminology Constitution Adoption, Awards, and Diversity committees
2015-2018	American Society of Criminology - Critical Criminology sub-area in the Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice. Session organizer and co-chair
2015-present	Journal of Prisoners on Prisons – editorial board
2018-present	Critical Criminology – reviewer
2015	Journal of Public and Professional Sociology - reviewer
2013	International Journal of Drug Policy - reviewer

### ***Department and Institution***

2016-2020	Department of Sociology & Human Services Curriculum Committee (participating member)
2022	Presentation on “What can Students Do with a Sociology Major or Minor” to Academic Advising
2013-present	Letters of recommendation writing (1-2 students per year/ multiple institutions).
2021	Committee to form an online Sociology Bachelor’s degree (participating member)
2019-present	Academic advising Sociology (course released)
2018	Student group faculty advisor – Sociology Club (Dahlonge campus)
2014-2018	Open House Volunteer for the Dahlonge Campus
2015-present	UNG commencement and convocation participation
2016	Honor’s Thesis Committee – William Lee. Perceptions of Offenders
2016	Student group faculty advisor – Students for Sensible Drug Policy (Dahlonge)
2015	Undergraduate Research Project Chair and Advisor – Eleanor Ballard. Formerly Incarcerated Mothers’ Experiences with Resource Access
2015	Library and Disability Services curriculum delivery for the visually impaired
2014	UNG Service-learning opportunities database contributor

### ***Community***

2013-present	Mentor to formerly incarcerated students and faculty
2003-present	Recovery sponsor (Atlanta metro area)
2003-2022	Freedom Club, Inc. (clubhouse for young people in substance abuse recovery) - Chief Financial Officer. (Previously: Chair, Treasurer, Events, Fundraising, and Grants positions)
2003-2023	Mentor - Mothers Making a Change (criminal diversion and drug treatment program for mothers)
2018-2020	Georgia Justice Project (criminal justice legislative advocacy group)– Speaker and lobbyist on issues related to second chances for formerly incarcerated people



2017-2020	Athens Reentry Collaborative (collective of directly impacted individuals, allies, and community members working on issues of reentry) – Co-founder, meeting facilitator, and advisory board
2015-2019	Social Recovery Inc.– Board of Directors
2018-2019	Racial Justice Action Center and Women on the Rise (Atlanta chapter) – “Close the Jail” campaign participant and advocate for currently and formerly incarcerated women
2012-2013	Miami Coalition for the Homeless – Women’s prison re-entry guide and speaker.
2008-2010	Co-founder and activist Healthcare-Now Georgia
2008-2009	Georgia Peace and Justice Coalition – Secretary

### ***Community Positions***

2023-present	Addiction Recovery Empowerment Specialist – Atlas Behavioral Health
2023	Peer Support Specialist – Pyramid Mental Health
2023	Peer Support Specialist – Tangu Intensive Outpatient Substance Abuse Treatment

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