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PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles & Chapters

- Shames, M. (under review). Quantifying the qualitative: How metrics can corrupt mandate in community policing. [Manuscript available upon request].
- Shames, M. (2025). Conditions of confinement litigation. In H. Pontell (Ed.) *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York and Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Shames, M. (2014). The origins of London's 'New Police': A socio-historical narrative. *Verstehen*, 11, 135-156.

In Preparation

- Shames, M. (Working draft). Impacts of CRB reforms & neighborhood characteristics on racial disparities in police misconduct complaint outcomes: Evidence from Chicago. [Manuscript available upon request].
- Shames, M. (Working draft). Discretion & discrimination in prisoner disciplinary sanctions: A causal analysis of sentencing guideline reforms using a regression discontinuity approach". [Manuscript available upon request].
- Papachristos, A. & Shames, M. (In progress). Consequences of Competing Quests for Legitimacy in CVI and Community Policing Professionalization.
- Shames, M. (In progress). Did Chicago Reforms Impact Outcomes of Police Misconduct Investigations? Evidence from A novel Synthetic Control Approach to Interrupted Time-Series modeling.

Policy Reports

⁺ indicates org. publications for which I was a contributing author

- ⁺ Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science (2023). The Chicago Neighborhood Policing Initiative: Research & evaluation report, 2019-2023. Institute for Policy Research Rapid Research Report. Chicago, IL.
- ⁺ Center for Neighborhood Engaged Research & Science (2023). Assessing gun violence risk from the ground up. Institute for Policy Research Rapid Research Report. Chicago, IL.
- Shames, M. (2020). Education and school services in New York during COVID-19. New York, NY. New York Civil Liberties Union.
- Shames, M., & Desgranges, P. (2019). Trapped inside: The past, present, and future of solitary confinement in New York. New York, NY: New York Civil Liberties Union.
- Dunn, C., & Shames, M. (2019). Stop-and-frisk in the de Blasio era. New York, NY: New York Civil Liberties Union.
- Shames, M. (2018). Presumed innocent for a price: The impact of cash bail across eight New York counties. New York, NY: New York Civil Liberties Union.

Policy Blogs

- Shames, M. (2020, April 24). Why violating a curfew could be a death sentence for NYers. NYCLU Blog.
- Shames, M., & McCormack, S. (2019, April 29). Opponents of marijuana legalization forget how bad the status quo is. NYCLU Blog.
- Shames, M., & McCormack, S. (2019, March 14). Stop-and-frisks plummeted under New York Mayor Bill De Blasio, but racial disparities haven't budged. Speak Freely.

PRESENTATIONS & PANELS

Academic Conference Presentations

- "Evaluating the impact of CRB reforms on the adjudication of citizen complaints against police."
- *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, Aug 2025.
- "Quantifying the qualitative: How metrics can corrupt mandate in community policing."
- *Canadian Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting. Toronto, ON, June 2025.
 - *Chicago Ethnography Conference*, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, April 2025.
- "From quantification to quotas: Institutional pressures & contested legitimacies in community policing."
- *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting. Montreal, QC, Aug 2024.
- "Quantification in community policing: The dilemmas of measurement and accountability."
- *Law and Society Association*, Annual Meeting. Denver, CO, June 2024.
 - *American Society of Criminology*, Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, Nov 2023.
- "Bettering the box? How regulatory reforms impact trends and disparities in prisoner solitary confinement."
- *American Society of Criminology* Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, Nov 2023.
 - *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting. Philadelphia, PA, Aug 2023.
 - *Law and Society Association*, Annual Meeting. San Juan, PR, June 2023.
- "Language discrimination in Montreal traffic court: exploring race, gender, and linguistic disparities in convictions & sentencing."
- *American Sociological Association*, Annual Meeting. Los Angeles, CA, Aug 2022.

Invited Lectures, Presentations & Panels

- Prisoners' rights & civil litigation [Guest lecture].
- Law & Society undergraduate course, *Northwestern University*. Evanston, IL, Oct 2025.
- Did Chicago police oversight reforms impact misconduct substantiation rates? Evidence from a hybrid causal inference approach.
- Quantitative & Computational Methods Workshop, *Northwestern University*. Evanston, IL, May 2025.
- Police reform, global perspectives. [Session panelist].
- *Law and Society Association*, Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, May 2025.
- Solitary confinement by the numbers: Settlement compliance in *Peoples v Annucci*.
- *New York State Dept. of Corrections & Community Supervision (NY DOCCS)*. May 2017; May 2018; May 2019; June 2023
- Incremental criminal legal reforms: intended & unintended consequences for prisoner solitary confinement.
- *Northwestern Neighborhood and Network (N3) Initiative*. Evanston IL, April 2022.
- Non-traditional career paths for sociology graduates [Session panelist].
- McGill Colloquium at the *American Sociological Association* Annual Meeting. Montreal, Qc, Aug 2017