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## PUBLICATIONS

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### 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

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### 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