

Rebecca Shankman
Curriculum Vitae, September 2022
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Academic History

The Ohio State University

Sociology PhD Student

Advisors: Dr. Christopher Browning & Dr. Hollie Nyseth Nzititira

Columbus, OH

2021 Cohort

University of Maryland

B.A. Sociology, Double Major: Criminology & Criminal Justice

Honors in Criminology and Criminal Justice

- Honors Thesis: The Effects of Physiological Impairment on Police Behavior
- GPA: 3.7
- Dean's List (8 Semesters)

College Park, MD

May 2021

Conference Proceedings

Doan, Long, Rashawn Ray, Connor Powelson, Genesis Fuentes, Rebecca Shankman, Shaun Genter and Jasmón Bailey. 2021. "Evaluation of a Virtual Reality Simulation Tool for Studying Bias in Police-Civilian Interactions." In: Schmorrow D.D., Fidopiastis C.M. (eds) *Augmented Cognition*. HCII 2021. Lecture Notes in Computer Science, vol 12776. Springer, Cham. https://doi.org/10.1007/978-3-030-78114-9_26

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Opinions and Editorials

Ray, Rashawn and Rebecca Shankman. 2020. "How COVID-19 Is Changing the Gun Debate." *Brookings*. Retrieved September 17, 2020 (<https://www.brookings.edu/blog/fixgov/2020/06/17/how-covid-19-is-changing-the-gun-debate/>).

Research Experience

Research Assistant

Ohio Regional Traumatic Brain Injury Model System,
Dr. Mike Vuolo

- TBD

Columbus, OH

Sept 2022-Present

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Serious Violent Offender Project, Dr. Bianca Bersani

- Compiled user friendly database of publicly available Open Baltimore data
- Researched, reviewed, and summarized successful and not successful community violence prevention initiatives aimed at serious violent offender population
- Brainstormed implementation ideas for violence prevention organizations to bring to Baltimore

College Park, MD

June 2020- May 2021

Lead Undergraduate Research Assistant **College Park, MD**
Lab for Applied Social Science Research, Dr. Rashawn Ray *May 2019- May 2021*

- Facilitated individual experiments for virtual reality studies
- Analyzed results and theorized about explanations for actions with team and primary investigator
- Improved skills in research design, development and data interpretation

Undergraduate Research Assistant **College Park, MD**
Group Processes Lab, Dr. Long Doan *Feb 2018- May 2019*

- Conducted group and individual experiments for social psychology studies
- Instructed new lab members as to protocol and lab best practices
- Assisted in development of new studies

Teaching Experience

Recitation Leader, Undergraduate Research Methods **Columbus, OH**
Ohio State University Sociology *Aug 2022-Dec 2022*

- Lead weekly sessions for 50 students focused on turning class material into tangible papers
- Grade assignments building into full research proposal

Professional Experience

Assistant to the Program Chairs, Southern Sociological Society **Remote**
2021 Sociological Society Annual Meeting *Sept 2020- April 2021*

- Coordinated and scheduled over 400 presentations and sessions at Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference 2021
- Communicated role responsibilities to presidors and participants
- Organized private and public facing program of events and contents

Social Justice Consultant, Women's National Basketball **Remote**
Players Association *June 2020- April 2021*

- Provided historical background and information on the national anthem's history
- Met with teams, councils, and union staff to determine league approach to anthem policy
- Assisted in creation of video demonstrating player's views on anthem usage at games

Research Assistant, Black Onyx Management, Inc **Remote**
Ivy Tech Community College Diversity Project *Sept 2020- November 2021*

- Reviewed organizational diversity literature to bring standards of practice to diversity team
- Developed interview protocol and host interviews for students and faculty at the 44 campus community college
- Composed report addressing strengths and weaknesses of diversity on campuses while providing suggestions for improvement

Intern, Towards Employment **Cleveland, OH**

Research Intern *May 2020- Aug 2020*
Policy and Special Projects Intern *May 2019- Aug 2019*

- Assisted with creating programming for reentry workshops both online and in person
- Followed, reviewed and wrote weekly briefs on state and federal policy changes for executive director and board concerning criminal justice and social assistance policy
- Created informational guides about government resources in Cleveland for impoverished populations

Research Intern, The Brookings Institution **Washington, DC**
Race, Prosperity and Inclusion Initiative *Jan 2020- May 2020*

- Compiled and analyzed data sets for interpretation and publication in Brookings reports including issues like gun purchasing, social mobility in Charlotte, NC, loan request reasons, and more
- Managed logistics and communication systems for nationwide research studies focusing on social mobility in Charlotte, NC
- Generated report summaries and fact sheets for scholars to use in blogs and reports on topics like police brutality, police misconduct payouts, global health protocol in impoverished communities and more

Presentations

Discarding Hate, A Conversation with Derek Black and Rebecca Shankman *Feb 4, 2020*
Bahai Chair for World Peace and Critical Race Initiative Speaker Series,
University of Maryland College Park

Police Accountability: Pursuing Racial Equity in Policing *Feb 2020*
The Brookings Institution, Washington, DC

How to Get Involved in Research as an Undergraduate *Nov 2018*
UMD SOCY 110

Fellowships & Grants

University Fellowship, The Ohio State University *Aug 2021- Aug 2022*

National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Program *Spring 2021*
Honorable Mention

LEV Fellowship, Jewish Community Federation of Cleveland *June 2020- Aug 2020*

Ira Berlin Scholarship Winner, College Park Scholars *Summer 2019*