

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2019- Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice, University of Illinois at Chicago
- 2018-2019 Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
- 2017-2018 Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Sociology, University of California, Riverside

EDUCATION

- 2017 Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
Field exams: Medical Sociology, Sociology of Gender
- 2011 M.A., Sociology, University of California, Los Angeles
- 2009 B.A. with Honors, Sociology, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

Gurusami, Susila. 2019. "[Motherwork Under the State: The Maternal Labor of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women.](#)" *Social Problems* 66 (1): 128–143.

**2016 Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class*

Gurusami, Susila. 2019. "[The Carceral Web We Weave: Carceral Citizens' Experiences of Digital Punishment and Solidarity.](#)" *Punishment and Society* 21 (4): 435-453.

Gurusami, Susila. 2017. "[Working for Redemption: Formerly Incarcerated Black Women and Punishment in the Labor Market.](#)" *Gender & Society* 31(4):433–56 [lead article].

**2019 Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems*

**2018 Cheryl Allyn Miller Award, Sociologists for Women in Society*

**2018 Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Sex and Gender*

**2018 Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class*

**2017 James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities*

Solicited Book Reviews

Gurusami, S. 2020. "Review of [The Grind: Black Women and Survival in the Inner City](#), by Alexis McCurn," *Contemporary Sociology*, 49(3), 286–287. 10.1177/0094306120915912ee.

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Curriculum Vitae

Gurusami, Susila. 2020. "[Review of Captivating Technology: Race, Carceral Technoscience, and Liberatory Imagination in Everyday Life](#), edited by Ruha Benjamin," *Surveillance & Society*, 18(10), 124-126.

Other Publications

Gurusami, Susila. Forthcoming. "The Pandemic Beyond Hospitals and Behind Bars: Remembering Incarcerated People are Essential Healthcare Workers, Too," with *Medium*.

Gurusami, Susila. 2019. "[Disciplining Punishment Scholars: an Intersectional Reflection on Categorizing the Intellectual Self](#)," Series: Are you a criminologist or a sociologist?, *Punishment and Society Blog* (invited contribution).

Gurusami, Susila. 2018. "Academia in the Age of Trump," *ASA Race, Class, and Gender Section Newsletter* (invited contribution).

Gurusami, Susila. 2017. "[Intersectional Capitalism and the Calculations of Human Life](#)," *Gender & Society Blog* (invited contribution).

AWARDS AND HONORS

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| 2020 | Faculty Fellow, Institute for the Humanities, University of Illinois at Chicago |
| 2020 | Faculty Fellow, Institute for Research on Race and Public Policy, University of Illinois at Chicago (declined) |
| 2019 | Arlene Kaplan Daniels Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2019 | NASEM Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship, Alternate and Honorable Mention |
| 2018 | Fellow, Summer Research Institute, Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network, Rutgers University |
| 2018 | Cheryl Allyn Miller Award, Sociologists for Women in Society (\$1000) |
| 2018 | Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Race, Gender, and Class |
| 2018 | Distinguished Article Award, Honorable Mention, ASA Section on Sex and Gender |
| 2018 | Grant, Immigrant Health: Structural Adversity, Resistance, & Resilience, Co-Investigator, UCR (\$5,000) |
| 2017 | James E. Blackwell Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities |
| 2017 | Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Riverside |
| 2016 | Outstanding Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Race, Class, and Gender |

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- 2016 Fellow, Dissertation Year Award, UCLA (\$20,000 plus fees)
- 2016 Awardee, Lee Student Travel Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems
- 2016 Fellow, Paula Stone Legal Research Dissertation Award, Center for the Study of Women, UCLA (\$3,000)
- 2015 Fellow, Department of Sociology, UCLA (\$18,000 plus fees)
- 2015 Scholar, Dissertation Launchpad, UCLA (\$1,000)
- 2014 Predoctoral Fellow, Institute of American Cultures, Bunche Center for African American Studies, UCLA (\$18,500 plus fees)
- 2014 Travel Grant, Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2014 Teaching Grant, Office of Instructional Development, UCLA
- 2014 Finalist, Rishwain Social Justice Entrepreneurship Award, UCLA
- 2013 Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2013 Grant, Institute of American Cultures, Bunche Center for African American Studies, UCLA (\$3,000)
- 2013 Fellow, Constance Coiner Award for Research, Teaching, and Activism, Center for the Study of Women, UCLA (\$5,000)
- 2012 Excellence in Teaching Award, Department of Sociology, UCLA
- 2012 Fellow, Graduate Division, UCLA (\$3,000)
- 2011 Awardee, Chancellor's Prize, UCLA (\$5,000)
- 2010 Awardee, Chancellor's Prize, UCLA (\$5,000)
- 2009 Fellow, Department of Sociology, UCLA (\$18,000 plus fees)

INVITED TALKS

“Carceral Migration as Theory and Method: The Sociologies of Race, Space, and Punishment.”

- 2020. *Engendering Global Capitalism Speaker Series*, Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality. April 13. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019. *The Jensen Series*, Department of Sociology, Duke University. September 13.
- 2019. *Colloquium Series*, Department of Sociology, University of California, Merced. May 6.

“Motherwork Under the State: The Maternal Labor of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women.”

- 2017. Criminal Justice Research Center, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH. October 19.
- 2017. *Intellectual Life Series*, Department of African American Studies, Georgetown University, Washington D.C., October 4.

INVITED WORKSHOPS

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2021. “Carceral Migration as Theory and Method: The Spatial Politics of Space and Legal Punishment,” *Carceral Regimes and State Crime Symposium*, Criminal Justice Program, Rutgers University, March 4-5.

2020. “Home is Where the Heart Is? The Spatial Politics of Love and Carceral Punishment,” *Punishment Symposium 2020: Punishment Beyond Mass Incarceration*, Justice Lab, Columbia University, April 17. (Cancelled due to COVID-19)

2020. “Robots, Zombies, and Vampires: Dystopian Cartographies of Academic Diversity” with Rocío García. *Gender, Theory, and Power Workshop*, Department of Sociology, University of Southern California, February 8.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- 2020 “Working for Redemption,” Thematic Panel on the Politics of Penal Labor: Work, Punishment, and the Criminal Justice System,” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 8-11, San Francisco CA (Invited Session) (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2020 “Robots, Zombies, and Vampires: Dystopian Cartographies of Academic Diversity” (with Rocío García), Panel on At the Site of Memory: Women of Color Epistemology, Knowledge and Cultural Production. American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 8-11, San Francisco CA (Cancelled due to COVID-19)
- 2019 “Carceral Migration as Theory & Method: Intersectionality, Space, and Punishment,” (with Rahim Kurwa), Panel on Correlates of Crime: Immigration and Migration, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 13-16, San Francisco CA
- 2019 “From Mass Incarceration to Carceral Migration: Centering Feminist Abolition in the Sociology of Punishment,” Panel on Social Justice Implications of Mass Incarceration, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11-12, New York NY (Invited Session)
- 2019 “Carceral Migration as Theory and Method: The Sociologies of Race, Space, and Punishment,” (with Rahim Kurwa), Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting, Panel on Race, Crimmigration, and Policing, August 9-11, New York NY
- 2018 “Motherwork Under the State: Black Women’s Mental Health and Maternal Labors after Incarceration,” Panel on Trauma and Mental Health Among Justice-Involved Individuals and Families, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 16, Atlanta GA
- 2018 “The Carceral Web We Weave: Carceral Citizens’ Experiences of Digital Punishment and Solidarity,” Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance—Innovation and Technology in Studies of Crime and Social Control, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11–14, Philadelphia PA

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- 2018 “‘But Don’t Everybody Love to Punish a Black Woman?’ Carceral Punishment as an Intersectional Success,” Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network’s Annual Workshop, July 12, Newark NJ
- 2018 “Racialized Parallels of Incarceration and Deportations: Implications for Mental Health,” with San Juanita García,* the Sixteenth Annual Conference on Social Stress Research, June 2-4, Athens, Greece
- 2018 “Motherwork Under the State: The Maternal Labor of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women,” President's Postdoctoral Fellowship Program's Academic Spring Retreat, April 13-15, Lake Arrowhead CA
- 2018 “‘Why Do You Trust Us?’ Reflections on Feminist Methodologies and Lessons from the Field,” Beyond Carceral Violence: Storytelling About Women’s Incarceration Mini-Conference, February 28, Riverside CA
- 2016 “Motherwork Under the State: The Maternal Labor of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women,” Race, Class, and Gender Regular Session, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 21-25, Seattle WA
- 2016 “Working for Redemption: Formerly Incarcerated Black Women and Punishment in the Neoliberal Labor Market,” Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Conference, August 19-21, Seattle WA
- 2014 “‘I Came Back to Life’: Black Women’s Experiences of Social Life and Death After Incarceration,” Race, Class, and Gender Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 16-19, New York NY
- 2014 “Picturing Freedom: Using Photovoice to Represent Black Women’s Experiences After Incarceration,” Thinking Gender Annual Graduate Conference, February 7, UCLA, Los Angeles CA

*presenting author

CAMPUS TALKS

- 2018 “The United States of Terror: Matters of Carceral Punishment in Black Women’s Lives,” Book Workshop, *Colloquium Series*, Department of Sociology, University of California, Riverside, April 12
- 2015 “[‘I Came Back to Life’: Women in Los Angeles after Incarceration](#),” *UCLA Dissertation Launchpad Showcase*, Los Angeles, CA, March 13

PUBLIC TALKS

- 2020 “Carceral Migration as Theory and Method,” (with Rahim Kurwa) Borderlands and Latino/a Studies Seminar, Newberry Library, Chicago, April 12

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TEACHING

University of Illinois at Chicago
Violence Prevention (Upper-level Undergraduate Writing Course) | Fall 2019
Senior Studies in Criminology, Law, and Justice | Winter 2020

University of Toronto
Gender, Crime, and Justice (Undergraduate Course) | Fall 2018, Winter 2019
Carceral Feminisms: Gender, Race, and State Violence (Upper-level Undergraduate Writing Course) | Winter 2019

University of California, Los Angeles

Undergraduate Research | 2011-2017
Is Orange Really the New Black? Women, Race, and the Carceral State (Undergraduate Seminar) | Spring 2014

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015 Collaborator, California Institution for Women Prison Education Program, UCLA
2010 Graduate Student Researcher, Intergroup Relations Program, UCLA
2009 Research Assistant, Faculty Diversity Project, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

SERVICE

Professional Service

2020 Council Member: Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association
2020 Book Award Committee Member: Sex and Gender Section, American Sociological Association
2020 Session Organizer: Prisons and Prisoners Regular Session, American Sociological Association
2018 Presider: Women and Poverty Panel, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, August 11-14
2018 Book Award Committee Member: Race, Gender, and Class Section, American Sociological Association
2018 Organizer: Beyond Carceral Violence: Storytelling About Women's Incarceration Mini-Conference, Labor Studies, University of California, Riverside, February 28 (with Ellen Reese)
2017 Committee Member: ASA Section on Race, Class, and Gender, Book Award

Reviewer— American Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, Criminology, Feminist Criminology, Qualitative Sociology, Sociology Compass, Social Science and Medicine, Punishment and Society, Journal of Sociology, Contemporary Sociology

Departmental and University Service

- 2019-2020 Member: Research Committee, Criminology, Law, & Justice Dept, UIC
- 2017 Presenter: Planning for the Academic Job Market, UCLA and UCR
- 2017 Presenter: Navigating Graduate School in Sociology, UCR
- 2016 Member: Coalition for Graduate Student Diversity, UCLA
- 2015-2016 Member: Justice Work Group, UCLA
- 2015-2016 Organizer: LA Beyond the Bars: Justice for All Speaker Series, UCLA
- 2014 Co-founder: Interracial Dynamics Capstone, UCLA
- 2012-2013 Graduate Students' Association Representative: Student Conduct Committee,
UCLA
- 2010-2011 Diversity Chair: UCLA Sociology Graduate Students' Association

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Racial Democracy, Crime and Justice Network
American Sociological Association
American Studies Association
Diversity Scholars Network
National Women's Studies Association
Society for the Study of Social Problems
Sociologists for Women in Society