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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Eastern Michigan University, 2017-present
Associate Professor of Criminology

Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017
Assistant Professor of Sociology

EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, 2011
PhD, Criminology, Law, and Society

University of California, Irvine, 2007
MA, Social Ecology

American University, 2003
BA (with university honors), Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics and Government (CLEG)

PUBLICATIONS

Books and Edited Collections

Shah, R. (Ed.) (2021). Centering the margins: Addressing the implementation gap in Critical Criminology [Special issue]. *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 29(1).

*Henne, H., & Shah, R. (Eds.). (2020). *The Routledge Handbook of Public Criminologies*. Routledge.

Shah, R. (2017). *The meaning of rehabilitation and its impact on parole: There and back again in California*. Routledge.

Journal Articles

Shah, R. (in press). "This ruins lives": Using Monopoly® to understand the prison industrial complex. *Journal of Criminal Justice Education*.

Shah, R. (2021). Book review: Yesterday's monsters: The Manson Family cases and the illusion of parole. *Critical Criminology*, 29(3), 667-671.

Shah, R. (2021). Editor's introduction to the special issue, "Centering the margins: Implementing the implementation gap in critical criminology." *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 29(1).

Shah, R. (2020). Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections as public secret. *Probation Journal*, 67(2), 137-159.

Shah, R., & Kopko, K. C. (2016). Feminist pedagogy and the Socratic method: Partners in the classroom or a disaster waiting to happen? *Higher Education Studies*, 6(2). DOI: 10.5539/hes.v6n2p39

*Henne, K. & Shah, R. (2015). Unveiling White logic in Criminological research: An intertextual analysis.

Contemporary Justice Review, 18(2), 105-120.

†Speary, K., & Shah, R. (2015). "It's not illegal to be bizarre": Police decision-making process when coming in contact with persons with a mental illness. *Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences*, 24(1), 22-32.

Shah, R. (2015). Expanding the community: An exploratory analysis of a parole office's location and its impact on parolees. *British Journal of Criminology*, 55(2), 321-340.

Book Chapters

Shah, R., & Henne, K. (2020). Public criminology revisited: An invitation. In K. Henne and R. Shah (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of public criminologies*. New York: Routledge.

Henne, K., & Shah, R. (2016). Feminist criminology and the visual. In M. Brown (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Oxford University Press. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.56

Essays and Visual Publications

Shah, R. (2021, June 29). Cultural inclusivity for whom? – WOC guest post. *The Professor is In*. <https://theprofessorisin.com/2021/06/29/cultural-inclusivity-for-whom-woc-guest-post/>

Shah, R. (2019, October 29). Academic PTSD – WOC guest post. *The Professor is In*. <https://theprofessorisin.com/2019/10/29/academic-ptsd-woc-guest-post/>

Shah, R. (2019). Mentoring, social justice, and the future of critical criminology. *The Critical Criminologist*, 27(1), p. 32-37.

Editorials and Commentaries

Shah, R. (2019, January 8). Without representation: Prison-based gerrymandering and felony disenfranchisement. *National Center for Institutional Diversity*. Available at: <https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/without-representation-prison-based-gerrymandering-and-felony-disenfranchisement-375bc0366434>

Hayes, H. A., Hlavacik, M., Shah, R., Steudeman, M., and Terry, A. (2018, November 6). Citizen Critics live: Midterms 2018. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2018/11/citizen-critics-live-midterms-2018/>

Hayes, H. A., Hlavacik, M., Shah, R., Skinnell, R., and Steudeman, M. (2018, November 4). Critics chat: Democratic identity and the 2018 midterms. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2018/11/critics-chat-democratic-identity-and-the-2018-midterms/>

*Newton, R., and Shah, R. (2018, August 8). Insider baseball: Sessions, the Bible, and approaches to law. *National Center for Institutional Diversity*. Available at: <https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/insider-baseball-sessions-the-bible-and-approaches-to-the-law-e70739d0fb20>

Shah, R. (2017, March 2). Executive branch signals return to tough on crime policies. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2017/03/executive-branch-signals-return-to-tough-on-crime-policies/>

Published Interviews and Media Appearances

Great Lakes Beacon. (2021, August 7). *Drawing the line: Inside the fight to end prison gerrymandering* [Video]. Youtube. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NhGWjeDJNp0>

Probation Journal. (2021, May 27). *Probation podcast number 5: "Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections as public secret."* Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/PRB/PJ%20Best%20Paper%20Prize%202020%20Rita%20Shah-1621857720.mp3>

Miller, J. (2021, May 24). The endless trap of American parole: How can anyone rebuild their lives when they keep getting sent back to jail for the pettiest of reasons? *The Washington Post*. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/magazine/2021/05/24/moral-outrage-american-parole/>

Hayes, H. A. (2019, January 10). Rehabilitation and corrections in the era of mass incarceration. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2019/01/rehabilitation-and-corrections-in-the-era-of-mass-incarceration/>

* Denotes 50/50 authorship

† Denotes publication with students

GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

Grants and Fellowships

Faculty Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2020- 2021 (100% course release; \$3,000)

Provost's Research Support Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-2019 (\$1,100)

Faculty Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2018 (100% course release; \$3,000)

Summer Research/Creative Activity Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2018 (\$12,000)

Awards and Recognitions

Probation Journal Best Paper Award 2020 for Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections as public secret

Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards Teaching I (Nominated), Eastern Michigan University, 2019

Teaching Award, American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice, 2018

Praxis Award, American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology, 2016

CONFERENCE AND WEBINAR ORGANIZATION

Webinars

Anti-Asian Violence and Hate Crimes, ASC Division of Victimology, 2021, co-organizer and co-moderator
 The Future of Criminal Justice Education Webinar, EMU SMART, 2021, co-organizer and moderator

American Society of Criminology

Public Criminologies I: Challenges, Tensions, and Dilemmas, Co-Organizer, November 2019

Public Criminologies II: Engagement, Ethics, and Critique, Co-Organizer November 2019

Hidden in Plain Sight: Criminological Apparatuses as Public Secrets, Co-Organizer, November 2018

Centering the Margins: A Critical Criminology Conference

Chair, 2018-2019

Juggling Scholarship, Activism, and University Expectations, Co-organizer and Co-leader, April 2019

Pathways to the Future, Session Leader, April 2019

PRESENTATIONS*Conference Papers*

Johnson, A., Koolage, W. J., Shah, R., & Deacons, C. (2021). *Integrating high impact practices into a signature learning arc*. Paper presented at Great Lakes Regional Student Success Conference, Virtual, February 23-26.

Johnson, A., Koolage, W. J., Shah, R., & Deacons, C. (2021). *Engaging our local campuses and community through integrating high impact practices into a signature learning arc*. Paper presented at the AAC&U Conference on Gender Education, Pedagogy, and Assessment, Virtual, February 11-13.

Shah, R. (2019). *Opening remarks*. Talk presented at Centering the Margins: Addressing the Implementation Gap in Critical Criminology Conference, Ypsilanti, MI, April 12-13.

Shah, R. (2019). *Architectures of community corrections: Public secret or secret from the public?*. Paper presented at the Eastern Michigan University Place/Performance/Identity Symposium, Ypsilanti, MI, January 25-26.

Shah, R. (2018). *Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17.

Shah, R. (2017). *Author meets critics: The meaning of rehabilitation and its impact on parole: There and back again in California*. Discussant at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 15-18.

Shah, R. (2017). *Critical teaching: Moving criminology "toward justice."* Panel discussant at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 15-18.

Henne, K., and Shah, R. (2017). *Bringing together feminist and visual criminology to (re)imagine invisible injuries*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November 15-18.

Shah, R., and Henne, K. (2017). *Can there be a feminist visual criminology? Representational politics, injury, and victimhood*. Paper presented at the Critical Criminology/Representing Justice Conference, Ottawa, ONT, May 4-5.

Shah, R. (2017). *Wither the withering of criminal justice? Reforming a discipline*. Paper presented at the Critical

Intersections of Crime and Social Justice Conference, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, April 7-8.

Invited Talks

Credit for invisible emotional labor: Preventing burnout among marginalized faculty, Invited discussant for the Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism & Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology (& Academia), 2021.

How can we understand the social effects of COVID-19 in local and global contexts?, Invited discussant for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2020

Socio-legal approaches to intersectionality Workshop, Invited discussant for the Law and Society Emerging Research (LaSER) Lab, University of Waterloo, 2018

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Administrative Experience

Chair, First Year Experience Planning Committee, 2020-present

Editorial Positions

Special Issue Editor, *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, volume 29, issue 1

Editorial Board Member, *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 2020-present

Editorial Board Member, *Visual Methodologies*, 2015-present

Editor, Criminal Justice Desk, *Citizen Critics*, 2017-2020, citizencritics.org

Specialized Training

Culturally Responsive Teaching Dialogue, Eastern Michigan University, 2021

Trauma Informed First Responder Training, Eastern Michigan University, 2020

Visionary Leadership Workshop, Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology, 2018

Writing Across the Curriculum, Eastern Michigan University, 2018

New Faculty Learning Community, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-2018

International Visual Methods Seminar, University of Antwerp, 2015

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Supervisor

Jacklyn Staffeld, McNair Scholar, Eastern Michigan University, 2020-present

Kasyera Kowalczyk, Master of Arts in Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, 2019-present

Candice Tudor, Master of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice, Eastern Michigan University, 2019-present

Chanice Canady, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2018-2020

Tara Lapham, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-2018

Katelyn Gebbia, College Honor's, Elizabethtown College, 2016-2017

Emily Soltys, Honor's in Sociology/Anthropology, Elizabethtown College, 2016-2017

Committee Member

Sean Blackwell, PhD in Criminology, University of Leicester, 2021-present

Heather Mooney, Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Wayne State University, 2017-present

Morgen Barroso, Master of Arts in Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-2019

Other Supervision

Jaymes Dempsey, Undergraduate Research Symposium (co-mentor with Dr. Kimberly Barrett), Eastern Michigan University, 2018

Matthew Kuraska, Elizabethtown College, Submission for *Sowing the Seed*:

<https://sowingtheseed.org/2016/10/10/the-stereotype-of-criminal-blackness/>

COURSES TAUGHT

Community Corrections	Law and Social Change
Consequences of Incarceration	Race, Class, and Gender in the CJ System
Crime and Justice	Social Justice
Media, Crime, and Justice (Graduate)	Sociology of Crime and its Corrections (Graduate)
Crime, Society, and Interpretation	Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (TAPDP)
Criminology	Theories of Criminal Behavior (Graduate)
Gender and the Law	The U.S. Criminal Justice System
Joss Whedon: Friend or Foe? (First Year Seminar)	
Law and Literature	

SERVICE

Professional

Book reviewer for Rowan and Littlefield; Routledge Press

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *American Journal of Criminal Justice*; *Crime, Media, and Culture*; *Critical Criminology*; *Current Sociology*; *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*; *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*; *Justice Quarterly*; *Law & Social Inquiry*; *Oxford Encyclopedia of Crime, Media, and Popular Culture*; *Social Justice*; *Sociology Compass*; *Theoretical Criminology*

Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee, Rotating Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2018-present

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee, Rotating Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2012-present

Ad-Hoc Committee on ASC Meeting Quality, Member, American Society of Criminology, 2019-2020

University/College

Faculty Senate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Task Force, Elected Member, Eastern Michigan University, 2021-present

Signature Learning Arc Committee, Member, Eastern Michigan University, 2020-present

Southeast Michigan Criminal Justice Policy Research Project, Executive Board Member, 2020-present

CAS Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair, 2019-2020; Alternate, 2018-2019

Undergraduate Fellows in Leadership for Justice and Peace, Faculty Mentor, Elizabethtown College, 2013-2017

Personnel Council, Elizabethtown College, 2013- 2017

Institutional Review Board, Prisoner Representative, Elizabethtown College, 2012-2017

Pre-Law Advising Committee (PLAC), Elizabethtown College, 2011- 2017

Departmental

Website Editor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2021-present

Explore CAS, Faculty Representative, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2019

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Chair 2020-present; Member 2018-2020, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-present

Criminology Curriculum Committee, Member, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-present

Women and Gender Studies, Affiliated Faculty, Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017

Departmental Self-Evaluation, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Elizabethtown College, 2015-2017

Academic Advisor, Elizabethtown College, 2012-2017

Honors in the Discipline Committee, Member, Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

Division on Communities & Place

Division on Convict Criminology

Division on Corrections and Sentencing

Division on People of Color and Crime

Division on Queer Criminology

Division on Victimology

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Division of Community Research and Development

Division of Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

Division of Law and Society

Division of Teaching Social Problems