

# Kevin Dahaghi

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## Employment

- 2023- Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey – New Brunswick  
Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology  
Faculty Affiliate, Program in Criminal Justice
- 2021-2023 Duke University  
Postdoctoral Fellow, School of Law, Wilson Center for Science and Justice

## Education

- 2021 Ph.D., Sociology. University of Texas at Austin  
*Dissertation:* Essays on The Policy Development of Punishment in the United States  
*Committee:* Becky Pettit (chair), Sarah Brayne, Michael Young, Derek Epp
- 2017 M.A., Sociology. University of Texas at Austin
- 2014 B.A., Sociology, Journalism & Media Studies. Rutgers University. *Summa cum laude*

## Research Interests

Crime and Deviance	Demography	Organizations
Race and Ethnicity	Public Policy	Sociology of Law

## Journal Articles

- Forthcoming* Garrett, Brandon, William Crozier, **Kevin Dahaghi**, Elizabeth Gifford, Catherine Grodensky, Adele Quigley-McBride, and Jennifer Teitcher. “Open Prosecution.” *Stanford Law Review*.
- 2022* **Dahaghi, Kevin.** “Uneven Access to Justice: Social Context and Eligibility for the Right to Counsel.” *Social Problems*.
  - Norman White Student Paper Award, People of Color and Crime Division, ASC
  - *Honorable Mention*, Graduate Student Paper Award, Sociology of Law, ASA

## Manuscripts

- Under Review* **Dahaghi, Kevin.** “Raising the Stakes on Punishment: The Development of Monetary Sanctions in Texas.”
  - Gene Carte Paper Award, First Place Prize, ASC
  - Candace Rogers Paper Award, ESS
  - Alfred R. Lindesmith Paper Award, Law & Society Division, SSSP**Dahaghi, Kevin.** “Driving Disenfranchisement: The Adoption of License-for-Payment Laws in the United States”
- Weiss, Inbar, and **Kevin Dahaghi.** “Projected Student Debt Burden and Entry into First Marriage.”
  - Norval C. Glenn Prize, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
- In Progress* **Dahaghi, Kevin.** “Administrative Burden in the Provision of Indigent Defense.”

**Dahaghi, Kevin.** “Courting Debt: The Daily Life Impacts of Incurring Court Fines and Fees.”

**Dahaghi, Kevin.** “Local Conditions and the Imposition of Driver’s License Suspensions in North Carolina.”

**Dahaghi, Kevin,** and Adele Quigley-McBride. “Distance Travelled in Plea Bargaining.”

## Policy Reports

**Dahaghi, Kevin,** and the Wilson Center for Science and Justice. “Plea Tracking in the Durham County District Attorney’s Office.” <https://wcsj.law.duke.edu/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/One-year-Durham-Plea-Tracker-Report.pdf>

Fines & Fees Justice Center and **the Wilson Center for Science and Justice.** “Debt Sentence: How Fines and Fees Hurt Working Families.” [https://finesandfeesjusticecenter.org/content/uploads/2023/05/Debt\\_Sentence\\_FFJC-Wilson-Center-May-2023.pdf](https://finesandfeesjusticecenter.org/content/uploads/2023/05/Debt_Sentence_FFJC-Wilson-Center-May-2023.pdf)

## Grants and Fellowships

### *External*

2017-2020	Graduate Research Fellowship (GRFP), National Science Foundation
2018	<i>Alternate</i> , Pre-Doctoral Fellowship, Ford Foundation
2014-2015	English Teaching Assistantship, Fulbright U.S. Student Programs

### *Internal*

2019, 2020	Professional Development Award, University of Texas at Austin
2019, 2020	Graduate Student Excellence Award, University of Texas at Austin
2019	Conference Travel Fellowship, University of Texas at Austin
2018	Crime, Law, and Deviance Research Grant, University of Texas at Austin
2016-2019	Dean’s Prestigious Fellowship Award, University of Texas at Austin
2015, 2016	Summer Research Grant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin
2013-2014	Ralph M. Voorhees Public Service Fellowship, Rutgers University
2013-2014	Research Grant, Aresty Center for Undergraduate Research, Rutgers University
2013, 2014	Segal AmeriCorps Education Award, Corporation for National and Community Service
2012-2013	Lloyd C. Gardner Fellowship in Leadership and Social Policy, Rutgers University

## Honors and Awards

2020	Norman White Outstanding Student Paper Award, Division on People of Color and Crime, American Society of Criminology
2020	<i>Honorable Mention</i> , Graduate Student Paper Award, ASA Section on Sociology of Law
2020	Candace Rogers Student Paper Award, Eastern Sociological Society
2019	Gene Carte Student Paper Award, First Place Prize, American Society of Criminology
2019	Norval C. Glenn Paper Award, University of Texas at Austin
2018	Alfred R. Lindesmith Graduate Student Paper Award, SSSP Section on Sociology of Law
2014	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award, NJ Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)
2013-2014	Cap and Skull Senior Honor Society, Rutgers University
2012-2014	Ronald E. McNair Post-Baccalaureate Achievement Program, Rutgers University

## **Presentations**

- 2022 “Driving Disenfranchisement: The Adoption of License-for-Payment Laws.”  
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Panel.  
- Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting. Panel.
- 2020 “Uneven Access to Justice: Social Context and Eligibility for the Right to Counsel.”  
- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Panel.  
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Panel.  
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Panel.  
- Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Panel.
- 2019 “Raising the Stakes on Punishment: The Development of Monetary Sanctions in Texas.”  
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Panel.
- “Anticipated Student Debt Burden and Entry into First Marriage.”  
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Panel.
- “Cycles of Support: The Association of Incarceration and Household Instability.”  
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Poster.
- 2018 “Parental Incarceration and Children’s Health: The Patterning of Youth Health Behaviors and Care Access.”  
- American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Poster.
- “Ambiguity and Accountability: The Development of Legal Fines and Fees in Texas.”  
- American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Roundtable.  
- Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting. Panel.
- 2017 “Education and Student Debt: Differences in Marriage Patterns among Young Adults.”  
- Population Association of America Annual Meeting. Poster.  
• Awarded Best Poster Presentation in Session on Family Demography

## **Teaching Experience**

- 2015-2021 Teaching Assistant, Department of Sociology, University of Texas at Austin  
• Introduction to Social Statistics: Spring 2021  
• Social Research Methods: Fall 2020  
• Sociology of Criminal Justice: Spring 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016  
• Introduction to Sociology: Fall 2015
- 2014-2015 English Language Instructor, Hong Kong Institute of Education
- 2014 Instructor of Record, Introduction to Research Methods, Rutgers University
- 2013 Peer Instructor, Exploring Sociology, Rutgers University

## **Research Experience**

- 2015-2018 Graduate Research Assistant to Dr. Becky Pettit, University of Texas at Austin  
• Recruited and interviewed participants from Texas municipal courts about the economic and social impacts of court-imposed legal fines and fees.
- 2013-2014 Public Service Fellow, Rutgers University  
• Coordinated an applied research study on the economics of using farm-to-freezer techniques to store and preserve food donations.
- 2013 Research Intern to Dr. David Kirk, University of Texas at Austin  
• Conducted a demographic analysis of property crime patterns in major U.S. metropolitan areas using census data.
- 2012-2014 Undergraduate Research Assistant to Dr. Lauren Krivo, Rutgers University  
• Analyzed race-ethnic differences in transportation patterns across the U.S.

## **Academic Service**

2022	Organizer, Novel Justice Events, Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke Law
2021-Present	Mentor, JustScience Lab, Wilson Center for Science and Justice at Duke Law
2019	Mentor, Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), National Science Foundation
2018	Peer Mentor, Ronald E. McNair Program, St. Edward's University
2017-2021	Graduate Student Coordinator, Crime, Law, and Deviance (CLD) Working Group
2017	Alumni Resource Panelist, Pre-Departure Orientation, Fulbright U.S. Student Programs
2017	Panelist, Diversity Initiative on Applying for Funding, University of Texas at Austin
2015-2021	Trainee, Population Research Center (PRC), University of Texas at Austin

## **Volunteer Experience**

2016-2017	Virtual Student Intern, Liberian Embassy, U.S. Department of State
2014-2015	Youth Activities Volunteer Coordinator, Caritas Hong Kong
2011-2014	AmeriCorps 300-Hour Member, Bonner Leader Program, Rutgers University
2011-2014	Lead High School Mentor, Rutgers Future Scholars Program
2011-2014	Academic Support Mentor, Rutgers Upward Bound Program

## **Association Memberships**

American Sociological Association  
American Society of Criminology  
Law and Society Association  
Population Association of America  
Society for the Study of Social Problems