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ACADEMIC POSITIONS

Visiting Instructor of Sociology, Warren Wilson College 2026-2027

EDUCATION

Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology In Progress (ABD)

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis MO

Dissertation: *Mountaineers Are Not Always Free: Incarceration in Central Appalachia since 1870*

Committee: David Cunningham (chair), Kenneth Andrews, Yannick Coenders, and Margot Moinester

Graduate Certificate in American Cultural Studies May 2024

Master of Arts in Sociology May 2021

University of New Mexico, Albuquerque NM

Master's Thesis, with distinction: *Racialized Carceral Consequences: Paternal Incarceration and the Well-Being of Black and White Mothers*

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Anthropology May 2019

Warren Wilson College, Asheville NC

Minor: Peace and Justice Studies

Senior Thesis: *Birthing from Without: Risk Perception and Maternal Autonomy*

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Sociology of Law, Punishment and Society, Historical Sociology, Medical Sociology

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS, AND AWARDS

Sociology Department Research Grant Washington University (\$1,000)	July 2026
Public Humanities Graduate Summer Research Fellowship Washington University (\$3,500)	Summer 2026
Sociology Department Research Grant Washington University (\$500)	July 2023
AMCS Small Research Grant American Cultural Studies (\$800)	June 2023
Harvey Fellow in American Culture Studies Washington University (\$18,000)	2021 – 2028
Graduate Policy Scholar Program Clark Fox Policy Institute	2021 – 2022
CRE ² Small Research Grant Center for the Study of Race, Ethnicity, and Equity (\$1,000)	December 2021
Graduate Student Paper Award University of New Mexico Sociology	May 2021
Community Engagement Honor Roll Warren Wilson College	May 2019
Dean's List Warren Wilson College	2014 – 2019
Presidential Scholarship for Academic Excellence Warren Wilson College	2014 – 2019

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PUBLICATIONS

Sherpa, Mingma L., **Ella J. Siegrist**, Larissa Myaskovsky, Andrew L. Sussman, Karen Chong, Victoria Trujillo, and Jamie Krashin. 2026. "Perspectives on Contraceptive Research for Individuals with Increased Thrombosis Risk: A Qualitative Exploration of Patients and Clinicians." *Southern Medical Journal* 119(6):288-293.

Siegrist, Ella J., and Lisa Broidy. 2025. "How Jailed Mothers Envision Future Motherhood in the Context of State Intrusion: Fawn, Flight, or Fight." *Journal of Contemporary Criminal Justice* 0(0):1-17.

Broidy, Lisa and **Ella J. Siegrist**. 2023. "Prioritizing Protection: Jailed Women's Narrative Strategies for Sustaining a 'Good' Mother Identity." *Feminist Criminology* 0(0):1-28.

Moinester, Margot, Ariela Schachter, and **Ella J. Siegrist**. 2022. "Disparities in Loss from COVID-19: Comparing Across and Among First- and Second-Generation Latinx and Asian Adults." *Socius* 8:1-3.

PUBLIC AND APPLIED SOCIOLOGY

Ella Siegrist. "[Immigration enforcement is supplying a long-standing economic market for prisoners.](#)" *The Conversation*. August 28, 2026.

Denman, Kristine, and **Ella J. Siegrist**. 2022. *Impact of Bail Reform in Six New Mexico Counties*. Institute for Social Research, University of New Mexico. Project supported by Grant 2019-86-CX-K024 from the State Justice Statistics Program and the New Mexico Sentencing Commission.

Ella Siegrist. "[Health, family justice needed in Missouri prisons.](#)" *The St. Louis American*. February 9, 2022.

Ella Siegrist. 2021. [Wellbeing of Families and the Legal System](#). Center for Women in Transition. St. Louis, Missouri.

Denman, Kristine, **Ella J. Siegrist**, Joel Robinson, Ashleigh Maus, and Jenna Dole. 2021. [Bail Reform: Motions for Pretrial Detention and Their Outcomes](#). Institute for Social Research, University of New Mexico. Project supported by Grant 2019-86-CX-K024 from the State Justice Statistics Program.

Siegrist, Ella J., Jenna L. Dole, Kristine Denman, Ashleigh Maus, Joel Robinson, Callie Dorsey, and Graham White. 2020. [Implementing Bail Reform in New Mexico: A Qualitative Analysis](#). Institute for Social Research, University of New Mexico. Project supported by Grant 2018-86-CX-K024 from the State Justice Statistics Program.

WORKS IN PROGRESS

Siegrist, Ella J. "'Chart Like it May One Day Be Read in a Deposition': Manufacturing Legal Immunity in Carceral Healthcare." *Out for Review*.

Siegrist, Ella J. "Policy, Litigation, and Protest: Federal Resources and Criminal-Legal Infrastructure in West Virginia." *Out for Review*.

Siegrist, Ella J. "Importation and Expansion: Federal Opportunity and Penal Growth in Central Appalachia." *Manuscript available upon request*.

Siegrist, Ella J. "Reproduction Imprisoned: A Call for Sociological Inquiry into Carceral Reproductive Medicine." *Manuscript available upon request*.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Structured Research Experience | Washington University in St. Louis
National Study of the Fear of Deportation

August 2021 – May 2022

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- Worked with Drs. Margot Moinester and Ariela Schacter to analyze data from fear of deportation survey
- Prepared manuscripts outlining key findings

Research Assistant | Washington University in St. Louis

June – August 2021

National Study of the Fear of Deportation

- Assisted Drs. Margot Moinester and Ariela Schacter with a study of fear of deportation
- Ran descriptive statistics and preliminary analyses

Institute for Social Research

Program Assistant | New Mexico Statistical Analysis Center

January 2020 – September 2022

- Developed skills in applied research, including an evaluation of bail reform policy in New Mexico
- Coded qualitative data in Atlas.ti and conducted analyses of interviews with legal system stakeholders
- Ran quantitative analyses of legal system data using SPSS

Research Assistant | University of New Mexico

Fall 2019

Jailed Women's Narrative Strategies for Sustaining a 'Good' Mother Identity

- Assisted Dr. Lisa Broidy with a qualitative study of the effects of jailtime on mothers
- Conducted literature review
- Coded and analyzed data

PRESENTATIONS and PANELS

"Political Narratives of Appalachian Incarceration." October 2026. *Washington University in St. Louis*, Center for the Humanities, Public Humanities Symposium. *St. Louis, Missouri*.

"Policing and Incarceration Across the Rural-Urban Continuum." October 2026. Washington University in St. Louis, Guest Lecture. *St. Louis, Missouri*.

"Carceral Dependence: Federal Opportunity and Criminal-Legal Expansion in West Virginia." August 2026. American Sociological Association, Annual Conference. *New York City, New York*.

"Mountaineers are Not Always Free: Incarceration and Labor Politics in West Virginia." July 2026. Rural Sociological Society, Annual Conference. *Raleigh, North Carolina*.

"Mountaineers are Not Always Free: Incarceration and Labor Politics in West Virginia." April 2026. *University of North Carolina—Asheville*, Department of Sociology. *Asheville, North Carolina*.

"Carceral Appalachia: West Virginia's Penal History and Rural Jailing Today." April 2026. Warren Wilson College, Guest Lecture. *Asheville, North Carolina*.

"Mass Incarceration as a Public Health Crisis: Local and National Perspectives." November 2023. Washington University Gephardt Institute, *St. Louis, Missouri*.

"Chart Like it May One Day Be Read in a Deposition': Manufacturing Legal Immunity in Carceral Reproductive Healthcare." May 2023. Law & Society Association, Annual Conference. *San Juan, Puerto Rico*.

"Race, Gender, and Citizenship: An Intersectional Framework for Understanding Latinx Reproduction and Resistance." August 2022. American Sociological Association, Annual Conference. *Los Angeles, CA*.

"Race, Gender, and Citizenship: An Intersectional Framework for Understanding Latina Women's Reproduction and Resistance." February 2022. Sociologists for Women in Society, Winter Conference. *Albuquerque, New Mexico*.

"Racialized Carceral Consequences: Paternal Incarceration and the Well-Being of Black and White Mothers." July 2021. Sociologists for Women in Society, Summer Conference. *Presented Virtually*.

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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Visiting Instructor Warren Wilson College <i>Course:</i> Sociology 1000: Introduction to Sociology <i>Course:</i> Sociology 2220: Medical Sociology	Fall 2026
Adjunct Faculty Asheville-Buncombe Technical College <i>Course:</i> Sociology 210: Introduction to Sociology	Spring 2026
Adjunct Faculty Prison Education Program at University of North Carolina Asheville <i>Course:</i> Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology	Fall 2025
Adjunct Faculty Asheville-Buncombe Technical College <i>Course:</i> Sociology 210: Introduction to Sociology <i>Course:</i> Humanities 115: Critical Thinking through Global Conflict	Fall 2025
Adjunct Faculty Prison Education Program at University of North Carolina Asheville <i>Course:</i> Sociology 100: Introduction to Sociology	Summer 2025
Teaching Faculty Prison Education Project at Washington University <i>Course:</i> Sociology 300: Sociology of Health and Medicine <i>Course:</i> General Studies 125: College Transition Seminar <i>Course:</i> Women and Gender Studies 362: Gender and the Prison System	Fall 2024
Teaching Faculty Prison Education Project at Washington University <i>Course:</i> Sociology 220: Introduction to Sociology <i>Course:</i> Women and Gender Studies 362: Gender and the Prison System	Spring 2024
Mentored Teaching Experience Prison Education Project at Washington University <i>Course:</i> Sociology 220: Introduction to Sociology Co-Instructor: Dr. David Cunningham	Fall 2023
Adjunct Faculty Saint Louis University <i>Course:</i> Sociology 2490: Sociology of Medicine	Spring 2023
Mentored Teaching Experience Washington University in St. Louis <i>Course:</i> Sociology 2020: Order and Change in Society Professor Assisted: Dr. David Cunningham	Spring 2023
Teaching Assistant Washington University in St. Louis <i>Course:</i> Interdisciplinary 310: The Politics of Reproduction Professor Assisted: Dr. Rebecca Wanzo	Fall 2022
Mentored Teaching Experience Washington University in St. Louis <i>Course:</i> Sociology 2580: Families and Social Inequality Professor Assisted: Dr. Patrick Ishizuka	Fall 2022
Graduate Assistant University of New Mexico <i>Courses:</i> Sociology 1110: Introduction to Sociology and Sociology 420: Sociology of Race and Ethnicity Professor Assisted: Dr. Eli Wilson	Spring 2021
Graduate Assistant University of New Mexico <i>Course:</i> Health, Medicine, and Human Values 1110: Contours of Health in New Mexico Professor Assisted: Dr. Owen Whooley	Fall 2020
Graduate Assistant University of New Mexico <i>Course:</i> Sociology 425: Life Course Criminology Professor Assisted: Dr. Lisa Broidy	Spring 2020
Graduate Assistant University of New Mexico	Fall 2019

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Course: Sociology 423: Gender and Crime

Professor Assisted: Dr. Lisa Broidy

Teaching Assistant | Warren Wilson College Inside-Out Program

Spring 2019

Course: Peace and Justice 110: Introduction to Peace and Justice Studies

Professor Assisted: Dr. Rima Vesely-Flad

OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Interim Program Administrator | Prison Education Project, WUSTL June 2024 – January 2025

- Managed PEP grant applications, administration, and reporting
- Applied for and coordinated Pell Grant funding
- Liaised with Missouri Department of Corrections to ensure continued programming at two state prisons

Academic Program Manager | Prison Education Project, WUSTL January 2024 – January 2025

- Coordinated educational programming at Women's Eastern Reception, Diagnostic, and Correctional Center in Vandalia, Missouri
- Acted as primary advisor to degree-seeking students
- Taught curriculum and assisted other PEP instructors with course logistics, standards, and preparations

Tutor | Prison Education Program, Washington University in St. Louis May 2022 – December 2023

- Tutored incarcerated students at WERDCC in Vandalia, MO

Tutor | Warren Wilson College August 2015 – May 2016

- Tutored students in college-level statistics and French I-IV
- Utilized problem-solving techniques to fuel student comprehension and empowerment
- Worked with peers to deepen my personal understanding of curriculum

Science, Language Arts, and Math Intern | Owen Middle School February – May 2016

- Created weekly lesson plans for students grades 6-8
- Stimulated engagement and empowerment around learning science
- Collaborated with peers and faculty to grow as a teacher and facilitator

UNIVERSITY & PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Co-Chair, Rural Law and Justice Interest Group (RSS) August 2026 –

Reviewer, *Feminist Criminology* February 2024

Graduate Representative of the Student Government Sociology Association (SGSA) August 2020 – May 2021

Treasurer of the Student Government Sociology Association (SGSA) August 2020 – May 2021

Secretary of the Student Government Sociology Association (SGSA) August 2019 – May 2020

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Board Member | UNC Asheville Prison Education Program August 2025 –

- Currently working with UNCA's Prison Education Program to advise the program's next stages
- Assisting with grant applications
- Facilitating reading group at the Buncombe County Detention Facility (BCDF)

Advocacy and Advisory Board Member | Center for Women in Transition August 2021 – December 2024

- Participated in policy advocacy and education on evidence-based re-entry practices
- Developed survey instruments for assessing program efficacy
- Analyzed court data on recidivism for program participants

Intern | Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program September 2018 – May 2019

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- Navigated the carceral system to further develop the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program between Warren Wilson College and the Swannanoa Correctional Center for Women (SCCW)
- Recorded student experiences with Inside-Out to document program efficacy
- Organized informational forums to generate community dialogue

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, **American Sociological Association**

Sections: Sociology of Law, Comparative-Historical Sociology, Medical Sociology

Member, **Rural Sociological Association**

Interest Groups: Law & Justice

Member, **Southern Sociological Association**

CERTIFICATIONS, TRAININGS, AND SKILLS

Coach Practitioner | University of Central Florida

August 2024

Bard Prison Initiative Summer Residency | Bard College

July 2024

Birth Doula Training | Your Birth Connection, Bangor ME

October 2016

Statistical programs | Stata, SPSS, R

Qualitative analysis software | Atlas.ti, Dedoose, NVivo

Other software | Excel, LaTeX