

Curriculum Vitae
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Education

2007 Ph.D. Sociology, University of Delaware
2002 M.A. Sociology, University of Delaware
1999 B.S. Sociology, Towson University

Academic Appointments

Associate Professor, Fall 2018-present
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

Assistant Professor, Fall 2009-Summer 2018
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD)

Assistant Professor (fixed-term), Fall 2007-Spring 2009
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD)

Instructor (fixed-term), Fall 2005-Spring 2007
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD)

Academic Affiliations

Core Faculty, Winter 2018-present
(*Affiliate Faculty* Fall 2015-Winter 2018)
Disaster Research Center [DRC](#)
University of Delaware

Policy Fellow, Spring 2017-present
Center for Community Research and Service [CCRS](#)
University of Delaware

Faculty Affiliate and Investigator, Winter 2012-present
Delaware Environmental Institute [DENIN](#)
University of Delaware

Scholarly Interests

Environmental/climate justice, health disparities, risk, popular epidemiology, medicalization

Awards

2015 Exemplary Achievement in Community Service Award from the DuPont Interdisciplinary Science Learning Laboratories, University of Delaware.

Courses Taught

Introduction to Sociology (Honors and non-Honors)
Introduction to Sociological Research
Environmental Sociology (capstone)
Environment and Health
Sociology of Diagnosis
Deconstructing Definitions: The Medicalization of Society (Honors)
Sociology of Risk
Health and Health Services Practicum and Seminar (Internship)
Fads and Fashions
Data Collection and Analysis (graduate)

Teaching and Curriculum Development Grants

2018 Integrative Curriculum Development Grant from the Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy (UD). “Integrating Environmental Justice into Soil Chemistry Curriculum.” (\$3,000)
Co-PI Donald Sparks.

2017 University of Delaware’s “Infusing Computational Reasoning into General Education” grant. Coordinated by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning (UD). National Science Foundation (NSF) Grant #1611959. (\$5,000)

2014 Innovative Transformation Grant from the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning and Academic Technology Services (UD). Introduction to Mapping Social Issues course development. (\$6,000)

2013 Integrative Curriculum Development Grant from the Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy (UD). Integrate ethics into Environment and Health SOCI 335. (\$3,000)

Teaching Recognition and Invitations

Recognition

2017 Nominated for the University of Delaware’s Excellence in Undergraduate Academic Advising and Mentoring Award.

Nominated three times for the University of Delaware’s Excellence in Teaching Award.
[2004, 2008, and 2009]

National Teaching Invitations

2020 Monmouth University. “Public Sociology, Community-Based Methods, and Environmental Justice.” Invited discussion for Practicum in Applied Social Research course.

2018 Drexel University – Pennoni Honors College. “Complexities of Research in the Community: The Case of Environmental Justice.” Invited lecture for Research in the Community course.

- 2017 PolicyMap [webinar](#). “PolicyMap in the Classroom: A Tool for Public Health and Sociology Courses.”
- 2011 Drexel University – Pennoni Honors College. “A Prospectus on the Global Community in Cyberspace: Virtual Popular Epidemiology.” Invited lecture for the Great Works Symposium: Disease and the Global City.

Local Delaware Teaching Invitations

- 2020 Delaware Intercampus Climate Coalition. “Understanding Coronavirus through the Lens of Environmental Justice.” Invited lecture for *A Climate Conversations Initiative*, sponsored by Delaware Interfaith Power & Light and Energize Delaware.
- 2016 Delaware Technical Community College. “Encouraging Climate Change and Environmental Awareness in Environmental Justice Communities: Increasing Empowerment and Decreasing Maladaptation.” Invited guest lecture for SCI 107 course.
- 2015 Delaware Technical Community College. “Resident Knowledge and Concern for Sea Level Rise and Contaminant Mobility in South Wilmington.” Invited guest lecture for SCI 107 Explorations on the Delaware Bay course.
- 2013 Osher Lifelong Learning Institute – University of Delaware. “Statistics, Uncertainty, and the News Media Construction of Cancer Clusters in Delaware.” Invited guest lecture for Osher program.

University of Delaware Teaching Invitations

- 2022 “The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: Sustainability and Social Justice.” Invited lecture and discussion for HONR 292 Colloquium on Sustainability and Human/Environment Interactions.
- 2021 “Resisting Environmental Gentrification.” Invited lecture and discussion for ENEP 485 Senior Seminar in Energy and Environmental Policy course.
- 2021 “Caution: Green Gentrification as an (Unintended) Consequence of Environmental Cleanup and Climate Adaptation.” Invited lecture for ARSC 300 Issues in Global Studies course.
- 2020 Taught Introduction to Sociology as part of the inaugural dual enrollment program at UD for high school seniors throughout the state.
- 2020 “Social and Environmental Justice in Sustainability.” Invited lecture for CIEG 402 Introduction to Sustainability Principles course.
- 2020 “Social and Environmental Justice for the Master Naturalist.” Presented to Master Naturalist Classes I and II.
- 2020 “The Spatial Relationship between Race and Brownfields: Anti-Racist Pedagogy with PolicyMap.” Presented at Race, Injustice, and the Environment: An Interdisciplinary Pedagogy Workshop. [Link to video](#).

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- 2020 “IRB and Research Ethics for Social Scientists: A Basic Introduction.” Invited lecture for POSC 819 Qualitative Methods for Political Science course.
- 2019 “The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.” Invited lecture for GEOG 334/UAPP 406 Planning for Sustainable Communities course.
- 2019 Introduction to Sociology course for the [Get Ahead](#) program.
- 2019 “The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.” Invited lecture for ENTO 103 Land and Water Management course.
- 2018 “The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.” Invited lecture for ENWC 103 Land and Water Management course.
- 2018 “Citizen Science, Sea Level Rise, and South Wilmington: A Primer on Studying Environmental Justice Communities.” Invited lecture for ENGL 409 Topics in Journalism: Environmental Journalism course.
- 2017 “Use of Door-to-Door Surveys as CBPR and Strategies to Reduce Non-Response.” Invited lecture for UAPP 667 Survey Research Methods course.
- 2017 “Online Mobilization and the Growth of an International Environmental Justice Global Movement: The Burgeoning Role of Global EJ Mapping.” Invited lecture for ARSC 300 Issues in Global Studies course.
- 2017 “Integrating Social and Environmental Justice into STEM Research: Becoming “Socio-Scientific.” Invited lecture for CHEM/PLSC 608 Environmental Soil Chemistry course.
- 2017 “Integrating Social and Environmental Justice into STEM Research: Becoming “Socio-Scientific.” Invited lecture for CIEG 437 Water and Wastewater Quality course.
- 2017 “EJ Communities and Climate Change: Why Place Matters.” Invited guest lecture for UAPP 406/GEOG 434 Planning Sustainable Communities and Regions course.
- 2016 “Environmental (In)Justice and Environmental Racism.” Invited guest lecture for Lambda Pi Chi Sorority.
- 2016 “EJ Communities and Climate Change: Why Place Matters.” Invited guest lecture for DISA 680 Disaster Science and Management Seminar course.
- 2016 “EJ Communities and Climate Change: Why Place Matters.” Invited guest lecture for UAPP 406/GEOG 434 course Planning Sustainable Communities and Regions course.
- 2015 “Environmental (In)Justice and Environmental Racism.” Invited guest lecture for SOCI 201 Introduction to Sociology course.

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- 2015 “Environmental (In)Justice and Environmental Racism.” Invited guest lecture for SOCI/CRJU 345 Sociology of Law course.
- 2015 “The Geography of Environmental Justice.” [Presentation](#) on using PolicyMap in the classroom. Summer Faculty Institute.
- 2012 “From Degenerate to Diseased and Back Again: The Circular Trajectory of Mental Illness as Medical Deviance in Sociology.” Invited lecture for SOCI 621 Theories and Approaches to Social Deviance course.

Published Contributions to Teaching (non-refereed)

- 2015 “The Geography of Environmental (In)Justice.” Pp. 7-8, Teaching/Learning Matters: ASA’s Newsletter for the Section on Teaching & Learning. Vol. 44(3) *Connecting the Classroom to the Community*.

Other Teaching Related Activities

- 2019 Wilmington Community Engagement Initiative (WCEI). Co-developing course for fall 2020 OLLI community engagement course. [course postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic]
- 2018 [Wilmington Archives Project](#) (WAP). Incorporated digital humanities into SOCI 335 Environment and Health (UD) for the WAP.
- 2018 Presenter at the Summer Institute on Teaching, sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning (CTAL).
- 2018 ReLIC: Reengineering Large Introductory Courses to Enhance Learning, Persistence, and Graduation. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning.
- 2016 Co-presenter (with Andrea Kelley) of “An Examination of Triggers and Trigger Warnings in the Practice of Teaching.” Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD) Brown Bag colloquium.
- 2015 Panel member at the annual conference for graduate student teaching assistants (UD) discussing “Faculty Expectations of Teaching Assistants.” Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning.
- 2011 Environmental Humanities Minor development committee member (UD).

Undergraduate Mentorship and Thesis Direction

Benjamin McLuckie Award Winners Mentored

- 2016 Melisa Soysal
- 2014 Marissa Personette
- 2011 Jacquelyn Knee
- 2009 Robyn Mello

Mentorship and Thesis Direction

- 2023 Research mentor for Tara Franks and Amaya Michael DE Sea Grant project examining green infrastructure perceptions and use in Southbridge, Wilmington, DE. (Summer Scholars)
- 2022 Research mentor for Maddy Sterling and Izzy Ellingsworth on DE Sea Grant project examining green infrastructure perceptions and use in Southbridge, Wilmington, DE. (Summer Scholars)
- 2020 Faculty mentor for Alondra Posada and Chris James. Dunleith Community Oral History Project. Project support from the UD Community Engagement Initiative and UD Libraries, Museums, and Press.
- 2019 Summer research mentor for Alyssa Schiff, [McNair](#) Scholar.
- 2016 Undergraduate research mentor for Meghan Lenahan.
- 2015 BS senior thesis committee member for Meghan Lenahan. Thesis title: “Responsible Mosquito Management in Southbridge.” Committee member.
- 2015 Internship advisor for Jennifer Azevedo. Internship at the Delaware Division of Family Services.
- 2014 Undergraduate research mentor for Melisa Soysal.
- 2014 Faculty mentor and advisor for William Lescas, DENIN/EPSCoR Summer Scholar.
- 2013 Mentor for Paulina Knotts, DENIN Environmental Scholar.
- 2013 Mentor for Marissa Personette, undergraduate research assistant and president of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club.
- 2012 Mentor for Shaivi Patel, undergraduate research assistant.
- 2012 Outside reader for undergraduate senior thesis by Kate Chiseri. Thesis title: “HIV Communication Mechanisms and Effectiveness among Young Adults.”
- 2011 Mentor for Rachel Bacon, undergraduate research assistant.

Graduate Mentorship and MA Thesis/PhD Direction

MA Thesis Committee Chair

- 2012 Matthew Manierre. Thesis title: “Examining the Relationship Between Flexible Resources and Health Information Source Selection.”

MA Thesis Committee Member

- 2022 Megan Stevens (Wissert). Thesis title: “‘Putting One Foot in Front of the Other:’ Parental Resilience During the COVID-19 Pandemic.”

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- 2020 Christine Beste. Thesis title: “From Beef Brisket to the Bayous: A Study of How Forced Migration Influences Host Community Culture.”
- 2014 Mei Johnson. Thesis title: “An Analysis of Two After-Action Reports Published by the Tennessee Valley Authority Following the 2008 Kingston Coal Fly Ash Slurry Spill in Kingston, Tennessee.”
- 2009 Melody Cotterill. “Skating the Metaphorical Edge: An Ethnographic Study of Female Roller Derby Athletes.”

PhD Dissertation Committee Member

- 2022 Kelly Jacobs. Dissertation title: “Shifting Environmental Grassroots Activism: From Natural Gas Activity to Ethane Cracking Development.”
- 2020 Carolina Velasquez. Dissertation title: “Water Justice in Small Islands: The Case of the ‘2016 Water Crisis’ in San Andres, a Colombian Caribbean Island.”
- 2019 Bri Van Arsdale. Dissertation title: “Sociological Understandings of Vulvar Pain: Interrogating Medicalization, Illness Experiences, and (Sexual) Identity.”
- 2015 Matthew Manierre. Dissertation title: “Pathways to Success: Measuring and Explaining Successful Aging.”

Graduate Research Mentorship

- 22-23 Research mentor for Sydney Dyck on DE Sea Grant project examining green infrastructure perceptions and use in Southbridge, Wilmington, DE.
- 2018 Mentor for PhD student Melissa Archer on relocation and planned migration of environmental justice communities in Delaware.
- 2010 Mentor for PhD student Matt Manierre on survey research methodology and parent perceptions of childhood autism.

I regularly mentor graduate students into the practice of teaching with no fewer than 1 teaching assistant per semester.

Teaching Improvement Efforts Completed at UD

Teaching Online Together
Problem-Based Learning Workshop
Re-Engineering Large Introductory Courses (ReLIC) Initiative
Summer and Winter Faculty Institutes (multiple years)
Documenting Teaching Effectiveness Workshop
Improving Student Learning through Writing Workshop
Getting More Out of Student Writing While Assigning Less Workshop
The Virtual Classroom and the Virtual Syllabus Workshop
Using Twitter in the Classroom Seminar

Funded Research Grants

- 2024 *An Investigation of Green Infrastructure to Enhance Resilient Stormwater Management*
Co-Principal Investigator: Victor W. Perez
Principal Investigators: Rebecca Nixon and Carolyn Voter
Total budget: \$52,719
Funded by DE Sea Grant
- 2021 *Community Perceptions of Social, Economic, and Health Impacts of Green Infrastructure Revitalization and Redevelopment in South Wilmington, DE*
Principal Investigator: Victor W. Perez
Co-Principal Investigators: Jennifer A. Horney and Martin D. Heintzelman
Total budget: \$80,000
Funded by DE Sea Grant
- 2017 *Relocation Survey for Eden Park and Hamilton Park Communities*
Principal Investigator: Victor W. Perez
Total budget: \$12,500
Funded by the New Castle County Department of Land Use (state of DE)
- 2014 *Delaware EPSCoR: Meeting Delaware's 21st Century Water and Energy Challenges through Research, Education, and Innovation*
Principal Investigator: Donald L. Sparks
Co-Principal Investigator for state of DE: Victor W. Perez
NSF Proposal Number: 1301765
Total budget: \$24 M (NSF-\$20M, the State of Delaware-\$4M)

Publications

Peer Reviewed Articles

- 2023 Perez, Victor W. and Asia Friedman. "Misophonia Matters: A Case Study of the Role of Brain Imaging in Debates Over New Diagnoses." *Sociology of Health and Illness* June 17 (online ahead of print). DOI: 10.1111/1467-9566.13679
- 2022 Perez, Victor W. and William Swiatek. "Greening, Revitalization, and Health in South Wilmington, DE." *Delaware Journal of Public Health* 8(2): August.
- 2016 Perez, Victor W. and Jennifer Egan. "Knowledge and Concern for Sea Level Rise in an Urban Environmental Justice Community." *Sociological Forum* 31(S1):885-907.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 9
- 2015 Perez, Victor W., Joel Best, and Rachel Bacon. "Cancer Clusters in Delaware? How One Newspaper Turned Official Statistics into News." *Numeracy* 8(1): Article 7.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 1
Downloads as of November 2023: 4011

2005 “The Relationship Between Seriously Considering, Planning, and Attempting Suicide in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey.” *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior* 35(1):35-49.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 35

2002 Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Clifford A. Butzin, Victor W. Perez, Druetta Nichols-Jennings, and Alison R. Gray. 2002. “Drug Court Participants’ Satisfaction with Treatment and the Drug Court Experience.” *Drug Court Review* 4(1):39-82.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 21

Book Chapters, Reports, and Other Scholarly Publications (Refereed and Not)

2023 Perez, Victor W. and William Swiatek. “The Perilous Intersection of Climate Change and Homelessness in Delaware.” *Delaware Journal of Public Health* 9(2): June. (Commentary)

2020 “Environmental Justice.” Pages 291-310 in *The Delaware Naturalist Handbook*. Edited by McKay Jenkins and Susan Barton. Newark, DE: University of Delaware Press. Distributed by the University of Virginia Press.

2020 *A Mailed Survey of Property Owners’ Attitudes Towards Selling Their Properties in Two New Castle County, DE Communities: Eden Park and Hamilton Park*. Full report available [hyperlink TBA].

2019 Clawson, Dan, Louis Edgar Esparza, Marisa Allison, Celeste Atkins, Michael Burawoy, Jay R. Howard, Penny Lewis, Ruth Milkman, Catherine Moran, Gillian Niebrugge-Brantley, Nicholas Pagnucco, Victor W. Perez, and Jean Shin. *Contingent Faculty Employment in Sociology: A Report by the ASA Task Force on Contingent Faculty Employment January 2019*. Full report available [here](#).

2019 *A Residential Survey of Environmental Concern and Attitudes Towards Relocation, Rezoning, and Revitalization in Two New Castle County, DE Communities: Eden Park and Hamilton Park*. Full report available [here](#).

2016 “The (Differential) Pace of Interdisciplinary Environmental Justice Research and Other Factors Impacting Successful Collaboration.” Pp. 6 and 8, SSSP Division of Environment and Technology, Fall 2016 *Newsletter*.

2014 “Connections: Mental Illness as Degeneracy, Disease, and Genetics.” Pp. 197-206 in *Understanding Deviance: Connecting Classical and Contemporary Perspectives*, edited by Tammy L. Anderson. New York: Routledge.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 4.

2012 “The Movement Linking Vaccines to Autism: Parents and the Internet.” Pp. 71-89 in *Making Sense of Social Problems: New Images, New Issues*, edited by Joel Best and Scott R. Harris. Boulder, CO: Lynne Rienner Publishers.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 4.

2010 “The Rhetoric of Science and Statistics in Claims of an Autism Epidemic.” Pp. 203-221 in *Advances in Medical Sociology*. Vol. 11, Understanding Emerging Epidemics: Social and Political Approaches, edited by Ananya Mukherjea. United Kingdom: Emerald Group Publishing.
Google Scholar Citation Count: 3

- 2010 [Book Review] *Conceiving Risk, Bearing Responsibility: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the Diagnosis of Moral Disorder*, by Elizabeth M. Armstrong (2003). In Social Problems Forum: The SSSP Newsletter 41(1):14-17.

Invited Research and Scholarly Presentations

- 2022 “The Lived Experience and Interpretation of Brownfields and Sea-Level Rise in South Wilmington, DE.” Annual meeting of the Soil Science Society of America. Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 University of Delaware. “Green Gentrification as a Consequence of Environmental Cleanup and Climate Adaptation.” College of Arts and Sciences, DENIN, and UD Sustainability Council’s Earth Day Symposium.
- 2020 Brown University, Department of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences. Climate and Environment Seminar. “The Intersection of Brownfields and Climate Change: The Need to Prioritize Vulnerable Communities.”
- 2020 Delaware Intercampus Climate Coalition. “Understanding Coronavirus through the Lens of Environmental Justice.”
- 2018 Special Libraries Association (SLA) annual meeting in Baltimore, MD. Presented the poster “Visualizing the Geography of Environmental Justice.”
- 2017 Southern Sociological Society annual meeting Diversities: Inclusion, Equality, Resistance in Greenville, SC. Presented “A Report on the ASA Taskforce on Contingent Faculty: Why the ASA Must Advocate for Faculty Off the Tenure-Stream.”
- 2016 Union of Concerned Scientists and the Environmental Justice Health Alliance. “Science, Democracy, and Environmental Justice” forum working group member, St. Paul, MN.
- 2015 University of Delaware. “Examining the Role of Online Social Networking in Health Social Movements: Autism, Parents, and the Internet.” Geography Seminar Series, Department of Geography.
- 2015 University of Delaware. “Sea Level Rise, Pollution, and Environmental Justice Communities.” Earth, Equity, and Environment Speaker Series, sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Delaware Environmental Institute. Link to the presentation [here](#).
- 2015 University of Delaware. “Resident Knowledge and Concern for Sea Level Rise and Contaminant Mobility in South Wilmington.” Carnegie Foundation Elective Community Engagement Classification Celebration.
- 2014 Delaware Technical Community College. Presentation of ongoing research on contaminant mobility and perceptions of sea level rise and environmental pollution in Southbridge. Part of the “Engaging Students in the Right Environment” faculty workshop. Sponsored by EPSCoR.

- 2012 Panelist at the Second Annual DENIN Research Symposium on interdisciplinarity in environmental and health research.
- 2008 Presenter and facilitator at the “Responsible Conduct of Research” 2-day course sponsored by the Office of Research and Graduate Studies.

Professional Conference Presentations

- 2023 “Community Perceptions of Social, Economic, and Health Impacts of Green Infrastructure Revitalization and Redevelopment in South Wilmington, DE – Interviews.” (with Sydney Dyck) Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- 2020 “Justice for Whom? Examining the Concept of Justice in Studies of Environmental Inequality.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA. [Accepted, but cancelled due to COVID-19]
- 2019 “Preparing Graduate Students for the New Academic Market: Old Narratives, New Narratives, and What Departments Can Do.” Thematic session presentation at the annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York City.
- 2018 “Using Publicly Available Environmental Hazard Mapping in the Classroom.” Critical Dialogue: Teaching Environmental Social Problems. Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2018 “The Future of the Job Market is Now: What Graduate Students Need to Know about the Rise in Adjunct Faculty.” Roundtable 6 of the annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- 2017 “Knowing Your Place? An Examination of How Scholar-Activists Align with Different Groups in an EJ Community.” Session 30 of the annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Montreal, Canada.
- 2017 “Sea Level Rise Remediation in Environmental Justice Communities.” Discussion topic for the Inclusion and Empowerment in Disaster Risk Reduction panel at the 2017 Natural Hazards Workshop, Natural Hazards Center (UC-Boulder), Boulder, CO.
- 2016 “The (Differential) Pace of Interdisciplinary Environmental Justice Research: Issues for Knowledge Sharing with the Community.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Seattle, WA.
- 2015 “Prioritizing Environmental Justice Communities for Sea Level Rise Remediation.” Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Chicago, IL.
- 2015 Perez, Victor W., Donald Sparks, and Josh LeMonte. “Sea-Level Rise, Pollution, and Environmental Justice Communities.” Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.

- 2011 Perez, Victor W. and Joel Best. "Statistics, Uncertainty, and the News Media Construction of Cancer Clusters in Delaware." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2010 Perez, Victor W. and Ray J. Maratea. "Social Movement Formation in Cyberspace: The Online Network of the Autism Collaboration." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.
- 2009 Perez, Victor W. and Ray J. Maratea. "How Individual Web Spaces Create a Social Movement: Mapping the Network of the Autism Blogosphere." Annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Social Problems, San Francisco, CA.
- 2009 "Stability of Correlates of Suicidal Thought and Behavior in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- 2008 "The Implications of Medicalization and Risk for the Prevention Movement in the Social Sciences." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2007 "Perceived Risk of Harm and Disapproval as Mechanisms of Social Control in Youth Marijuana Use." Annual meeting of the American Sociological Association, New York, NY.
- 2004 Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Victor W. Perez and Alison R. Gray. "Success in Drug Court: Does Criminal History Matter?" Annual meeting of the American Criminal Justice Society, Las Vegas, NV.
- 2004 "Tattoo Removal: How Modern Laser Treatment Has Influenced Exiting the Deviant Career." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2004 Perez, Victor W., Christine A. Saum, Alison R. Gray and Frank R. Scarpitti. "The Influence of Drug Court Participation on Exiting the Criminal Career: A Comparison of Drug Court and Treatment-Only Participants with Criminal Histories." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, New York, NY.
- 2003 Gray, Alison R., Christine A. Saum, Frank R. Scarpitti, Victor W. Perez and Clifford A. Butzin. "Drug Court Treatment Programs: Predictors of Successful Completion." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Denver, CO.
- 2003 "The Influence of Gender Role Socialization on the Relationship between Forced Sexual Intercourse and Deviant Behavior." Annual meeting of the Eastern Sociological Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- 2002 Saum, Christine A., Frank R. Scarpitti, Clifford A. Butzin and Victor W. Perez. "Drug Court Project: Client Satisfaction Survey." Annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- 2002 "Measuring Suicidal Ideation Using Risk Behaviors." Annual meeting of the American Association of Suicidology, Bethesda, MD.

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Previous Research Experience

- 2005 Johns Hopkins University. Department of Anesthesiology and Critical Care Medicine. Statistical/methodological assistant for patient/proxy quality of life study.
- 01-04 University of Delaware. Center for Drug and Health Studies. Research assistant for drug court study and Delaware school survey team leader.
- 99-00 Westat. Research assistant on NIAAA and NHTSA funded research projects examining the efficacy of ignition interlocks.
- 1999 Towson University. Research assistant examining attitudes of Honors students on university curriculum.

Service to the Profession of Sociology

Journal, Book, and Grant Reviews

- 2022 *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health* [also '19-'21 and '16]
- 2021 *Sociological Spectrum*
- 2021 *Humanity and Society* [also '19]
- 2018 *Social Sciences*
- 2018 *Statistics and Data Analysis for Social Sciences*, 2nd edition.
- 2017 *Sociology of Health & Illness* [also '15 and '16]
- 2016 *Social Science & Medicine*
- 2015 North Carolina State University grants
- 2014 *Sociological Focus*
- 2012 *Journal of Drug Issues*
- 2011 *Teaching Sociology*
- Professional Organization and Committee Service*
- 2023 Author-Meets Critic at the Society for the Study of Social Problems annual meeting (Philadelphia). *Cleaning Up Greenwash: Corporate Environmental Crime and the Crisis of Capitalism*, by Angus Nurse.
- 2022 Committee member/reviewer for the Brent K. Marshall Graduate Student Paper Award. Environment and Technology Division, Society for the Study of Social Problems. [also 2018, 2017, and 2016]

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- 2017 Panelist for Workshop 240: Policy and Research Workshop. “Contingent Faculty in Academic Sociology.” Sponsored by the ASA Task Force on Contingent Faculty. Annual meeting for the American Sociological Association, Montreal, Canada.
- 16-19 Committee member of the American Sociological Association Task Force on Contingent Faculty.
- 2011 Committee member on the Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Scholarship for the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

Other Service to the Profession

- 2022 Organizer, presider, and panelist for the workshop “Next Steps for Communities Already Experiencing Green and Climate Gentrification.” Eastern Sociological Society annual conference.
- 2018 Organizer of panel “Disasters and Climate Change: Local, National, and International Perspectives.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference.
- 2017 Organizer and Presider of Session 105 “Critical Dialogue: Applications in Environmental Studies and Narratives on Interdisciplinary Research.” Section on Environment and Technology. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference.
- 2016 Organizer and Presider of Session 26 “Critical Dialogue: Interdisciplinarity and Environmental Studies.” Section on Environment and Technology. Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference.
- 2015 Presider over Session 52 “Environmental Justice: Conflict, Communities, and Collective (In)Action.” Society for the Study of Social Problems annual conference.
- 2015 Presider over Session 344 “Environmentalism and Sustainability: Individual and Collective Action.” Eastern Sociological Society annual conference.
- 2011 Discussant for Regular Paper Session 41 on Race and Mental Health at the Eastern Sociological Society annual conference.
- 2003 Discussant for Roundtable 80 on Gender and Crime at the Eastern Sociological Society annual conference.

Service to the University of Delaware and Recognition

- 2023 Institutional Review Board member (primary).
- 2022 AAUP-UD Membership Committee member.
- 22-23 UD ADVANCE Fellow.
- 2021 Ad-Hoc Committee Chair on the Status of Continuing Track (CT) Faculty and the General University Research (GUR) Award.

- 2021 AAUP-DE Departmental Representative.
- 2021 Faculty adviser to the registered student organization The Environmental Justice Project.
- 2021 Community Engagement Initiative (CEI) Symposium Planning Committee.
- 2020 Negotiating the Continuing Track (for CT Faculty) panelist. Sponsored by UD ADVANCE.
- 2019 Moderator for the Environmental Sustainability and Justice session at the 2019 Summer Research and Service Scholar Symposium (UD).
- 2019 Continuing-Track (CT) promotion panelist. Sponsored by the Office of the Provost.
- 2019 Reviewer for the 2019 Interdisciplinary Humanities Research Council (IHRC) grants.
- 15-19 Faculty advisor for the UD chapter of Latinas Promoviendo Comunidad/Lambda Pi Chi Sorority Inc.
- 2018 Organized and facilitated the [Green gentrification talk](#) by Ken Gould and Tammy Lewis.
- 2018 Institutional Review Board alternate member. [2018-present]
- 2018 Organizer for the 2018 Bill Anderson Fund Workshop in Southbridge, DE.
- 2018 Faculty co-advisor for students in capstone course UAPP440 Contemporary Policy Issues. Advising on the social determinants of health, environmental justice, and physical infrastructure in Northeast Wilmington, DE. Capstone is Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant supported.
- 15-18 Institutional Review Board member (primary).
- 2017 Discussant at the second annual Bill Anderson Fund Workshop on South Wilmington flooding and sea level rise. The workshop is facilitated, in part, by the Disaster Research Center (DRC) at UD.
- 2017 Invited discussion leader for the [Lights, Camera, EARTH! Film Series: Two Square Miles](#). Co-sponsored by DENIN and the College of Arts and Sciences Environmental Humanities Program.
- 2016 Invited presentation at the Chronic Illness Open Forum to discuss chronic illness and self-identity on UD's campus. Invitation from the resident student organization Chronic Illness Advocates.
- 2016 Moderator for a discussion on free speech and safe spaces regarding the appearance of Milo Yiannopoulos on UD's campus. Discussion orchestrated by the Honors Program diversity group MOSAIC.

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- 2017 PITCH: 90 judge for the Delaware Environmental Institute. Judges evaluate 90-second presentations from undergraduate students competing for research awards to support novel, socially relevant science, and engineering research projects. [also 2016]
- 2016 Moderator for three discussions of the #UD Black Lives Matter movement for the Honors Program diversity group MOSAIC. [also Spring and Summer 2015]
- 2016 Practice interviewer for Marshall/Mitchell/Rhodes Scholarships. Honors Program at the University of Delaware. [also 2015, 2011, and 2010]
- 13-16 Career Services Center “Networking Night” planning committee member.
- 2015 Honors Program (UD) Distinguished Scholars Weekend selection committee member.
- 2015 Distinguished Scholars selection committee member for the Honors Program.
- 11-15 Latino/Hispanic Heritage Caucus advisory board member.
- 2014 Presented the seminar “Standards of Good Science: Fabrication, Falsification, and Plagiarism” at the EPSCoR Summer Scholars program (UD).
- 2014 Roundtable discussant for the Delaware Environmental Institute’s “Environmental Scholars Winter Retreat.” Killens Pond Nature Center in Felton, DE.
- 2013 Inaugural invited speaker for the University of Delaware Honors Program Coffee Talk on “Cyborgology.”
- 2013 Search committee member for Associate Director of the Honors Program.
- 2013 “Working with the Course Instructor: Being Part of an Instructional Team.” Annual conference for graduate student teaching assistants. Sponsored by the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning.
- 2011 Planned and executed an invited discussion with environmental journalist and MIT Press author Steve Lerner. Discussion of his book *Sacrifice Zones* was co-sponsored by the Center for Energy and Environmental Policy and the Disaster Research Center. Video of the talk linked [here](#).
- 2011 Presented “Strategies of the Academic Job Search in a Weak Academic Market.” UNIV 603 graduate course Academic Job Search. [also 2009 and 2010]
- 2010 I have given presentations to graduate students for the Center for Teaching and Assessment of Learning on various issues in academia (links provided to videos of the presentations below).
[Academic Job Interviews](#)
[Cover Letters](#)
[Non-Tenure Track Positions](#)

2004 Discussant at the CAA Undergraduate Research Conference “The Wide World of Research: Discovery in Academia and Beyond.” Sponsored by the Undergraduate Research Program.

Service to the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice

2022 Interim Director of the SOCI 410 Health Services Practicum and Seminar

2019 University Faculty Senate Senator. [also Fall 2014-Spring 2015; Fall 2019 to present]

2019 Search committee member for social welfare/public sociology tenure-track position.

11-19 Committee member for the undergraduate health and health services concentration and the graduate-level medical sociology/health comprehensive exam.

2018 “Contingent Faculty Career Trajectory.” Advanced series (graduate proseminar).

2017 Invited lunch discussion participant at the 10th annual Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice (UD) Graduate Student Conference: “Social Inequalities: Methodological Implications.”

2016 “Issues of Academic Honesty and Discipline in the Classroom.” Lecture to graduate course Teaching in the Social Sciences SOCI 698.

2015 Department Colloquium and Brownbag committee member and chair.

08-15 Faculty advisor to the undergraduate Sociology and Criminal Justice Club.

12-15 Undergraduate Policy Committee member.

2014 Search committee member for advanced statistics tenure-track position.

2013 Panel member at the new graduate student seminar “Choosing a Faculty Mentor and Thesis Topic.”

11-13 College of Arts and Sciences Senator.

09-13 Presentation to the undergraduate Sociology and Criminal Justice Club: “What Can You Do with Bachelor’s Degree in Sociology?”

2012 “Teaching Quantitative Methods and Statistics to Sociology and Criminal Justice Majors.” Lecture to graduate course Teaching Sociology and Criminology SOCI 667.

09-11 Faculty advisor for the graduate student Sociology Art Show.

2010 “Face-to-Face Subject Recruitment and Online Surveys.” Graduate student research methods brown bag presentation.

2010 “Organizing Group Projects and Other Unconventional Teaching Strategies.” Lecture to graduate course Teaching Sociology and Criminology SOCI 667.

2009 Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice co-liaison to the UD Honors Program and incoming Honors sociology major advisor. [2009-present]

I have also performed considerable service to the department as an Instructor and as a graduate student since the year 2000. Activities are available upon request.

Selected Creative Work and Media Coverage, and Public Service

Creative Work

2017 UD's [Faculty Commons](#) did a short video feature of SOCI 301 on their full range of multimedia services available for faculty to record online courses.

2016 I interviewed Professor Adam Rome about the third annual Lights, Camera, Earth! film festival on WVUD 91.3 FM (at the University of Delaware). Link to the radio interview [here](#).

2015 WVUD radio interview on the Black Lives Matter protests on campus at UD. Link to the audio [here](#).

Media Coverage

2021 I was interviewed by Jose Castaneda Perez for The News Journal in an article titled "Southbridge Residents Call for Equal Investment in \$100M Riverfront East Plan." [Delaware Online August 3, 2021](#).

2020 [The Highlands Bunker Podcast](#). Episode 77 - Green New Deal for Delaware (w/Madinah Wilson-Anton, Victor Perez). [July 24]

18-19 [Several articles](#) about my research in the New Castle County communities of Eden and Hamilton Park.

2017 Yale Environment 360 did a [feature story](#) on flooding and climate change issues in Southbridge, Wilmington, where I was noted for my work examining perceptions of climate change in the community.

2016 My Summer Faculty Institute [presentation](#) on using PolicyMap to teach environmental justice was featured on PolicyMap's website.

2016 My co-authored publication on knowledge and concern for sea level rise in a local environmental justice community was mentioned in UD's [For the Record](#).

2016 Featured in the University of Delaware Faculty Commons Newsletter for my use of PolicyMap in the classroom.

2015 Interviewed for Al Jazeera America news article on sea level rise in South Wilmington, DE entitled "Rising Seas Overwhelm Delaware Tide Gates." [AlJazeera](#)

2015 UDaily article on my ongoing environmental justice research in South Wilmington, DE. Link to article [here](#).

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- 2014 WVUD radio interview on anti-vaccine rhetoric. I gave a radio interview regarding my work on the anti-vaccine and anti-science rhetoric found online. Link to the audio [here](#).
- 2013 WVUD radio interview on cancer cluster research. I gave a radio interview regarding my recent work on the news media coverage of Delaware cancer clusters. Link to the audio [here](#).]
- 2013 [Interviewed](#) by Collette O’Neal for the student newspaper The Review on winning a Center for Science, Ethics, and Public Policy (CSEPP) award to integrate ethics into my Environment and Health course.

Publicity for my innovative uses of technology and teaching. I was featured in a series of videos on my use and promotion of innovative teaching techniques and technology at the University of Delaware. Several selected videos are provided below:

[On creating course content using PolicyMap](#)

[On using a tablet to teach statistics](#)

[On using a tablet to teach statistics 2](#)

[On embodying the sociological imagination at IKEA](#)

I have also been featured in a handful of student newspaper columns and have given several interviews for the student paper (The Review) over the years, and was interviewed for two student documentary films on environmental justice and health epidemic issues that were screened to the university and general public in 2014 and 2015.

Community Engagement and Public Service

- 2023 Interim chair of the Resilience to Climate Change sub-committee for the Southbridge Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP).
- 2021 Steering committee member for the Southbridge Neighborhood Action Plan (SNAP).
- 2018 I was a member of the [Southbridge Weekend](#) Committee for 5 years, organizing, planning, and executing the free festival each summer in the community of Southbridge. [2014 – 2018]
- 2017 Presented the outcome of my independent study students’ research on what drives brownfield revitalization in the Wilmington area to the Southbridge Civic Association.
- 2015 As a community-engaged scholar in Wilmington, I serve as a core member of the [South Wilmington Planning Network](#) (SWPN). [2015-present]

Professional Memberships and Other Distinctions

I have been a member and participant of the American Sociological Association, the Society for the Study of Social Problems, and the Eastern Sociological Society for approximately 20 years. I am also a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society and the Alpha Kappa Delta Honors Society.

I was awarded instructorships, fellowships, and assistantships while a graduate student at the University of Delaware. As an undergraduate, I was honored with Towson University’s Most Distinguished Scholar in Sociology in 1999.