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Education

2022 Ph.D. Sociology- Criminology, Political Economy and Globalization
University of Tennessee. Knoxville, TN (Expected graduation 2022)

Disasters, Displacement and Human Rights Graduate Certificate

Interdisciplinary Graduate Social Theory Certificate

2012 Master of Criminal Justice. Boston University. Boston, MA

2010 Bachelor of Art in Psychology. University of South Florida. Tampa, FL

Experience

Current Assistant Professor of Criminal Justice, Maryville College

2017-2022 Graduate Teaching Associate, University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology

2021-2022 Adjunct Lecturer, Maryville College, Division of Social Sciences

Summer 2021 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology

Summer 2020 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology

Fall 2020 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Tennessee, Department of Sociology

Research and Teaching Interests

Criminal Justice, Law and Policy, Transitional Justice, Oppression, Violence and Harm, Political/State Violence, Genocide

Courses Taught

Social Problems & Social Justice	Introduction to Sociology
Criminal Justice	Criminal Justice (Online)
Investigative Forensics	Investigative Forensics (Online)
Criminology	Criminal Law and Procedure
Professional Development in Criminal Justice	

Awards and Fellowships

- 2023 Travel Grant, Maryville College. (\$1800)
- 2023 Global+ Faculty Mini-Grant Award. Maryville College, Maryville Tennessee. (\$1500)
- 2020 Graduate Student Senate Travel Award. University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee. (\$1110)
- 2019 Graduate Student Teaching Award. University of Tennessee Sociology Department, Knoxville Tennessee.
- 2019 Anne Mayhew Endowed Travel Fund. University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee. (\$300)
- 2019 Graduate Student Senate Travel Award. University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee
- 2017 Graduate Student Senate Travel Award. University of Tennessee Knoxville, Tennessee (\$770)
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Publications and Papers in Progress or Under Review

- 2023 Ponder, Rachel. "Opposing the Binary: Blurring the Lines of Gender and Sexual Identity for Planetary Sociology". In Harry F. Dahms' (ed) *Current Perspectives in Social Theory Volume 40*. Bingley, UK: Emerald Publishing Limited.
- 2020 Bohon, Stephanie A. and Rachel Ponder. "Residential Crowding among Meat Processing Workers". Chapter 6 in Glenn W. Muschert, Kristen M. Budd, Michelle Christian, David C. Lane, and Jason A. Smith (eds.) *Social Problems in the Age of COVID-19: Volume 1: US Perspectives*. Bristol, UK: Policy Press.
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Professional Presentations and Participation

- 2023 Panel interview "Women in the Workplace" National Women's Day. March 8, 2023. Maryville College.
- 2023 Interviewed by 10News for report "Professor warns of gun violence desensitization after MSU shooting" aired on WBIR February 14, 2023
- 2021 Ponder, Rachel "A Transitional Justice Response to Public Health Policy in the United States." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Virtual Conference
- 2020 Ponder, Rachel "Confronting Justice: Assimilation Policies, Justice Discourse, and the Fostering of Transitional Justice in the United States." Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO. Cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2019 Ponder, Rachel "Transitional (In)Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda" Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Washington D.C.

- 2018 Ponder, Rachel “A Country Divided: Colonization and the Impact of Transitions on the State of Rwanda.” Anthropology’s Disasters, Displacement, and Human Rights Conference, Knoxville, Tennessee
- 2017 Ponder, Rachel “Reducing the Victim: An Interdisciplinary Approach to the Rwandan Genocide.” Mid-South Sociological Association, Chattanooga, Tennessee
- 2017 Ponder, Rachel “What Really Happened in Rwanda?: Moral Disengagement, Social Distance and Genocide.” Association for Humanist Sociology, Havana, Cuba
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Professional Development (Relevant Non-Academic Work Experience)

- 2014-2017 Corrections/Patrol Officer, Special Operations Response Team and Security Threat Group/Gang Intelligence Investigation Team, Knox County Sheriff’s Office.
- 2011-2013 Felony House Arrest Probation Officer/Case Manager
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Academic and Community Service

- 2023-Current Blount County/Maryville School Criminal Justice Advisory Board
- 2022-current Blount County Youth Court Board Member
- 2023 MC Crime Talk club advisor. Maryville College.
- 2020 Created *Academy in Motion* wellness program.
<https://academyinmotion.wixsite.com/website>
- 2018 Graduate Student Faculty Representative- Department of Sociology
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Certifications and Specialties

- 2018 University of Tennessee Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning. Practitioners Level Certification in Teaching and Learning
- 2017 University of Tennessee Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning. Associate Level Certification in Teaching and Learning
- 2017 Course on Pedagogy, Department of Sociology, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2015 State of Tennessee P.O.S.T Certification, Blount County Regional Law Enforcement Training Academy, Maryville, TN
- 2014 State of Tennessee Corrections Officer Training Academy, Knox County, TN
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Professional Memberships

Society for the Study of Social Problems, International Association of Genocide Scholars, Law and Society Association, American Sociological Association, Mid-South Sociological Association, Association for Humanist Sociology
