

## ANGELA LASCALA-GRUENEWALD

Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

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- 2025 (exp.) CUNY Graduate Center, Ph.D. in Sociology  
*Dissertation*: “Transferred Debt: Balancing Crime, Punishment, and Budgets through Legal Financial Obligations”  
*Committee*: Van Tran (chair), Michael Jacobson, Leslie Paik (Arizona State University), Lucia Trimbur, Michael Yarbrough
- 2021 CUNY City College, M.A. in Sociology
- 2014 University of Chicago, B.A. in Political Science & International Studies with honors

### RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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Law and society; punishment and crime; race and ethnicity; organizational sociology; law and political economy; urban and community studies

### PUBLICATIONS

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#### Peer-Reviewed Publications

- 2024 Beck, Brenden, Joseph Antonelli, and **Angela LaScala-Gruenewald**. “Do Chokehold Bans or Police Unions Reduce Police Killings?” *Criminology and Public Policy*.  
<http://doi.org/10.1111/1745-9133.12658>
- 2023 **LaScala-Gruenewald, Angela**, and Leslie Paik. “Legal Financial Obligations in the United States: A Review of Recent Research.” *Sociology Compass*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1111/soc4.13070>

#### Manuscripts in Progress

- Working paper LaScala-Gruenewald, Angela. “Keeping It Local: Administration of Legal Financial Obligations in Suburban Courts.”
- Working paper LaScala-Gruenewald, Angela. “Political “Gestures”: State-Local Conflict and the Rise of New York’s Penal-Fiscal System.”
- In progress Beck, Brenden, Adam Goldstein, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, Florian Hollenbach, and David Szakonyi. “Cornering the Rental Market: The Effect of Institutional Landlords on Rents.”

### Other Publications

- 2021 Mercado, Brian, and Angela LaScala-Gruenewald. "Policing Beyond Police: An Annotated Resource Guide for Open Educational Resources." [\*Mina Rees Library, The Graduate Center\*](#).
- 2020 LaScala-Gruenewald, Angela, Katie Adamides, and Melissa Toback. "New York's Ferguson Problem." [\*No Price on Justice Coalition\*](#).
- 2018 Overmann, Lynn, Angela LaScala-Gruenewald, and Ashley Winstead. "Modern Justice: Using Data to Reinvent America's Crisis Response Systems." [\*Arnold Ventures\*](#).

### **PRESENTATIONS**

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- 2024 "Keeping It Local: Administration of Legal Financial Obligations in Suburban Courts," Roundtable, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Québec.
- 2024 "Legal Financial Obligations in the Context of Local Governance," Paper Presentation, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO.  
- Selected for Law & Society Early Career Workshop (June 2024)
- 2023 "Balancing Budgets, Crime, and Punishment: The Political Development of Legal Financial Obligations in New York," Eastern Sociological Society, Baltimore, MD.
- 2021 "Analyzing Crime Analysts: Mid-level Bureaucrats at the Intersection of Data, Police, and Law Enforcement Leadership" with co-author Mariana Veras, American Sociological Association Annual Conference, virtual.
- 2019 "Payment as Punishment: The Use of Monetary Sanctions in Small Town Courts," Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, MA.

### **FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS & AWARDS**

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#### External

- 2024 New York State Archives, Hackman Research Residency Program (\$1,300)
- 2023 Russell Sage Foundation Dissertation Research Grant (\$10,000)

#### Internal

- 2024-2025 Open Digital Projects Fellow, Teaching and Learning Center (\$30,000)
- 2024 Doctoral Student Research Grant (\$850)
- 2023 Early Research Initiative Knickerbocker Award for Archival Research (\$4,000)
- 2022-2023 B. Altman Foundation Dissertation Fellowship (\$25,000)
- 2021 Open Pedagogy Fellowship, Mina Rees Library (\$2,000)
- 2021 Open Educational Resource Grant, Mina Rees Library (\$1,450)
- 2021 Doctoral Student Research Grant (\$700)
- 2018-2023 Graduate Center Fellowship (approx. \$27,000/year)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Sole Instructor

2024 (Fall)     *Introduction to Law & Society*, Department of Political Science, John Jay College  
2024 (Spring)   *Gender & Crime*, Department of Sociology, SUNY New Paltz  
2021-2022     *Criminology*, Department of Sociology, Hunter College  
2019-2020     *Current Social Theory*, Department of Sociology, Hunter College

### Teaching Assistant

2023             *Law & Society* (Prof. Debbie Becher), Department of Sociology, Barnard College

### Guest Lecturer

2023             “Ethnography,” *Research Methods*, Department of Sociology, New York University  
2022             “Developing Open Educational Resources,” *Research Methods*, Women’s and Gender Studies Program, CUNY Graduate Center

### Certifications

2023             *Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum (WRAC)* to teach writing-intensive courses

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

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### Department & University Service

2024             Organizer with Profs. Calvin Smiley and Lynn Chancer, Criminology Workshop  
2022-2023     Member, Sociology Colloquium Committee, Ph.D. Program in Sociology  
2021-2022     Member, Graduate Admissions Committee, Ph.D. Program in Sociology  
2021-2022     Officer for Funding, Doctoral and Graduate Students’ Council

### Editing & Publishing

2024             Graduate Editorial Assistant, *City & Community* (Editor: Richard Ocejo)

### Professional Service

2019             Student Organizer with Profs. Lynn Chancer and Patrick Inglis, pre-conference “Workshop on Global Elites,” Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Boston, MA.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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American Sociological Association, Law & Society Association, American Society of Criminology

## SELECT RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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2024-Present     **Research Assistant**, Alternatives to Punishment and Social Inequality Study, PIs: Gabriela Kirk-Werner (Syracuse University) and Mary Ellen Stitt (University at Albany)  
Conduct semi-structured interviews and court observations to examine the consequences of “alternative” forms of punishment (e.g., drug treatment, electronic monitoring).

- 2023-Present    **Qualitative Research Associate**, New York City Reentry Study, PI: Van Tran (CUNY)  
Conduct semi-structured interviews and surveys for a longitudinal mixed-methods study on the impact of SNAP and cash assistance on peoples' reentry experiences (three sets of interviews over a 9-month period).
- 2020-2024    **Research Assistant**, Project on Institutional Investment in U.S. Rental Markets, PIs: Brenden Beck (Rutgers University) and Adam Goldstein (Princeton University)  
Clean and analyze demographic and housing data from the U.S. Census and Zillow Transaction and Assessment Database to describe and measure the impact of institutional investors in U.S. rental markets.
- 2019-2022    **Research Consultant**, Fines and Fees Justice Center  
Collected data, conducted analyses, and wrote reports on fines and fees enforcement to support advocates' campaigns through three legislative sessions; successful reform bills eliminated New Mexico's court fees and New York's practice of suspending driver's licenses due to failure to pay.
- 2017-2018    **Criminal Justice Manager**, Arnold Ventures  
Managed requests for proposals related to police and prosecutor research; synthesized empirical trends to present to co-chairs and make investment recommendations; oversaw 25-30 grantees.
- 2014-2017    **Senior Research Associate**, New York City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice (Urban Fellow in 2014 and Policy Analyst in 2015)  
Developed and implemented research agendas to launch and evaluate initiatives including citywide bail reform, City Council's Criminal Justice Reform Act, and Mayor's Action Plan for Neighborhood Safety.

## SKILLS

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Data Analysis: ATLAS.ti, NVivo, R, Stata, ArcGIS, QGIS

Legal Research: LexisNexis, Westlaw

Design: WordPress, Squarespace, Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Illustrator, HTML

## REFERENCES

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