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education

Ph.D., Criminology, Law & Society, University of California, Irvine, 2016

M.A., Social Ecology, University of California, Irvine, 2011

B.A., Sociology, Wheaton College, 2006

experience

Senior Researcher, Prison Policy Initiative, 2025-Present

Senior Research Fellow, Vera Institute of Justice, 2022-2025

Senior Research Associate, In Our Backyards, Vera, 2020-2022

Senior Research Associate, Center on Sentencing & Corrections, Vera, 2016-2020

Research Associate, Center on Sentencing & Corrections, Vera, 2015-2016

Research Associate, Center on Youth Justice, Vera, 2013-2015

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine, 2008-2012

Independent Contractor for Training & Analysis, County of Los Angeles, 2009-2011

Consultant Aid, Human Relations Commission, County of Los Angeles, 2006-2008

Public Service Intern, Human Relations Commission, City of Chicago, 2004

grants, honors, & awards

Vera, "Incarceration Trends Expansion," Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, 2023-2026.

Vera, "State of Corrections Data," Arnold Foundation, 2018-2019.

Vera, "In Our Backyards," Google.org, 2017-2020.

Vera, "Incarceration Trends," MacArthur Foundation, 2016-2018.

Vera, "Questioning Bias: Validating a Bias Crime Victim Assessment Tool in California and New Jersey," National Institute of Justice, 2015-2017.

Vera, "Incarceration Trends," R.W. Wilson Charitable Foundation, 2015.

Fellow, Institute on Critical Social Inquiry, The New School for Social Research, 2015.

Vera, "Youth Futures Initiative," Reintegration of Ex-Offenders Program, U.S. Department of Labor, 2013-2016.

Vera, "The Influence of School Climate and Policy on Delinquency and Justice System Careers," Spencer Foundation, 2013.

Fellowship for seminar in Lebanon by the University of California & American University of Beirut, 2012.

High distinction honors for three comprehensive exam areas: Law & Society; Criminological Theory; Crime and Public Policy, 2011.

Grant from the Center in Law, Society, & Culture, 2010-2011.

Criminology, Law & Society Summer Research Grants, 2009-2012.

Newkirk Fellowship, Newkirk Foundation, 2008-2009.

journal
articles

- Nosrati, E., J. Kang-Brown, M. Ash, M. McKee, M. Marmot, L. King. “Incarceration and Mortality in the United States.” *SSM Public Health*, vol. 15, (2021).
- Nosrati, E., J. Kang-Brown, M. Ash, M. McKee, M. Marmot, L. King. “Incarceration, Job Destruction, and All Cause Mortality at the U.S. County Level, 1980-2014.” *The Lancet Public Health*. vol 4, 7, (2019): pe326-333.
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- Kang-Brown, J., J. Zhang. *People in Jail and Prison in 2024*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice, October 2024. ([pdf](#)).
- Zhang, J., J. Kang-Brown, A. Kotler. *People on Electronic Monitoring*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice, January 2024. ([pdf](#)).
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government reports

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letters

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- Kang-Brown, J. “L.A. catching up to Chicago in sleaze.” *Los Angeles Times*, March 1, 2012.

teaching

- Doctoral Student Supervision / Mentorship through the Vera Institute of Justice*
- Mijin Kim, Doctoral Student, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2016-2017.

Olive Lu, Doctoral Student, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, 2017-2018.
 Chase Montagnet, Doctoral Student, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, 2020-2021.
 Jack Norton, Doctoral Student, CUNY Graduate Center, 2016.
 Selen Özdoğan, Doctoral Student, CUNY Graduate Center, 2024.
 Felipe Salazar Tobar, Master's Student, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, 2016-2017.
 Luis C. Torres, Master's Student, Rutgers School of Criminal Justice, 2016-2017.
 Morgan C. Williams, Jr., Doctoral Student, CUNY Graduate Center, 2016.

Teaching Assistant, University of California, Irvine

Master's:

Geographic Information Systems

Hate Crimes

Org Theory and the Legal System

White Collar Crime

Undergraduate:

American Socio-legal Theory

Classics of Crime Cinema

Gender & Social Control

Introduction to Criminology, Law & Society

Psychology & Law

Public Health Practicum

invited talks

"What Drives Jail Growth? Exploring Large Jails in Small Counties." Neil A. Weiner
 Research Speaker Series, Vera Institute of Justice, New York, New York, October
 2016.

selected conference presentations

Kang-Brown, J. "The Big Jail Rebound of 2020-23." Presented at the annual meeting
 of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, November 2023.

Kang-Brown, J. "Jail Financing." Presented at the Decarceral Visions Conference, Los
 Angeles, California, September 2023.

Kang-Brown, J. "Crime Wave Narrative." Presented at the In Our Backyards Conven-
 ing, Chattanooga, Tennessee, August 2022.

Kang-Brown, J. "Incarceration in the City and Countryside." Presented at the an-
 nual meeting of the American Studies Association, Atlanta, Georgia, November
 2018.

Clegg, J., A. Usmani, and J. Kang-Brown, "Job Loss and Incarceration: Local Effects
 of a Natural Experiment." Presented at the annual meeting of the American
 Sociological Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, August 2018.

- Kang-Brown, J. and L. Simich, "Questioning Bias: Validating a Bias Crime Victim Assessment Tool in California and New Jersey." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2017.
- Kang-Brown, J. "Crime and Punishment: The Weakening Bond Between Victimization and Jail Admissions in US Metropolitan areas, 1978-2004." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2016.
- Kang-Brown, J. "Policing Racism in Los Angeles Neighborhoods: How Racial Integration Shapes Hate Crime Enforcement." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November 2014.
- N. Wical and J. Kang-Brown. "The New York City Juvenile Justice Database: A Mechanism to Advance Data Driven Policy." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November 2014.
- Kang-Brown, J. "Understanding and Implementing the Array of Reform Strategies." Presented at the National Center for State Courts, Juvenile Justice Reform Summit, New England Region. Northampton, Massachusetts, September 2014.
- Kang-Brown, J. and N. Wical. "School Policy and Youth Contact with the Juvenile Justice System." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, Georgia, November 2013.
- Grebenkemper, J. and J. Kang-Brown. "Grievance Blues: Understanding Grievances in California's Youth Correctional Facilities." Presented at the International Conference on Law and Society, Honolulu, Hawai'i, June 2012.
- Omori, M., D. Gascón, D. Haerle, and J. Kang-Brown. "Exploring the Intersection of Race and Gangs in California's Juvenile Justice Facilities." Presented at the annual meeting of the Western Society of Criminology, Newport Beach, California, February 2012.
- Kang-Brown, J. "Punishing Racism: Youth Accounts of Racist and Anti-racist Fights in California's Juvenile Correctional Facilities." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November 2011.
- Maxson, C., J. Grebenkemper, J. Kang-Brown, S. Reid, and D. Scott. "The Contours of Violence in Youth Correctional Facilities." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington, D.C., November 2011.
- Kang-Brown, J. "Reconstructing Hate Crime Law: Racism, Abolition and the Thirteenth Amendment." Presented at the annual meeting of the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities, Las Vegas, Nevada, March 2011.
- Kang-Brown, J. "No Haters Here?: Vernacular Neighborhoods and Hate Crime." Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, California, November 2010.

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media &
appearances

- Woelfl, Lisa, “After pandemic decreases, share of Black people in Maryland prisons peaks,” *Capital News Service*, April 16, 2024, ([web](#)).
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- Lapowsky, Issie, “Ankle monitors and iPhone apps: New data reveals just how huge America’s digital jails have become,” *Fast Company*, January 30, 2024, ([web](#)).
- Diaz, Jaclyn, “Jail populations are bouncing back to near pre-pandemic levels,” *NPR National*, December 14, 2023 (radio and [web](#)).
- Gabbatt, Adam, “Billion-dollar prisons: why the US is pouring money into new construction,” *The Guardian*, October 28, 2023, ([web](#)).
- Dexheimer, Eric and Alexandra Kanik, “The most dangerous Texas jails, ranked by deaths, use-of-force in exclusive analysis,” *Houston Chronicle*, August 17, 2023. (print and [web](#)).
- D’Orio, Wayne, “Connecticut Has Done Something Remarkable With Crime: The state cut incarceration in half, while crime plummeted,” *Slate*, July 27, 2023. ([web](#)).
- Webster, Richard, “Report: Incarceration rate rising from pandemic lows,” *The Louisiana Weekly*, July 5, 2023. ([web](#)).
- Williams, Zach, “NY prison population reportedly plummets 26.9% from 2019 to 2022,” *The New York Post*, June 21, 2023. (print and [web](#)).
- Norwood, Candice, “More women are being detained as jail populations near pre-COVID levels,” *The 19th*, January 3, 2023. ([web](#)).
- Washington, John, “‘Unconstitutional hole’: How Pima County jail deaths — one recently ruled a homicide — are part of a grim pattern” *Arizona Luminaria*, November 28, 2022. ([web](#)).
- Dewan, Shaila, “Jail Is a Death Sentence for a Growing Number of Americans,” *New York Times*, November 22, 2022. (print and [web](#)).
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- Yi, Karen, “NJ Had One of Largest Prison Population Drops in the U.S., Study Finds,” *WNYC / Gothamist*, March 10, 2022. (radio and [web](#)).
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- Wilkie, Jordan, “NC Jails Paid to House Other Governments’ Detainees Face Tricky Math, Policy Questions,” *Carolina Public Press*, October 27, 2021, ([web](#)).
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Conference Activity

- Sub-Area Chair on Jails & Prisons, Program Committee for American Society of Criminology, 2024 Annual Meeting.
- Organizer and Chair, "Jail Problems in the United States: Empirical Research on Jail Growth, Closures, and Decarceration" American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2023.
- Organizer, "Incarceration: A Vera Institute of Justice Research Symposium," New York City, April 16 and 17, 2020. (Cancelled due to Covid-19 pandemic).
- Organizer, "Incarceration: A Vera Institute of Justice Research Symposium," New York City, October 25 and 26, 2018.
- Organizer and Chair, "Research Strategies for Jail Population Reduction," American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, November 2017.
- Organizer and Chair, "The Big House Next Door: Exploring the Overuse of Pretrial Detention in Jails," American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 2016.

Chair, Hate Crime and Intergroup Conflict Session at annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Chicago, Illinois., November 2012.
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 Digital Curator, Association for Political and Legal Anthropology, 2011.
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Journal of Correctional Health Care
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