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# ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

**The Ohio State University**

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| 2023*—* | Assistant Professor of Sociology  Faculty Affiliate for the Criminal Justice Research Center Faculty Affiliate for the Institute for Population Research |
| 2021*—*2023 | Law and Social Science Doctoral Fellow*,* American Bar Foundation |
| 2020*—*2023 | Social Scientist in Residence*,* Dominican University |
| 2019—2020 | Predoctoral Fellow*,* University of Pennsylvania Carey School of Law |

# EDUCATION

## Northwestern University

2023 Doctor of Philosophy, Sociology.

Dissertation: “Policing a Midwestern Metropolis: Regulation, Surveillance, and Resistance,”

*2024 American Sociological Association Best Dissertation Award (Honorable Mention)*

Dissertation Committee: Mary Pattillo and John Hagan (Co-Chairs), Aldon Morris, Andrew Papachristos, and Héctor Carrillo.

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| 2019 | Master of Arts, Sociology. |
| 2019 | Graduate Certificate, Teaching and Learning. |

## Wake Forest University School of Business

2016 Master of Science, Management.

## Haverford College

2014 Bachelor of Arts (*Honors)* in Sociology and Religion.

# RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Crime, Law, and Deviance Community and Urban Sociology Sociology of Law

Communication and Information Technologies

# PUBLICATIONS

*Peer Reviewed Articles*

Alston, B. (2024). *“*Recognizing “Camera Cues:” Policing, Cellphones, and Citizen Countersurveillance.” *Online First* at

*Law & Society Review.*

Alston, B. (2021). “Remembering Kobe Bryant as a Girl Dad: Race, Gender, and Reputation Repair.” In *Journal of African American Studies,* 1-22.

Alston, B. (2020). “Glances Curiously and Walks On”–Racializing Visibility and Double Consciousness. In *Socialism and Democracy in WEB Du Bois’s Life, Thought, and Legacy* (pp. 36-51). Routledge.

# FELLOWSHIPS

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| *External* | |
| 2023 | ICICLE (*Democratizing AI)* Educational Fellowship, Indiana University and The Ohio State University |

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| 2023 | Global Scholars Academy, Harvard University |
| 2022 | Faculty First-Look Fellowship Program, New York University |
| 2022 | Chicago Gun Violence Research Collaborative Fellowship, DePaul University |
| 2021 | Early Career Development Fellowship, Law & Society Association |
| 2021 | Future Faculty Fellow, University of Notre Dame |
| 2021 | Summer Mentoring Workshop Fellowship, Michigan Center for Urban African American Aging Research |
| 2021 | Fellow for Life, Albert Schweitzer Foundation |
| 2021 | Law and Social Science Doctoral Fellowship, American Bar Foundation |
| 2020 | Chicago-Area Fellowship, Albert Schweitzer Foundation |
| 2019 | Dissertation Proposal Writing Workshop Fellowship, Social Science Research Council |
| 2019 | Pre-doctoral Fellowship for Excellence (*with Dorothy Roberts*), University of Pennsylvania |
| 2018 | Pre-doctoral Ford Fellowship, National Academies of Sciences and Ford Foundation |
| 2018 | Institute for Research on Poverty Dissertation Proposal Fellowship, University of Wisconsin-Madison |
| 2018 | Adam Smith Fellowship, George Mason University |
| 2018 | Dissertation Proposal Development (DPD) Fellowship, Social Science Research Council |
| *Internal* | |
| 2020 | Public Humanities Practicum Fellowship, Northwestern Kaplan Institute for Humanities |
| 2017 | Brady Scholars Civic Engagement Graduate Fellowship, Northwestern University |
| 2016 | Graduate Fellowship in Legal Studies, Northwestern University |
| 2016 | University Fellowship, Northwestern University |
| 2015 | Corporate Fellowship, Wake Forest University |
| **GRANTS** | |
| *External* | |
| 2021 | Doctoral Grant, Washington Center for Equitable Growth ($15,000) |
| 2021 | Travel and Research Grant, Institute for Citizens, and Scholars ($5,000) |
| 2021 | Student Grant Award, Midwest Sociological Society ($250) |
| 2020 | Graduate Studies Enhancement Grant, Social Science Research Council ($2000) |
| 2018 | Preliminary Dissertation Research Grant, Social Science Research Council ($5000) |
| 2017 | Pre-Doctoral Research Grant, Social Science Research Council ($2500) |
| *Internal* | |
| 2023 | Career Development Grant, Northwestern University ($400) |
| 2021 | Graduate Research Grant, The Graduate School, Northwestern University ($2,000) |
| 2020 | Research Grant, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University ($500) |
| 2018 | MacArthur Collaborative Research Grant, Northwestern University ($600) |
| 2018 | External Education Grant, Northwestern University ($1000) |
| 2018 | Legal Studies Conference Grant, Northwestern University ($250) |
| 2017 | Alumni Summer Research Grant, Northwestern University ($600) |
| **HONORS AND AWARDS** | |
| 2024 | Best Dissertation Award (*Honorable Mention*), American Sociological Association |
| 2023 | Martin Levine Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association |
| 2023 | McBride Award, Northwestern University |
| 2022 | Norman White Outstanding Paper Award, American Society of Criminology |
| 2022 | Sally Hacker Award, American Sociological Association |

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| 2022 | Robert Hetlage Prize, American Bar Foundation |
| 2022 | James E. Blackwell Award (*Honorable Mention*), American Sociological Association |
| 2022 | Best Graduate Student Paper Award (*Honorable Mention*), Midwest Sociological Society |
| 2022 | Young Alumni Award, Haverford College |
| 2021 | Distinguished Graduate Student Paper Award (*Honorable Mention*), American Sociological Assoc |
| 2021 | Edward Bouchet Graduate Honor Society Scholar, Northwestern University |
| 2020 | Best Graduate Student Paper Award, Midwest Sociological Society |
| 2018 | Loren Frankel Memorial Award, American Men’s Studies Association |
| 2018 | Scott Eliason Memorial Award, University of Arizona |
| 2017 | Research Committee on Social Stratification (RC28) Travel Award, William T. Grant Foundation |
| 2015 | Eliot C. Nisenbaum Memorial Award, Community Athletic League |
| 2014 | The Students’ Council Student Life Award, Haverford College |
| 2014 | Valentin Y. Mudimbe Award for Excellence in Africana Studies, Haverford College |

# SELECT PRESENTATIONS

*Invited Talks*

Alston, B. “Countering Police Maltreatment: Civilians, Cellphones, and Access to Justice.” American Bar Foundation. Reimagining Justice Conference. June 2022.

Alston, B. “Surveilling the Criminal Pipeline: How Surveillance Maintains Connections Between Community and Confinement.” Northwestern University. Three-Minute Thesis Symposium. April 2021.

Alston, B. “The Camera is My Weapon:” Policing, Emotions, and Monitoring.” Emerging Scholars Conference. Virtual Conference. Contemporary Black Urbanisms Panel. March 2021.

*Conference Presentations*

Alston, B. “Recognizing Camera Cues: Policing, Cellphones, and Citizen Countersurveillance.” American Sociological Association. Crime, Law and Deviance Workshop. New York University. September 2022.

Virtual Conference. Crime, Law, and Deviance Panel: Surveillance, Policing, and Imprisonment. August 2021. Society for Study of Social Problems. Virtual Conference. August 2021.

Law & Society Association. Virtual Conference. May 2021.

University of Pennsylvania Research Symposium. Philadelphia, PA. April 2020. (*canceled due to COVID-19*)

Alston, B. “Constructing Kobe Bryant as a Girl Dad: Sexual Assault, Black Fatherhood, and Reputation Repair.” Midwest Sociological Society. Virtual Conference. Racist Attitudes and Identity Construction Panel. March 2021.

Association of Black Sociologists Conference. Virtual Conference. April 2020 (*canceled due to COVID-19*)

Alston, B. “Blue Light Cameras and the Rise of Chicago’s Camera Network.” Law & Society Association. Toronto, Canada. May 2018.

# TEACHING EXPERIENCE

*Instructor of Record*

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| 2025 | Introduction to Law & Society, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University |
| 2023 | Introduction to Law & Society, Department of Sociology, The Ohio State University (2) |
| 2019 | The Civically Engaged Life, with Richard Kraut, Department of Philosophy, Northwestern University |
| 2016 | Introduction to Marketing, with Amy Hall, Department of Organizational Behavior, Wake Forest University |

*Teaching Assistant*

2018 Sociological Analysis, with Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University 2017 Introduction to Sociology, with Craig Rawlings, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

**SERVICE**

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| 2023—2024 | Research and Awards Committee, The Ohio State University |
| 2020—2021 | Member, Title IX Student Advisory Board, Northwestern University Office of Equity |
| 2016—2017 | Graduate Student Coordinator, Urban and Communities Workshop, Northwestern University |
| 2020— | Reviewer, *Law & Society Review* |
| 2020— | Reviewer, *Men & Masculinities* |
| 2020— | Reviewer, *Social Problems* |
| 2022—2023 | Editorial Board Member, *Law & Social Inquiry* |
| 2019—2021 | Alumni Interviewer, Haverford College |
| 2022—2024 | Chair, John Hope Franklin Prize Committee, Law and Society Association |
| 2022—2023 | Chair, Student Paper Award Committee, Society for the Study of Social Problems |
| 2022—2023 | Committee Member, Sally Hacker Award, American Sociological Association |
| 2021—2022 | Committee Member, Book Award Committee, Law and Society Association |
| 2020—2021 | Committee Member, Book Award Committee, American Sociological Association |
| 2020—2021  **MENTORIN** | Communications Representative, Sociology of Law, American Sociological Association  **G** |
| 2020— | Mentor, College Mentoring Experiences |
| 2017—2020 | Graduate Fellow, Brady Scholars Program in Ethics and Civic Life, Northwestern University |
| 2016—2019 | Graduate Mentor, Department of International Studies, Northwestern University |
| 2018—2019 | Peer Mentor, The Graduate School, Northwestern University |
| 2018—2019 | Peer Mentor, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University |

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

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| 2018— | Member, Southern Sociological Society (SSS) |
| 2020— | Member, Society for Study of Social Problems (SSSP) |
| 2019— | Member, Scholar Strategy Network (SSN) |
| 2017— | Member, Midwest Sociological Society (MSS) |
| 2017— | Member, American Men’s Studies Association (AMSA) |
| 2017— | Member, Law & Society Association (LSA) |
| 2016— | Member, American Sociological Association (ASA) |