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EDUCATION

University of California, Irvine, 2011
PhD, Criminology, Law, and Society

University of California, Irvine, 2007
MA, Social Ecology

American University, 2003
BA (with university honors), Communications, Legal Institutions, Economics and Government (CLEG)

EMPLOYMENT

Eastern Michigan University, 2017-present
Associate Professor of Criminology

Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017
Assistant Professor of Sociology

PUBLICATIONS

Books

Shah, R. (2017). *The meaning of rehabilitation and its impact on parole: There and back again in California*. New York: Routledge.

Edited Collections

Shah, R. (2021). Centering the margins: Addressing the implementation gap in Critical Criminology [Special issue]. *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 29(1).

*Henne, H., and Shah, R. (Eds.). (2020). *The Routledge Handbook of Public Criminologies*. New York: Routledge.

Peer Reviewed Publications

Shah, R. (2020). Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections as public secret. *Probation Journal*, 67(2), 137-159.

Henne, K., and Shah, R. (2016). Feminist criminology and the visual. *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. New York: Oxford University Press. Available at <http://criminology.oxfordre.com/view/10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.001.0001/acrefore-9780190264079-e-56>

Shah, R., and Kopko, K. C. (2016). Feminist pedagogy and the Socratic method: Partners in the classroom or a disaster waiting to happen? *Higher Education Studies*, 6(2). DOI: 10.5539/hes.v6n2p39

*Henne, K. and Shah, R. (2015). Unveiling White logic in Criminological research: An intertextual analysis. *Contemporary Justice Review*, 18(2), 105-120.

†Speary, K., and Shah, R. (2015). “It’s not illegal to be bizarre”: Police decision-making process when coming in contact with persons with a mental illness. *Journal of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences*, 24(1), 22-32.

Shah, R. (2015). Expanding the community: An exploratory analysis of a parole office’s location and its impact on parolees. *British Journal of Criminology*, 55(2), 321-340.

Public Criminology

Hayes, H. A., and Shah, R. (2019, January 10). Rehabilitation and corrections in the era of mass incarceration. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2019/01/rehabilitation-and-corrections-in-the-era-of-mass-incarceration/>

Shah, R. (2019, January 8). Without representation: Prison-based gerrymandering and felony disenfranchisement. *National Center for Institutional Diversity*. Available at: <https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/without-representation-prison-based-gerrymandering-and-felony-disenfranchisement-375bc0366434>

Hayes, H. A., Hlavacik, M., Shah, R., Steudeman, M., and Terry, A. (2018, November 6). Citizen Critics live: Midterms 2018. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2018/11/citizen-critics-live-midterms-2018/>

Hayes, H. A., Hlavacik, M., Shah, R., Skinnell, R., and Steudeman, M. (2018, November 4). Critics chat: Democratic identity and the 2018 midterms. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2018/11/critics-chat-democratic-identity-and-the-2018-midterms/>

*Newton, R., and Shah, R. (2018, August 8). Insider baseball: Sessions, the Bible, and approaches to law. *National Center for Institutional Diversity*. Available at: <https://medium.com/national-center-for-institutional-diversity/insider-baseball-sessions-the-bible-and-approaches-to-the-law-e70739d0fb20>

Shah, R. (2017, March 2). Executive branch signals return to tough on crime policies. *Citizen Critics*. Available at: <https://citizencritics.org/2017/03/executive-branch-signals-return-to-tough-on-crime-policies/>

Other Publications

Shah, R. (2021). Editor’s introduction to the special issue, “Centering the margins: Implementing the implementation gap in critical criminology.” *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 29(1).

Shah, R., and Henne, K. (2020). Public criminology revisited: An invitation. In K. Henne and R. Shah (Eds.), *The Routledge handbook of public criminologies*. New York: Routledge.

Shah, R. (2019). Mentoring, social justice, and the future of critical criminology. *The Critical Criminologist*, 27(1), p. 32-37.

* Denotes 50/50 authorship

† Denotes publication with current or former students

GRANTS, AWARDS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

Faculty Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2020-Winter 2021

Ronald W. Collins Distinguished Faculty Awards Teaching I (Nominated), Eastern Michigan University, January 2019

Teaching Award, American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice, November 2018

Provost's Research Support Award, Eastern Michigan University, July 2018-August 2019

Faculty Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, Fall 2018

Summer Research/Creative Activity Award, Eastern Michigan University, Summer 2018

Praxis Award, American Society of Criminology's Division on Critical Criminology, November 2016

CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION

American Society of Criminology

Public Criminologies I: Challenges, Tensions, and Dilemmas, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, November 2019

Public Criminologies II: Engagement, Ethics, and Critique, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, November 2019

Hidden in Plain Sight: Criminological Apparatuses as Public Secrets, Co-Organizer and Co-Chair, November 2018

Sub-Area Chair, "Healthcare and Prisons," November 2016

Centering the Margins: A Critical Criminology Conference

Chair, 2018-2019

Juggling Scholarship, Activism, and University Expectations, Co-organizer and Co-leader, April 2019

Pathways to the Future, Session Leader, April 2019

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

Johnson, A., Koolage, W. J., Shah, R., & Deacons, C. (2021). *Integrating high impact practices into a signature learning arc*. Paper presented at the Great Lakes Regional Student Success Conference, Virtual, February 23-26.

Johnson, A., Koolage, W. J., Shah, R., & Deacons, C. (2021). *Engaging our local campuses and community through integrating high impact practices into a signature learning arc*. Paper presented at the AAC&U Conference on Gender Education, Pedagogy, and Assessment, Virtual, February 11-13.

Shah, R. (2019). *Opening remarks*. Talk presented at Centering the Margins: Addressing the Implementation Gap in Critical Criminology Conference, Ypsilanti, MI, April 12-13. Available at:

https://www.academia.edu/38835581/Centering_the_Margins_Addressing_the_Implementation_Gap_of_Critical_Criminology_Opening_Remarks

Shah, R. (2019). *Architectures of community corrections: Public secret or secret from the public?*. Paper presented at the Eastern Michigan University Place/Performance/Identity Symposium, Ypsilanti, MI, January 25-26.

Shah, R. (2018). *Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA, November 14-17.

Shah, R. (2017). *Author meets critics: The meaning of rehabilitation and its impact on parole: There and back again in California*. Discussant at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 15-18.

Shah, R. (2017). *Critical teaching: Moving criminology "toward justice."* Panel discussant at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, May 15-18.

Henne, K., and Shah, R. (2017). *Bringing together feminist and visual criminology to (re)imagine invisible injuries*. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA, November, 15-18.

Shah, R., and Henne, K. (2017). *Can there be a feminist visual criminology? Representational politics, injury, and victimhood*. Paper presented at the Critical Criminology/Representing Justice Conference, Ottawa, ONT, May 4-5.

Shah, R. (2017). *Wither the withering of criminal justice? Reforming a discipline*. Paper presented at the Critical Intersections of Crime and Social Justice Conference, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, April 7-8.

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures

Socio-legal approaches to intersectionality workshop, June 2018

Invited discussant for the Law and Society Emerging Research (LaSER) Lab, University of Waterloo

Corrections: A constructed and constructing space, November 2016

Invited talk for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University

Social identities and creative writing, November 2016

Invited lecturer for Prof. Tyler Grimm, *FYS: Psychology and Creative Writing*, Elizabethtown, PA

The death penalty and The West Wing, November 2016

Invited panelist for Dr. Richard Newton, *Signifying religion: An African-American worldview*, Elizabethtown, PA
Available at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QdxJJqbel3w>

Intersectionality and you, October 2016

Invited lecturer for Dr. Bruce Lynch, *Diversity Awareness*, Elizabethtown, PA

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Architectures of Community Corrections, September 2018-present

Principal Investigator

Funded by: Eastern Michigan University Internal Research Awards

Eastern Michigan University Office of the Provost

Eastern Michigan University Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology

International Visual Methods Seminar, University of Antwerp, August-September 2015

Seminar Participant; Workshop: Visually-rich scholarly articles

Funded by: Elizabethtown College Faculty Research Grant

Elizabethtown College Office of the Dean

Elizabethtown College Honors Program

RESEARCH SUPERVISION

Masters and PhD

Portrayal of fatherhood in children's animated films, May 2019-present

Kasyera Kowalczyk, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Sociology

Master's Thesis, Chair

Impact of correctional housing on life after incarceration, May 2019-present

Candice Tudor, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Sociology

Master's Thesis, Chair

A bloody mess: A practical application of Longino's Science as Social Knowledge to forensic science, October 2018-May 2019

Morgen Barroso, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Philosophy

Capstone, Outside Reader

Troubled teens and total institutions: Construction of the rehabilitated selves, September 2017-present

Heather Mooney, Wayne State University, Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology

Doctoral dissertation, Committee Member

Black Feminist Criminology and Criminological Understandings, January 2018-March 2020

Chanice Canady, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Non-master's thesis paper, First Reader

Measures of Religiosity and Recidivism in Determining the Effectiveness of Prison Fellowship Ministry and Recidivism Rates: Article Reviews and Methodological Critiques, January 2019-September 2020

Chanice Canady, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Non-master's thesis paper, Second Reader

Existing Lifetime Electronic Monitoring Laws are Detrimental, September 2017-April 2018

Tara Lapham, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Non-master's thesis paper, First Reader

The Politics of Victimization Revisited: The Case of Sex Trafficking and the Obstacles to Preventing Victimization, January 2018-April 2018

Tara Lapham, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

Non-master's thesis paper, Second Reader

Undergraduate

Bias in the American Press? Global Warming and "Balance" Reporting, January 2018-April 2018

Jaymes Dempsey, Eastern Michigan University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology

Undergraduate Research Symposium, Faculty Co-Mentor with Dr. Kimberly Barrett

Portraying LGBTQ experiences: Reducing bias through exposure to fictional LGBTQ characters,

August 2016-May 2017

Katelyn Gebbia, Elizabethtown College, Department of English

College Honor's Thesis, Chair

The good, the bad, and the huh? Perceptions of the anti-hero in US crime shows, August 2016-May 2017

Emily Soltys, Elizabethtown College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Honor's Thesis in Sociology/Anthropology with a concentration in Criminology and Criminal justice, Chair

Mediating perceptions of race and criminal justice in America, May 2016

Emily Soltys, Elizabethtown College, Department of Sociology and Anthropology

Submission for Sowing the Seed: <https://sowingtheseed.org/2016/10/17/mediating-perceptions-of-race-and-criminal-justice-in-america/>

The stereotype of criminal blackness, May 2016

Matthew Kuraska, Elizabethtown College, Department of English

Submission for Sowing the Seed: <https://sowingtheseed.org/2016/10/10/the-stereotype-of-criminal-blackness/>

Magical ministries: An analysis of fantasy governments and legal structures, August 2015-May 2016

Erin Krause, Elizabethtown College, Department of Politics, Philosophy, and Legal Studies

Honor's Thesis in Political Science and English, Committee Member

COURSES TAUGHT

Community Corrections	Law and Social Change
Consequences of Incarceration	Race, Class, and Gender in the CJ System
Crime and Justice	Social Justice
Media, Crime, and Justice (Graduate)	Sociology of Crime and its Corrections (Graduate)
Crime, Society, and Interpretation	Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program (TAPDP)
Criminology	Theories of Criminal Behavior (Graduate)
Gender and the Law	The U.S. Criminal Justice System
Joss Whedon: Friend or Foe? (First Year Seminar)	
Law and Literature	

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Culturally Responsive Teaching Dialogue, Eastern Michigan University, January-March 2021

Trauma Informed First Responder Training, Eastern Michigan University, November 2020

Division on Women and Crime's Visionary Training Workshop, American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, November 2018

Writing Across the Curriculum, Eastern Michigan University, May 2018

New Faculty Learning Community, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-2018

Disciplinary Literacies, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-2018

SERVICE

Public

Editor, Criminal Justice Desk, Citizen Critics, January 2017-December 2020, citizencritics.org

Discussant, Sowing the Seed Podcast, *Episode 7—Law and Order*, November 2016, <https://soundcloud.com/sowingtheseed/broadcast-seeding-episode-7>

Professional

American Society of Criminology

Ad-Hoc Committee on ASC Meeting Quality, Member, August 2019-March 2020

2016 Program Committee, Sub-Area Chair, 2015-2016

Minority Affairs Committee, Committee Member, 2012-2013

Division on Critical Criminology and Social Justice

Committee to Incorporate the Principles of Social Justice, Chair, September-November 2017

Secretary/Treasurer, November 2011-November 2013

Editorial Boards

Critical Criminology: An International Journal

Visual Methodologies: A Postdisciplinary Journal

Indiana State University

Social Justice Advisory Board, 2016-present

Manuscript Reviewer

American Journal of Criminal Justice

Crime, Media, and Culture

Critical Criminology

Current Sociology

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative

Criminology

Justice Quarterly

Oxford Encyclopedia of Crime, Media, and Popular Culture

Rowan and Littlefield

Routledge Press

Social Justice

Sociology Compass

Society for the Study of Social Problems

Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee, Rotating Member, 2018-present

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee, Rotating Member, 2012-present

University/College

Eastern Michigan University

First Year Experience Planning Committee, Chair, 2020-present

Signature Learning Arc Committee, Member, 2020-present

New Faculty Orientation, Presenter, August 2018

President's Initiative for Campus Climate Assessment, Qualitative Research Group, Committee Member, 2019

CAS Diversity and Inclusion Committee, Co-Chair, 2019-2020; Alternate, 2018-2019

Departmental

Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University

Associate Professor of Criminology, 2020-present

Website Re-Design, Website Editor, January 2021-present

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Chair, September 2020-present

Criminology Curriculum Committee, Member, September 2017-present

Assistant Professor of Criminology, 2017-2020

Putting Crime Back in the Bottle, Presentation at the College of Arts and Sciences' Explore CAS, October 2019

Graduate Curriculum Committee, September 2018-present

Criminology Curriculum Committee, Member, September 2017-present

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Society of Criminology (ASC)

- Division on Communities & Place

- Division on Convict Criminology

- Division on Corrections and Sentencing

- Division on People of Color and Crime

- Division on Queer Criminology

Society for the Study of Social Problems

- Division of Community Research and Development

- Division of Crime and Juvenile Delinquency

- Division of Law and Society

- Division of Teaching Social Problems