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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

**Eastern Michigan University, 2017-present**

*Associate Professor of Criminology*

**Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017**

*Assistant Professor of Sociology*

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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)

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## PUBLICATIONS

### *Books and Edited Collections*

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

\*Henne, H., & Shah, R. (Eds.). (2020). *The Routledge Handbook of Public Criminologies*. Routledge.

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

### *Journal Articles*

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

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

†Speary, K., & 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.

### *Book Chapters*

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

Henne, K., & Shah, R. (2016). Feminist criminology and the visual. In M. Brown (Ed.), *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice*. Oxford University Press. doi: 10.1093/acrefore/9780190264079.013.56

### *Essays and Visual Publications*

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

### *Editorials and Commentaries*

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/>

### *Published Interviews*

Probation Journal. (2021, May 27). *Probation podcast number 5: "Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections as public secret."* Available at: <https://journals.sagepub.com/pb-assets/cmscontent/PRB/PJ%20Best%20Paper%20Prize%202020%20Rita%20Shah-1621857720.mp3>

Miller, J. (2021, May 24). The endless trap of American parole: How can anyone rebuild their lives when they keep getting sent back to jail for the pettiest of reasons? *The Washington Post*. Available at: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/magazine/2021/05/24/moral-outrage-american-parole/>

Hayes, H. A. (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/>

\* Denotes 50/50 authorship

† Denotes publication with students

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## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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### *Grants and Fellowships*

Faculty Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2020- 2021 (100% course release; \$3,000)

Provost's Research Support Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-2019 (\$1,100)

Faculty Research/Creative Activity Fellowship, Eastern Michigan University, 2018 (100% course release: \$3,000)

Summer Research/Creative Activity Award, Eastern Michigan University, 2018 (\$12,000)

### *Awards and Recognitions*

*Probation Journal* Best Paper Award 2020 for Hidden in plain sight: Architectures of community corrections as public secret

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, 2018

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

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## CONFERENCE AND WEBINAR ORGANIZATION

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### **Webinars**

Anti-Asian Violence and Hate Crimes, ASC Division of Victimology, 2021, co-organizer and co-moderator

The Future of Criminal Justice Education Webinar, EMU SMART, 2021, co-organizer and moderator

### **American Society of Criminology**

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

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

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

### **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

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## PRESENTATIONS

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### *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.

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). *Witber 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*

Credit for invisible emotional labor: Preventing burnout among marginalized faculty, Invited discussant for the Virtual Forum on Anti-Racism & Intersectionality in Feminist Criminology (& Academia), 2021.

How can we understand the social effects of COVID-19 in local and global contexts?, Invited discussant for the Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2020

Socio-legal approaches to intersectionality Workshop, Invited discussant for the Law and Society Emerging Research (LaSER) Lab, University of Waterloo, 2018

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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### *Administrative Experience*

Chair, First Year Experience Planning Committee, 2020-present

### *Editorial Positions*

Special Issue Editor, *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, volume 29, issue 1

Editorial Board Member, *Critical Criminology: An International Journal*, 2020-present

Editorial Board Member, *Visual Methodologies*, 2015-present

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

### *Specialized Training*

Culturally Responsive Teaching Dialogue, Eastern Michigan University, 2021  
 Trauma Informed First Responder Training, Eastern Michigan University, 2020  
 Visionary Leadership Workshop, Division on Women and Crime, American Society of Criminology, 2018  
 Writing Across the Curriculum, Eastern Michigan University, 2018  
 New Faculty Learning Community, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-2018  
 International Visual Methods Seminar, University of Antwerp, 2015

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## RESEARCH SUPERVISION

### *Supervisor*

Jacklyn Staffeld, Eastern Michigan University, McNair Scholar, 2020-present  
 Kasyera Kowalczyk, Master of Arts in Sociology, Eastern Michigan University, 2019-present  
 Candice Tudor, Master of Arts in Criminology & Criminal Justice, Eastern Michigan University, 2019-present  
 Chanice Canady, Eastern Michigan University, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, 2018-2020  
 Tara Lapham, Master of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-2018  
 Katelyn Gebbia, College Honor's, Elizabethtown College, 2016-2017  
 Emily Soltys, Honor's in Sociology/Anthropology, Elizabethtown College, 2016-2017

### *Committee Member*

Heather Mooney, Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology, Wayne State University, 2017-present  
 Morgen Barroso, Master of Arts in Philosophy, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-2019

### *Other Supervision*

Jaymes Dempsey, Undergraduate Research Symposium (co-mentor with Dr. Kimberly Barrett), Eastern Michigan University, 2018  
 Matthew Kuraska, Elizabethtown College, Submission for *Sowing the Seed*:  
<https://sowingtheseed.org/2016/10/10/the-stereotype-of-criminal-blackness/>

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## COURSES TAUGHT

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

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**SERVICE**
***Professional***

Book reviewer for Rowan and Littlefield; Routledge Press

Ad Hoc Reviewer for *American Journal of Criminal Justice; Crime, Media, and Culture; Critical Criminology; Current Sociology; International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice; International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology; Justice Quarterly; Oxford Encyclopedia of Crime, Media, and Popular Culture; Social Justice; Sociology Compass*

Kathleen S. Lowney Mentoring Award Committee, Rotating Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2018-present

Racial/Ethnic Minority Graduate Fellowship Committee, Rotating Member, Society for the Study of Social Problems, 2012-present

Ad-Hoc Committee on ASC Meeting Quality, Member, American Society of Criminology, 2019-2020

***University/College***

Signature Learning Arc Committee, Member, Eastern Michigan University, 2020-present

Southeast Michigan Criminal Justice Policy Research Project, Executive Board Member, 2020-present

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

Undergraduate Fellows in Leadership for Justice and Peace, Faculty Mentor, Elizabethtown College, 2013- 2017

Personnel Council, Elizabethtown College, 2013- 2017

Institutional Review Board, Prisoner Representative, Elizabethtown College, 2012-2017

Pre-Law Advising Committee (PLAC), Elizabethtown College, 2011- 2017

***Departmental***

Website Editor, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2021-present

Explore CAS, Faculty Representative, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2019

Graduate Curriculum Committee, Chair 2020-present; Member 2018-2020, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2018-present

Criminology Curriculum Committee, Member, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminology, Eastern Michigan University, 2017-present

Women and Gender Studies, Affiliated Faculty, Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017

Departmental Self-Evaluation, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Elizabethtown College, 2015-2017

Academic Advisor, Elizabethtown College, 2012-2017

Honors in the Discipline Committee, Member, Elizabethtown College, 2011-2017

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**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

Division on Victimology  
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