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## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER, ASSISTANT PROFESSOR Department of Black Studies   Frederick Douglass Institute	2023-
PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, PRESIDENTIAL POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW Department of African American Studies   Ida B. Wells Just Data Lab	2021-2023

## EDUCATION

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Yale University, Ph.D. Sociology and African American Studies Dissertation: High Rise: Poverty, Policing, and Crisis in American Public Housing ( <i>with distinction</i> )	2021
Yale University, M.A. Sociology and African American Studies	2017
Princeton University, Exchange Scholar Sociology and African American Studies	2017
Boston College, B.A. ( <i>magna cum laude</i> ) Sociology	2014
University of Cape Town, Study Abroad Sociology, History, African Studies	2013

## RESEARCH AREAS

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Racial Inequality; Housing & Neighborhoods; Policing; Space & Place; Ethnography; Punishment; Social Movements

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Books:

McHarris, Philip V. *Beyond Policing*. Legacy Lit | Hachette. (July 30, 2024). (Reviewed by Kirkus Reviews)

McHarris, Philip V. *Brick Dreams: The Unfinished Project of Public Housing*. Princeton University Press (under advance contract).

### Reviewed Articles:

Vargas, Robert, and Philip McHarris. 2017. "Race and State in City Police Spending Growth: 1980 to 2010." *Sociology of Race and Ethnicity*, 3(1): 96–112.

### Book Chapters:

McHarris, Philip V. 2021. "Disrupting Order: Race, Class, and the Origins of Policing," in *Violent Order: Essays on the*

*Nature of Police*, edited by David Correia and Tyler Wall. Haymarket Press.

**Selected Essays and Other Publications:**

McHarris, Philip V. 2022. "The Fashionable Police Strategy That is Just Mass Incarceration by Another Name." *Slate*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2021. "Why We Have Police: Race, Class, and Labor Control." *Literary Hub*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2021. "Policing Black Freedom." *Black Perspectives – AAIHS*.

Perez, Jasson, Alyxandra Goodwin, Quiason Jessica, Duggan Kelcey, Kasravi Niaz, and McHarris, Philip V. 2021. "21st Century Policing: The Rise and Reach of Surveillance Technology." Action Center on Race & the Economy and Community Resource Hub for Safety and Accountability.

McHarris, Philip V. 2021. "The long tension between the Second Amendment and Black gun ownership." *Washington Post* (Book Review).

McHarris, Philip V., Felicia Arriaga, and Max Rose. "Defund Sheriffs." 2021. Community Research Hub for Safety and Accountability.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Alternatives to Policing." Community Resource Hub for Safety and Accountability.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "The Spillover Effects of Police Violence." *Social Psychological Review*, Autumn 2020, 22(2): 11-14.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "The Police Killed George Floyd. Redirect Their Funding Elsewhere." *New York Times*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Why does the Minneapolis police department look like a military unit?" *Washington Post*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Public Housing Residents May Be Some Of The Hardest Hit By COVID-19 Outbreak." *Essence*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Amid COVID-19 Pandemic, National Bail Out is Freeing Black Mothers from Jail." *Essence*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "No More Money for the Police." *New York Times*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "The People Arrested for Protesting Police Are in Danger." *Slate*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Democrats Are Ignoring a Key Piece of Criminal Justice Reform — Slicing Police Budgets." *Washington Post*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Should Mike Bloomberg's stop-and-frisk record disqualify him?" *Washington Post*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "To Make Black Lives Matter, We Need to Reimagine Public Safety." *Star Ledger*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "Community Policing is Not the Answer." *The Appeal*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "When Police Traffic in Racism." *The Nation*.

McHarris, Philip V. 2020. "It is time to cancel student debt and make higher education free." *Al Jazeera*.

McHarris, Thenjiwe, and Philip McHarris. 2015. "Inequalities, Racial Discrimination & Violence in the USA." Presented at the Expert Group Meeting on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Social Unrest, Conflict & Early Warnings, OHCHR, United Nations, Geneva, July 2015.

**SELECTED MEDIA COVERAGE****Video:**

HBO x Axios: [Reimagining Public Safety](#)  
 TIME: [Minneapolis: How One City Can Reimagine The Future Of Public Safety](#)  
 CNN: [Imagining Alternatives to Policing](#)  
 ABC: [How the Black Lives Matter Movement is changing America](#)  
 Al Jazeera: [The George Floyd Story](#)  
 MSNBC: [People are saying: We gave you a chance. Now we want to influence how we're kept safe](#)  
 NBC: [What Does it Mean to Defund the Police](#)  
 Univision: [Minneapolis City Council Pledges to Dismantle the Police Dept.](#)  
 News 12: [The Defunding Debate](#)  
 WPIX: [What 'defund the police' means and could look like in reality](#)  
 Nelson Mandela Foundation: [Talk Ahead of the 18th Nelson Mandela Annual Lecture by UN Secretary-General](#)

**Written:**

TIME: [America's Policing System Is Broken. It's Time to Radically Rethink Public Safety](#)  
 LA Times: [LAPD responds to a million 911 calls a year, but relatively few for violent crimes](#)  
 CNN: [There's a growing call to defund the police. Here's what it means](#)  
 ABC, FiveThirtyEight: [Is Police Reform a Fundamentally Flawed Idea?](#)  
 Huffington Post: [Why Protesters In Minneapolis Are Facing Militarized Law Enforcement](#)  
 TIME: [Why Activists Want to Defund Police Departments](#)  
 NJ.com: [Making Black lives matter](#)  
 New York Times: [What Is to Be Done About American Policing?](#)  
 MTV: [What does defund the police mean](#)  
 Revolt TV: [History of Policing](#)  
 Essence: [Pregnant Alabama Woman Jailed, Put At Risk For Coronavirus Over Parking Violations](#)  
 Yahoo: [How can police violence be prevented?](#)  
 Yahoo: [Protesters demand that cities 'defund the police.' Politicians are starting to listen.](#)  
 ABC, FiveThirtyEight: [1968 Isn't The Only Parallel For This Political Moment](#)  
 Huffington Post: [Why Protesters In Minneapolis Are Facing Militarized Law Enforcement](#)  
 Buzz Feed: [The UK May Ban Tear Gas Sales To The US](#)  
 Wired: [Why defunding the police would actually make our streets safer](#)  
 Elite Daily: [What Does "Defund The Police" Mean? The Movement Has A Positive Focus](#)  
 Telemundo: [Minneapolis planea desmantelar su departamento de policia tras las protestas por el caso George Floyd](#)  
 France Info: ["Quarante ans de réformes n'ont rien changé" : "Defund the police"](#)  
 DW: [African Americans face deadly endemic police violence in US](#)  
 Gizmodo: [#scantwait won't change the police](#)

**Radio:**

BBC Radio: [Defunding & Disbanding the Police](#)  
 NPR, Your Call Radio: [The Growing Calls To Defund Police & What That Would Look Like](#)  
 NPR, WCNY: [Protests spark conversation on defunding police departments](#)  
 Vox, Explained: [What "abolish the police" means](#)  
 Jacobin: [Defunding the Police](#)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### Assistant Professor, University of Rochester

“Black Geographies” Undergraduate. (Fall 2023)  
 “Introduction to Black Studies” Undergraduate. (Spring 2024)

### Teaching Fellow, Yale University

“Ethnography of the African American Community” Undergraduate. (Fall 2020; Fall 2016)  
 “Workshop in Urban Ethnography” Graduate. (Fall 2020)

### Instructor, Southern Connecticut State University

“Introduction to Research Methods” Undergraduate. (Spring 2017)  
 “Qualitative Research Methods” Graduate. (Spring 2017)

## AWARDS, GRANTS, AND FELLOWSHIPS

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21st Century Dissertation Prize, Yale University	2023
Supporting Diverse Voices: Book Proposal Development Grant, Princeton University Press	2022
Princeton University, Presidential Postdoctoral Fellowship	2021
Yale Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, Dissertation Distinction Designation	2021
Digital Education Innovation Grant, Yale University	2019
System Dynamics Learning Lab, Google	2018
Camp Grant, Yale University Sociology Department	2017
Conference Travel Grant, Yale University Sociology Department	2017
National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship	2015
Ford Foundation Predoctoral Fellowship	2015
Institution for Social and Policy Studies Fellowship, Yale University	2015
Social Science and Policy Forum Predissertation Fellowship, University of Pennsylvania	2015
Scholar of the College, Boston College	2014
Sociology Honors Program, Boston College	2014
American Sociological Association Honors Program	2013
COS Fund Travel Grant, Boston College	2013
31 <sup>st</sup> Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Award, Boston College	2013
Dean's Scholar, Boston College	2013
Sophomore Scholar, Boston College	2012
Undergraduate Research Fellowship, Boston College	2012
McGillycuddy-Logue Travel Grant, Boston College	2012
Amanda V. Houston Traveling Fellowship, Boston College	2012

## PRESENTATIONS AND LECTURES

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“Beyond the Market: Black and Indigenous Approaches to Social Housing and Collective Land Share,” Department of Race, Diaspora, Indigeneity, University of Chicago (2023)

“Policing, Criminalization, and Alternatives to Public Safety,” Department of Sociology, University of California–Irvine (Guest Lecture, 2022); Swarthmore College (Guest Lecture, 2022); Department of Political Science, University of Chicago (Guest Lecture, 2021)

“Policed: Criminalization and the Policing of Public Housing,” Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale University (2020); Department of Sociology, University Illinois (2020)

“Policing Inequality: Race, Place, and Police Spending” Reimagining / Reinventing Police Conference, University of Chicago (2020); The Future of Public Safety, University of Southern California (2020)

“The Sociology of Housing Disadvantage,” Urban Ethnography Workshop, Yale University (2019)

“Disrupting Order: Race, Punishment, and the Construction of Mass Policing,” American Political Science Association Annual Association, Annual Meeting (2017)

“Race, Inequality, and Identity in Higher Educational Outcomes” (2015) American Sociological Association

“The Social Structure of Immigration Enforcement: Immigration and the Growth of Police Expenditures 1980-2010,” (with Dr. Robert Vargas), Harvard University, Immigration Workshop (2014)

## **AFFILIATIONS**

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American Studies Association, Member  
American Association of Geographers, Member  
American Sociological Association, Member  
Association of Black Sociologists, Member  
African American Intellectual History Society, Member

## **SKILLS AND LANGUAGES**

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R, Stata, NVivo, ArcGIS, Survey Methods, Community-Based System Dynamics, Spanish (Fluency)