

# Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve

## *Curriculum Vitae*

Department of Sociology  
Brown University  
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### **Professional Experience**

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- 2019-Present Associate Professor, The Department of Sociology, Brown University, Providence, RI.
- 2015-Present Affiliated Research Faculty, The American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL.
- 2021-2022 Elizabeth S. and Richard M. Cashin Fellow, Harvard Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA.
- 2018- 2019 Associate Professor, The Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware, Newark, DE.
- 2018 Associate Professor, The Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.  
with courtesy appointments in the Department of Sociology and The Beasley School of Law
- 2011-2018 Assistant Professor, The Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA.  
with courtesy appointments in the Department of Sociology and The Beasley School of Law
- 2006.2010 Research Director, Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice, Chicago, IL
- Designed and implemented multi-method research efforts for social policy issues that include: Criminal court reform, immigration court reform, and parental involvement in education.
- 1999-2004 Strategic Brand Planner, Account Executive, Leo Burnett USA, Chicago, IL
- Clients included: Walt Disney Corporation (Walt Disney World, Disneyland, Disney Cruise Line), Procter and Gamble, Polaroid i-Zone, Hallmark Cards, Inc.

### **Education**

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- 2011 Ph.D., Sociology, Northwestern University  
Dissertation: "The Racialization of Criminal Justice: The Jim Crow Courts in an Era of Modern Racism." Committee: John Hagan (Chair), Nicola K. Beisel, Malcolm M. Feeley, Robert L. Nelson, Laura Beth Nielsen
- 2006 M.A. Sociology, Northwestern University  
Thesis: "Navigating the Middle Ground of Justice: Public Defenders' Use of Case and Biographical Analysis in Criminal Defense." Committee: John Hagan (Chair), Carol Heimer
- 1999 B.A. Political Science, Minor: Sociology, *cum laude*  
*Departmental Honors in Political Science*  
Northwestern University

## Research Interests

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Sociology of Law, Race and Racism, Criminal Courts, Jails, Critical Race Empiricism, Criminology and Criminal Justice, Culture, Punishment and Mass Incarceration, Ethnography

## Fellowships and Grants

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2021-2022	Elizabeth S. and Richard M. Cashin Fellow, Harvard Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Studies, Harvard University
2020	“Mass Incarceration Humanities Lab,” The Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Brown University, Mellon Foundation Grant, \$17,000
2020-2021	Faculty Fellow, The Center for the Study of Race and Ethnicity, Brown University, Mellon Foundation Grant, \$12,000
2020-2024 2020	Faculty Fellow, The Center for the Study of Slavery and Justice, Brown University, \$5,000 per year. National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences (LSS) Grant, “Law and Social Science Fellowship and Mentoring Program on Law & Inequality.” I.D. 1946670, \$349,313 Co-PIs: Traci Burch, Ajay K. Mehrotra, Laura Beth Nielsen, Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve
2017	National Science Foundation, Law and Social Sciences (LSS) Grant, “Law and Social Science Fellowship and Mentoring Program on Law & Inequality.” I.D. 1655497, \$429,580 Co-PIs: Traci Burch, Ajay K. Mehrotra, Laura Beth Nielsen, Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve
2014-15	The Ford Foundation Post-Doctoral Fellowship (funding)
2014-15	Visiting Scholar, American Bar Foundation, Chicago, IL (in residence)
2015	Temple University, University Sabbatical Committee, Grant-in-Aid for Research: \$2,544
2014	Fellow, Crime and Justice Summer Research Institute, Ohio State University
2012-13	Faculty Fellow, Temple University <i>Center for the Humanities</i> (CHAT)
2006-07	Badesch Fellowship, Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice
2005	National Science Foundation Graduate Fellowship, Honorable Mention
2005-2007	Northwestern University Tuition Scholarship
2005, 2006	MacArthur Summer Research Grant
1998	Farrel Grant for Public Policy, Department of Political Science, Northwestern University

## Awards and Recognitions

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2019	Winner- <i>Distinguished Scholarly Book Award</i> from The American Sociological Association for “Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American’s Largest Criminal Courts.”
2018	Winner - <i>Edwin Sutherland Book Award</i> from The Society for the Study of Social Problem’s (SSSP) - Law Division for “Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American’s Largest Criminal Courts.”
2017	Finalist - <i>C. Wright Mills Award</i> from The Society for the Study of Social Problem’s (SSSP) for “Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American’s Largest Criminal Courts.”
2017	Winner - <i>Eduardo Bonilla-Silva Outstanding Book Prize</i> from The Society for the Study of Social Problem’s (SSSP) Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities for “Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American’s Largest Criminal Courts.”
2017	Winner - <i>Oliver Cromwell Cox Book Award</i> from the American Sociological Association’s (ASA) Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities (SREM) for “Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American’s Largest Criminal Courts.”
2017	Winner - <i>Mary Douglas Prize for Best Book</i> from the American Sociological Association’s (ASA) Sociology of Culture Section for “Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American’s Largest Criminal Courts.”

- 2017 Honorable Mention, *Best Book Award* from the American Sociological Association's (ASA) Section on Race, Class and Gender (RCG) for "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American's Largest Criminal Courts."
- 2017 Finalist - *NAACP Image Award* (Outstanding Literary Work – Debut Author Category) for "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American's Largest Criminal Courts."
- 2017 Winner - *Silver Medal* from the Independent Publisher Book Awards (Current Events/Social Issues category) for book, "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American's Largest Criminal Courts."
- 2017 Winner - *Prose Award for Excellence in Social Sciences* sponsored by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division, Association of American Publishers for "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American's Largest Criminal Courts."
- 2017 Winner - *Prose Category Award for Law and Legal Studies* sponsored by the Professional and Scholarly Publishing Division, Association of American Publishers for "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American's Largest Criminal Courts."
- 2017 Finalist - the National Council on Crime and Delinquency's *Media for a Just Society Award* - a national recognition of a book advances the public's understanding of criminal justice, juvenile justice, child welfare, and adult protection issues for "Crook County: Racism and Injustice in American's Largest Criminal Courts."
- 2017 Winner - *Distinguished Article Prize* presented by the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association for *Criminology* Article, "The Inter-organizational Utility of Welfare Stigma in the Criminal Justice System."
- 2017 Winner - *Kimberlé Crenshaw Outstanding Article Award* from The Society for the Study of Social Problem's (SSSP) Division on Racial and Ethnic Minorities for "Criminal Justice Through 'Colorblind' Lenses: A Call to Examine the Mutual Constitution of Race and Criminal Justice."
- 2016 Research Group Award for the program "Public Humanists," Center for the Humanities at Temple University. Co-Winner, Dustin Kidd, Department of Sociology.
- 2015 *New Scholar Award* (co-winner). American Society of Criminology (ASC) Division on People of Color and Crime (DPCC). *Recognizing an individual who is in the early stages of her or his career and has made significant recent contributions to the literature on race/ethnicity, crime, and justice.*
- 2010 *Outstanding Graduate Student Paper* for "Reinterpreting the Zealous Advocate: Multiple Intermediary Roles of the Criminal Defense Attorney." Presented by the Sociology of Law Section of the American Sociological Association.
- 2008 *Robert F. Winch Memorial Award* for Outstanding Teaching, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University
- 2007 *Friesen Award*, Department of Sociology, Northwestern University

## **Publications**

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### **Books:**

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez. *Crime Fictions: The Racist Lies Police Tell*. Under contract with Random House

Publishing. Expected publication date: May 2023

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez. *The Waiting Room*. Amazon Original Stories and The Marshall Project. August 2018. Part of the series: “The Southside: Waiting for Justice in Chicago.”

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez. *Crook County: Racism and Injustice in America's Largest Criminal Court*. Stanford University Press. May 2016.

### **Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:**

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez., 2022. Due Process & the Theater of Racial Degradation: The Evolving Notion of Pretrial Punishment in the Criminal Courts. *Daedalus*, 151(1), pp.135-152.

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez (2020). “Radical Compassion.” *Contexts*, 19(4), 95–95.

Lara-Millán, Armando and Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve. (2017) “The Interorganizational Utility of Welfare Stigma in The Criminal Justice System.” *Criminology* 55 (1), 59-84.

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez and Lauren Mayes. (2015), “Criminal Justice Through “Colorblind” Lenses: A Call to Examine the Mutual Constitution of Race and Criminal Justice.” *Law & Social Inquiry*, 40: 406–432.

### **Law Review Articles:**

Trivedi, Somil and Gonzalez Van Cleve, Nicole (2020), “To Serve and Protect Each Other: How Police-Prosecutor Codependence Enables Police Misconduct (April 27, 2020). Boston University Law Review. 100(895), Available at SSRN: <https://ssrn.com/abstract=3586770>

### **Book Chapters:**

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez. (2023). “How Does it Feel to be the Problem: A Call for Du Boisian Criminology and Theorizing Racial Punishment,” *The Oxford Handbook of W.E.B. Du Bois*, Oxford University Press.  
<https://academic.oup.com/edited-volume/41983/chapter/393933048>

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez. (2019) “Rabble Maintenance” in *FEEDBACK* (By: Maria Gaspar)

Van Cleve, Nicole Martorano. (2011) “Reinterpreting the Zealous Advocate: Multiple Intermediary Roles of the Criminal Defense Attorney” in *Lawyers in Practice: Ethical Decision Making in Context*. (Leslie Levin and Lynn Mather eds., University of Chicago Press, 2012).

### **Essays:**

Van Cleve, Nicole Gonzalez (2020). “Educators Eeed to Employ Radical Compassion during Covid-19” *Context Magazine*, <https://contexts.org/blog/education-under-covid-19/#van>

### **Media Highlights**

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2022            Featured on **MSNBC’s American Voices with Alicia Menendez**, “Biden’s Pardon Simple Marijuana Possession Charges for Citizens,” Oct 9, 2022

2021            Interviewed **NPR’s Morning Edition**, “Jury Selection Begins Today in Jussie Smollett Criminal Trial,” November 29, 2021  
<https://www.npr.org/2021/11/29/jury-selection-jussie-smollett>

- 2021 Featured on **MSNBC's American Voices with Alicia Menendez**, "The Kyle Rittenhouse Trial and Justice for Ahmad Arbery," November 21, 2021
- 2021 Featured on **MSNBC's American Voices with Alicia Menendez**, "Police Violence and its Impact on Latinos," June 5, 2021
- 2021 Guest, **Latina to Latina Podcast with MSNBC's Alicia Menendez**, "For Sociologist Nicole Gonzalez Van Cleve Getting Latinos to Care about Justice Reform Is Personal," May 24, 2021  
<https://latina-to-latina/gonzalez-van-cleve-getting-latinos-to-care-about-justice-reform-is-personal>
- 2021 LIVE commentary on **BBC Worldwide**, "Police Accountability After the Chauvin Verdict," April 27, 2021  
<https://www.youtube.com/accountability-after>
- 2021 LIVE commentary on **BBC Worldwide** with **Katty Kay and Christian Fraser** during the announcement of the historic verdict Derek Chauvin murder trial. April 20, 2021  
<https://www.youtube.com/BBC-KattyKay-VanCleve>
- 2021 LIVE Commentary on **BBC Worldwide**, "Why Officers so Rarely Face Accountability for Excessive Force," April 19, 2021  
<https://www.youtube.com/BBC-police-excessiveforce>
- 2021 Featured on the **Post Reports**, the **Washington Post's premier daily podcast**, "Putting Police on Trial." April 9, 2021  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/podcasts/post-reports/putting-police-on-trial/>
- 2021 Featured and quoted in **Diverse Education**, "Will the Current Focus on Black Lives Matter Lead To Lasting Change?" February 23, 2021  
<https://diverseeducation.com/article/206040/>
- 2021 Featured and quoted in **Time Magazine**, "I Want This Over.' For Victims and the Accused, Justice Is Delayed as COVID-19 Snarls Courts," February 23, 2021  
<https://time.com/covid-19-criminal-cases-backlog/>
- 2020 Featured article in **Brown Alumni Magazine**, "Rotten Culture: Why Removing "Bad Apples" won't fix the police," August 27, 2020  
<https://www.brownalumnimagazine.com/articles/2020-08-27/rotten-culture>
- 2020 Featured scholars for **Reuters** "twitter conversations" on race and policing in America. July 8, 2020.  
<https://www.reuters.com/article/twitterchatraceandpolicing/>
- 2020 Featured and quoted in The Crime Report, "How Prosecutors 'Enable' Police Misconduct," June 17, 2020  
<https://thecrimereport.org/2020/06/17/how-prosecutors-enable-police-misconduct/>
- 2020 Featured and quoted in **Zora Magazine**, "What 'Defund the Police' Really Means," June 10, 2020.  
<https://zora.medium.com/what-defund-the-police-really-means-9230a399a13f>
- 2020 Featured and quoted in **The Economist**, "Order Above the Law: How to Fix American Policing," June 6, 2020  
<https://www.economist.com/united-states/2020/06/04/how-to-fix-american-policing>

- 2020 Commentary, **The Slate**, “Why Prosecutors Keep Letting Police Get Away with Murder,” June 5, 2020  
<https://slate.com/news/police-get-away-with-murder>
- 2020 Featured and quoted in **The Financial Times**, **Union Blamed for Hindering Police Oversight in Minneapolis**, June 4, 2020.  
<https://www.ft.com/content/898e31a5-d359-404a-97bf-9a217c5e5029>
- 2020 Featured and quoted in **Injustice Watch**, “Court watchers fill holes in bond data during COVID jail Outbreak,” May 20, 2020  
<https://www.injusticewatch.org/courts/2020/court-watchers-in-bond-data-during-covid-jail-outbreak/>
- 2020 Feature and quoted in **Time Magazine**, “From Jury Duty to Trials, Coronavirus is Upending The Courts,” March 19, 2020  
<https://time.com/coronavirus-courts-jury-duty/>
- 2019 Featured and quoted in video segment and article, **Good Morning America**, “Neuroscientist had the best response when mansplained about her own research” October 24, 2019  
<https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/living/>
- 2019 Featured Segment, **NPR** “All Things Considered,” “What The Laquan McDonald Case Says About The Chicago Police Department’s Culture,” January 18, 2019  
<https://www.npr.org/mcdonald-chicago-police-culture>
- 2018 Commentary, **The Atlantic**, “The Chicago Culture That Created Jason Van Dyke” October 9, 2018  
<https://www.theatlantic.com/laquan-mcdonald>
- 2018 Feature Segment, **NPR** “MPR News,” “Republicans Split Over Criminal Justice Reform.” September 12, 2018  
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2018/09/12/CJReform>
- 2018 Featured Segment, **NPR** “WPR’s Central Time,” “Conditions Inside America’s Prisons,” August 24, 2018  
<https://www.wpr.org/conditions-inside-americas-prisons>
- 2018 Featured Segment, **NPR** “On Point,” “The Growing Outrage Over the Killing of Stephon Clark.” March 28, 2018  
<http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/growing-outrage-over-the-killing-of-stephon-clark>
- 2017 **NBC News Commentary**, “Will the NFL Stand Up to Trump and Acknowledge the Dignity of Its Players?” Sept 23, 2017  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/oped-will-nfl-stand-trump-acknowledge-dignity-its-players>
- 2017 Commentary, **NBC News**, “How Do We Talk to Our Children About White Supremacy?” August 18, 2017  
<https://www.nbcnews.com/opinion-how-do-we-talk-our-children-about-white-supremacy>
- 2017 Featured Segment **NPR** “On Point,” “Witnessing And Prosecuting Police Shootings” June 28, 2017  
<http://www.wbur.org/onpoint/2017/06/28/witnessing-prosecuting-police-shootings>
- 2017 Op-Ed, **CNN**, “Why Trump's threat to 'send in the Feds' won't help Chicago,” Jan 25, 2017

<http://www.cnn.com/2017/01/04/opinions/real-help-for-chicago-van-cleve-opinion/index.html>

- 2017 Featured segment, **MPR News** (NPR-Local Affiliate, Minnesota), “The Number of Women in Prison is Rising. Why?” Jan 10, 2017  
<https://www.mprnews.org/story/2017/01/10/rising-rate-of-women-in-prison>
- 2017 Featured on **CNN Newsroom**, “Chicago Torture Video Released,” Jan 9, 2017  
<http://www.snappytv.com/tc/3612025>
- 2016 Featured Segment, **Chicago Tonight on WTTW, PBS Chicago with Phil Ponce**, “New Book ‘Crook County’ Argues Court System Racially Biased,” Sept 1, 2016  
<https://chicagotonight.wttw.com/new-book-crook-county-court-system-racially-biased>
- 2016 Plenary Panelist “Policing and Race Relations: National Association of Black Journalist Plenary Session” **CSPAN**, Aug 4, 2016 Co-Panelists include: U.S. Attorney General Loretta Lynch, Secretary of Education, John King, DeRay Mckesson, Arthur Reed, Hosts: Joy Reid and Maria Hinajosa  
<https://www.c-span.org/video/policing-race-relations> (for segment).  
For panel in its entirety, see: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?413600-1/loretta-lynch-john-king-discuss-policing-race-relations>
- 2016 Op-Ed, **Crain’s Chicago Business**, Print and Online Edition “Chicago’s Criminal Court System as Flawed as its Police” June 14, 2016  
<http://www.chicagobusiness.com/OPINION/chicagos-criminal-court-system-as-flawed-as-its-police>
- 2016 Interviewed **NPR’s Morning Edition** “The Driving Life and Death of Philando Castile”
- 2016 Featured article, **NBC Latino**, “‘Crook County’ Author: Judicial System Stacked Against Blacks, Latinos” May 9, 2016  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/judicial-system-stacked-against-blacks-latinos>
- 2016 Featured Video, **NBC News**, “Critic of the Court System: ‘It Wasn’t Just One Bad Apple, It Was an Entire Culture’” May 6, 2016  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/video/critic-of-court-system>
- 2016 Book Review by Rob Warden, **Chicago Tribune**, “‘Crook County’ investigates racism in Cook County Criminal Court System” April 27, 2016  
<http://www.chicagotribune.com/lifestyles/books/crook-county-nicole-gonzalez-vanclave>
- 2016 Commentary, **The New York Times**, Print and Online Edition “Chicago’s Racist Cops and Racist Courts” April 14, 2016  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/04/15/opinion/chicagos-racist-cops-and-racist-courts.html>
- 2016 **National Public Radio (NPR)** “Source of the Week,” March 19, 2016  
<http://sourceoftheweek.tumblr.com/nicolegonzalezvanclave>
- 2016 Featured on **CNN’s Newsroom** with Poppy Harlow, Segment “Do Chicago Police Need More Oversight?” January 9, 2016  
<http://www.snappytv.com/tc/1214222>
- 2016 Featured on **CNN’s Newsroom** with Jim Sciutto, Segment “Chicago Police Under Fire,” January 3, 2016  
<http://www.snappytv.com/tc/1189240>

- 2015      Featured as cover story on **NBC Latino**, December 2, 2015  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/latino/latina-criminologist-deep-problems-chicagos-police-n472821>
- 2015      Featured on the **MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show**, Segment "Chicago police culture problems run deeper than symbolic firings," December 1, 2015.  
<http://www.msnbc.com/rachel-maddow/watch/firings-dont-fix-police-culture-problems-577615427813>
- 2015      **NBC News Commentary**, "Anita's Army: Rank and File Racism in the Power to Prosecute," November 27, 2015  
<http://www.nbcnews.com/news/nbcblk/commentary-anitas-army-rank-file-racism-power-prosecute-n469731>

### **Professional Leadership and Service**

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- 2019-2021      American Sociological Association's (ASA) 2021 Program Committee for the ASA's Annual Meeting.
- 2018-Present      Associate Editor, *Law and Society Review*, Law and Society Association
- 2017-2019      Editorial Board, *Context Magazine*, American Sociological Association
- 2016-2019      Editorial Board, *Law and Society Review*, Law and Society Association.
- 2015-Present      Elected to *Law and Society's* Board of Trustees (Class of 2018). Nominated by current Board of Trustees members. *Law and Society Association*.

### **Teaching & Advising Experience**

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#### **Instruction:**

- 2018-Present:      Race and Racism in the United States,  
 Criminal Courts in an Era of Mass Incarceration  
 Graduate Course:  
 Culture Theory and Methods
- 2011-2017      Graduate Course:  
 Race and Criminal Justice  
 Undergraduate Courses:  
 Criminal Courts and Criminal Justice