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Employment:

- 2020 – present **Director of Research**, Public Wise
- 2012 – present **Senior Research Consultant and Facilitator**, CulturePoint, LLC
- 2019 – 2020 **Adjunct Instructor of Statistics**, New York University Department of Sociology

Education:

- 2020 **PhD**, Sociology, New York University
Dissertation: “Social Distance in Spatial Proximity: How Neighborhood Context and Change Impacts Social Control in Local Communities”
Committee: Delia Baldassarri, Patrick Sharkey, Paul DiMaggio (chair)
- 2019 **MPhil**, Sociology, New York University
- 2017 **MA**, Sociology, New York University
- 2014 **MA**, Applied Quantitative Research, New York University
Thesis: “Neighborhood Whitening and the Implementation of Stop, Question, and Frisk in New York City”
Thesis Advisors: Patrick Sharkey and David Greenberg
- 2007 **BA**, Gallatin School at New York University, summa cum laude

Peer Reviewed Articles (* indicates equal contribution):

Kalbfeld, Jessica Rose. 2019. [“Dispersing the Critical Cloud: Critical Mass and Affirmative Action.”](#) *Law & Society Review*. 53(4):1266-1304.

Faber, Jacob* and **Jessica Rose Kalbfeld***. 2019. [“Complaining While Black: The Adjudication of Complaints against the Chicago Police.”](#) *City & Community*. 18(3): 1028-1067.

- “Complaining While Black.” American Sociological Association Sociological Insights video. Posted April 24, 2019. <https://vimeo.com/266391772>.

Jones, Taylor*, **Jessica Rose Kalbfeld***, Ryan Hancock, and Robin Clark. 2019. [“Testifying while Black: An Experimental Study of Court Reporter Accuracy in Transcription of African American English.”](#) *Language*. Vol 95. Iss. 2.

Selected Media Coverage of *Testifying while Black*:

- [“‘Testifying While Black’ In an American Courtroom Can Cost You”](#). Aired June 19, 2020, on Vice News Tonight.

- [“Court Reporters May be Writing Down Black Peoples’ Testimony Wrong.”](#) by Leila Ettachfini. Vice News Online. May 23, 2019.
- “When Justice is Deaf to How Some People Talk.” by John Eligon. *New York Times*. Print Edition Sunday Times. Page A21, January 27, 2019. Published online as “Speaking Black Dialect in Courtrooms Can Have Striking Consequences.” January 25, 2019. <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/01/25/us/black-dialect-courtrooms.html>.
- “Are Philly court reporters accurate with black dialect? Study: not really.” by Cassie Owens. *Philadelphia Inquirer*. Print Edition. Front page, January 23, 2019. <http://www.philly.com/news/court-reporter-stenographer-african-american-english-aave-philly-transcript-study-20190122.html>.

Working Papers:

Kalbfeld, Jessica Rose. “Social Control in Changing Neighborhoods: The Case of SQF in New York City.”

Kalbfeld, Jessica Rose. ““Can You Keep it Down Over There?”: Neighborhood change and social control through noise complaints to 311”

Kalbfeld, Jessica Rose, Taylor Jones, Ryan Hancock, and Robin Clark. “African American English in the Criminal Justice Linguistic Marketplace: Court Reporter as Street Level Bureaucrat.”

Hailey, Chantal, **Jessica Rose Kalbfeld,** Jacob Faber, and Joscha Legewie. “Acute Effect of Neighborhood-level Exposure to Police Stops on Educational Performance.”

Greenberg, David and **Jessica Rose Kalbfeld.** “Policing New York: The Allocation of Police Resources 1988-2012.”

Fellowships and Grants:

2015-2019	National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship (\$102,000)
2016	NYU Sociology Summer Research Grant. “Dispersing the Critical Cloud” (\$3,500)
2015-2016	Furman Law Fellow, NYU School of Law
2015	NYU Sociology Summer Research Grant. “Allocation of Police Resources” (\$3,500)
2014-2019	NYU Henry McCracken Fellowship
2014	Research Opportunity Grant (with Taylor W Jones, Dr. Robin Clark, Dr. Steven Kimbrough, and Ryan Hancock), University of Pennsylvania. “Miscomprehension in the Courtroom” (\$10,000)

Invited Talks and Guest Lectures:

Panel on Institutionalized Disadvantage: Justice Reform, hosted by Pennsylvania State Representative Christina Sappey, June 2020, remote

“Testifying While Black: Miscomprehension of African American English in the Court Room” (with Taylor Jones, Ryan Hancock, and Dr. Robin Clark)

2020, The New School, NYC, Language and Social Justice Course, NYC

2020, The New School, NYC, Language and Social Justice Lecture Series, NYC

2019, CUNY, Computational Linguistics Speakers Series, NYC
2018, NCSU Sociolinguistic Brown Bag, Raleigh
2015, NYU Social Perception, Action, and Motivation Lab, NYC

Guest Lecture on Policing and Stop, Question, and Frisk in NYC
2018, Criminology: Violence in American Cities, Prof Patrick Sharkey, UG
2017, Criminology, NYU, Prof Jo Dixon, UG
2016, Criminology, NYU, Prof John Halushka, UG
2015, Law and Society, NYU, Prof Jo Dixon, UG

Conference Presentations:

“Can you keep it down over there: Neighborhood Change and Social Control Through Complaints to 311”

2021, American Sociological Association, Remote

“African American English in the Judicial Linguistic Marketplace: Do Black Court Reporters Transcribe AAE Better than their Non-Black Counterparts?” (with Taylor Jones)

2020, Linguistics Society of America, New Orleans, LA

“Social Distance in Spatial Proximity: The Case of Low-Level Policing in Changing Urban Neighborhoods.”

2019, American Sociological Association, New York, NY

“Testifying While Black Revisited: Court Reporter Mistranscription of African American English” (with Taylor Jones, Ryan Hancock, and Dr. Robin Clark)

2019, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA

2019, Law and Society Association, Washington, D.C.

“Testifying While Black: Miscomprehension of African American English in the Court Room” (with Taylor Jones, Ryan Hancock, and Dr. Robin Clark)

2017, Linguistics Society of America, Austin

“Neighborhood Context and Policing in Proximity to Public Housing.”

2018, American Society of Criminology, Atlanta

2018, Law and Society Association, Toronto

“Acute Effect of Neighborhood-level Exposure to Police Stops on Educational Performance.” (with Chantal Hailey, Dr. Jacob Faber, and Dr. Joscha Legewie)

2018, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia

2018, Population Association of America, Denver

2018, NYU Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop, New York City

2017, Association of Black Sociologists, Montreal

“Neighborhood Whitening and the Implementation of Stop, Question, and Frisk”

2018, American Sociological Association, Philadelphia

2015, Law and Society Association, Seattle

2014, American Society of Criminology, San Francisco
2014, NYU Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop, New York City
“Dispersing the Critical Cloud: Critical Mass and Affirmative Action”
2017, American Sociological Association, Montreal

“Complaining While Black: The Adjudication of Complaints Against Chicago Police” (with Dr. Jacob Faber)

2017, American Sociological Association, Montreal
2016, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans

“Policing New York: The Allocation of Police Resources 1988-2012” (with Dr. David Greenberg)

2016, American Society of Criminology, New Orleans

“The Racialization of Broken Windows”

2016, Law and Society Association, New Orleans
2016, American Sociological Association, Seattle

“Telling Secrets to Strangers: Exploring Participation in an Anonymous Posting App” (with Dr. Sarah Cowan)

2015, Eastern Sociology Society, New York City

Research Apprenticeships and Research Consulting:

2018 Survey and Focus Groups for Planned Parenthood of Metropolitan Washington, D.C.
2018 Data Consulting for the SPLC of Mississippi
2018 Research Assistant to Professor Sarah Cowan, NYU
2017 Research Assistant to Professor Mike Hout, NYU
2014-2015 Research Assistant to Assistant Professor Sarah Cowan, NYU

Teaching Experience:

2020 Instructor of Record, Statistics for Social Research, UG
2019 Instructor of Record, Statistics for Social Research, UG
2019 Teaching Assistant, Social Networks, Paul DiMaggio, UG
2018 Teaching Assistant, Crime and Violence in American Cities, Pat Sharkey, UG
2015 Teaching Assistant, Criminology, Jo Dixon, UG

Departmental Service:

2018 Course Assistant, Criminology: Violence in the United States, Pat Sharkey, UG
2017 Course Assistant, Criminology, Jo Dixon, UG
2017 Graduate student registration advisor for undergraduate sociology majors
2016 Graduate student registration advisor for undergraduate sociology majors
2016 Course Assistant, Topics in Law and Society-Politics of Prisons, Lynne Haney, UG
2016 Course Assistant, Criminology, John Halushka, UG

Conference Service:

2014 American Society of Criminology Conference
Session chair, "Police Stop and Frisk Encounters with Citizens"

Journal Service:

Occasional reviewer for: American Journal of Sociology, Social Problems, and Theory and Society

Professional Memberships:

American Sociological Association
American Society of Criminology
Law and Society Association
Population Association of America
Association for Public Policy Analysis and Management
American Political Science Association