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**Research Interests**

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Race, ethnicity, and the criminal justice system; stereotyping and prejudice; psychology and law

**Education**

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PhD. Criminology, Law and Society, University of California-Irvine (2017)  
*Dissertation:* Rap Lyrics as Evidence: An Examination  
of Rap Music, Perceptions of Threat, and Juror Decision Making  
*Advisors:* Charis E. Kubrin and Nicholas Scurich

B.A. Psychology, Stanford University (2010)

B.A. Sociology, Stanford University (2010)

**Academic Positons**

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**Visiting Assistant Professor,** Fall 2019 - present  
Department of Sociology and  
Criminology & Law  
University of Florida

**Postdoctoral Researcher,** Fall 2017- August 2019  
Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice  
University of Delaware

**Peer-Reviewed Publications**

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**Dunbar, A.** (forthcoming). Rap Music, Race, and Perceptions of Crime. *Sociology Compass*.

**Dunbar, A. & Kubrin, C.E.** (2018). Imagining Violent Criminals: Rap Music Stereotypes and Character Judgments. *Journal of Experimental Criminology*, 14(4), 507-528.

**Dunbar, A.** (2018). Art or Confession?: Evaluating Rap Lyrics as Evidence in Criminal Cases. *Race and Justice*. Advance online publication. doi.org/10.1177/2153368717749879

**Dunbar, A.,** Kubrin, C.E., & Scurich, N. (2016). The Threatening Nature of “Rap” Music. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*, 22(3), 280-292.

### Non-Refereed Publications

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**Dunbar, A.** (forthcoming). Evaluating Rap Lyrics. In Barnes, J.C., and David R. Forde (Eds.), *Encyclopedia of Research Methods and statistical Techniques in Criminology & Criminal Justice*. New York: Wiley Blackwell.

**Dunbar, A.** (forthcoming). Art, Entertainment, or Admission of Guilt?: Contextualizing Crime in Rap Lyrics. In K. Elvey & D. Mackey (Eds.), *Society, Ethics, and the Law*. Jones and Bartlett.

**Dunbar, A.** (2017). Rap Lyrics on Trial: Do Violent Lyrics Prove a Crime? *The Crime Report*.

Tingen, I. W., Pathis, L. & **Dunbar, A.** (2014). Source credibility. In T. R. Levine, J. G. Golson (Eds) *Encyclopedia of Lying and Deception*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.

### Work in Progress

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**Dunbar, A.,** Hughes, C., Kupchik, A., & Lewis, R. (revised and resubmitted). Fear of a Black (And Poor) School: Race, Class, and School Safety Policy Preferences. *Race & Justice*.

**Dunbar, A.** (revise and resubmit). Following the Money: Racial Crime Stereotypes and Willingness to Pay for Crime Control Polices. *Psychology, Public Policy, and Law*.

**Dunbar, A.** & Mende-Seidlecki, P. (in preparation). Racial Bias, Perceptions of Pain, and Criminal Justice Decision Making

**Dunbar, A.** (in preparation). Negative Rap Stereotypes as a Proxy for Punitive Anti-black Attitudes

### Fellowships and Grants

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**Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Grant** (July 2019)  
“Racial Bias, Perceptions of Pain, and Criminal Justice Decision Making”  
\$1,584 research stipend

**Public Impact Fellowship, UC Irvine** (November 2016)  
\$1,000 stipend

<b>Social Ecology Dean's Dissertation Writing Fellowship, UC Irvine</b> \$11,000	(Summer 2016)
<b>Ford Foundation Dissertation Fellowship</b> Honorable Mention	(Spring 2016)
<b>CLS Professional Development Fellowship, UC Irvine</b> \$11,000	(Fall 2015)
<b>UC Irvine Pedagogical Fellowship</b> \$2,000 stipend	(2014-2015)
<b>UC Irvine School of Social Ecology Fellowship</b> \$33,000	(2011-2012)
<b>Stanford Summer Research Grant</b> Provided monetary stipend to assist with research over summer term	(Summer 2009)

### **Awards**

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<b>Best Student Paper Award, Division of Experimental Criminology, American Society of Criminology</b> \$500 monetary award	(Spring 2016)
<b>Travel Award, Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues</b> \$500 stipend to attend SPSSI conference	(Spring 2016)
<b>Travel Award, Center for Psychology and Law</b> \$500 stipend to attend AP-LS conference	(Winter 2016)

### **Invited Presentations**

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- “Rap on Trial: The Impact of Using Rap Lyrics as Evidence.” University of Delaware-Georgetown. April, 2018
- “Rap on Trial: The Impact of Using Rap Lyrics as Evidence.” University of Delaware. April, 2018
- “The Relationship between Racial Stereotypes and Clinical Decision Making.” Metropolitan State Hospital. August, 2016

CV: Adam Dunbar (September 2019)

“Rap on Trial: The Impact of Using Rap Lyrics as Evidence.” Criminological Theory graduate seminar. May, 2016

“Implicit Bias: Policing and the Courts.” Race, Ethnicity, and Social Control undergraduate course. November, 2015

“Dealing with Challenging Situations.” Teaching Assistant Professional Development Training. September, 2014

“Implicit Bias, Discretion, and the U.S. Legal System.” Race, Ethnicity, and Social Control undergraduate course. December, 2013

“Transitional Justice in the Post-Civil Rights Era.” Ethics and Politics of Justice undergraduate course. May, 2013

### **Selected Conference Presentations**

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Dunbar, A., Cresean Hughes, and Aaron Kupchik. “Race, Poverty, and Public Willingness to Pay for Child Saving and Juvenile Punishment.” American Society of Criminology Conference (Atlanta, GA) November 14, 2018

Dunbar, Adam and Charis E. Kubrin. “Imagining Violent Criminals: Rap Music Stereotypes and Character Judgments.” American Sociological Association Conference (Philadelphia, PA) August 13, 2018

Dunbar, Adam and Charis E. Kubrin. “Imagining Violent Criminals: Rap Music Stereotypes and Character Judgments.” Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues Conference (Pittsburgh, PA) June 30, 2018

Dunbar, Adam, Charis E. Kubrin, and Nicholas Scurich. “The Threatening Nature of Rap.” American Society of Criminology Conference (New Orleans, LA) November 15, 2016

Dunbar, Adam, Charis E. Kubrin, and Nicholas Scurich. “The Threatening Nature of Rap.” Law and Society Association Conference (New Orleans, LA) June 3, 2016

Dunbar, Adam, Charis E. Kubrin, and Nicholas Scurich. “The Threatening Nature of Rap.” American Psychology-Law Society Conference (Atlanta, GA) March 9, 2016

Dunbar, Adam. “Art or Confession: Using Rap Lyrics as Evidence in Criminal Trials.” CLS Translational Research Panel (Irvine, CA) January 11, 2016

Dunbar, Adam. “Instructional Aids for Forensic Evidence Evaluation and their Potential Limitations.” American Psychology-Law Society Conference (San Diego, CA) March, 2015

Dunbar, Adam. “A Whole Lot of Confusing Numbers: Analysis of Participants’ Understanding of Forensic Evidence.” Edward Bayes Research Conference (CSU Fullerton, CA) February, 2013

Levine, Cynthia S. and Adam Dunbar. “A Coding Scheme for Trial Rhetoric: Depictions of Defendants’ Ability to be Rehabilitated by Race.” Stanford Summer Research Presentation (Stanford, CA) August, 2009

## Teaching Experience

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**Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminology & Law** (Fall 2019 – present)

University of Florida

Courses:

- Advanced Principles of Criminal Justice
- Psychology and the Law

**Instructor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice** (Fall 2017-Spring 2019)

University of Delaware

Courses:

- Introduction to Criminal Justice
- Psychology and the Law

**Instructor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society** (Summer 2016)

University of California-Irvine

Courses:

- Criminological Theory

**Teaching Assistant, Department of Criminology, Law and Society** (Fall 2012-Spring 2017)

University of California-Irvine

Courses:

- Introduction to Criminology, Law and Society (2 quarters)
- Race, Ethnicity, and Social Control (2 quarters)
- Psychology and Law (2 quarters)
- Politics and Ethics of Justice (1 quarter)
- Field Research Methods (1 quarter)
- Criminological Theory (1 quarter)
- Crime and Public Policy (1 quarter)
- Law and Inequality (1 quarter)
- Forensic Science and the Law (1 quarter)

**Pedagogical Fellow** (2014-2015)

University of California, Irvine

- Designed and taught 12-hour Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program for 35 incoming School of Social Ecology graduate students for each of two years
- Conducted Teaching Consultations for 2015 Pedagogical Fellowship (PF) candidates
- Assessed teaching skills, interviewed and provided feedback for 2015 PF candidates
- Participated in advanced pedagogy courses

## Service

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### *Professional Service*

Reviewer for <i>Race and Justice</i>	(July 2019)
Reviewer for <i>Critical Criminology</i>	(February 2018)
Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Colloquia organizer	(June 2018-present)
Panelist for UD's Advanced Series	(February 2018)
Panelist for UCI's Celebrate UCI	(April 2017)
Panelist for the UCI Graduate Division's Workshop "Applying to Grad School"	(May 2016)
Panelist for the ASUCI Academic Engagement discussion	(February 2016)
Member of Graduate Division "Know-How sessions" subcommittee	(February 2016)
Criminology, Law and Society Department Diversity Committee	(2014-2015)
Selection Committee for new Pedagogical Fellows	(January 2015)
Panelist for Student Outreach and Retention Center recruitment event	(January 2015)
Teaching Assistant Professional Development Program	(September 2014)
Criminology, Law and Society Peer Mentor	(2013-2014)
Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education	(April 2013)
Black Graduate Student Network: Program Coordinator	(2011-2013)
Selection Committee for Assistant Vice Chancellor of Wellness, Health and Counseling Services	(Spring 2012)
Southern California Forum for Diversity in Graduate Education	(April 2012)

### *Professional Development*

"Preparing for a Faculty Career" certificate series  
Pedagogical training during year-long seminar  
Graduate Resource Center workshop for finding funding

### *Professional Memberships*

American Society of Criminology  
American Psychology-Law Society  
Society for Psychological Study of Social Issues

## References

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