



# Abigail Henson

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## Education

Temple University, Philadelphia, PA  
Ph.D., Criminal Justice, 2020  
M.A., Criminal Justice, 2015  
Goucher College, Baltimore, MD  
B.A., Sociology, 2012

## Certificates

The Inside Out Prison Exchange Program, Philadelphia, PA  
Facilitation certification, 2014

## Academic Positions

**Arizona State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Phoenix, AZ**  
Tenure-track Assistant Professor, Fall 2020-Present

**Rutgers Center on Gun Violence Research, Piscataway, NJ**  
Postdoctoral Fellow, Winter 2020-June 2020

## Public Criminology

- Host of *Whatsjust presents Critical Conversations* podcast (38 episodes, four seasons)
- Co-host *Office Hours with Abbie and Juwan* YouTube Series
- Whatsjust TikTok/Instagram

## Peer Reviewed Articles

\*signifies collaboration with a student

- 14 Tapp, K\*, & Henson, A. (2024). "For men, by men": Menstrual victimization and the weaponization of period products in carceral settings. *Women's Health*, 20, 1-14.
- 13 Henson, A. (2023). "The biggest thing you can rob is somebody's time": Exploring how the carceral state bankrupts fathers through temporal debt. *Punishment & Society*, 26(1), 53-71.
- 12 Tadros, E., Henson, A., & Presley, S. (2023). Hear their voices: What loved ones of incarcerated individuals need. *Qualitative Social Work*, 0(0), 1-18.
- 11 Henson, A; Nguyen, T, & Olaghere, A. (2022). Centering racism in criminological theory. *Critical Criminology*, 31(1), 17-33.
- 10 Henson, A. & Rosenthal, J.\* (2022). The importance of investing in community services beyond "the basics": A needs assessment conducted with young Black fathers in Southwest Philadelphia. *Critical Social Policy*, 43(3), 536-556.
- 9 Henson, A. (2022) "Dickheads" and "Cool cops": The impact of officers' perceived cultural competence and contextual familiarity on Black men's appraisals of police. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*, 61(3), 375-405.
- 8 Fader, J., Henson, A, & Brey, J. (2022). "I Don't Want to be a Statistic": Racial-Criminal Stigma and Redemptive Generativity. *Crime & Delinquency*, 70(5), 1393-1418. (ACJS 2022-23 William L. Simon/Routledge Outstanding Paper Award Winner)

- 7 Montes, A.N., Wallace, D., Fahmy, C., **Henson, A.**, Chamberlain, A.W., & Jacobs, L.A. (2021) An Assessment of Prisoner Reentry, Legal Financial Obligations and Family Financial Support: A Focus on Fathers. *Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health*, 18, 9625.
- 6 Fagan, J., **Henson, A.**, & Pearson, J., (2020). Low-income mothers' participation in the Understanding Dads™ intervention and changes in self-reported coparenting. *Journal of Family Social Work*, 24(3), 199-218.
- 5 **Henson, A.** (2020). Desistance, Persistence, Resilience and Resistance: A qualitative examination of how fathers with criminal records navigate employer discrimination. *Punishment & Society*, 24(2), 262-283.
- 4 **Henson, A.** (2020). Meet them where they are: The importance of contextual relevance in prison-based parenting programs. *The Prison Journal*, 100(4), 468-487.
- 3 Pearson, J., **Henson, A.**, & Fagan, J. (2020). What nonresident mothers and fathers have to say about a mother-only coparenting intervention: A qualitative assessment of Understanding Dads™. *Families in Society. Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Sciences*, 101(2), 167-179.
- 2 Fader, J., **Henson, A.**, & Vansant, S. (Online First 2019, Hard Copy 2020). Crime and justice framing in an era of reform: How the local matters. *Justice Quarterly*, (37)6, 1119-1139. (PUBLISHED AT TEMPLE)
- 1 **Henson, A.** (Published Online 2017, Hard Copy 2018). Strengthening evaluation research: A case study of an evaluability assessment conducted in a carceral setting. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 62(10): 3185-3200. (PUBLISHED AT TEMPLE)

## Under Review

Bennett, J., Martinez, G\*, & **Henson, A.** (Revise and Resubmit). Thicker than blood?: A qualitative exploration of friendships during and after long-term incarceration. *Criminology*.

**Henson, A.**, Bennett, J., Ojedam M.A., & Martinez, G\*, (Revise and Resubmit). The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly: A Qualitative Exploration of Long-Term Incarceration and Posttraumatic Growth. *Journal of Research in Crime and Delinquency*.

**Henson, A.** & Blount-Hill, K. (Revise and Resubmit). "Respect the badge": Exploring the use of performative respect as a survival mechanism by Black men during police encounters. *Justice Quarterly*

## Book Chapters

- 3 **Henson, A.** (Forthcoming). Abolitionist Ancestry. In Anthony, T., & Bhatia, M., Pillay, K., & Williams, J. (Eds), *The Palgrave Handbook on Racial Injustice*. London, U.K.: Springer-Nature.
- 2 Fagan, J., Pearson, J., & **Henson, A.** (2021). A mixed methods study of a mother-only program to enhance coparenting relationships. In Fagan, J., & Pearson, J. (Eds), *New Research on Programs that Help Low-income Fathers Become Better Parents*. London, UK: Routledge.
- 1 Fader, J., & **Henson, A.** (2020). "This individual may or may not be on the Megan's Law Registry:" The sex offender label's impact on reentry. In Leverentz, A., Christian, J., Chen, E. (Eds), *Moving Beyond Recidivism: Expanding Approaches to Research on Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration*. New York, NY: NYU Press.

## Technical Reports

**Henson, A.** (2019). Network of Neighbors Responding to Violence Outcomes Results. Provided to the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and disAbility Services

**Henson, A.** (2018). VCSC Youth Response Coordination Survey Results. Provided to the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and disAbility Services

**Henson, A.** (2016). Fathers and Children Together Evaluability Assessment Findings. Provided to the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections, S.C.I. Phoenix

## Grants/Awards

### Funded

ASU Watts College Principled Innovation Grant, Summer 2024

ASU Watts College IDEA Mini Grant, Spring 2023

Temple University Criminal Justice Department Travel Grant, Fall 2019, Spring 2018, Fall 2016, Fall 2015

Temple University College of Liberal Arts Travel Grant, Fall 2018, Spring 2018, Fall 2016

ADPCCJ Student Research Award, Spring 2018

### Not Funded

NIJ Research and Evaluation on Policing, 2023

NIJ Research and Evaluation on Policing, 2021

Koch Foundation, 2021

ACF Family Strengthening Scholars Grant, 2018

NSF Sociology Dissertation Grant, 2017

## Training Facilitator

### Arizona Certified Public Manager® Program

[“Critical Conversations” Training Facilitator, August 2024](#)

- Created and facilitated a comprehensive training program designed to equip public managers and leaders with the skills and strategies needed to handle work relationships and critical conversations with confidence and clarity.

### U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services, District of Arizona

[“Critical Conversations” Training Facilitator, September 2024](#)

- Created and facilitated a dynamic training program for probation officers in Tucson and Phoenix designed to equip professionals with essential skills to foster genuine and impactful relationships with their justice-involved clients.

## Work and Research Experience

### Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance

[OJP Peer Reviewer, August 2024](#)

- Served as a peer reviewer for BJA FY24 Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes

### Fatherhood Research and Practice Network, Philadelphia, PA

[Senior Research Coordinator, Summer 2018-Spring 2020](#)

- Coordinated and managed a multi-million dollar federal grant with multiple research sites. Conducted administrative tasks, managed website, trained student interviewers, wrote research briefs for website, and monitored incentives.

**Fathers and Children Together, Philadelphia, PA**

Social Media Manager, June 2019-Present

- Manage the Instagram account for FACT @fathersandchildrentogether

External Evaluator, Jan 2016-Jan 2017

- Conducted an evaluability assessment for a fatherhood program at Graterford Prison.

**National Fatherhood Initiative, Philadelphia, PA**

Researcher, January 2019-April 2019

- Collected data and wrote abstracts for the 8th edition of Father Facts, a meta-analysis of fatherhood research.

**Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual Disability Services, Philadelphia, PA**

Research Consultant, April 2017-April 2019

- Constructed and piloted a survey to evaluate the effectiveness of crisis interventions conducted by the Network of Neighbors Responding to Violence.
- Constructed and piloted a survey to evaluate the communication between organizations involved in the Victim-Community Support Collaborative.

**Temple University, Criminal Justice Department Philadelphia, PA**

Research Assistant, Summer 2014, Summer 2015, Fall 2016-Spring 2018

- Conducted and analyzed interviews with men living in Frankford, Philadelphia in order to understand how they make ends meet.
- Conducted interviews with mothers returning to the community in order to track decision-making patterns
- Created a literature review for an evaluation of the Waukesha, WI Drug Court.

**Temple University, Criminal Justice Department Philadelphia, PA**

Teaching Assistant, Fall 2013-Spring 2018

- Assisted in editing and constructing publications.
- Critiqued and graded papers; created exams; taught courses; conducted administrative and organizational work.

**Temple University, General Education Department Philadelphia, PA**

Research Extern, November 2015- April 2016

- Constructed interview guides and facilitated focus groups with university staff, professors, and students to evaluate Temple's Gen Ed program.

**Philadelphia Reentry Coalition Philadelphia, PA**

Strategic Operations Fellow, Fall 2015-Spring 2016

- Conducted administrative organization, created various team briefs.

**I'm FREE Philadelphia, PA**

Development Coordinator, Fall 2014-Spring 2015

- Spearheaded fund-raising and marketing campaigns for a women's reentry organization.

**The Vera Institute, Center for Sentencing and Corrections New York, NY**

Intern, Summer 2012

- Created FSR summaries for Vera website; wrote state briefs for Justice Reinvestment Initiative members; collected relevant current event articles for the CSC daily news letter; conducted research and data input on various criminal justice topics.

## **The Bronx Defenders Bronx, NY**

Intern, Summer 2011

- Collected donations for the annual block party; organized various allied agencies to table at the block party; restructured and updated the National Re-entry website.

## **The Correctional Association, Prison Visiting Project New York, NY**

Intern, Summer 2010

- Conducted data intake; evaluated NY DOC facilities; interviewed staff and incarcerated individuals in NY male prison facilities; corresponded with incarcerated individuals; contributed to publications.

## **Alternative Directions, Inc. Baltimore, MD**

Volunteer, Fall 2008 – Spring 2009

- Led in-house transitional service workshops for women soon to be released from Maryland Correctional Institution for Women.

## **Teaching Experience**

### **Primary Instructor**

**Arizona State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Phoenix, AZ**

Seminar in Victimization (graduate), Fall 2024

Victims in Society (undergraduate), Fall 2020, Spring 2021, Fall 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022, Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Fall 2024

Introduction to Corrections (undergraduate), Fall 2022

Seminar in Corrections (graduate), Spring 2022

Translational Criminology (graduate), Fall 2021 (**Developed**)

**Temple University, Criminal Justice Department Philadelphia, PA**

Victims in Society, Summer 2018, Summer 2015

Race and Crime, Spring 2016

### **Teaching Assistant**

**Temple University, Criminal Justice Department Philadelphia, PA**

Crime and Social Policy, Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Fall 2017

Introduction to Juvenile Justice, Fall 2016, Fall 2017

Introduction to Criminal Law, Spring 2016

Planned Change in Criminal Justice, Spring 2016

Sex Crimes and the Law, Fall 2015

Introduction to Criminal Justice, Fall 2015

Capital Punishment, Fall 2015

Prisons in America, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Introduction to Criminal Justice Research, Fall 2014, Spring 2015

Nature of Crime, Spring 2014

Criminal Behavior, Spring 2014

Victims in Society, Spring 2014

Doing Justice, Fall 2013

### **Invited Lectures**

**Arizona State University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Phoenix, AZ**

“How to have Critical Conversations in a Modern Era”

## Arizona State University, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Phoenix, AZ

- “Qualitative methods” (Advanced Research Design; Graduate course; Instructor: Cody Telep)
- “Qualitative data collection (Research Methods; Undergraduate course; Instructor: Shi Yan)
- “The State of Corrections in Criminology” (Introduction to Corrections, Undergraduate course; Instructor: Andrea Montes)

## Temple University, Criminal Justice Department Philadelphia, PA

- “Reentry as social policy” (Social Policy; Undergraduate course; Instructor: Caterina Roman)
- “Mass incarceration and Critical Race Theory” (Nature of Crime; Undergraduate course; Instructor: Lauren Mayes)

## Vancouver Island University, Criminology Department, Vancouver, CA

- “How to access and sustain relationships with individuals for qualitative research” (Undergraduate course; Instructor: Lauren Mayes)

## Rowan University, Criminology Department, Glassboro, NJ

- “The in's and out's of qualitative methods” (Undergraduate course; Instructor: Courtney Harding)

## Presentations

**Henson, A.** (2023, March). Whatsjust presents Critical Conversations Episode Seven: Becoming Vulnerable with Dr. Mariel Buqué. Interview host and coordinator of live podcast recording at Walter Studios. Phoenix, AZ.

**Henson, A.** (2023, December). Invited panelist at the Community Safety as a Social Determinant of Health: How to Create Safe Communities workshop hosted by the *National Academy of Sciences*. Washington, D.C.

**Henson, A.** (2023, May). Invited Speaker at the Community Engagement Roundtable hosted by *Arnold Ventures*. Washington, D.C.

**Henson, A. & Roy, K.** (2023, August). *The Yellow Light Talk*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Sociology Association. Philadelphia, PA. **(PANEL CHAIR)**

**Henson, A.** (2022, November). *Cool Cops and Dickheads*. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA

**Henson, A.** (2022, May). *So you want to do qualitative research?* ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice. Phoenix, AZ

**Henson, A.** (2022, January). *Identifying Community Needs*. ASU School of Criminology and Criminal Justice Annual Colloquium. Phoenix, AZ.

**Henson, A.** (2021, August). ASU Watts College Servecon Panelist. Phoenix, AZ.

**Henson, A.** (2021, November). Desistance, Persistence, Resilience and Resistance: A qualitative examination of how fathers with criminal records navigate employer discrimination. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Chicago, IL.

**Henson, A., Wells, J, Hammond, P, & McIntosh, J.** (2021). Parenting from Prison: Keeping Incarcerated Fathers Active in their Child's Education. National Family & Community Engagement Conference.

**Henson, A., & Rosenthal, J.** (2021). The importance of investing in community services beyond “the basics”: A needs assessment conducted with young Black fathers in Southwest Philadelphia. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences.

**Henson, A.** (2020, October). Racial (in)equality in Academia. Co-chair facilitator of professional development series at Temple University. Philadelphia, PA.

**Henson, A.** (2019, November). "The biggest thing you can rob is somebody's time": Incarceration, fatherhood, and the currency of time. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. San Francisco, CA.

Fagan, J., & **Henson, A.** (2019, June). Evaluating Fatherhood Programs. Presented at the annual National Partnership for Community Leadership Conference. Richmond, VA.

**Henson, A.** (2018, November). "Invested": Examining and contextualizing intergenerational parental involvement in education. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

Fader, J. & **Henson, A.** (2018, November). The Long Reach of the Law: Ongoing Control of the Formerly Incarcerated. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.

**Henson, A.** (2018, July). VCSC Youth Response Coordination Survey Results. Presented to the Department of Behavioral Health and Disability Services. Philadelphia, PA.

**Henson, A.** (2018, February). Father v. Dad: Making a case for strength-based policy and programming. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences. New Orleans, LA.

**Henson, A.** (2017, November). Using evaluability assessment to strengthen evaluation research: A case study of a prison-based fatherhood program. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.

**Henson, A.** (2017, June). Strengthening evaluation research: A case study of an evaluability assessment conducted in a carceral setting. Paper presented at the annual conference of Law and Society. Mexico City, Mexico.

Fader, J.J., McCorkel, J.A., **Henson, A.**, & DalCortivo, A. (2017, March). Sourcing the Cockroach: Urban Poverty, Representation, and the Racial Politics of Ethnography. Paper presented at the annual conference of Social Theory. Boston, MA.

**Henson, A.** (2016, November). The Facts about FACT: An Evaluability Assessment of a Fatherhood Prison Program. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. New Orleans, LA.

**Henson, A.** (2015, November). Support and its power of preventing delinquency: Evaluating the importance of two-generation programs. Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology. Washington, D.C.

## Leadership and Service

### **Public Service Advancement Council, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ** Member, Spring 2024-Present

- Showcasing the Public Service Team's initiatives, priorities, and work while securing faculty partnership and collaboration on programs that align with community-based research and grants.

### **Undergraduate Committee, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ** Member, Fall 2021-Fall 2023

- Assisted in establishing core syllabi, creating new undergraduate certificates, addressing the needs of undergraduate students

### **Search Committee, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ**

Member, Spring 2021-Spring 2022

- Assisted the department in evaluating and hiring the endowed Watts Professor position as well as a post-doctoral position

### **Alumni Awards Committee, Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ**

Member, Spring 2021-Fall 2021

- Assisted the department in choosing the 2021 alumni awardee as well as planned the award ceremony.

### **Fathers and Children Together, S.C.I. Phoenix, Shippack, PA**

External Board Member, Spring 2017-Present

- Serving as a consultant and advisor to a prison-based fatherhood program.

### **Criminal Justice Department, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**

First Year Mentor, Fall 2017-Spring 2020

- Serving as a mentor for first-year doctoral students.

### **Search Committee, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**

Member, Fall 2017- Spring 2018

- Assisted the department in evaluating and hiring a new faculty member.

### **Criminal Justice Graduate Student Association, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**

President, Fall 2014-Spring 2016

- Organized the Annual John Goldkamp Lecture Series; addressed student issues; served as a faculty-student liaison; organized the fund-raising campaign.

### **Mentor Center, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA**

Tutor, Fall 2013-Spring 2015

- Assisted with any student inquiries; edited papers; created study guides.

### **Doctoral Dissertations Supervised**

- Danielle Haverkate (member) Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, expected 2024
- Jessica Rosenthal (chair) Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed 2023
- Kayleigh Stanek (member) Ph.D. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed 2023

### **Masters Theses Supervised**

- Cambree Kanala (Co-chair) M.S. Justice Studies, Arizona State University, Completed 2023
- Brandee Augustine (member) M.S. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed fall 2021

### **Honors Theses Supervised**

- Aimee Le (committee member). B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed 2023
- Alyssa Gerkin (chair) B.A. Justice Studies, Arizona State University, Completed 2023
- Grace Martinez (chair) B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed December 2022
- Ryleigh McCall (chair) B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed April 2022.
- Zoe Baab (chair) B.A. Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University, Completed April 2022



## **Independent Study Supervised**

- .Kathryn Tapp, PhD student, Arizona State University, Spring 2023

## **Doctoral Supervisory Committee**

- Laura Lightfoot

## **First Year Mentor**

- Norliyana Menes (2021-2022)
- Hannah White (2022-2023)
- Rhiannon Roberts (2023-2024)
- Matthew Duran (2023-2024)
- Laura Lightfoot (2023-2024)
- Markeisia Venett (2023-2024)

## **Manuscript Reviewer**

*Policing & Society; International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology; Law and Society Review; Journal of Social Issues; Feminist Criminology; Health & Justice; Experimental Criminology; Crime & Delinquency; Journal of Criminal Justice Education; Journal of Criminal Justice ; Police Practice & Research: An International Journal; Punishment & Society*

## **Media Interviews**

*"ASU professor on how to have 'critical conversations' (June 8, 2024). ASU News*

*"Need to Know: Fathers in Prison" (April 4, 2019), Happy Healthy You! Podcast.*

*"Family Matters" (June 4, 2018), Politicking as Usual (Wildfire Radio).*

*"Inside a Pa. prison, a parenting movement grows" (November 16, 2017), Next City (WHYY-NPR).*

## **Memberships**

American Society of Criminology

- Division of Convict Criminology
- Division of Corrections and Sentencing
- Division of Critical Criminology and Social Justice
- Division of People of Color and Crime

Law and Society Association

American Criminal Justice Society