

# Gabriela Kirk-Werner

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## APPOINTMENTS

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Assistant Professor of Sociology, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University 2023-  
Senior Research Associate, Center for Policy Research  
Core Faculty, Law, Society, and Policy Program

Faculty Fellow, Department of Sociology, Syracuse University 2022-2023

## EDUCATION

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PhD in Sociology, Northwestern University 2022  
Committee: Drs. Mary Pattillo (chair), John Hagan, Andrew Papachristos, Anthony Chen

MA in Sociology, Northwestern University 2018

BA with Distinction in Urban Studies, University of Pennsylvania 2014

## REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

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\* denotes equal authorship

**Kirk-Werner, Gabriela.** 2024. "Pains of Privacy: Mapping Carceral Practices onto Electronic Monitoring" *Theoretical Criminology*. Forthcoming.

**Kirk, Gabriela,** Kristina Garrity, Beth Huebner, Christopher Uggen, and Sarah Shannon. 2022. "Justice by Geography: The Role of Monetary Sanctions Across Communities." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(1): 200-220.

Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and **Gabriela Kirk.** 2022. "The 'Damaged' State vs. the 'Willful' Nonpayer: Constructing Damage, Harm, and Willfulness through Pay-to-Stay Lawsuits." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(1): 82-105.

Martin, Karin D., Kimberly Spencer-Suarez, **Gabriela Kirk.** 2022. "Pay or Display: Monetary Sanctions and the Performance of Accountability and Procedural Integrity in New York and Illinois." *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 8(1): 128-147.

**Kirk, Gabriela.** 2021. "The Limits of Expectations and the Minimization of Collateral Consequences: Experiences of Electronic Home Monitoring." *Social Problems* 68(3): 642-657.  
- Winner of Graduate Student Paper Award, Society for the Study of Social Problems

Pattillo, Mary and **Gabriela Kirk.** 2021. "Layaway Freedom: Coercive Financialization in the

Criminal Justice System.” *American Journal of Sociology* 126(4): 889-930.

Eife, Erin and **Gabriela Kirk**.\* 2021. ““And you will wait...”: Carceral Transportation in Electronic Monitoring as Part of the Punishment Process.” *Punishment and Society* 23(1): 69-87.

Friedman, Brittany, April D. Fernandes, and **Gabriela Kirk**. 2021. “Like if you get a hotel bill’: Consumer Logic, Pay-to-Stay and the Production of Incarceration as a Public Commodity” *Sociological Forum* 36(3): 735-757.

**Kirk, Gabriela**, April D. Fernandes, and Brittany Friedman. 2020. “Who Pays for the Welfare State? Austerity Politics and the Origin of Pay-to-Stay Fees as Revenue Generation.” *Sociological Perspectives* 63(6):921 938.

Cadigan, Michele and **Gabriela Kirk**.\* 2020. “On Thin Ice: Bureaucratic Processes of Monetary Sanctions and Job Insecurity.” *RSF: The Russell Sage Foundation Journal of the Social Sciences* 6(1): 113-131.

## OTHER PUBLICATIONS AND WRITING

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**Kirk-Werner, Gabriela**, April D. Fernandes, and Brittany Friedman. 2024. “Pay-to-Stay as Statecraft” *Wisconsin Law Review Forward*. April 2024 Issue

Friedman, Brittany, April D. Fernandes, and **Gabriela Kirk-Werner**. 2024 “Economies of Violence: Pay-to-Stay, Rent Seeking, and the Value of Incarcerated Bodies.” Forthcoming in *Consuming Bodies*, Routledge Press

Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and **Gabriela Kirk**.\* 2022. “Forcing people to pay for being locked up remains common.” The Washington Post Made by History.  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/outlook/2022/05/02/forcing-people-pay-being-locked-up-remainscommon/>

**Kirk, Gabriela**. 2022. “Review of James Gacek’s Portable Prisons.” *Criminal Law and Criminal Justice Books*. Newark: Rutgers University

Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice and CGL. 2022 “Electronic Monitoring Review Cook County, Illinois Final Report.” Chicago Appleseed Fund for Justice.

James, Patrice, James Kilgore, **Gabriela Kirk**, Grace Mueller, Emmett Sanders, Sarah Staudt, and LaTanya Jackson Wilson. 2022 “Cages Without Bars: Pretrial Electronic Monitoring Across the United States.” Shriver Center on Poverty Law.

Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and **Gabriela Kirk**.\* 2021 “Pay-to-Stay and Socioeconomic Inequality in Connecticut.” Connecticut General Assembly Judiciary Committee.

Fernandes, April D., Brittany Friedman, and **Gabriela Kirk**.\* 2021 “Pay-to-Stay and Socioeconomic Inequality.” U.S. House of Representatives Committee on the Judiciary Special Hearing “A

Fine Scheme: How Court-Imposed Fees and Fines Unjustly Burden Vulnerable Communities.”

Pattillo, Mary and **Gabriela Kirk**. 2020. “Pay Unto Caesar: Breaches of Justice in the Monetary Sanctions Regime.” *UCLA Criminal Justice Law Review* 4(1):49-77.

**Kirk Gabriela**, Daniel J. Boches, Michele Cadigan, and Tyler Smith. September 2019. “What are you here for?” Graduate Student Positionality in Qualitative Research.” *The Criminologist* 44 (5), 40-42.

## IN PROGRESS

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Fernandes, April, D., Brittany Friedman, and **Gabriela Kirk-Werner**. “Civil Lawfare” Under Review.

Friedman, Brittany, Gabriela Kirk-Werner, and April D. Fernandes. “Reforming the Shadow Carceral State.” Under review.

**Kirk-Werner, Gabriela**. “Imagining Supervised Penal Subjects: Conceptualizations of Who Should be on Electronic Monitoring” In process.  
Winner of the ASA Sociology of Law, Best Graduate Student Paper Award 2023

**Kirk-Werner, Gabriela**. “Safety through Knowing: Electronic Monitoring as a Legibility Project” In process.

Sykes, Bryan, Karin Martin, Michele Cadigan, Alexes Harris, Beth Huebner, **Gabriela Kirk-Werner**, and Becky Pettit. “Shadow Costs: Public-Private Partnerships, Monetary Sanctions, and the Creation of “Markets for Freedom.” In process

## HONORS AND GRANTS

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### *External*

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| 2023- 2027 | Arnold Ventures, \$1,571,844<br>“A National Landscape of Pay-to-Stay Recoupment: Mapping Variation in the Use of Civil Lawsuits, Fiscal Incentives, and Collateral Consequences” with Brittany Friedman and April Fernandes |
| 2023       | Graduate Student Paper Award, Sociology of Law, American Sociological Association   |
| 2023       | Racial Democracy Criminal Justice Network and Arnold Ventures, \$100,000<br>“Alternatives” to Punishment and Social Inequality” with Mary Ellen Stitt   |
| 2023       | Berkeley Seminar on the New Political Economy, \$4,000  |
| 2023       | Russell Sage Foundation Pipeline Grants, \$30,000<br>“Alternatives” to Punishment and Social Inequality” with Mary Ellen Stitt  |

- 2022 Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University, \$14,400  
“Mapping Pay-to-Stay ”
- 2021 Social Science Research Council’s Charles E Lindblom Memorial Fellowship, \$7,500
- 2020 Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity, \$6,000
- 2020 Hayek Fund, Institute for Humane Studies, George Mason University  
“Can Electronic Monitoring Fix Mass Incarceration? Understanding the Role of  
Electronic Monitoring in Local Policy Reform Efforts”, \$500
- 2020 Service Commendation, Editorial Board *Sociological Perspectives*, Pacific Sociological  
Association
- 2019 Student Paper Award Winner, Crime and Juvenile Delinquency Division SSSP, \$150
- 2018 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, Honorable Mention
- 2014 Phi Beta Kappa

*Internal*

- 2023 Syracuse University, SOURCE \$2907
- 2022 Syracuse University, Appleby-Mosher Fund \$1500
- 2020 Northwestern University, Graduate Research Grant \$3000
- 2020 Northwestern University, Emergency Small Research Grant \$504
- 2017 Northwestern University, Sociology Alumni Fund \$500

**PRESENTATIONS**

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Kirk-Werner, Gabriela. November 2023. “Flavors of Reform: Electronic Monitoring Policies and  
Current Reform Movements.” American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia

Kirk-Werner, Gabriela. August 2023. “Pains of Privacy: Mapping Carceral Practices onto Electronic  
Monitoring” American Sociological Association, Philadelphia

Kirk-Werner, Gabriela. May 2023. “Safety through Knowing: Electronic Monitoring as a Legibility  
Project” Law and Society Association, San Juan  
Also Research Committee on Sociology of Law, International Association of Sociology,  
Lund, Sweden

Kirk, Gabriela. August 2022. “Local LFOs, Prisons, and Captive Defendants” American Sociological  
Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles

Fernandes, April, Brittany Friedman, and Gabriela Kirk. July 2022. “Adding Insult to Injury: Suing  
Prisoners with Disabilities for Incarceration Costs” RDCJN, Newark NJ  
Also August 2022, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Los Angeles

As “Civil Lawfare” at 2023 Law and Society Conference, San Juan

- Kirk, Gabriela. July 2022. “Creating Supervised Subjects: How Stakeholders Create a Need for Electronic Monitoring Technologies” Law and Society Association, Virtual  
Also RDCJN, Newark NJ
- Kirk, Gabriela. August 2021. “Layaway Freedom: Coercive Financialization in the Criminal Justice System.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual
- Kirk, Gabriela. May 2021. “Who Pays for the Welfare State? Austerity Politics and the Origin of Pay-to-Stay Fees as Revenue Generation.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- Kirk, Gabriela. November 2020. Panel on “Economic Injustice: Multi-State Studies of Legal and Financial Obligations” American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting, \*Cancelled COVID-19
- Kirk, Gabriela and Erin Eife. August 2020. ““And you will wait ...”: Carceral Transportation in Electronic Monitoring as Part of the Punishment Process.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- Kirk, Gabriela. May 2020. “On Thin Ice: Bureaucratic Processes of Monetary Sanctions and Job Insecurity.” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Virtual.
- Friedman, Brittany, April Fernandes, and Gabriela Kirk. November 2019. “Consumer Logic and Predatory Justice: Why States Sue Prisoners for the Cost of Incarceration.” American Society of Criminologists Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA
- Kirk, Gabriela. October 2019. “The Punishment of Carceral Transport: Electronic Monitoring in Cook County.” Urban and Community Workshop at Northwestern University
- Kirk, Gabriela and Michele Cadigan. August 2019. “Financial Literacy without the Finances: Social Distance between Courtroom Bureaucrats and those Under their Surveillance.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- Kirk, Gabriela. August 2019. “Narrative and Expectation in the Experience of Electronic Home Monitoring.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, New York, NY
- Kirk, Gabriela. August 2019. “The Limits of Expectations and Collateral Consequences: Experience of Electronic Home Monitoring.” Annual Meeting for the Society of the Study of Social Problems, New York, NY
- Kirk, Gabriela and Michele Cadigan. February 2019. “On Thin Ice: Bureaucratic Processes of Monetary Sanctions & Job Insecurity.” The Russel Sage Foundation, New York, NY
- Kirk, Gabriela. June 2018. “The Technologization of Incarceration: Impacts of Electronic

Monitoring on Individual Livelihoods.” Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, Toronto, Canada.

Kirk, Gabriela. March 2018. “Beyond the Cage: Impacts of Electronic Monitoring.” Graduate Student Symposium, Unintended: The Promises and Perils of Criminal Justice Reform, Princeton University, Program in Law and Public Affairs.  
March 2018. Crime, Law, and Society Workshop at Northwestern University

Kirk, Gabriela. August 2017. “Housing, Family and Community and Their Role in the Reentry Process.” American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Montreal, Canada.

Kirk, Gabriela. May 2017. “Prisoner Reentry Organizations: Measuring Effectiveness in Philadelphia.” Urban and Community Workshop at Northwestern University

## RESEARCH

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### **Captive Money Lab**

Co-Investigator with Dr. Brittany Friedman, University of Southern California, and Dr. April Fernandes, North Carolina State University

### **Chicago Appleseed: Center for Fair Courts, Chicago, IL**

Research Associate 2020- 2021

### **Multi-State Study of Monetary Sanctions in the Criminal Justice System**

Research Assistant to Dr. Mary Pattillo 2016- 2021  
Faculty Collaborative Team: Drs. Alexis Harris (PI), Beth Huebner, Karin Martin, Mary Pattillo, Becky Pettit, Bryan Sykes, Sarah Shannon, and Chris Uggen

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### **Syracuse University**

Sociology of Law Fall 2024  
Qualitative Methods Spring 2024  
Criminal Justice Fall 2023, Spring 2024

### **Northwestern Prison Education Program**

Instructor, Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty Summer 2021  
Instructor, Introduction to Sociological Thought Fall 2019

### **Northwestern University, Department of Sociology**

Teaching Assistant, Sociology of Health and Illness with Dr. Steve Epstein Spring 2022  
Teaching Assistant, Economy and Society with Dr. Bruce Carruthers Fall 2021  
Grader, Introduction to Sociology with Dr. David Schieber Fall 2019  
Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Sociology with Dr. Craig Rawlings Spring 2017

### **Chicago Public Schools, AP Research Course**

Mentor 2018-2020

## AFFILIATIONS

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American Sociological Association  
    Crime, Law, and Deviance Section  
    Sociology of Law Section  
    Science, Technology, and Knowledge Section  
Society for the Study of Social Problems  
Law and Society Association  
American Society of Criminology

## TECHNICAL SKILLS

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NVivo 11 and 12  
Microsoft Office (i.e. Excel, PowerPoint, Word)  
SurveyGizmo  
ArcGIS Pro  
Stata  
Proficient in Spanish

## SERVICE

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### *Syracuse University*

Center for Policy Research Advisory Committee 2024  
Law and Society Search Committee, Sociology Department 2023

### *Northwestern University*

Director of Research and Development, Northwestern Prison Education Program 2022  
Representative, Graduate Leadership and Advocacy Council, Northwestern University 2020  
Co-President, Sociology Graduate Student Association 2019  
Undergraduate Mentoring, Department of Sociology (*Co-Organizer*) 2018  
Co-Organizer, Urban and Community Workshop 2018-2021  
Graduate Space Coordinator 2017

### *To the discipline*

Committee Member, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association 2024-2026  
Grad Paper Award Committee, Crime, Law and Deviance Section, American Sociological Association 2024  
Student Editorial Board, *Sociological Perspectives* 2021  
Graduate Representative, Sociology of Law Section, American Sociological Association 2021