

Rayna E. Momen

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2016 – Ph.D., Sociology: Emphasis in crime
 W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow 2016-2019
 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
 Examination Topic: The Criminalization of Transgender People
- 2008 M.A. Sociology: Applied Social Research
 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
 Thesis Title: *Empirical Study of Hate Crimes in the United States:
 A Systematic Test of Levin and McDevitt's Typology of Offenders*
- 2001 B.A. Sociology, Cum Laude
 Minors: Creative Writing, Women's Studies
 West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

Fellowships

- 2019 Summer Policy Fellow
 West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy
 Morgantown, WV; Headquarters, Charleston, WV
- 2016 – 2019 W.E.B. Du Bois Fellow
 Office of Graduate Education and Life
 West Virginia University
 Morgantown, WV

Professional Appointments

- 2015 – 2016 Online Adjunct Instructor
2008 – 2010 Department of Sociology and Anthropology
 West Virginia University
 Morgantown, WV
- 2015 – 2016 Developmental Advising Specialist
2014 – 2015 Academic Success Advisor
 Center for Learning, Advising and Student Success
 West Virginia University
 Morgantown, WV
- 2011 – 2013 Project Director
 Quality Assured Companies
 Morgantown, WV

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- 2009 – 2011 Drug and Alcohol Therapist
Valley Alliance Treatment Services
Morgantown, WV
- 2008 Adjunct Lecturer
Department of Sociology and Anthropology
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV
- 2006 – 2007 Project Director
Marion County Prevention Planning Network
Strategic Prevention Framework-State Incentive Grant
Fairmont, WV
- 2005 – 2006 Mentoring Coordinator
Monongalia Mentoring Program
Mountaineer Boys and Girls Club
Morgantown, WV

Graduate Research Assistantships

- 2005 School of Social Work
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV
- 2004 – 2005 Interdisciplinary Research Task Force on Welfare Reform
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV
- 2002 – 2005 Extension Service: Center for 4-H and Youth, Family and Adult Development
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV

Minority High School Student Research Apprenticeship Program

- 1996 Summer Research Apprentice
Supervised by Dr. Timothy S. Tracy
Grant funding: National Institutes of Health
Health Sciences Center, School of Medicine,
Department of Physiology and Pharmacology
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV
- 1995 Summer Research Apprentice
Supervised by Dr. Carol Markstrom-Adams
Grant funding: United States Department of Agriculture/
Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service
Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design
West Virginia University
Morgantown, WV

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Research Interests

Queer Criminology; Intersectionality; Transgender Criminalization and Victimization; LGBTQ Perceptions/Life Chances; Mass Incarceration; Educational Access for Incarcerated People

Skills

Quantitative and Qualitative social science research; SPSS and Stata; Microsoft Office; Grant writing; Undergraduate teaching (online: eCampus, and lecture); Academic advising; Writing and editing.

Teaching Experience

English 275: Justice and Literature
Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program
Teaching Assistant, Dr. Katy Ryan
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
State Correctional Institution Fayette, LaBelle, PA
Fall 2019

English 275: Justice and Literature
Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program
Teaching Assistant, Dr. Katy Ryan
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Federal Correctional Institution, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
Fall 2017

Sociology and Anthropology 235: Race and Ethnic Relations
Online Adjunct Instructor
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Summer 2016; Spring 2016; Fall 2015; Summer 2010; Summer 2009

Sociology and Anthropology 221: Families and Society
Online Adjunct Instructor
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Summer 2010; Spring 2010; Summer 2009; Spring 2009

Sociology and Anthropology 235: Race Relations
Adjunct Lecturer
West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
Spring 2008

Certifications

The International Instructor Training Institute of the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program
Fairmont State University, Fairmont, WV
Federal Correctional Complex, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
June 2018, 70-hours

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Professional Memberships and Affiliations

- 2019 – Sociologists for Women in Society, East Chapter
- 2019 – Students Demand Action, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2018 – Sociologists for Trans Justice
- 2018 – Alpha Kappa Delta The International Sociology Honor Society
- 2018 – Women of Wisdom Book Club, Appalachian Prison Book Project, Secure Female Facility, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
- 2018 – HOPE Think Tank, Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, Federal Correctional Institution, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
- 2017 – Editorial Board, *Conversations Through the Fence*
- 2016 – President, Appalachian Prison Book Project Student Organization, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2016 – 2017 Graduate Sociology Association, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2015 – Commission for LGBTQ Equity, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2015 – 2016 Co-Advisor, Spectrum, LGBTQ and Allies Student Organization, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2015 – 2016 Secretary, LGBT Alumni Group, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

Professional Development

- 2019 Participant, Summer Policy Institute: Connecting WV's Future Leaders to Policy Work and Networks. Sponsored by the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy, held at West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.
- 2019 Panelist, We Can Get There From Here: Ending Mass Incarceration in West Virginia, alongside Lida Shepherd (American Friends Service Committee) and Loree Stark (American Civil Liberties Union), moderated by Gabrielle Chapman (Call to Action for Racial Equality), live streamed from the Summer Policy Institute at Erickson Alumni Center, West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.
- 2019 Online Teaching Workshop (eCampus), Facilitated by Dr. Lindsay Kahle, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2019 Internship, Appalachian Prison Book Project, Morgantown, WV
- 2019 Radio Series/Archive Project Participant, "Out Here," audio series focused on marginalized voices across America, Moderated in Morgantown, WV, by artist Kyana Gordon, Brooklyn, NY
- 2019 Panelist, Black Queer Lives Matter, Moderated by Dr. Tiffany M. Patterson, LGBTQ+ Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2019 HOPE Think Tank Seminar, Facilitated by Inside Think Tank Members, Federal Correctional Institution, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
- 2018 Safe Zone and Trans/Non-Binary Panel Training, LGBTQ+ Center, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2018 Write Winning Grant Proposals, Facilitated by Dr. John D. Robertson, Grant Writers' Seminars and Workshops and West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2018 Co-Facilitator, Appalachian Prison Book Project Summit, Working Session on Student Experience
- 2017 Getting Funded: The Science and Art of Grant Writing, Four-part Workshop Series, Facilitated by Dr. Walter S. DeKeseredy, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

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- 2017 Podcast Speaker, *Contact Across the Divide*: Episode 1, Facilitated by Beth Staley and Valerie Surret, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV:
<https://soundcloud.com/apbp/contact-across-the-divide-episode-1>
- 2017 Inside-Out Interactive Workshop, West Virginia University, Federal Correctional Institution, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
- 2017 – Badged Level 2 Volunteer, Federal Correctional Complex, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV
- 2017 Level 1 Volunteer, Federal Correctional Institution, Hazelton, Bruceton Mills, WV

External Grant Support

- 2019 Policy Pitch Presentation Winner (Group H), “Expanding Higher Education Access to Incarcerated West Virginians,” at the Summer Policy Institute, sponsored by the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy. Karissa Bjorkgren, Jennifer Kayrouz, Edith Martinez, **Rayna Momen** (\$500), to support efforts to expand SB1 to currently incarcerated individuals in West Virginia state prisons through legislative amendment.
- 2019 Barrelhouse Amplifier Award. **Rayna Momen**, Katy Ryan, and Katie Vogelpohl (\$1,500), to support *These Walls Can Talk*, the Appalachian Prison Book Project publishing wing.

Awards and Honors

- 2016 W.E.B. Du Bois Fellowship, Office of Graduate Education and Life, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV, Full, 3-Year Award
- 2001 Outstanding Women’s Studies Senior, Eberly College of Arts and Sciences, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV
- 2000 Center for Black Culture Scholarship, The Trust Committee of the Loyalty Permanent Endowment Fund of the West Virginia University Alumni Association
- 2000 Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship, Department of West Virginia Marine Corps League and the Hershel “Woody” Williams Scholarship Foundation
- 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Scholarship, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV – Spring 2001; Spring 2000; Fall 1999
- 1996 Storer Award, West Virginia University Scholars Program, Full, Four-Year Academic Scholarship

Professional Presentations

Rayna Momen: “The Growth of Female Incarceration in WV: Causes, Consequences, and Solutions,” presented at the West Virginia Center on Budget and Policy’s Summer Policy Institute: Connecting WV’s Future Leaders to Policy Work and Networks. July 27, 2019, Erickson Alumni Center, West Virginia State University, Institute, WV.

Rayna Momen: “Effect of Protein-Calorie Malnutrition on Cytochrome P450 and Glutathione S-Transferase Expression.” 1996. Health Sciences Center. West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV.

Publications

Momen, Rayna E. (2017). [Review of the book *LGBTQ Intimate Partner Violence: Lessons for Policy, Practice, and Research*, by Adam M. Messinger]. *The Division on Women and Crime*, 2017 Summer Edition. Available from <http://ascdwc.com/book-reviews-summer-2017/>

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Manuscripts Under Review

Momen, Rayna E. and Walter S. DeKeseredy. ““Why Don’t You Just Leave?” Transgender Resilience and Barriers to Escaping Abuse” In *Transgender Intimate Partner Violence: A Comprehensive Introduction*. (Eds. Xavier Guadalupe-Diaz and Adam Messinger). NYU Press. [Chapter under review]. Submitted May 2019.

Nolan, James J., Robert L. Nicewarner, and **Rayna E. Momen**. “Preventing Rural Hate Crime” In *Rural Crime Prevention*. Routledge [Chapter under review]. Submitted May 2019.

Ryan, Katy, Valerie Surrett, **Rayna E. Momen**, Beth A. Staley, and Lydia Welker. “Reading and Writing between the Devil and the Deep Blue.” In *Teaching Literature and Writing in Prisons*. (Eds. Sheila Smith McKoy and Patrick E. Alexander). Modern Language Association. [Essay under review]. Submitted June 2019.

Momen, Rayna E. [Review of the book *Big House on the Prairie: Rise of the Rural Ghetto and Prison Proliferation*, by John M. Eason.] Submitted to the *International Journal of Rural Criminology*, Submitted May 2018.

Volunteer

*270+ Volunteer hours logged for service with various organizations since August 2016, in the West Virginia University Center for Service and Learning iServe system