

# AMANDA PIERSON

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## EDUCATION

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- Exp. 2028     **University of Arizona**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, ABD  
*Dissertation*: The Criminalization of Homelessness: A Multimethod Study  
*Members*: Daniel E. Martínez (co-chair), Louise Roth (co-chair), Samantha J. Simon, Taylor Paige Winfield
- 2019     **The George Washington University**, M.A. Criminology  
*Thesis*: A Routine Activities Approach to Technology-Enhanced Sexual Crimes Against Children  
*Members*: Martin D. Schwartz (chair), Fran Buntman
- 2017     **The George Washington University**, B.A. Criminal Justice, Minor in Statistics

## RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

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- Criminology
- Urban Sociology
- Sociology of Law
- Race and Ethnicity
- Field Methods
- Poverty and Inequality

## ACADEMIC AND RELATED POSITIONS

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- 2024 – Present     **University of Arizona**  
Graduate Instructor, School of Sociology  
Graduate Research Assistant, Poverty in Tucson Field Workshop  
2024 - Graduate Research Assistant, Southwest Institute for Research on Women
- 2018 – 2023     **United States Secret Service**  
Statistician

## PUBLICATIONS

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### I. Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. †Mahon, Jane, Amanda Pierson, and Jovanna Walker. (2025). “From Margins to Center: Black Feminism and Radical Imagination in the Classroom” *Feminist Pedagogy* 6(4).

### *Under Review*

Pierson, Amanda and Ezra Langlois. “Laughing Matters: Taking Humor Seriously in Qualitative Interviewing” Under review at *Sociological Methods and Research*

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† All authors contributed equally to the publication.

## II. Refereed Edited Volume Chapters

3. Martínez, Daniel E., Amanda Pierson, and Ricardo D. Martínez-Schuldt. (Forthcoming) “The Social Control of ‘Bad Hombres’ and ‘Degenerates’: the Intersection of Criminalisation and Racialisation of Mexicans in the United States” *Research Handbook on Race, Crime, and Justice*. Ed. Kelly Welch. Cheltenham, UK: Edward Elgar Publishing.
2. Pierson, Amanda. (2024) “Data Surveillance and Carceral Research.” *Prisons & Jails*. Edited by TaLisa Carter, Kimberly Kras, and Gaylene Armstrong. New York, NY: Routledge.
1. Pierson, Amanda, and Daniel E. Martínez. (2018) “Immigrants and the Federal Court System.” Pp. 270-283 in *Routledge Handbook of Immigration and Crime*. Edited by Holly Ventura Miller and Anthony Peguero. New York, NY: Routledge.

## III. Government Briefings and Reports

All briefings and reports are solo-authored unless otherwise noted.

- 2026 with Dr. Brian Mayer, 29<sup>th</sup> Street Thrive Zone: Results from the 2025 Poverty in Tucson Field Workshop, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2026 with Dr. Brian Mayer, Results and Recommendations from the 2025 Poverty in Tucson Field Workshop, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2025 with Dr. Brian Mayer, eds., Programs, Policies, and Recommendations to Reduce Poverty and Build Prosperity in Southern Arizona, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2025 with Dr. Brian Mayer, Renter Energy Equity Projects in the United States, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2025 with Dr. Brian Mayer, A Case Study of Child Savings Accounts Across the United States, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2025 with Dr. Brian Mayer, 29<sup>th</sup> Street Thrive Zone: Results from the 2024 Poverty in Tucson Field Workshop, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2025 with Dr. Brian Mayer, Results and Recommendations from the 2024 Poverty in Tucson Field Workshop, Prepared for the City of Tucson
- 2022 Global Terrorism Trends and Tactics, United States Secret Service
- 2022 Executive Dashboard Deployment, United States Secret Service
- 2022 Operational Risk Modeling and Assessment, United States Secret Service
- 2021 Annual Statistical Summary and Review, United States Secret Service
- 2021 Improving Employee Experiences, United States Secret Service
- 2021 Operational Risk Modeling and Assessment, United States Secret Service
- 2020 Annual Statistical Summary and Review, United States Secret Service
- 2020 Verification and Validation Report on Secret Service Performance Measures, Department of Homeland Security Performance and Evaluation

## GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND AWARDS

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- 2026 Equitable Assessment Fellow, Liberatory Writing Across the Curriculum, Pima Community College
- 2025 Centennial Achievement Doctorate Student Award Nominee, University of Arizona

- 2025 K. Patricia Cross Award Nominee, American Association of Colleges and Universities
- 2025 P.E.O. Scholar Award Nominee, Philanthropic Educational Organization International
- 2025 William K. Bunis Graduate Student Instructor Award Nominee, School of Sociology, University of Arizona
- 2023 University of Arizona Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Award. Understanding How Individuals Experience Homelessness and Access Services in Tucson. (\$1,500)
- 2022 Secretary's Award Nominee, Department of Homeland Security
- 2022 Director's Award Recipient, United States Secret Service
- 2021 Secretary's Award Nominee, Department of Homeland Security
- 2022 Graduate Mentoring Award Nominee, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences, The George Washington University
- 2019 Graduate Student of the Year, Department of Sociology, The George Washington University
- 2019 Phillip J. Amsterdam Graduate Teaching Award Recipient, The George Washington University

### **CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

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- 2026 Pierson, Amanda. "Deserving or Deviant? Understanding Support for Homelessness Policy" Accepted for presentation at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March.
- 2026 Pollard, Charlie and Amanda Pierson. "Constructing Compliance: Rethinking Legal Endogeneity Through the Case of Policing" Accepted for presentation at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, March.
- 2025 Martínez, Daniel E., Amanda Pierson, and Ricardo D. Martínez-Schuldt. "The Social Construction of 'Bad Hombres' and 'Degenerates': The Intersection of Criminalization and Racialization of Mexicans in the United States" Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Washington, DC, November.
- 2025 Pierson, Amanda. "Public Safety or Private Interests? How Governments Justify Policies Targeting the Homeless" Presented at Law and Society Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, May.
- 2024 Pierson, Amanda. "The Price of Rights: Legal Consciousness and Entitlement Among the Homeless" Presented at American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, November.
- 2024 Pierson, Amanda. "'Us Whites, We Have to Beg' Racial and Classed Interpretations of Mistreatment Amongst Tucson's Homeless" Presented at Latinx Studies Association Annual Conference, Tempe, AZ, April.
- 2023 Guest Lecturer, Sociology of Law (Undergraduate), The George Washington University
- 2022 Panelist, Women's Leadership Program for International Politics Symposium, The George Washington University
- 2022 Guest Lecturer, Social Research Methods (Graduate), The George Washington University
- 2022 Featured Speaker, Thesis Writing and Graduate Research Seminar, The George Washington University
- 2020 Panelist, Women's Leadership Program for International Politics Symposium, The George Washington University

- 2019 Panelist, Women’s Leadership Program for International Politics Symposium, The George Washington University
- 2018 Panelist, Women’s Leadership Program for Science, Health, and Medicine Symposium, The George Washington University
- 2018 Pierson, Amanda, and Cara Carney. “Ideological Representations of Police Brutality in Print Media” Presented at Eastern Sociological Society Annual Meeting, Baltimore, MD, February.
- 2017 Featured Speaker, Women’s Leadership Program Symposium, The George Washington University

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- 2025 – Present     **Pima Community College**  
                           Current Social Problems (Undergraduate)  
                           Introduction to Sociology (Undergraduate)
- 2024 – Present     **University of Arizona**  
                           Juvenile Delinquency (Undergraduate)  
                           Poverty Policy Fellowship (Undergraduate)
- 2023 – 2024       **The George Washington University**  
                           Introduction to Criminal Justice (Undergraduate)  
                           Abolition in Theory and Practice (Undergraduate)

## **SERVICE**

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### **I. Departmental Service**

- 2024-Present   Chair, Graduate Student Association
- 2023-2025     Undergraduate Studies Committee Graduate Student Representative

### **II. Mentorship**

- Chloe Fuller, BA, University of Arizona
- Araceli Gonzalez-Montion, BA, University of Arizona
- Alysse Razo, BA, University of Arizona
- Sofia Salazar, MA, The George Washington University

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

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- 2025   9<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Forum: Housing Insecurity and Poverty in Tucson Assistant
- 2025   Tucson Pima Collaboration to End Homelessness Point-In-Time Count Volunteer
- 2024   8<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Forum: Housing Insecurity and Poverty in Tucson Assistant

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

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- American Sociological Association
- American Society of Criminology
- Law and Society Association
- Society for the Study of Social Problems