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ACADEMIC

Visiting Fellow, Justice and Technoscience Lab (JusTech), ANU, 2020-2023

Postdoctoral Fellow, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, 2020-2022

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Georgia Institute of Technology (Sociology of Science and Technology), Minor in Literature, Media, and Communications, 2020

Dissertation: Designing Justice: Sexual Violence, Technology, and Citizen-Activism
*Carnegie Mellon/ACLS Dissertation Fellow

M.S., Georgia Institute of Technology (Sociology of Science and Technology), 2017

M.A., Georgia State University (Sociology of Race and Urban Studies), 2014

B.A., Georgia State University, 2010

RESEARCH AND TEACHING AREAS

Qualitative Research
Gender-Based Violence
Intersectionality & Feminism

AI and Emerging Technologies
Prison Industrial Complex
Critical Data Studies

PUBLICATIONS

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

Shelby, R. "The Sociotechnical Imaginary of Anti-Rape Technology: Constructing Vulnerability and Imagining Color-Evasive Alternatives to the Criminal Legal System." *Science, Technology, & Human Values* (In production).

Shelby, R., Harb, J. & Henne, K. "Whiteness in and through Data Protection: An Intersectional Approach to Anti-Violence Apps and #MeToo Bots." *Internet Policy Review* (In production).

Wright, E., LaBoy, A., Tsukerman, K., Forge, N., Ruel, E., Shelby, R., Higbee, M., Webb, Z., Turner-Harper, M. & Darkwa, A. "The Prevalence and Correlates of Labor and Sex Trafficking in a Community Sample of Youth Experiencing Homelessness in Metro-Atlanta." *Social Sciences* 10.2 (2021): 1-16.

Shelby, R. "Whose Rape Kit? Stabilizing the Vitullo Kit Through Positivist Criminology and Protocol Feminism." *Theoretical Criminology* 24.4 (2020): 669-688.

Shelby, R. "Techno-Physical Feminism: Anti-Rape Technology, Gender, and Corporeal Surveillance." *Feminist Media Studies* 20.8 (2020): 1088-1109.

*2019 American Sociological Association Award for Best Student Paper in the Body and Embodiment Section.

*2018 Society for the Study of Social Problems Award for Best Student Paper in the Division of the Body, Sport, and Leisure.

Shelby, R. & Hatch, A. "Obscuring Sexual Crime: Examining Media Representations of Sexual Violence in Megan's Law." *Criminal Justice Studies* 27.4 (2014): 402-418.

Special Issues

Shelby, R. & Henne, K. Special Issue: Data, Power, and Racial Formations. *Big Data and Society* (In progress).

Book Chapters

Shelby, R. "Value-Responsible Design and Sexual Violence Interventions: Engaging Values in the Criminological Imagination." Pp. 286-298 in *The Handbook on Public Criminologies*, eds. K. Henne & R. Shah (Routledge, 2020).

Shelby, R. "Sex Trafficking, Inequality, and Our Evolving Legal Consciousness." Pp. 266-277 in *Focus on Social Problems: A Contemporary Reader, Volume 2*, eds. M. Stomblor & A. Jungels (Oxford University Press, 2020).

Hatch, A. & Shelby, R. "The Pharmacy Prison: Auditing Prison Pharmaceutical Regimes." Pp. 43-70 in *Silent Cells: The Secret Drugging of Captive America* (University of Minnesota Press, 2019).

McDonald, M. G. & Shelby, R. "Feminism, Intersectionality, and the Problem of Whiteness in Leisure and Sport Spaces and Scholarship." Pp. 497-514 in *The Handbook of Feminisms in Sport, Leisure, and Physical Education*, eds. L. Mansfield, J. Caudwell, B. Watson & B. Wheaton (Palgrave, 2017).

Shelby, R. "Rising Inequality and the Fading American Dream." Pp. 83-92 in *Focus on Social Problems: A Contemporary Reader*, eds. M. Stomblor & A. Jungels (Oxford University Press, 2016).

Policy and White Papers

Wright, E., LaBoy, A., Turner, M., Forge, N., Wallace, C., Darkwa, A., Tsukerman, K., Webb, Z., Higbee, M. & Shelby, R. *Atlanta Youth Count 2018 Community Report: The Prevalence of Sex and Labor Trafficking Among Homeless Youth in Metro Atlanta*. Georgia State University, 2019.

Shelby, R., Roemer, R., LaBoy, A., Saint, M.J. & Wright, E. *LGBT Institute Southern Survey Business and Employment Report*. The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 2018.

Wright, E., Simpkins, J., Saint, M.J., LaBoy, A., Shelby, R., Andrews, C. & Roemer, R. *LGBT Institute Southern Survey General Report: Conditions and Life Experiences of LGBTQ Southerners*. The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, 2018.

Commentaries

Shelby, R., Barnes, S., Parvin, N. & McDonald, M. “The Conjoined Spectacles of the ‘Smart Super Bowl.’” *Engaging Science and Technology Studies* 6 (2020): 312-319.

Shelby, R. “‘I Incite this Meeting to Rebellion:’ Sexual Violence, Law Enforcement, and the Radical Feminism of the 1909 Board Game Suffragetto.” *ROMChip: Journal of Game Histories* 1.1 (2019): <https://romchip.org/index.php/romchip-journal/article/view/46>.

The Race and Racism in Contemporary Biomedicine Working Group. “How Do Black Lives Matter in Teaching, Lab Practices, and Research?” *Catalyst* 3.1 (2017). ISSN 2380-3312.

Public Sociology

Henne, R., Harb, J. & Shelby, R. “Apps Against Sexual Abuse Have Been Tried Before. They Don’t Work.” *The Conversation*, 18 March 2021, <https://theconversation.com/apps-against-sexual-violence-have-been-tried-before-they-dont-work-157415>.

“Rape Kits.” *Stuff Mom Never Told You*, 16 April 2019, <https://www.iheart.com/podcast/stuff-mom-never-told-you-21123631/episode/bonus-episode-rape-kits-30828930/>.

Under Review

Henne, K., Shelby, R. & Harb, J. “Whiteness as Data Property: #MeToo, Colorblindness, and Anti-Violence Technology.” *Big Data & Society*. [Revise & Resubmit]

Shelby, R. “Shaping Power Through Data Governance Storytelling: Mapping Data Politics in the First Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Platform.” *Information, Communication, and Society*.

*Invited to present at Data & Society’s academic workshop on “Trust and Doubt in Public-Sector Data Infrastructure.”

*Invited to present at Law & Society’s 2021 Early Career Workshop.

In Preparation

Shelby, R. "Hesitancy, Solidarity, and Political Whiteness: The Limits and Possibilities of Rape Reporting Apps."

*Invited to present at "Beyond Surveillance: The Capacity and Creep of Caring Relations" symposium co-coordinated by the UC Santa Cruz Center for Racial Justice and Georgia Tech's Technology and Human Interaction Center.

GRANT RESEARCH

Shelby, R. (PI). American Sociological Association, Fund for the Advancement of the Discipline, 2020-2021. For research on "Designing Justice: Sexual Violence, Technology, and Citizen-Activism." \$8,000.

Shelby, R. (Co-PI), National Institute of Justice, 2017-2019. Research Grant on "Estimating the Prevalence of Trafficking Among Homeless and Runaway Youth in Metro Atlanta." Grant 2016-9102. PI: Eric Wright. \$499,9999.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

External

Fellow, Supporting the Well-Being of System-Involved LGBTQ Youth, Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform, 2020. \$3,000.

Summer Resident, National Humanities Center, 2020. \$4,000.

Fellow, Carnegie Mellon Dissertation Completion Fellowship, American Council of Learned Societies, 2019-2020. \$43,000.

Internal

President's Fellowship, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2014-2019.

Diversity and Inclusion Fellow, Office of Institute Diversity, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2019.

Yvette Upton Empowerment Award, Women's Center, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2019.

Legacy Award (for campus leadership and distinguished scholarship), Ivan Allen College, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018.

Homer C. Rice Award (for departmental service), School of History and Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018.

Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (STIP) Research Fellowship, Georgia Tech Research Institute, 2016. \$6,000.

Distinction for Excellence in Teaching High Education, Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Georgia State University, 2015.

Outstanding Graduate Student Award, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, 2013.

Urban Fellow, College of Law, Georgia State University, 2012-2013.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Northwestern University, Instructor of Record

- Sexuality, Technoscience, and the Law (Winter 2021)
- Gender-Based Violence, Power, and the Carceral State (Spring 2021)

Georgia State University, Instructor of Record

- Social Problems (2015)
- Introduction to Sociology (2015, 2014)

Invited Lectures

- *Gender, Technology & Social Justice* lecture for Prototyping History class at the University of Victoria. 20 November 2018.
- *Intersectionality, Inequality & the Sex Trade* lecture for Evaluation Research class at Georgia State University. 22 February 2018.

SPECIALIZED TRAINING

Law, Technology, and Social Movements Seminar. The Northwestern Buffett Institute for Global Affairs and the Max Planck Institute, 2021.

Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality Summer School. African American Policy Forum, Columbia Law School, 27-31 July 2020.

Technology, Law, and Society Summer Institute. Criminology, Law, and Society program at University of California, Irvine, 22-24 June 2018.

Race and Racism in Biomedicine Working Group, Atlanta, GA, 2015-2020.

Graduate Teacher Training, Department of Sociology, Georgia State University, 2014.

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Gender Violence Justice Researcher, youthSpark (NGO)	2015-2021
Policing Program Evaluator, Auschwitz Institute for Prevention of Mass Genocide	2020-2021
LGBTQ+ Policy Research Fellow, National Center for Civil and Human Rights	2019

Gender-Based Violence and Policy Researcher, Hunt Alternatives (NGO) 2017-2018
Science, Technology, and Innovation Policy Fellow, Enterprise Innovation Institute 2016

INVITED TALKS

- “Reporting Apps + #MeToo Bots: Mapping the Landscape of Apps Against Sexual Violence” with Kathryn Henne and Jenna Harb. Presented (virtually) to the Australian Sociological Association, 22 April 2021.
- “Beyond Surveillance: The Capacity and Creep of Caring Relations” Symposium coordinated by the UC Santa Cruz *Center for Racial Justice* and Georgia Institute of Technology’s *Technology and Human Interaction Center*, 1 April 2021.
- “Southern Survey Business and Employment Briefing.” Presented to the LGBTQ Diversity in Business Forum. National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Atlanta, GA, 9 October 2018.
- “Testing, Testing HB 827: The Rape Kit Backlog in Georgia.” Feminist Women’s Health Center, Atlanta, GA, 4 August 2018.
- “Community-Based Interventions for Sex Trafficking.” Keynote presented to the Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce, Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Atlanta, GA, 4 April 2018.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Panels Organized

- “Livable Bodies: Protest, Resistance, and Change,” American Sociological Association, Chicago, IL, 7 August 2021.
- “Technology and/in Racial Formations,” Society for the Social Studies of Science. New Orleans, LA, 4 September 2019.

Refereed Papers Presented

- “Shaping Power Through Data Governance Storytelling: Mapping Data Politics in the First Statewide Sexual Assault Kit Tracking Platform,” session on (Dis)Trust in Public-Sector Data, Society for the Social Studies of Science, Toronto, Ontario, 6 October 2021.
- “Data Governance and the Temporal Construction of Forensic Evidence: The Making of the First Statewide Rape Kit Tracking Platform,” session on Litigating Sexual Violence, Law & Society Association, Chicago, IL, 28 May 2021.
- “Defining Social Problems in the ‘Now’ Normal: Inequality and the Issue of Ontological Gerrymandering,” Australian Sociological Association, 24 November, 2020.

The Sociotechnical Imaginary of Anti-Rape Technology,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, 8 August 2020.

“Sexual Violence Technology as an Instrument of Legitimation,” Law and Society Association, Denver, CO, 28 May 2020.

“Stabilizing the Rape Kit Through Positivist Criminology and Protocol Feminism,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, New Orleans, LA, 6 September 2019.

“Biocitizenship and the Rape Kit Backlog,” Law and Society Association, Washington, DC, 1 June 2019.

Invited panelist, thematic session on “Public Criminologies: Challenges, Tensions, and Dilemmas,” American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA, 14 November 2019.

“Sexual Violence, Intersectionality, and the Forensic Gaze,” American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA, 16 November 2018.

Techno-Physical Feminism,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA, 11 August 2018.

“Techno-Physical Feminism: Surveillance, Wearable Technology, and Shifting Risk Paradigms,” Society for the Social Studies of Science, Boston, MA, 30 August 2017.

“Technological Innovation and Techno-Physical Feminism: Corporeal Risk Constructions,” American Sociological Association, Montreal, Quebec, 15 August 2017.

“Whose Rape Kit? Technological Innovation, Materialization, and Barriers to Social Justice,” American Sociological Association, Seattle, WA, 20 August 2016.

“Obscuring Sexual Crime: Examining Media Representations of Sexual Violence in Megan’s Law,” American Sociological Association, San Francisco, CA, 16 August 2014.

Discussant

“Academic Hoaxes, Frauds, and Grievances,” with Marie-Andree Jacobs, Law and Society Association, Washington, DC, 31 May 2019.

“Sexualities and Bodies. Frontiers of Gender In/Justice,” Society for the Study of Social Problems, Philadelphia, PA, 12 August 2018.

“How Do Black Lives Matter in Biomedical Research, Teaching, and Practice?” With the the Race and Racism in Biomedicine Working Group, National Women’s Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, 17 November 2017.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Professional

Co-editor, Backchannels Blog for Society for Social Studies of Science, 2020-2022.
Council Member, Section on Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section of the American Sociological Association, 2019-2021.

Star-Nelkin Article Award Committee, American Sociological Association, Science, Knowledge, and Technology Section, 2020, 2021.

Communications Liaison, Ethnography, Law, and Society Collaborative Research Network of the Law and Society Association, 2018-2020.

Peer reviews of submissions to: *Theoretical Criminology*; *Critical Criminology*; *Body and Society*; *Catalyst: Feminism, Theory, Technoscience*; *Big Data & Society*; *BMC Public Health*.

Community

Tutor, Northwestern Prison Education Project, 2020-2021.

Board Member, Burnaway: Contemporary Art and Criticism from the American South, 2019-2022.

Committee Chair, Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce, 2019.

Committee Member. Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Statewide Human Trafficking Taskforce, 2018.

University

Strategic Plan Advisory Group, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-2020.

CARE Director Search Committee, Office of the Vice President for Student Life and Dean of Students, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2019.

Faculty Benefits Committee, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-2019.

Faculty Services Committee, Office of the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-2019.

Mental Health Joint Allocation Committee, Division of Student Life and the Student Government Association, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2017-2019.

Department

Faculty Advisory Board, Center for Legal Studies, Northwestern University, 2020-2022.

Undergraduate Teaching Committee, School of History and Sociology, Georgia Institute of Technology, 2018-2019.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Association of Internet Researchers
American Society of Criminology
American Sociological Association
Law and Society Association
Society for Social Studies of Science
Society for the Study of Social Problems