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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2026– **Assistant Professor**
Bringing Research and Innovation into the Debate on Guns in Society (BRIDGS) Initiative
T. Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics, Arizona State University
- 2024– **Postdoctoral Fellow**
2026 New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center, Rutgers School of Public Health

EXTERNAL ACADEMIC AFFILIATIONS

- 2024– Affiliate Scholar, Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium, Rockefeller Institute of
Present Government, State University of New York

EDUCATION

- 2024 PhD, Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
Dissertation: Redefining Risk to Reclaim Wellbeing: Examining Individual, Relational, and Collective Consequences of Racial Inequities in Policing
Committee: Drs. David Harding & Christopher Muller (Co-Chairs), Tianna Paschel, Erin Kerrison
- 2020 MA, Sociology, University of California, Berkeley
- 2010 MA, Women's Studies, San Diego State University
- 2008 BA, Women's Studies, Duke University

RESEARCH AND TEACHING INTERESTS

Racial Inequality • Punishment, Law & Society • Policing • Guns • Social & Feminist Theory

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

- 2026 Anestis, Michael D., Allison E. Bond, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Sultan Altikriti, and Daniel C. Semenza. "Changes in firearm intentions and behaviors after the 2024 United States presidential election." *Injury Epidemiology*. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s40621-026-00654-9>
- 2026 Semenza, Daniel C., Sultan Altikriti, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, and Christopher Thomas. "How Gun Violence Exposure Influences Racial Health Disparities among Adults in the United States." *J Racial Ethn Health Disparities*. 2026 Jun 11. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40615-026-03051-6>.
- 2025 **Burke, Kimberly C.** "Loving in the Time of George Floyd: How Cultural Models Shape Interracial Couples' Responses to Racialized Policing." *Social Problems*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/socpro/spaf039>
- 2025 Semenza, Daniel C., Jeremy Levine, Tanya Sharpe, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, & Brielle Savage. "Racial Disparities in Victim Compensation among Homicide Survivors in the United States." *Race and Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/21533687251388669>
- 2025 Semenza, Daniel C., Tara Warner, Samantha Francois, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, & Michael D. Anestis. "The Salience of Social Support for Firearm Behaviors in the United States." *Injury Prevention*. <https://doi.org/10.1136/ip-2025-045819>
- 2025 Bond, Allison E., Taylor R. Rodriguez, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Sultan Altikriti, & Michael D. Anestis. "Examining demographic characteristics of firearm owners currently engaged in mental health treatment." *Journal of Clinical Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.1002/jclp.70048>

- 2025 Semenza, Daniel C., Christopher Thomas, Richard Stansfield, David Johnson, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, & Michael D. Anestis. "Local Homicides Increase Suicide in US Counties." *Social Science & Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.socscimed.2025.118406>
- 2025 Semenza, Daniel C., **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Devon Ziminski, Brielle Savage, Michael D. Anestis, and Richard Stansfield. "In-person and media gun violence exposure in the United States: prevalence and disparities in a nationally representative, cross-sectional sample of adults." *The Lancet Regional Health–Americas*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lana.2025.101101>
- 2025 Anestis, Michael D., **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Sultan Altikriti, & Daniel C. Semenza. "Lifetime and Past-Year Defensive Gun Use." *JAMA Network Open*. <https://doi.org/10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.0807>
- 2025 Anestis, Michael D., **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Allison E. Bond, Sultan Altikriti, & Daniel C. Semenza. "Perceived benefits and risks of keeping firearms in and around the home: Results from a nationally representative survey." *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2025.01.012>
- 2024 **Burke, Kimberly C.** "Forceful De-escalation and Organizational Inertia: Identifying Novel Justifications for Entrenched Police Violence." *Critical Criminology*. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10612-024-09797-x>
- Winner: Alumni Prize for Public Sociology Student Paper Award, UC Berkeley, 2023
 - Honorable Mention: Graduate Student Paper Prize, Berkeley Center for the Study of Law and Society, 2022
- 2020 **Burke, Kimberly C.** "Democratic Policing and Officer Well-Being." *Frontiers in Psychology*. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsyg.2020.00874>

Book Chapters

- 2020 **Burke, Kimberly C.** "Implicit Bias, Officer Wellness, and Police Training." In K. Papazoglou & D. Blumberg (Eds.), *POWER: Police Officer Wellness, Ethics, and Resilience*. Philadelphia, PA: Elsevier.

Book Reviews

- 2009 **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Nicholas Reyes Franco, KB Bowman, & Esther Rothblum. "Review of *The N Word: Who Can Say It, Who Shouldn't, and Why*." *Journal of International Women's Studies*.
- 2009 Nare, Jessica, **Burke, Kimberly C.**, Lisa Hastings, & Esther Rothblum. "Review of *Transgendered Voices: Beyond Women and Men*." *Journal of Gay and Lesbian Mental Health*.

Articles Under Review

- Burke, Kimberly C.**, Allison E. Bond, Michael D. Anestis, & Daniel C. Semenza. "Fear of Police Violence and Suicide Risk Among Black Americans." *Revise and resubmit*.
- Williams, Tanishia; **Burke, Kimberly C.**; & Daniel C. Semenza. "Educational Equity and Gun Violence Among Young Adults: A Brief" *Under review*.
- Burke, Kimberly C.**, Daniel C. Semenza, Allison E. Bond, & Michael D. Anestis. "Associations Between Police Contact and Suicide Risk Among Black Americans with and without Firearm Access." *Under review*.

GRANT FUNDING

- 2026 "Concealed Carry Weapon Disclosure and Police Decision-Making." Co-Investigator. UVA Gun Violence Solutions Project, Seed Project Grants. **(\$10,000)**
- 2024 "Understanding Police Impact on Black Gun Owners' Firearm Safety: A Comparative Study of New Jersey and Florida." Co-PI with Jennifer Paruk. New Jersey Gun Violence Research Center. **(\$12,000)**
- 2022 "Racialized Policing and Interracial Relationships." UC Berkeley Black Studies Collaboratory Small Research Grants, Funded by the Andrew W. Mellon Just Futures Initiative. **(\$5,000)**

2018 “‘Us vs Them’ Dynamics and Police De-escalation.” UC Berkeley Sociology Social Justice Fellowship. **(\$5,000)**

AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS

2024 Equity and Justice Award, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
2024 Travel Award, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
2023 Duster Fellowship, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley
2023 Alumni Prize for Public Sociology, Sociology Department, UC Berkeley
2023 Stern Diverse Pathways, NYU Faculty First Look Scholar, New York University
2022 Grad Slam Second Place Winner, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2020 Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor Award, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2020 San Diego State University Women's Studies Outstanding Alum
2017 Chancellor's Fellowship, Graduate Division, UC Berkeley
2016 Justice Policy Network Distinguished Fellowship, Funded by the California Endowment
2014 Volunteer of the Year, Los Angeles LGBT Center
2010 Presidential Award Recipient, San Diego State University Student Research Symposium
2008 Carsten Wertz Sisterhood Scholar, Women's Studies Dept, SDSU
2004 Western Women's Golf Association Scholar; Florida Take Stock in Children Scholar; National Achievement Scholar

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Guest Lectures

2025 “Multi-Disciplinary Approaches to Addressing Racial Disparities in Policing.” Inequality, Crime, and Criminal Justice (Undergraduate), School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Arizona State University.
2025 “Examining Police Violence from a Public Health Perspective.” Health Systems and Policy (MPH Program), School of Public Health, Rutgers University.

Courses at UC Berkeley

SP20, Classic Social Theory (GSI for Profs. Dylan Riley and Cihan Tugal)
SP21
FA20 Contemporary Social Theory (GSI for Prof. Marion Fourcade)
FA21 Introduction to Sociology (GSI for Prof. Tianna Paschel)

Courses at SDSU

SU10 Women's Sexuality & the Body (Lecturer)
FA09, Women Images and Ideas (Instructor of Record)
SP10

Courses at Duke

FA07, Intro to Women's Studies (TA for Prof. Mary Kathy Rudy)
SP08

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & INVITED TALKS

2026 “Police Contact and Suicide Risk: Differences between Black Firearm Owners and Non-Owners.” 2026 Suicide Research Symposium, Virtual.
2026 “How Contradictions in Black Gun Ownership Sustain Racialized Governance.” Annual Conference, Southern Sociological Society, Jacksonville, FL.
2026 “How Black Gun Owners Navigate Self-Defense Laws: Free Resources and Private Markets.” BRIDGS: Guns in Society Symposium, Tempe, AZ.

2025	"Black Firearm Owners' Understandings and Responses to Firearm Laws." National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Tempe, AZ.
2025	"Using Sociology to Connect Policing, Firearms, and Suicide Research." Suicide Research Symposium, Virtual.
2025	"A National Study of Police Violence and Suicide Risk Among Black Americans." American Association of Suicidology Conference, Columbus, OH.
2024	"A National Study of Police Violence, Community Gun Violence, and Black Gun Owners' Firearm Practices." National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms, Seattle, WA. <i>Winner: Equity & Justice Award.</i>
2023	"Relational Racial Reflexivity: How Policing Shapes Interpersonal Power Allocations in Black-White Relationships." Rising Scholars Conference, MIT Sloan School of Management.
2023	"The Impact of Policing on Intimate Interracial Relationships." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Philadelphia, PA.
2022	"Understanding Race and Gender Disproportionality in Police Use of Force." American Society of Criminology Annual Conference, Atlanta, GA.
2022	"Passive Resistance and Forceful De-Escalation." American Sociological Association Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA; Creating Connections Consortium Summit, Middlebury College.
2020–2021	"Examining the Mutuality of Officer & Civilian Well-Being." Matrix on Point Discussion Series, UC Berkeley; Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, UC Berkeley.
2018	"Berkeley Police Department National Justice Database Report." Community Meeting of the Berkeley Police Accountability Board, Berkeley, CA.
2018	"Policing and the Social Psychology of Bias." Carol S. Franklin Social Science Speaker Series, Cuyahoga Community College, Cleveland, OH.
2017	"Stereotype Threat and Self-Legitimacy in Law Enforcement." Society for Personality and Social Psychology, San Antonio, TX.
2016–2017	"Tactical Perceptions: Police Training on Implicit Bias and Stereotype Threat." Expert Meeting on Law Enforcement and Bias-Based Policing, United Nations Office of High Commissioner of Human Rights, Geneva, Switzerland; and additional venues.
2016	"Restoring Trust and Transforming Relationships between Law Enforcement and Communities of Color." National Association of Black Journalists/National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Washington, DC.
2015	"Research as a Lever for Social Change: the CPE Model." Committee for Racial Justice, Discriminatory Policing and Use of Excessive Force Panel, Santa Monica, CA.

MEDIA APPEARANCES AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

2025	Post for Rutgers Gun Violence Research Center's Vlog/Blog Series.
2025	Interview for the Rutgers Gun Violence Research Center's Podcast, "Black Firearm Owners' Experiences."
2023	Interview for The Matrix Podcast, UC Berkeley Social Science Matrix. "Structural Determinants of Police Violence."
2022	Grad Slam Second Place, UC Berkeley. "Forceful De-escalation and Organizational Inertia." https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1JahZhcziY&t=2043s
2021	Essay. "Policing Equity's Pillars for Reconstructing Public Safety." National Urban League's State of Black America Report.
2020	Interview for the Skimm Podcast. "A Stopgap for a Much Larger Problem: What Police Reform Could Look Like."
2020	Interview for NPR's Morning Edition. "What Will It Take to Protect Black Americans from Police Violence."
2020	Quoted in Politico. "How 'Defund the Police' Went from Moonshot to Mainstream."

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Graduate Student Researcher

- 2018–2023 Project: “DNA Forensics.” PI: Dr. Osagie Obasogie, School of Public Health, UC Berkeley
Developed interview guides; conducted in-depth interviews with subject area experts;
analyzed primary data from court cases and news stories; performed comprehensive
literature reviews.
- 2019–2020 Project: “Us vs. Them Attitudes, Police Officer Wellness, and Public Safety.” PI: Dr. Erin
Kerrison, School of Social Welfare, UC Berkeley. Funding: \$18,300, UC Berkeley IRLE
Designed and implemented mixed-methods studies; conducted ethnographic fieldwork and
in-depth interviews with law enforcement; analyzed police survey data using multivariate
linear regression in Stata.
- 2018–2019 Project: “Resisting Arrest Convictions.” PI: Dr. David Harding, Sociology, UC Berkeley
Analyzed state-wide criminal sentencing data using hierarchical linear modeling in Stata.

Associate Project Director

- 2015–2017 Project: “National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice.” PI: Dr. Phillip Atiba
Goff, Center for Policing Equity, UCLA. Funding: \$4.75 million, U.S. Department of Justice
Led multi-site interventions across six pilot cities; developed and implemented the first
federal training program on interrupting police bias; represented the project at the United
Nations in Geneva.

Project Coordinator

- 2013–2015 Projects: St. Louis County PD and Toronto Police Service. PI: Dr. Phillip Atiba Goff, Center
for Policing Equity, UCLA
Conducted focus groups; coordinated research activities between PIs and police leadership;
prepared comprehensive reports for stakeholders.

SERVICE

Academic Service

- 2025 Reviewer, National Research Conference for the Prevention of Firearm-Related Harms
2024 Reviewer, Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management
2018–2019 Mentor, Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program, UC Berkeley

Community Service

- 2020 Advisory Board Member, Training and Research Institute for Public Safety, Naperville, IL
2017–2018 Detention Project and Legal Information Helpline Volunteer, Transgender Law Center,
Oakland, CA
2012–2017 Social Networking Group Facilitator, LA LGBT Center, Los Angeles, CA
2011–2012 Client Educator/Recruiter, POW! (Prevention on Wheels) Mobile HIV Testing, Los Angeles,
CA

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS

American Sociological Association

Divisions: Race, Class, and Gender; Law and Society; Criminal Justice

Association of Black Sociologists

Southern Sociological Society