

**Curriculum Vita**  
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**EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL HISTORY**

**Education:**

Currently	Ph.D. Candidate, Sociology, University of Iowa Defense: Summer 2009 Dissertation: “Appellate Decision-Making: the Impact of Gendered Definitions and Expectation in Women’s Death Penalty Cases”
1995	M.S., Justice, Law & Society, American University
1982	J.D. Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University
1979	B.A., Political Science, Rutgers University

**Positions**

Teaching Experience

Currently	Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Justice, Law & Society, American University
2001 – 2005	Lecturer, Department of Sociology, University of Iowa
1997- 2000	Assistant Professor, Justice& Public Safety, Auburn University – Montgomery
1995 – 1997	Lecturer, Department of Justice, Law & Society, American University

Legal Experience

1987 – 1993	Deputy Attorney General, State of New Jersey, Division of Criminal Justice, Appellate Section
1983 – 1987	General Practice Attorney – New Jersey

**Honors & Awards**

2005 – 2006	Dissertation Year Fellowship in the Social Sciences
2003	Braverman Scholarship
1993-1995	Dean’s Merit Assistantship, American University
1980-1982	Law Review, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law
1981-1982	Notes & Comments Editor, Law Review
1979	Student Commencement Speaker, Rutgers University

## **SCHOLARSHIP**

### **Publications**

*Constitutional Law*, C. Suzanne Bailey and Chana Barron, West/Thompson Learning Inc., 2006.

“A Digest of Three Papers by Dr. Joseph Beasley,” *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*, Vol. 175, No. 3, 1975

### Work in Progress

“Appellate Court Decision-Making in Spousal Capital Murder by Women,” Chana Barron (Dissertation)

“Formalist v. Feminist Theory in Appellate Decision-Making,” Chana Barron

### **Conference Presentations**

“Legal Issues Relevant to Substantial Assistance Departures in U.S. Appellate Courts,” Celesta Albonetti and Chana Barron, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, November 2006

“Appellate Court Decision-Making in Spousal Murder Cases by Women,” Law and Society Midwest Retreat, Madison, September 2006

“Gendered Definitions and Expectations: Their Influence on Outcomes in Women’s Death Penalty Appeals,” American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 2005, Toronto

“Federal Appellate Court Outcomes: Formalism, Realism, and Analogy in Legal Reasoning,” Celesta Albonetti and Chana Barron, American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, November 2005, Toronto

“The Evil Woman: The Impact of Gender Roles and Expectations in Appellate Outcomes in Women’s Capital Convictions,” Chana Barron, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2005

“The Dissemination of Legal Reasoning in Federal Appellate Decisions,” Chana Barron and Celesta Albonetti, Law & Society Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2005

“On the Way to Settled Law: An Examination of Law Making and Law Finding in Federal Appellate Decisions,” Celesta Albonetti and Chana Barron, American Criminological Society Annual Meeting, Nashville, 2004

Preliminary Dissertation Proposal, Chana Barron, Midwest Law & Society Association, Law Institute Retreat, Madison, 2004

“The Development and Dissemination of Federal Sentencing Law,” Celesta Albonetti and Chana Barron, Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2004

“A Sociological Approach to Explaining Gender Disparity in Appellate Outcomes of Death Penalty Sentencing,” Chana Barron, American Criminological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, 2003

“Social Development and Human Evolution: Managing the In-Group Boundary,” Michael Lovaglia, Jeffrey Hauser and Chana Barron, American Sociological Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, 2002

“*Miranda* Waivers by the Mentally Retarded: Reconciling the Legal and Mental Health Perspectives,” Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Annual Meeting, Albuquerque, 1998

### **Internal Presentations**

“Using Gender Disparate Outcomes of Appellate Death Penalty Sentencing to Inform Theories of Sociology of Law,” The Center for Criminology and Socio-Legal Studies, University of Iowa, 2003

### **Other Conference Activities**

Organizer and Discussant, Public Policy and Sentencing Panel, American Criminological Society Annual Meeting, Denver, 2003

Moderator, Comparative Child Welfare and the Regulation of Youth Panel, Midwest Law and Society Retreat, Madison, 2006

## **TEACHING**

### **Graduate Courses Taught**

Issues in the Administration of Justice (Auburn University – Montgomery)

Seminar on the Death Penalty (Auburn University – Montgomery)

Seminar on Women and the Criminal Justice System (Auburn University – Montgomery)

### **Undergraduate Courses Taught**

Philosophical Problems in the Law (American University)

Law and Social Theory (American University)

Comparative Systems of Law & Justice (American University)

Justice & Deviant Behavior (American University)

Independent Studies (American University) – First Amendment, Neighborhoods & Crime

Social Theory (University of Iowa)

Social Problems (University of Iowa)

Criminology (University of Iowa, American University)

Constitutional Law – Civil Rights and Liberties (Auburn University – Montgomery)

Introduction to the Criminal Justice System (Auburn University – Montgomery, American University)  
Criminal Procedure (Auburn University – Montgomery)  
Criminal Law (Auburn University – Montgomery)  
Evidence (Auburn University – Montgomery)  
Civil Law (Auburn University – Montgomery)  
Legal Writing (Auburn University – Montgomery)  
The Constitutional Rights of Prisoners (American University)

### **Courses for Professionals**

Constitutional Principles for Corrections Officers (Department of Corrections, New Jersey)

### **SERVICE**

#### **Department of Justice, Law & Society, American University**

Member – Curriculum Committee (2008)

Member - MSJLS (2008-09)

Assessment (2008-2009)

#### **Department of Sociology, University of Iowa**

Member – Communications Committee

Member – Graduate Committee

Member – Graduate Admissions Committee

#### **Auburn University – Montgomery**

Member – Administrative Evaluation Committee

Member – Student Honors Program Committee

Member – School of Sciences Dean Search Committee

Pre – Law Advisor

Director - Curriculum Development for Pre-Law Undergraduate Students

### **Professional**

Reviewer – *Law & Society Review*

Reviewer – West Publishing Company

### **Professional Association and Membership**

Member of the Bar – New York, New Jersey, California

Law & Society Association

American Criminological Society

American Sociological Association