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#### **Narrative Summary**

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My work explores intersections of capitalism, digital technology, and the state. My recent publications look at the application of digital technology in criminal justice in New York City and Chicago. I also study theories of digital space and urban space. Research methods integrate critical social theory and discourse analysis.

#### **Academic Appointments**

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- 2019 – 2022 **O’Connell Scholar** College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2018 **Faculty Affiliate** Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2017 – 2019 **Faculty Fellow** Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2014 – current **Assistant Professor** University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, Urbana-Champaign, IL
- 2013 – 2014 **Full Lecturer** University of Wisconsin-Parkside, Department of Politics, Law, and Philosophy, Racine, WI
- 2009 – 2011 **Adjunct Lecturer** Borough of Manhattan Community College, Social Science Department, New York, NY
- 2008 – 2013 **Adjunct Professor** Brooklyn College CUNY, Department of Political Science, Brooklyn, NY
- 2007 – 2013 **Adjunct Professor** Brooklyn College CUNY, Department of Sociology, Brooklyn, NY

#### **Academic Training**

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- 2013 New School for Social Research New York, NY, PhD, Department of Politics, Committee: Nancy Fraser (Henry A. and Louise Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science, Department of Politics); Alex Vitale (Professor, Brooklyn College CUNY, Department of Sociology); Timothy Pachirat (Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Amherst, Department of Political Science)
- 2006 University of Westminster London, United Kingdom, MA, Centre for the Study of Democracy, Advisor: Chantal Mouffe
- 2004 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign IL, BA, Department of Political Science

### Research Foci

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Digital technology and geography; critical data studies  
Urban theory; political geography  
Racial capitalism; critical ethnic studies  
Critical social theory; discourse analysis; content analysis

### Teaching Foci

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Digital geography; algorithmic governance; science and technology studies  
Urban theory  
Racial capitalism  
Qualitative methods

### Representative Publications

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\*Received award or special recognition

#### I. Books

Jefferson, BJ. (under contract). *Digitize and Punish: Racial Criminalization in the Computer Age*. Minnesota: University of Minnesota Press.

#### II. Peer-Reviewed Articles

Jefferson, BJ. 2018. 'Dark side of the planet: Hidden dimensions of urban agglomeration,' *Urban Geography* 39(10): 1581-1588 (invited) DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2018.1450464 IF 2.307

\*Jefferson, BJ. 2018. 'Policing, data, and power-geometry: Intersections of crime analytics and race in urban restructuring,' *Urban Geography*, 39(8): 1247-1264 DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2018.1446587 IF 2.307

Jefferson, BJ. 2018. 'Computerizing carceral space: Coded geographies of criminalization and capture in New York City,' *Environment and Planning A: Economy and Space*, 50(5): 969-988 DOI: 10.1177/1367549417708437 IF 2.152

\*Jefferson, BJ. 2018. 'Predictable policing: Predictive crime mapping and geographies of policing and race,' *Annals of the American Association of Geographers*, 1(108): 1-16 DOI:10.1080/24694452.2017.1293500 IF 2.756

\*\*Jefferson, BJ. 2017. 'Digitize and punish: Computerized crime mapping and racialized carceral power in Chicago,' *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space*, 35(5): 775-796 DOI: 10.1177/0263775817697703 IF 2.466

Jefferson, BJ. 2017. 'Cities, crime, and carcerality: Beyond the ecological perspective,' *Journal of Planning Literature*, 32(2): 103-116 DOI: 10.1177/0885412216688217 IF 3.150

Jefferson, BJ. 2016. 'Broken windows policing and constructions of space and crime: Brooklyn, NY,' *Antipode*, 48(5): 1270-1291 DOI: 10.1111/anti.12240 IF 3.108

Jefferson, B.J. 2015. 'Zero tolerance for zero tolerance?: How zero tolerance discourse mediates police reform activism,' *City, Culture, & Society*, 6: 9-17 DOI: 10.10/j.cc.2014.12.004 IF .801

### III. Book Chapters

Jefferson, B.J. 2017. 'The US policing crisis and urban redevelopment: Tracing the links in New York City' in Gamerith, Werner and Gerhard, Ulrike (eds). *Kulturgeographie der USA*. New York: Springer, 293-296 DOI: 10.1007/978-3-662-48238-4\_38 (invited)

Vitale, A. and **Jefferson, B.J.** 2016. 'The emergence of command and control policing in neoliberal New York' in Camp, Jordan T. and Heatherton, Christina. (eds). *Policing the planet: Why the policing crisis led to Black Lives Matter*. London: Verso, 157-172

Jefferson, B.J. 2015. 'From prisons to hyperpolicing: Neoliberalism, carcerality, and regulative geographies' in Morin, Karen and Moran, Dominique (eds). 2015. *Historical Geographies of Prisons: Unlocking the Usable Carceral Past*. London: Routledge, 185-205 (invited)

Jefferson, B.J. 2010. "Full Spectrum Surveillance: NYPD, Panopticism, and the Public-Disciplinary Complex" in Kalantzis-Cope, Phillip and Gherab-Martin, Karim (eds). *Emerging Digital Spaces in Contemporary Society: Properties of Technology*. New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 121-122. (book chapter)

### IV. Encyclopedic Entries

Jefferson, B.J. (forthcoming). Crampton, J. and Kobayashi, A. (eds). 'Policing' in *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography 2e* (invited)

Jefferson, B.J. (forthcoming). Crampton, J. and Kobayashi, A. (eds). 'Crime Mapping' in *International Encyclopedia of Human Geography 2e* (invited)

### V. Book Reviews

Jefferson, B.J. 2018. 'Reading between the Lines: Matthew W. Wilson and the Troubles of GIS.' in Feng, C-C., Lin, S., Sidaway, J., Hawkins, H., **Jefferson, B.J.**, Lin, W., O'Sullivan, D., Pavlovskaya, M., Shelton, T., Sui, D., Ming-Hsiang, and Wilson, M. 'New Lines: Critical GIS and the Trouble of the Map' in *Transactions in GIS* DOI: 10.1111/tgis.12498 IF 1.91

### Works under Review

#### I. Articles

Jefferson, B.J. in *International Journal of Urban and Regional Research* (invited special issue)

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## Works in Preparation

### I. Articles

Digital and urban geography (peer-reviewed article)

### II. Books

Ali, T. and Jefferson, BJ. Primer for Teaching Capitalism

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## Digital Content

2016 'Policing, Whiteness, and the Death-wage,' Societyandspace.org,  
<http://societyandspace.org/2016/08/16/policing-whiteness-and-the-death-wage-brian-jordan-jefferson/> (invited)

2016 'This is Hell' podcast with Chuck Mertz, WNUR 89.3FM Chicago, Northwestern University, <https://thisishell.com/interviews/910-alex-s-vitale-brian-jordan-jefferson>

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## Courses Taught

### I. Currently Offered

Advanced Studies in Geography: Spaces of Marxism (GEOG 595)

Cities, Crime, Space (GEOG 484)

The Digital Earth (GEOG 105)

Ferguson and Beyond: Race, Space, and Policing in 21<sup>st</sup>-Century America (GEOG 199)

Geographies of Global Conflict (GEOG 220)

Geography of International Conflicts (GEOG 110)

### II. Previously Taught

Independent Research I in Political Science (POLS 5001)

Independent Study in Politics, Philosophy, and Law (POLS 499)

Modern Political Thought (POLS 3402)

Gender and Society (SOCY 2600)

Politics, Law, and Society (POLS 221)

The American Presidency (POLS 215)

Legislative Politics (POLS 214)

Public Policy (POLS 202)

People, Power, Politics (CORC 1230)

Introduction to American Politics (POLS 1002)

Introduction to American Government (POL 100)

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## Grants, Fellowships, Scholarship

2019 – 2022 O'Connell Scholar, Office of the Dean, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, \$15,000

2017 – 2019 Criticism and Interpretive Theory Junior Fellowship University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 'Digitize and Punish: Digital Cartographies of Policing and Racialized Space Economy,' Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, \$8,000

## Updated SPRING 2019

- 2017 Research University at 150 University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 'Death by Policing: Race, State Violence, and the Possibility of Justice,' Latina/Latino Studies, co-organizer, \$18,320
- 2017 BRIDGE Seed Fund University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Birmingham, UK, 'Conceptualising Carcerality,' Birmingham Illinois Partnership for Discovery, Engagement, and Education, co-principal investigator, £20,000
- 2015 Campus Research Board University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 'Policing and Digitality: Virtual Geography and the Construction of Crime Clusters,' Funding Initiative for Multiracial Democracy, Principal investigator, \$9,110

## Awards, Honors, and Special Recognitions

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\* where award, honor, or recognition was granted more than once

- 2019 Article given honorable mention for *Urban Geography's* Early Career Research Prize
- 2018 Article selected for *Annals of the American Association of Geographers'* Black Geographies Virtual Special Edition
- 2018 Article selected for *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space's* 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Article of the Week (4/30)
- 2017 Article selected for *Environment and Planning D: Society and Space's* Editor's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Choice Collection
- 2017 Office of the Provost Spotlight, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, November
- 2012 New School for Social Research, Department of Politics, Dissertation Fellowship\*
- 2008 New School for Social Research, Dean's Academic Scholarship\*
- 2004 Cline Symposium, Cline Center for Democracy, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign

## Peer-reviewed Conference Proceedings

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- 2019 Digital Geographies Keynote Panel, (Sponsored by Digital Geographies Specialty Group), American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, panelist, April 5
- 2019 'Science and Technologies of Racial Capitalism,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Washington DC, co-organizer and moderator, April 5

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- 2019 'Automated Infrastructure of Differentiation, Criminalization, and Control in US Cities,' Urban Security Assemblages: Protection Beyond the State and Beyond the Human, University of Amsterdam, European Research Council, Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research, Amsterdam, February 6-8
- 2018 'The Race Work of War Machines,' Illinois Program for Humanities Research, Champaign, IL, moderator, November 7
- 2018 'Pedagogies of Race and Racialization,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, co-organizer, April 14
- 2018 'Computerizing Carceral Cities: Algorithmic Governance and Crime Control in New York City,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, paper presenter, Surplus Lives, Race, and Artificial Intelligence, April 10
- 2018 'Author meets Critics: New Lines: Critical GIS and the Trouble of the Map by Matthew W. Wilson,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA, panelist, April 10
- 2017 American Studies Association, Chicago, IL, moderator, 'Uncivil Dialogue: Contesting the News Archives from the Margins,' November 9
- 2017 'Virtual Geographies of Racialized Policing,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, paper presenter, April 7
- 2017 'Critical Urban Theory in the 'Urban Age': Voices from another Planet,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, Panelist, April 8
- 2016 'Profiling, B/ordering, and the Political Work of Pedagogy II,' American Association of Geographers Annual Meeting, San Francisco, CA, Panelist, March 31
- 2015 'Racism and Policing in New York,' University of Alberta, Edmonton, AB, Structural Violence and Racism in Commons: Towards Sustaining Human Rights, May 28
- 2014 'Cannibal Creativity: Deciphering Cultural Metabolics in Creative Policy Assemblages,' University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Making Creative Cities: Tensions, Contradictions, Possibilities, Champaign, IL, September 26
- 2013 'The Politics of Police Accountability Activism: NYPD and Participatory Democracy,' Midwest Political Science Association Conference, Chicago, IL, Representation and City Services Panel, April 11-14
- 2011 'Progressivism, Police & Racialization,' Fordham University, New York, NY, Art of Outrage Conference, Law, Outlaw, Outraged: American Injustice, October 14
- 2011 'Policing Power and the Extralegal: NYPD and the Politics of Security,' University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, 3rd Annual Graduate Conference on Democracy and Governance, Security and the United States Panel, March 23-25

- 2010 'Battleground NYC: NYPD and Full Spectrum Surveillance,' University of Oregon, Eugene, OR, Radical Philosophy Association Ninth Biennial Conference, Enduring Violence: Law, Policy, and the Demands of the State Panel, November 12

**Invited Colloquia and Talks**

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- 2018 Marx and Marxism, Modern Critical Theory Lecture Series, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, September 25
- 2018 'Computerizing the Correctional Apparatus,' Carceral Studies Workshop, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, June 18
- 2018 Faculty Fellows Symposium, Unit for Criticism and Interpretive Theory, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, March 9
- 2017 'Spatializing Crime Databases,' Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois, Geospatial Technologies and Society (GEOG 412), October 17
- 2016 'Race, Space, and Policing in 21<sup>st</sup> Century America,' Global Institute for Secondary Educators, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, July 20
- 2016 'Digital Crime Pattern Mapping,' Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, The Digital Earth (GEOG 105), February 22
- 2015 Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 'Digitizing Space and Crime,' Geospatial Technologies and Society (GEOG 412), November 5
- 2015 'Cities, Crime, and Space: Perspectives from Human Geography,' LAS Discovery Day Mini Lecture, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, September 26
- 2015 'Don Mitchell's 'Annihilation of Space by Law,' Department of Anthropology, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Anthropology of Policing (ANTH 499), February, 18
- 2015 'Policing and the Social Construction of Cities,' School of Earth, Society and the Environment Research Review, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign, February 13
- 2013 Centre for Urban Studies, University of Amsterdam, 'The Politics of Sustainability,' Plenary speaker, Spaces and Flows: Fourth International Conference on Urban and Exurban Studies, November, 22-23
- 2013 Department of Geography, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 'Dispersed Enclosure: Place-Based Policing & Geographies of Social Disorder,' October 11

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- 2013 Department of Geography, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, 'NYPD and Spaces of Community Contestation: Tracing How NYPD Discourses and Practices Influence Community-based Police Accountability Strategies in Black and Brown Localities,' May 17
- 2013 Department of Africology, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, 'Guarding the Guardians: NYPD and the Politics of Police Accountability,' March 28

### Professional Service

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\*where number of reviews is greater than 1 during year

#### I. Editorial Work

- 2019 – Review and Open Site Editor Societyandspace.org
- 2018 – 2023 Editorial Board *Urban Geography*
- 2009 – 2010 Editorial Assistant *Constellations: An International Journal of Critical and Democratic Theory*

#### II. Reviewer

- 2017-current Peer Blind Reviewer *Environment and Planning D\*\*\*\**; *Geoforum*; *Journal of Communication*; University of California Press
- 2017 Application Reviewer National Science Foundation; Geography and Spatial Science Program
- 2015 Application **Reviewer** Social Science Research Council; Dissertation Proposal Development

### Department Service

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- Current Colloquium Series Coordinator Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science
- 2016 Competition Judge School of Earth Society and Environment Poster Competition, February 26
- 2015 – current Grievance Committee Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois
- 2015 – current Capricious Grading Committee Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois
- 2015 – current Cities and Metropolitan Regions Committee Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois
- 2015 – current Undergraduate Roepke Scholar Committee Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois



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- 2015 Panelist University of Illinois, Annual Geography and GIScience Ethics Seminar, September 11
- 2015 Panelist University of Illinois, Geography Graduate Student Association Professionalization Panel, April 3, 2015
- 2014 – current Society, Space, and Environment Committee Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, University of Illinois
- 2013 UnBox Committee School of Social Sciences and Professional Studies, University of Wisconsin-Parkside
- 2008 – 2009 Assistant to the Chair Department of Politics, New School for Social Research Department of Politics Student Representative for Job Search Committee, Department of Politics, New School for Social Research, 2008

### University Service

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\*where number of evaluations is greater than 1

- 2015 Peer evaluator Campus Research Board, University of Illinois\*

### Community Service

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- 2014 ‘Critical Human Geography and Ferguson: Deciphering the Event,’ Education Justice Project, Discovery Series, Danville Correctional Center, October 31

### Public Talks

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- 2015 Art Theater, Urbana, Illinois, ‘Overcriminalized,’ ACLU Free Documentary at Art Theater, February 9

### Graduate Advisees

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#### I. Advisor

- 2017- 2019 Erron Perez, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, MA
- 2015 Donald Hutchinson, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, MA

#### II. Committee Member

- 2016 – current M. Alex Evans, Educational Policy Studies Department, ‘Carceral Schools: Navigating the Nexus Between Prisons and Public Schools,’ PhD
- 2016 Zhuo Chen, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, ‘The Decline of Bicycles in Chinese Cities,’ MA
- 2015 – current Daniel Gonzalez, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, ‘Multi-cultural neoliberal governance in Chicago,’ MA/PhD

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- 2015 – 2016 Melissa Heil, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, 'Community Development for Whom? The Role of Community Development Corporations in the Neoliberal City,' MA
- 2014 – 2017 Priyam Tripathy, Department of Geography and Geographic Information Science, 'Speculative Urbanism: The Production of Governable Spaces and Subjects in Delhi, India,' PhD

**Affiliations**

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American Association of Geographers  
American Studies Association  
Critical Ethnic Studies Association  
Carceral Geography Working Group of the Royal Geographical Society  
National Conference of Black Political Scientists  
Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society  
Relational Poverty Network

**References**

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Nancy Fraser, Henry A. and Louise Loeb Professor of Political and Social Science, New School for Social Research, Department of Politics, [frasern@newschool.edu](mailto:frasern@newschool.edu)

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