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## Education

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*CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY- PhD in Criminal Justice (Expected) 2024-2029*  
*St. John's University, Queens, NY- M.A. in Criminology & Justice 2022-2024*  
*St. Johns' University, Queens, NY- B.S. in Criminal Justice 2019-2023*

## Research Interests

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Domestic Violence, Intimate Partner Violence, Corrections, Police Accountability, Victimology

## Professional Experience

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Safe Horizon- *Crime Victim/ Domestic Violence Victim Advocate*  
*March 2024-August 2024*

Provided comprehensive case management for crime victims, ensuring access to necessary resources and support services.

Conducted needs assessments to develop individualized support plans tailored to each victim's unique circumstances.

Facilitated communication between victims and law enforcement, legal representatives, and social service agencies to ensure coordinated care.

Educated victims about their rights and available services, empowering them to make informed decisions throughout the legal process.

Criminology & Sociology Department, St. John's University- *Graduate Assistant*  
*August 2023- May 2024*

Edited and proofread research projects, ensuring accuracy, coherence, and adherence to departmental guidelines.

Assisted faculty members in conducting extensive research, gathering relevant data, and synthesizing information for academic publications and presentations.

Conducted literature reviews and gather academic resources to aid in the development of research proposals and academic papers.

The Fortune Society — *Support Agent, Desistance Study*  
*February 2023 - August 2023*

Conducted in-depth interviews with formerly incarcerated individuals to gather qualitative data for a desistance study.

Participated in team meetings and research discussions to contribute insights and perspectives on the study's progress and findings.

Expected to conduct phone interviews with up to 10 participants per week

Maintained accurate and organized records of research data, ensuring data integrity and confidentiality.

## **Research Experience**

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Research Assistant Under Dr. Valli Rajah *September 2024- Present*

Graduate Research Assistant Under Dr. Natalie Byfield *August 2023- May 2024*

## **Skills**

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## **Associations**

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American Society of Criminal Justice

## **References**

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### **Dr. Natalie Byfield**

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### **Dr. Omar Montana**

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