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### **Teaching Areas**

Sociology, Sociology of Law, Race and Ethnicity, Mainstream and Critical Criminologies, Carceral Studies, Criminal Justice Studies,

### **Research Areas**

Racialized Overincarceration, Indigenous Carceral System Inequalities, US Colonialisms, US Indian Law, Native Sovereignty Rights.

### **Comprehensive Exam Areas**

Race/Ethnicity and Criminology/Deviance

### **Education**

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| 2024 | Ph.D. Sociology<br>University of Oklahoma Norman<br>Dissertation: "Incarceration as Carceral System Space of Native (In)Equality: Comparing Experiences of Punishment between Native and White People Incarcerated in US Federal and State Prisons." (Dr. Chapple, Chair.)            |
| 2017 | M.A. Sociology<br>University of Wisconsin Milwaukee<br>Thesis: "Between Supranational Dictate and National Diction: Native Sovereignty Rights in the Roberts Court Pre- and Post-U.S. Ratification of the U.N. Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples." (Dr. Aneesh, Chair.) |
| 2015 | B.A. Sociology<br>University of Wisconsin Milwaukee   |
| 2015 | Certificate in American Indian Studies<br>University of Wisconsin Milwaukee   |

### **Workshops and Training**

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| 2023 | <i>Anti-Racism Training Workshop</i> . Oberlin College.  |
| 2021 | <i>Advancing Culturally Responsive Research and Researchers</i> . Ohio State University Advanced Methods Institute. <i>Qualitative Track</i> |

- 2021      *Critical Race Theory Summer School*. African American Policy Forum.
- 2020      *Three Layers of Inclusive Teaching: Understanding Multidimensional Diversity and Developing a Learning Environment to Foster Classroom Diversity, Intellectual/Cognitive Diversity, and Pedagogical Diversity*. University of Oklahoma.
- 2019      *Shifting Landscapes: Protocol Training for Building Long-Term Research Relationships in Oklahoma Indian Country*. University of Oklahoma.

### **Teaching and Other Employment**

- 2023-2025      Oberlin College  
Visiting Assistant Professor  
Department of Sociology
- 2020-2024      Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)  
Senior Seminar Instructor
- 2020-23      University of Oklahoma Norman  
Graduate Student Instructor  
Department of Sociology
- 2020-2024      Fancy Comma, LLC  
Social Science Communications Research Writer and Editor
- 2019      University of Oklahoma Norman  
Graduate Student Research Assistant  
Department of Sociology
- 2018      University of Oklahoma Norman  
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant  
Department of Sociology
- 2015-16      University of Wisconsin Milwaukee  
Graduate Student Teaching Assistant  
Department of Sociology

## Courses Constructed and Taught

2024-25	Oberlin College Visiting Assistant Professor <i>Introduction to Sociology: Social Constructs</i> <i>Foundations of Criminology</i> <i>Carceral Studies</i> <i>Black and Native Structural Inequality in the US</i>
2023-24	Oberlin College Visiting Assistant Professor <i>Introduction to Sociology: Social Constructs</i> <i>Critical Criminology</i> <i>Carceral Studies</i> <i>Black and Native Structural Inequality in the US</i>
2023	University of Oklahoma – OLLI Seminar Instructor <i>Crime and Criminal Justice in Indian Country</i> <i>Juveniles in the Justice System</i>
2023	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Instructor <i>Juvenile Justice</i>
2022-23	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Instructor <i>Sociology of Deviance</i>
2022-23	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Instructor <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> (Online, Accelerated)
2022	University of Oklahoma Norman - OLLI Seminar Instructor <i>Invisibility and Hypervisibility: Black and Indigenous Inequality in the US and Canada from Foundations to Over-Incarceration</i> <i>Native Americans in the US Cultural Imagination</i>
2021	University of Oklahoma Norman - OLLI Seminar Instructor <i>Law in the Sociological Perspective</i>
2020-22	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Instructor <i>Introduction to Sociology</i>

2020	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>Systems of Criminal Justice; Capstone in Sociology</i>
2019	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>Criminology; Death Penalty</i>
2018	University of Oklahoma Norman Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>Introduction to Sociology; Medical Sociology; Sociological Methods</i>
2016	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Graduate Teaching Assistant and Discussion Instructor <i>Sociology 101</i>
2015	University of Wisconsin Milwaukee Graduate Teaching Assistant <i>Sociology 101 (Online)</i>

#### **Research Assistantships and Fellowships**

2019	University of Oklahoma Norman Research Assistant to Dr. Erin Maher OKFutures PDG B-5 Federal Grant Program Evaluation Team
2020	University of Oklahoma Norman Grasmick Riddle Summer Research Fellowship (\$2500) “Foreign Indigeneity: Sovereignty, Societal Positioning, and Public Perceptions of Native Racialized Group Differentiation.”

#### **Awards and Honors**

2022	Robberson Research Presentation Travel Grant (\$600)
2019-2020	OKFutures (Federal Grant Project) Research Assistantship (\$18,000)
2019	Grasmick Riddle Summer Research Fellowship (\$2500)
2019	Robberson Research Presentation Travel Grant (\$1000)
2015, 2016	Chancellor’s Award (\$5000/year)
2015	Cum Laude

## **Publications**

### ***Peer-Reviewed Academic Journal Publications***

Tabbutt, Kelly, Erin Maher, and Diane Horm. 2021. "Foundations for Success: A Mixed-Methods Approach to Evaluating the Formative Stage of a Cross-Sector Early Childhood Care and Education Collaboration". *Child and Youth Care Forum*.

### ***Open Access Publications (selection)***

Tabbutt, Kelly. 2021. "Structural Racism and Health Disparities in COVID-19." *Fancy Comma Blog Page*. <https://fancycomma.com/2020/11/14/structural-racism-and-health-disparities-in-covid-19/>.

Tabbutt, Kelly. 2021. "The Canary in the Coal Mine: COVID and Health in the Diné (Navajo) Nation." *Fancy Comma Blog Page*. <https://fancycomma.com/2021/02/28/covid-19-indian-country-navajo-nation/>.

Tabbutt, Kelly. 2020. "The Simplified Guide to Understanding Statistics in the Social Sciences". *Fancy Comma Blog Page*. <https://fancycomma.com/2020/08/24/statistics-in-social-sciences/>.

### ***Manuscripts Under Review***

Tabbutt, Kelly. "The Criminalization of Nativeness: A Synthesis of the Literature on Criminalization and Over-Incarceration of Indigenous People in the US." *Submitted to Sociology Compass: Crime & Deviance Section*.

Tabbutt, Kelly. "Foreign Indigeneity: Sovereignty, Societal Positioning, and Perceived Native Racial Group Contrast." *Submitted to Sociology Compass: Race & Ethnicity Section*.

Tabbutt, Kelly. "Compounded Indigenous Dispossession in the Age of Mass Incarceration: The Role of Economic Marginalization and Indigenous Racialized Group Visibility on Racialized Differences in the Assessment of Legal Financial Obligations." *Submitted to the Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society*.

## **Reviewer**

*Child and Youth Care Forum*

## **Presentations**

### ***National Conferences***

Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP) 2025 Annual Conference. "Compounded Indigenous Dispossession in the Age of Mass Incarceration: The Role of Economic Marginalization and Indigenous Racialized Group Visibility on Racialized Differences in the Assessment of Legal Financial Obligations among Incarcerated People."

Law and Society (LSA) 2025 Annual Conference. “Economic Marginalization and Racialized Group Visibility on Racialized Disparities in Sentence Length.”

American Sociological Association (ASA) 2022 Annual Conference. “Carceral Inequality, Color Lines, and Colonialism: Indigenous and Black Carceral Inequality in North American Settler Colonialism.”

ASA 2020 Annual Conference. “Foreign Indigeneity: Sovereignty, Societal Positioning, and the Construction of Native Racial Group Contrast.”

LSA 2020 Annual Conference. “Between Supranational Dictate and National Diction: US Supreme Court Behavior in the Era of US Ratification of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.”

SSSP 2019 Annual Conference. “Land and Liberty: A World Systems-Internal Colonialism Theoretical Perspective on the Relationship between Environmental and Tribal Rights.”

### ***Collegiate Presentations***

Oberlin College. 2024. Workshop on Native Carceral System Inequality in the US. (Part of the Native American Heritage Month Programming.)

University of Oklahoma *Teach OUt on Race*. 2021. “Native Americans in the US Cultural Imagination: Stereotypes and their Social-Historical Contextual Foundations.”

### **Presider**

ASA 2023 Annual Conference. Regular Session. *Indigenous Identities, Engaging with Native Nations, and the Impact of Native Appropriation*. Section on the Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations.

ASA 2022 Annual Conference. Refereed Roundtable. *Emerging Graduate Research on the Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations: Indigenous Movements and Identities*. Section on the Sociology of Indigenous Peoples and Native Nations.

ASA 2022 Annual Conference. Refereed Roundtable. *Race and Racism*. Section on Racial and Ethnic Minorities.

### **Advising and Supervision**

2024-25                      Advisor for first-year students

2024-25                      Second advisor for undergraduate student honors project  
(Ella Aquadro)

2024                          Supervising professor for winter term student project  
(Francis Gallagher)

## **Collegiate Service**

2023-24	Member Oberlin College Working Group on Indigenous Matters
2022-24	Affiliate Board Member University of Oklahoma Carceral Studies Consortium
2022	Superior Court Chief Justice University of Oklahoma Norman Student Government Association
2021	Doctoral Student Liaison University of Oklahoma Norman Dialogue of Contemporary Sociology (DOCS)
2021-22	Council Member University of Oklahoma Norman Integrity Council
2020-22	Superior Court Justice University of Oklahoma Norman Student Government Association Presiding Justice in <i>Castellano v Lissau</i> , November 18, 2021

## **Service to the Field and Subfields**

2021-23	Student Representative American Sociological Association (ASA) Section on Sociology of Indigenous Peoples/Native Nations (IPNN)
2021-22	Co-Chair Communications Committee ASA IPNN Section
2021	Subcommittee Member Task Force on the State of Indigenous Peoples within the US and the Discipline ASA IPNN Section

2020                      Subcommittee Member  
                                Bylaws Subcommittee  
                                ASA  
                                IPNN Section

### **Candidate**

2025                      Chair-Elect  
                                Society for the Study of Social Problems (SSSP)  
                                Crime and Justice Studies Division

2024                      Co-Chair  
                                SSSP  
                                Critical Race and Ethnicity Division

2023                      Vice-Chair  
                                ASA IPNN Section

### **Elected**

2021                      Student Representative  
                                ASA  
                                IPNN Section

### **Memberships**

- Alpha Kappa Delta International Honor Society of Sociology
- Law & Society Association
  - Collaborative Research Network on Indigenous Peoples and the Law (CRN 34)
- American Sociological Association
  - Section on Indigenous Peoples/Native Nations
  - Section on Racial and Ethnicity Minorities
  - Section on Sociology of Law
  - Section on Crime, Law, and Deviance
- Society for the Study of Social Problems
  - Crime and Justice Division
  - Racial and Ethnic Minorities Division