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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	New York University	Institute for Law and Society	2012
J.D.	New York University	School of Law	2007
B.A.	University of Chicago	Law, Letters, and Society (with honors)	2000

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

Montclair State University	Chair of Justice Studies	9/2025 to present
	Professor of Justice Studies	9/2023 to present
	Associate Professor of Justice Studies	9/2018 to 8/2023
	Assistant Professor of Justice Studies	9/2013 to 8/2018
City College of New York	Adjunct Assistant Professor of Sociology	1/2013 to 5/2013
New York University	Adjunct Instructor of Law and Society	1/2011 to 5/2012
Center on Law and Security At New York University School of Law	Director of Research	1/2008 to 10/2010
Center on Law and Security At New York University School of Law	Research Associate	5/2004 to 1/2008
Kirkland and Ellis, LLP	Summer Associate (offer declined)	5/2006 to 8/2006
Civil Rights Bureau Office of the New York State Attorney General	Summer Associate	5/2005 to 8/2005

COURSES TAUGHT

Justice, Courts, & Legal Systems; Criminology; Theories of Justice; Terrorism & Social Justice; Rights Liberties & American Justice; Juries & Justice; Human Trafficking & The Law; Selected Topics: Truth, Justice, & Social Media; Selected topics: Terrorism & Criminal Justice; Statistics for Social Research; Senior Seminar & Internship; Freshman Seminar; Selected Topics: Abortion and the Law ; Selected Topics: Sociology of Law; Selected Topics: Trial Advocacy

RESEARCH, SCHOLARSHIP, PUBLICATIONS AND RELATED ACTIVITIES

Peer Reviewed Articles

F. Laguardia (2022). "Pain That Only She Must Bear: On the invisibility of women in judicial opinions on abortion" 9(1) *Journal of Law and the Biosciences* 1-36 DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/jlb/lbac003>.

D. Peterka-Benton and F. Laguardia (2021) "The Trouble with Numbers: Difficult Decision Making in Identifying Right-Wing Terrorism Cases. An Investigative Look At Open Source Social Scientific and Legal Data" *Studies in Conflict & Terrorism* DOI: [10.1080/1057610X.2021.1980981](https://doi.org/10.1080/1057610X.2021.1980981)

F. Laguardia (2017) "Deterring Torture: The preventive power of criminal law and its promise for inhibiting state abuses." *Human Rights Quarterly*, 39(1) pp. 189-212.

F. Laguardia, V. Michalsen, and H. Rider-Milkovich. (2017) "Trigger Warnings: From panic to data." *The Journal of Legal Education* 66(4) pp. 882-903.

F. Laguardia (2016). "The Nonexceptionalism Thesis: How post 9/11 criminal justice measures fit in broader criminal justice." *The New Criminal Law Review* 19(4) pp. 544-576.

F. Laguardia (2015). "Special Administrative Measures: An example of counterterror excesses and their roots in U.S. criminal justice." *The Criminal Law Bulletin* 51(1) pp.157-187.

Law Review Articles

F. Laguardia (2025) "Sparing The Gory Details: Legal And Social Inertia And The Refusal To Confront The Body In Pregnancy." 20 *Northwestern Journal of Law and Social Policy* 83.
<https://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/njlsp/vol20/iss2/3/>

F. Laguardia (2022) "Cannibalizing the Constitution: On Terrorism, the Second Amendment, and the Threat to Civil Liberties," 112 *Journal of Criminal Law & Criminology Online* 1.
https://scholarlycommons.law.northwestern.edu/jclc_online/11/

F. Laguardia, (2020) "Considering a Domestic Terrorism Statute and Its Alternatives" *Northwestern University Law Review* 114(4) pp. 1061-1100.

F. Laguardia (2015). "Imagining the Unimaginable: Torture and Criminal Law." *The Columbia Human Rights Law Review* 46(3) pp.48-103.

F. Laguardia (2013) "Terrorists, Informants, and Buffoons: The Case for Downward Departure as a Response to Entrapment." *Lewis and Clark Law Review* 17(1) pp. 171-215.

Other Publications and Reports

Global Center on Human Trafficking (2024) UNDERSTANDING AND IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT INVESTIGATIONS OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING: FOCUS ON SEX TRAFFICKING *available at* <https://www.montclair.edu/human-trafficking/wp-content/uploads/sites/219/2023/07/LawEnforcement-Report-Sex-Trafficking-.pdf>

A. D'Urso, F. Laguardia, and D. Peterka-Benton (2021) UNDERSTANDING HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN NEW JERSEY: AN ANALYSIS OF DATA COLLECTION REPORT FOR THE NEW JERSEY COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING. Award Numbers A21-0025-001 & A21-0025-002.

F. Laguardia (2018) "David Garland." in Bruce Arrigo (ed.) *The Sage Encyclopedia of Surveillance, Security, and Privacy*. (Thousand Oaks, Sage).

F. Laguardia (2014). "Seeking Security: Pre-empting the Commission of Criminal Harms." *Law and Politics Book Review* 24(3) pp. 313-317.

F. Laguardia (2012) "The Bail Reform Act," in *The Social History of Crime and Punishment in America*, Wilbur Miller and Geoffrey J. Golson eds.

F. Laguardia (2010) "The Terrorist Trial Report Card: September 11, 2001-September 11, 2009." Center on Law and Security at NYU School of Law, January 1, 2010. (Also excerpted and included for publication in CRIMINAL LAW 11th Edition, Thomson/Wadsworth).

F. Laguardia (2010) "The Terrorist Trial Report Card: September 11, 2001-September 11, 2010." Center on Law and Security at NYU School of Law, September 11, 2010.

F. Laguardia (2005) "Enforcing the Fair Housing Act: Can Agency Interpretations Override Congressional Intent in Anti-Discrimination Legislation?" *NYU Journal of Legislation and Public Policy* 9, pp. 535-549.

As Contributing Editor for the Criminal Law Bulletin

F. Laguardia (2024). "From the Legal Literature: 'Unfit Women' Across the Atlantic: Reproductive Control of Incarcerated Women in the United States and the United Kingdom." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 60(3)

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F. Laguardia (2024). "From the Legal Literature: The 'Terrorism' Sentencing Enhancement and Its Application to Domestic Terrorism." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 60(1).

F. Laguardia and E. Manning (2023). "From the Legal Literature: Judicial Resistance to New York's 2020 Criminal Legal Reforms." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 59(6).

F. Laguardia (2023). "From the Legal Literature: Private Prosecutions." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 59(5).

F. Laguardia (2023). "From the Legal Literature: Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Over Abortion." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 59(4).

F. Laguardia (2023). "From the Legal Literature: Virtual Testimony Post-COVID." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 59(3).

F. Laguardia (2023). "From the Legal Literature: Examining the Spread of Plea Bargaining." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 59(2).

F. Laguardia (2022). "From the Legal Literature: Undemocratic Crimes." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 58(6): 876-884.

F. Laguardia (2022). "From the Legal Literature: Trafficking and the Shallow State." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 58(5): 712-720.

F. Laguardia (2022). "From the Legal Literature: Arrest Records." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 58(4): 511-519.

M. Schmidt and F. Laguardia (2022). "Environmental Victimization and Criminal Enforcement: Assessing Evidence from Thirty-Seven Years of EPA Case Summary Reports" *Criminal Law Bulletin* 58(3): 398-409.

M. Schmidt and F. Laguardia (2022). "Deterring Corporate Crime: Failed Historical Approaches and Modern Solutions." *Criminal Law Bulletin* 58(2):288-298.

- F. Laguardia (2022). “America’s Paper Prisons: The Second Chance Gap.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 58(1): 165-173.
- G. Guarino and F. Laguardia (2021). “Forgiven, Forgotten? Rethinking Victim Impact Statements for an Era of Decarceration.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 57(6): 1053-1062.
- F. Laguardia (2021). “Weaponizing 911: #LivingwhileBlack, 911, and Swatting.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 57(5): 805-813.
- F. Laguardia (2021). “Is Progressive Prosecution Possible?” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 57(4): 632-640
- F. Laguardia (2021). “Thwarting White Supremacist Gangs.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 57(3): 423-431
- F. Laguardia (2021). “Covid and the Criminal Law.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 57(2): 278-87
- F. Laguardia (2021). “Why States Must Consider Innocence Claims After Guilty Pleas.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 57(1): 98-107
- F. Laguardia (2020). “Automating Police.” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 56(6): 1217-1224
- F. Laguardia (2020). “If the Fetus Is a Person, Is It Relevant? A note on the rights of pregnant women” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 56(5): 1012-1022.
- F. Laguardia (2020). “Disentangling Prison and Punishment” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 56(4): 754-762
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- F. Laguardia (2020). “Criminalizing Propaganda: J. Remy Green’s Argument to Digitize Brandenburg” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 56(2): 318-325.
- F. Laguardia (2020). “Highlighting the Failure of Criminal Courts to Adequately Test Machine Evidence” *Criminal Law Bulletin* 56(1): 161-170.
- F. Laguardia (2019). “From the Legal Literature: The Legal Divide Between Domestic and International Terrorism—Do we need a domestic terror statute?” *The Criminal Law Bulletin* 55(6) pp. 1094-1106.

Grants:

F. Laguardia (2024)	\$3,000
Competitive CHSS Award to finance sabbatical travel	Montclair State University
F. Laguardia (2022)	\$2,000
CHSS Award to establish interdisciplinary working group on reproductive rights, with Goldfarb, M. Taylor, E. Klein, J. Restaino, M. Lee	Montclair State University
F. Laguardia, D. Peterka-Benton, A. D’Urso (2020)	\$50,000
“Understanding Human Trafficking in New Jersey: An Analysis of Data Collection.” New Jersey Department Criminal Justice	
F. Laguardia (2015)	\$800
“Global Education Grant”	Montclair State University

Press and Blogs

F. Laguardia & V. Ades (2022) “The harm we do when we force women to carry a child” *New Jersey Star-Ledger* July 17, 2022. Available at <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2022/07/what-we-do-to-women-when-we-forcethem-to-carry-a-child-opinion.html>

F. Laguardia (2021) “Charge Them All” *The Jurist Commentary* February 1, 2021. Available at <https://www.jurist.org/commentary/2021/02/francesca-laguardia-capitol-charges/>

F. Laguardia (2021) “Keeping the Inauguration Safe” *Opinion- NJ.Com* January 19, 2021. Available at <https://www.nj.com/opinion/2021/01/keeping-the-inauguration-safe-opinion.html>

F. Laguardia (2019) “The Amendment that Ate The Constitution” *The Daily Beast* August 24, 2019. Available at <http://www.thedailybeast.com/the-second-amendment-ate-the-constitution>

F. Laguardia and Karen Greenberg (2009) “Feds on a Terror Tear.” *The Daily Beast*, September, 2009. Available at: <http://www.thedailybeast.com/blogs-and-stories/2009-09-29/getting-better-at-busting-terrorists/>

Quotations and Interviews

S. Levine (2025) “Inside DoJ’s controversial prosecution of a Texas ‘antifa cell’ charged with terrorism.” *The Guardian* (December 18, 2025). <https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2025/dec/18/texas-antifa-ice-detention-center>

J. Lancaster (2025) “Trump Declares Tesla Vandals ‘Domestic Terrorists’” *Reason* (March 12, 2025) <https://reason.com/2025/03/12/trump-declares-tesla-vandals-domestic-terrorists/>

B. Wolfgang (2023) “Military aid for abortions fuels political, legal wars; Congress urged to step in for clarification” *The Washington Times* (April 22, 2023) <https://www.washingtontimes.com/news/2023/apr/22/new-forever-war-pentagons-post-ro-abortion-stance/>

NJ Politics with Laura Jones (July 12, 2022), *NJ On Air*, discussing implications of overturning *Roe v. Wade*.

New Jersey Morning Show (July 8, 2022), *NJ On Air*, discussing implications of overturning *Roe v. Wade*. <https://www.njonair.com/videos/2022/new-jersey-morning-show-july-8-2022/>

O. Donovan-Smith (2021) “Delays in trial of accused 9/11 plotters continue, partly due to role of torture conducted by Spokane-based psychologists” *The Spokesman-Review* (September 12, 2021) <https://www.spokesman.com/stories/2021/sep/12/delays-in-trial-of-accused-911-plotters-continuep/>

E. Massey (2021) “Why We Don’t Need a New Domestic Terror Law” *Current Affairs* (January 19, 2021) <https://www.currentaffairs.org/2021/01/why-we-dont-need-a-new-domestic-terror-law>

B. Scher (2021) “It’s Time for a Domestic Terrorism Law” *Wash. Monthly* (January 14, 2021) <https://washingtonmonthly.com/2021/01/14/its-time-for-a-domestic-terrorism-law/>

J. Hicks (2019) “We Fact-Checked 5 Horrifying Details in ‘The Report,’ the New Movie About Post9/11 Torture” *Vice.com* November 14, 2019 https://www.vice.com/en_us/article/8xwjp5/we-factchecked-5-horrifying-details-in-the-report-the-new-movie-about-post-911-torture

A. Wisneiski (2015) “Can law enforcement use ‘fake’ crimes to create criminals?” *The Crime Report* November 15, 2015 <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/outrageous-government-conduct-can-lawenforcement-use-fake-crimes-to-create-criminals/>

A. Wisneiski (2015) “Can law enforcement use ‘fairy tales’ to step up sentences?” *The Crime Report* November 19, 2015 <https://www.cbsnews.com/news/fairy-tales-and-drugs-in-americas-courtrooms/>

A. G. Sulzberger (2010) “2 men convicted in Kennedy Airport plot” *The New York Times* August 2, 2010 <https://www.nytimes.com/2010/08/03/nyregion/03kennedy.html>

GUEST EDITORSHIP

Guest editor, special issue *Criminal Law Bulletin*, February 2023

REVIEWER FOR:

Stanford Law Review; Law & Society Review; Department of Homeland Security Oak Ridge Associated Universities; Journal of Global Security Studies; Journal of Law & Policy; Journal of Criminology, Criminal Justice, Law & Society; Criminal Law Bulletin; Nordic Journal of International Law.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS AND INVITED SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 11/2024 **Invited Lecture** “Intro to U.S. Law and Courts” Montclair State University introduction for visiting legal scholars from Gratz University, Austria
- 06/2024 **Invited Discussant** “Using the Law to Reform Law: Social Justice Movements and Theories of Change.” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado
- 06/2024 “Humanizing Mothers” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, Denver, Colorado.
- 03/2024 **Invited Speaker**, moderator, Transforming Drug Prosecutions, harm reduction panel at Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey
- 11/2023 **Invited Speaker** “Affirmative Action Teach In” Montclair State University, Montclair, New Jersey.
- 10/2023 **Invited Speaker** “Improving Investigations of Human Trafficking” Homeland Security Investigations Training, Montclair, New Jersey
- 06/2023 “Picture your Baby” Law & Society Association Annual Meeting, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 05/2023 **Invited Speaker** “Teaching Judicial Power and Reproductive Rights Post-Dobbs” Consortium of Undergraduate Law and Justice Programs Digital Discussion.
- 04/2023 Moderator, “Reproductive Justice, the Fight Right Now.” Montclair State University, event sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Working Group on Reproductive Justice.
- 04/2023 **Invited Speaker** “Female Genital Mutilation and Asylum in the U.S.” Empower Lab at NYU School of Global Public Health, New York.
- 04/2023 **Invited Speaker** “The Janes Screening and Panel Discussion.” Montclair State University, School of Communications and Media.

09/2022 “Red Herrings and Buried Ledes: the failure to highlight health issues in legal discussions about abortion.” New Directions in Law & Society at the Center for Justice, Law & Societies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

09/2022 Panel Chair & Discussant, “Human Rights and Violence.” New Directions in Law & Society at the Center for Justice, Law & Societies, University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

07/2022 “Pain that Only She Must Bear: On the invisibility of women in judicial abortion rhetoric.” Law and Society Association, Lisbon, Portugal.

03/2022 “Pain that Only She Must Bear: On the invisibility of women in judicial rhetoric on abortion.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

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03/2022 “Pain that Only She Must Bear: On the invisibility of women in judicial rhetoric on abortion.” Eastern Sociological Society, Boston, Massachusetts.

02/2022 **Invited Speaker** “Pain that Only She Must Bear: Legal language, medical language, and social change.” Empower Lab at NYU School of Global Public Health, New York.

01/2022 **Invited Speaker** “Finding Justice: How Attorneys Help Victims and Survivors of Human Trafficking Across the U.S. Global Center on Human Trafficking.” Montclair, New Jersey

11/2021 “Pain that Only She Must Bear: On the invisibility of women in judicial rhetoric on abortion.” Midwest Law and Society Retreat, Madison Wisconsin.

11/2021 **Invited Speaker** “Domestic Terrorism and the Rule of Law.” class on National Security and the Rule of Law, Fordham Law School, New York.

09/2021 **Invited Speaker** “Domestic Terrorism.” Montclair Library Adult Learning, Montclair, New Jersey.

5/2021 “Law, Democracy, and Society in Times of Illiberalism.” OFA series on Democracy, Montclair State University.

5/2019 “Is the Rule of Law Standing Its Ground? American Rule of Law Culture in the Context of Immigration and Terrorism Trials.” Law and Society Annual Conference, Washington DC.

6/2018 “Legal Culture and the Rule of Law in the Context of Post-9/11 Terrorism Trials.” Law and Society Annual Conference, Toronto

10/2016 “Trigger Warnings: from panic to data.” Journal of Legal Education Special Symposium on Sexual Assault on Campus, Georgetown Law School

10/2015 “Torture and Constraint: the Failure and Promise of Lawyers' Legal Consciousness.” Mid-Atlantic Law and Society Association annual meeting.

6/2015 “Torture and Constraint: The roots of Enhanced Interrogation Tactics in legal education.” Law and Society Association Annual Conference.

2/2015 “Do Black Lives Matter? A Discussion of the Eric Garner & Michael Brown Cases.” Panel presentation for Justice Studies Department.

11/2014 “The Nonexceptionalism Thesis: How post-9/11 criminal justice measures fit in broader criminal justice culture.” Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology.

6/2014 “Imagining the Unimaginable: Torture and the Criminal Law.” 11th Biennial John Jay College International Conference, “The Rule of Law in an Era of Change: Security, Social Justice and Inclusive Governance.”

5/2014 “Rules and Exceptions: Education, Legal Culture, and Opening the Door to Torture in the U.S. Law.” and Society Association Annual Conference.

11/2011 “SAMS: Pretrial Solitary Confinement, The War on Crime and the War on Terror.” American Society of Criminology (ASC) annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

11/2011 “SAMS: Pretrial Solitary Confinement, The War on Crime and the War on Terror.” Crime, Law, and Deviance Workshop, New York University, New York, New York.

12/2010 **Invited Speaker** “Terrorism Prosecutions in Article III Courts.” Criminal Law Committee of the New York City Bar Association, New York, New York.

7/2010 **Invited Speaker** “The Culture of National Security.” Department of State’s International Visitor Leadership Program, New York, New York.

AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Contributing Editor, <i>Criminal Law Bulletin</i>	2019-2024
Fellow, Center on National Security, Fordham Law School	2023-present
Editor, <i>Criminal Law Bulletin</i> 59(1) (special issue)	Fall 2022
Member, Arkin Justice Initiative, Fordham Law School	2017-2022
Criminal Justice Fellow, Center on National Security, Fordham Law School	2022
Journal of Legislation and Public Policy, articles editor	2006-2008
New York University MacCracken Scholar	2002-2012