

# Kimberly Bernstein

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## EDUCATION

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- Current*      **University at Albany-SUNY**—Albany, NY  
Ph.D. Student in Criminal Justice
- May 2015*      **The College of New Jersey (TCNJ)**—Ewing, NJ  
Bachelor of Science in Criminology (B.S.)  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (B.A.)  
Overall GPA: 3.89/4.0 | Psychology GPA: 3.99/4.0 | Criminology GPA: 4.0/4.0

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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- Jury decision-making cognitions
- Sentencing disparities due to implicit racial bias
- Stereotype threat in criminal justice interactions
- The interaction between mental health and the criminal justice system
- Racial stereotyping in eyewitness identifications

## ACADEMIC HONORS & AWARDS

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- Fall 2015*      Robert A. Martin, Jr. Fellowship in Criminal Justice
- Spring 2015*      College Honors: Magna Cum Laude
- Fall 2015*      College Honors: Academic Excellence in Criminology
- Fall 2014 –  
Spring 2015*      Honors Thesis: *Phenotypic Prototypicality*
- May 2010*      TCNJ Merit Scholar

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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- Fall 2015-  
Present*      **PULSE Lab, University at Albany-SUNY**  
*Research Assistant under Dr. Cynthia Najdowski*
- Fall 2014-  
Spring 2015*      **Honors Thesis: *Phenotypic Prototypicality***  
Advisor: Shaun Wiley, Ph.D.
- Design and implement an experiment to analyze how social psychology variables affect perceptions of phenotypic prototypicality and culpability in criminal justice outcomes
  - Review scales of racial identity, prejudice, and social dominance orientation and right wing authoritarianism
  - Select and modify questionnaires to fit data collection requirements and to improve reliability
  - Run descriptive and analytic statistics using SPSS software

- Spring 2014 – Present*    **Social Change and Collective Identity Lab, The College of New Jersey**  
*Research Assistant under Dr. Shaun Wiley*
- Collect data using Qualtrics
  - Utilize SPSS software for data entry and organization
  - Perform literature reviews on racial identity, implicit and explicit racial attitudes, culpability in the criminal justice system, and facial perception
  - Facilitate and participate in article discussions about social psychology research
  - Participate as a confederate to test leadership and subtle identity performance
- Spring 2013-Fall 2013*    **Jeffrey R. Ralston Crime Analytics Fellowship, The College of New Jersey**  
*Research fellow with Dr. David Holleran*
- Clean, organize, and analyze four years of police dispatch data
  - Utilize SAS software for data organization and analytics
  - Utilize ArcGIS software for mapping and analytics
  - Perform literature reviews on substance abuse, alcohol and violence, alcohol outlets, and simple assaults
- Fall 2012*    **Event Related Potentials (ERP) Lab, The College of New Jersey**  
*Research Assistant under Dr. P. Andrew Leynes*
- Prepare electrodes and brain cap on participants using saline gel and impedance meters
  - Collect and clean physiological data using appropriate software
  - Clean, prepare, and maintain electrodes and brain cap

## **Work Experience**

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- 2016-Current*    **Law and Human Behavior Student Editorial Board**
- Read and evaluate scientific articles and make recommendations for publication
- Summer 2012-2014*    **Herstory Writers Workshop, Centereach, NY**
- Record and update attendance at prison workshops and current addresses of formerly incarcerated women
  - Facilitate memoir writing programs for incarcerated women
  - Create and facilitate Youth Writing for Justice program to get social justice oriented youth involved in juvenile justice campaigns
  - Maintain contact with the New York Corrections Association to schedule meetings and send updates
  - Create flyers and brochures for upcoming events and programs

## **ASSOCIATIONS & AFFILIATIONS**

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*Spring 2015*     **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society:** Member  
*Spring 2013*     **Psi Chi: International Honors Society in Psychology:** Member  
*Spring 2013*     **Alpha Phi Sigma: National Criminal Justice Honors Society:** Member  
*Spring 2014*     **Phi Kappa Phi:** Member  
*Spring 2014*     **International Golden Key Honour Society:** Member  
*Fall 2012*        **Alpha Psi Omega: National Theatre Honor Society:** Member  
*Fall 2011*        **TCNJ Merit Scholar**