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Nikki Jones is an associate professor in the Department of African American Studies at UC-Berkeley. Her research, writing and teaching focuses on the experiences of African American men, women and youth with the criminal justice system, policing and with various forms of violence. She is also a faculty affiliate with the Center for the Study of Law and Society; the Center for Race and Gender; and the Department of Women and Gender Studies at UC-Berkeley.

Professor Jones' areas of expertise include urban ethnography, race and ethnic relations and criminology and criminal justice, with a special emphasis on the intersection of race, gender, and justice. Professor Jones has published three books, including the sole-authored *Between Good and Ghetto: African American Girls and Inner City Violence* (2010), published in the Rutgers University Press Series in Childhood Studies ([betweengoodandghetto.com](http://betweengoodandghetto.com)).

Her research appears in peer-reviewed journals in sociology, gender studies, and criminology. Jones' next book, based on several years of field research in a San Francisco neighborhood, examines how African American men with criminal histories change their lives, and their place in the neighborhood once they do. Her current research draws on the systematic analysis of video records that document routine

encounters between police and civilians, including young Black men's frequent encounters with the police. Professor Jones is the past-Chair of the American Sociological Association's Race, Gender and Class Section (2012-13). She has also served on the editorial boards of the *American Sociological Review* and *Gender & Society*. Before joining the faculty at Cal Professor Jones was on faculty in the Department of Sociology at UC-Santa Barbara (from 2004-2013). She earned her Ph.D. in Sociology and Criminology from the University of Pennsylvania.

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