Stephen Cassidy Jones, PhD

Curriculum vitae

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EDUCATION

2024 PhD | Earth & Environmental Sciences (Geography) – The Graduate Center, City University of New York (CUNY)
Dissertation: "Race, Rebellion, and Counterinsurgency: California's Supermax Prisons."
Committee: Ruth Wilson Gilmore, Orisanmi Burton, Monica Varsanyi, Karen Miller

2017 MA | American Studies – The Graduate Center, CUNY
Thesis: "The Bunker Hill Story: Welfare, Redevelopment, and Housing Crisis in Postwar Los Angeles."

2015 BA | Sociology – Hunter College, City University of New York

PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2024 – 2027 Postdoctoral Research Fellow – University of Michigan Carceral State Project, Department of Afroamerican and African Studies

2022 – 2023 Associate Researcher – Vera Institute of Justice, In Our Backyards & Beyond Jails Initiative

2020 – 2021 Applied Justice Research Fellow – Vera Institute of Justice, In Our Backyards: Ending Mass Incarceration Where It Begins

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

2021 Jessie Speer and **Stephen Cassidy Jones**. "Dangerous Papers: Building an Archive of Antiprison Resistance." *Professional Geographer* 74 no. 3 (September 2021): 573-579, https://doi.org/10.1080/00330124.2021.1936578.

Dissertation

2024 **Stephen Jones**. "Race, Rebellion, and Counterinsurgency: California's Supermax Prisons." Dissertation, City University of New York (CUNY), 2024. https://academicworks.cuny.edu/gc_etds/6028/.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Stephen Cassidy Jones. "Race, Space, and Repression in California's Security Housing Units." (Finalizing manuscript draft.)

Stephen Cassidy Jones. “Jailhouse Lawyers and Imprisoned Organizers in Michigan’s Prisoners’ Movement.” (Results completed, manuscript in progress.)

Digital Humanities Publications

2026 Nicole Poses and Eden Reavis with **Stephen Cassidy Jones, ed.**, “Challenging Systematic Abuse in Michigan Women’s Prisons.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, Forthcoming Fall 2026.

2026 Kenny Pepper, Abigail Stein, **Stephen Cassidy Jones**, and Madison Hammond, “Anything but the Truth: John Engler’s Parole Board Coup, Truth-in-Sentencing, and Why People are Locked Up So Long in Michigan.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, Forthcoming Fall 2026.

2026 Grace Schuur, Caleb Shoup, and Jailyn Suarez, with **Stephen Cassidy Jones, ed.**, “Litigating for Dignity: Jailhouse Lawyers and *Cain v MDOC*.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, November 2026. https://arcg.is/1yWKCD2.

2026 J’Mauri Jackson with **Stephen Cassidy Jones, ed.**, “The Intersection of Disability, Health, and Incarceration: A Case Study of Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, May 2026. https://arcg.is/aPb800.

2025 Madison Hammond with **Stephen Cassidy Jones, ed.**, “The Politics of Fear: How the 1990s Victim’s Rights Movement Justified Punitive Legislation in Michigan.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, November 2025. https://arcg.is/0OHi1H.

2025 Julia Frykman with Matt Lassiter and **Stephen Cassidy Jones, eds.**, “John Engler’s ‘Punk Prison’: A Political Stunt.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, August 2025. https://arcg.is/1Kiyba0.

2025 Lawson Schultz with **Stephen Cassidy Jones, ed.**, “Postcards, Prison Camps, and Politics.” University of Michigan Carceral State Project, January 2025. https://arcg.is/1rySif.

Policy Reports

2023 Bea Halbach-Singh, Jessica Zhang, Jacob Kang-Brown, and **Stephen Jones**, “A False Choice: How One Texas County Is Using Women’s Incarceration to Justify a New Jail.” *Vera Institute of Justice*, October 2023, https://www.vera.org/in-our-backyards-stories/a-false-choice.

2023 Bea Halbach-Singh, Jack Norton, **Stephen Jones**, and Jessica Zhang, *The Criminalization of Poverty in Kentucky: How Economic Crises and Flawed Reform Fueled an Incarceration Boom*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice, August 2023. https://vera-institute.files.svdcdn.com/production/downloads/publications/the-criminalization-of-poverty-in-kentucky-report.pdf?dm=1691597735.

2023 Jacob Kang-Brown, **Stephen Jones**, Joyce Tagal, and Jessica Zhang, *People in Jail and Prison in 2022*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice,

2023. https://vera-institute.files.svdcdn.com/production/downloads/publications/People-in-Jail-and-Prison-in-2022.pdf?dm=1686933566.

2022 Jack Norton, **Stephen Jones**, Bea Halbach-Singh, Jasmine Heiss, and Free Hearts Leadership. *The Criminalization of Poverty in Tennessee*. New York: Vera Institute of Justice. April 2022. https://vera-institute.files.svdcdn.com/production/downloads/publications/the-criminalization-of-poverty-in-tennessee.pdf?dm=1651009129.

Book Reviews

2025 **Stephen Cassidy Jones**, Review of Orisanmi Burton's *Tip of the Spear: Black Radicalism, Prison Repression, and the Long Attica Revolt*, *Social Justice*, May 2025.

Other Publications

2023 Stephen Cassidy Jones and Liza Yeager "Alien Jerky Sold Here." *The Dig*, Jacobin Radio, September 2023, https://thedigradio.com/podcast/the-dig-presents-alien-jerky-sold-here/.

FELLOWSHIPS & GRANTS

The Graduate Center, City University of New York

2023 Doctoral Student Research Grant – $780
2022-2023 Center for Place, Culture, and Politics Dissertation Fellowship – $10,000
2022 Knickerbocker Award for Archival Research in American Studies – $4,000
2021 Provost's Pre-Dissertation Research Fellowship – $2,000
2019 Neil Smith Travel and Research Award – $350
2017-2022 Graduate Center Fellowship – $27,000/year

The Vera Institute of Justice

2020 – 2021 Applied Justice Research Fellowship - $13,000

The Antipode Foundation

2019 – 2020 Antipode Scholar-Activist Grant – $12,000

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY & PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

2026 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "The Prisoners' Movement in Michigan." Invited presentation at University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor, CA, February 10, 2026.

2024 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Post-Incarceration Continuity of Care." Invited presentation at the University of Michigan Medical School's Department of Family Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI, October 22, 2024.

2021 Stephen Jones, "The Criminalization of Poverty in Tennessee." Lecture presented at the Vera Institute of Justice, New York, NY, May 2021.

Conference Paper Presentations

2024 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Criminalization, Immobility, and Political-

Economic Restructuring in Rural Tennessee: A Case Study of Weakley County." Panel presentation at the 3rd annual Insurgent Ethnography Conference, State University of New York, Binghamton, April 19, 2024.

2023 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Jail Expansion and the Criminalization of Poverty in Wilson County, Tennessee." Panel presentation at the 78th American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, PA, November 15, 2023.

2022 Stephen Jones, Carli Snyder, Kristen Racaniello, and Woo Ree Heor, "WAC-y Ways to Keep Your Students Awake." Workshop presented at the Writing Across the Curriculum Professional Development meeting, New York, NY, April 8, 2022.

2019 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Rehabilitation and Repression: Prisoner Classification in California, 1945 – 1980." Panel presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Association of Geographers, Washington D.C., April 2019.

Discussant

2026 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "*Calls from Home* Film Screening and Discussion." Panel discussion following screening of the film *Calls from Home*, State Theater, Ann Arbor, MI, February 18, 2026.

2025 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Workshop on Psychological Warfare, Psychiatric Violence, and the Prison Industrial Complex." Three-day workshop, part of the Material Intelligence as Historical Problem research project, University of California Los Angeles, Los Angeles, CA, November 20-22, 2025.

2025 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Ending Perpetual Punishment." Panel presentation at the 2025 Annual Symposium of the University of Michigan Carceral State Project, Trotter Multicultural Center, Ann Arbor, MI, March 29, 2025.

2024 Stephen Cassidy Jones, "Grounding the Global Order in the Local: Challenging Colonial Policing from Home." Paper Session at the 2024 Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, Baltimore, MD, November 15, 2024.

Interviews

2026 Sylvia Ryerson and Stephen Jones, "Stateside: Tuesday, Feb. 17, 2026." Radio interview with "Stateside" host April Baer, Ann Arbor, MI, February 17, 2026. https://www.michiganpublic.org/stateside/2026-02-17/tuesday-feb-17-2026.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Michigan

History 491/796 Project Co-Director, "Investigating the Criminal-Legal System in Michigan" (Winter 2025, Winter 2026)

Vassar College

Geography 342 Adjunct Instructor, "Social Geography of Social Movements"

(Spring 2024)

Hunter College, City University of New York

Geography 101	Adjunct Instructor, “People and Their Environments” (Spring 2022)

Queens College, City University of New York

Urban Studies 745	Graduate Teaching Fellow, “Community Organizations” (Spring 2020)
Urban Studies 101	Graduate Teaching Fellow, “Poverty and Affluence” (Fall 2018, Spring 2019, Fall 2019)