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Current Position

2024 - Instructor (Tenure Track), Department of Sociology, University of Minnesota, Twin-Cities

Education

- 2017 - 2025 **PhD Candidate in Sociology**
(*expected*) University of Toronto, ON, Canada
Comprehensive Exams: Sociology of Crime and Law & Sociology of Gender
Committee: Dr. Candace Kruttschnitt (supervisor), Dr. Ron Levi, Dr. Phil Goodman,
- 2015 - 2017 **Master of Arts in Sociology**
University of São Paulo (USP), Brazil
Supervisor: Eva Alterman Blay
- 2009 - 2013 **Bachelor's Degree in Journalism**
Catholic University of Rio Grande do Sul (PUCRS), Brazil

Research and Teaching Interests

Criminology, sociology of punishment, gender studies, qualitative methods, sociological theory, Latin American studies

Peer-Reviewed Publications

- Otto, Natália. 2020. **'I did what I had to do': Loyalty and sacrifice in girls' narratives of homicide in Southern Brazil.** *The British Journal of Criminology*.
DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/bjc/azz079>.
- Otto, Natália, Josée Johnston and Shyon Baumann. 2021. **Moral entrepreneurialism for the hamburger: strategies for marketing a contested fast food.** *Cultural Sociology*.
DOI: [10.1177/17499755211039932](https://doi.org/10.1177/17499755211039932)
* *Nominated for the 2023 SAGE Prize for Innovation and Excellence.*
- Kruttschnitt, Candace and Natália Otto. 2021. **Women's experiences in the revolving door of the Criminal Justice System: Implications for their imagined futures.** *Women & Criminal Justice*. DOI: [10.1080/08974454.2019.1664970](https://doi.org/10.1080/08974454.2019.1664970).

Manuscripts Under Review

- Otto, Natália, Roberta Pamplona and Luisa Schwartzman. **Violence between the home and the street: Gendered violence and the social construction of the public/private boundary in southern Brazil.**

Research Reports

- 2019 Foglesong, T., Wilmot, C., Levi, R., Haag, J., Otto, N. **Experiences and perceptions of the Police in Baltimore: A report for the Monitor Based on interviews with arrested detainees.** Munk School of Global Affairs, University of Toronto, Canada.

Selected Conference Presentations

- 2022 Violence between the home and the street: Gendered violence and the social construction of the public/private boundary in Southern Brazil. **American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.** Atlanta, United States. *With Roberta Pamplona and Luisa Schwartzman.*
- 2022 Between narrative *habitus* and field stories: Structure and subjectivity in women's narratives of violent drug markets. **The Narrative Criminology Symposium.** Genoa, Italy.
- 2021 Gender and violence in the narratives of teenage girls working in illicit drug economies in Brazil. **Northwestern University Problem Solving Workshop.** Virtual.
- 2021 Accounting for gendered social structures in narratives of harm: the *house* and the *street* in narratives of criminalized teenage girls in Brazil. **Canadian Sociology Association Annual Meeting.** Virtual.
- 2021 Violence between the house and the street: public and private in the narratives of criminalized teenage girls in Brazil. **Canadian Association for Latin American and Caribbean Studies Annual Meeting.** Virtual.
- 2020 From managers to caretakers: Teenage girls' involvement in the illicit drug economy in Brazil. **American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.** San Francisco, CA, United States.
- 2019 The violent art of making do: Gendered narratives of criminalized girls in Brazil. **American Sociological Association Annual Meeting.** New York City, NY, United States.
- 2019 Intersections of gender and violence in narratives of incarcerated teenage women in Brazil. **Latin American Studies Association Annual Meeting.** Boston, MA, United States.
- 2018 Women's experiences in the revolving door of the Criminal Justice System: Implications for their imagined futures. **American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting.** Atlanta, GA, United States. *With and presented by Candace Kruttschnitt.*
- 2018 Aggressive wife, caring mother: Representations of gender and violence in the biographical narrative of an incarcerated girl in Brazil. **International Sociology Association World Congress.** Toronto, ON, Canada.

Awards & Fellowships

- 2023-2024 Mary H. Beatty Fellowship
- 2021-2023 Ontario International Graduate Scholarship
- 2019-2021 University of Toronto Program-Level Summer Fellowship
- 2017-2021 University of Toronto Fellowship
- 2017 Outstanding Admissions Award; Department of Sociology
- 2015-2016 Coordination for Perfecting Higher Education Personnel Fellowship

- 2011 1st Place: XXVI Human Rights in Journalism Awards (granted by the Brazilian Bar Association)
- 2011 2nd Place: XXVI Human Rights in Journalism Awards (granted by the Brazilian Bar Association)

Teaching Experience

- Course Instructor - University of Minnesota Twin-Cities**
- 2024 Fall Introduction to Sociology (in person, 240 students)
- Course Instructor – University of Toronto St. George**
- 2021 Summer Social Control (online, 35 students, evaluation: 4.6/5)
- 2021 Fall Social Control (in person, 130 students, evaluation: 4.3/5)
- 2022 Summer Social Control (in person, 35 students, evaluation: 4.8/5)
- 2022 Fall Social Control (in person, 40 students, evaluation: 4.6/5)
- 2023 Summer Social Control (online, 50 students, evaluation: 4.9/5)

Service to the University, the Profession, and the Community

- 2023 – 2024 Researcher, organizer & media coordinator
Coletivo Território Justiça Social. Feminist non-profit organization that coordinates prison education programs at women’s penitentiaries in Porto Alegre, Brazil
- 2022 – 2023 Social sciences graduate students’ representative
Art& Science Council, University of Toronto
- 2020 – Peer reviewer
Social Forces; Psychology, Crime and Law
- 2020 – Co-founder & mentor
Humanas no Canadá. Free mentorship program for Brazilian researchers seeking to apply to graduate school in Canada in the Humanities and Social Sciences
- 2018 – 2020 Graduate Student Union Representative
Graduate Sociology Student Association (GSSA), University of Toronto

Language Proficiency

- Portuguese* Native
- English* Fluent
- Spanish* Advanced
- French* Intermediate