Dr. Washington joined the School of Criminal Justice in 2012. Dr. Washington’s primary interest is in understanding the consequences of incarceration for individuals and those who are connected to them by familial ties, with an emphasis on racial and ethnic variation in the outcomes. She explores these issues by integrating perspectives from the disciplines of criminology and family sociology. Her past and current research uses data from the Fragile Families and Child Wellbeing Study to explore: (1) the consequences of individuals’ involvement in crime and history of incarceration for family formation, family dynamics, and youths’ behavior; (2) the characteristics and circumstances that might mediate and/or moderate the impact of incarceration on children and families; and (3) whether the effects of incarceration are universal across ethnoracial groups and immigrant backgrounds. Dr. Washington’s second research area concerns the ways in which individuals’ residential neighborhood environments influence their involvement in crime, delinquency, and other problem behaviors. Her current research explores the extent to which parents’ childrearing practices are affected by their residential neighborhood conditions, and in turn, how both neighborhoods and parents’ behaviors shape children’s behavioral outcomes.

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