

## CAMERON LEAHY

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### EDUCATION

**Ph.D.**, Social Work - City, Culture, & Community

August 2025

*School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University*

- *Dissertation*: Preparedness at the Margins: Disaster Resilience in an Unhoused Community (passed with distinction)
- *Committee*: Frederick Buttell (chair), Regardt Ferreira, Margaret Mary Downey

**B.A.**, *cum laude*, Political Science and Social Policy & Practice

May 2018

*School of Liberal Arts, Tulane University*

- *Honors Thesis*: Homelessness Policy in the U.S.: A Legal and Practical Assessment

### PUBLICATIONS

Cannon, C. E. B., **Leahy, C.**, Buttell, F., & Ferreira, R. (2025). Assessing Primary Prevention Programs for Intimate Partner Violence: A Review of Contemporary Approaches. *Partner Abuse*.

Cannon, C. E. B., **Leahy, C.**, Buttell, F., & Ferreira, R. (2025). Examining Intervention Programs for Perpetrators and Victims of Intimate Partner Violence: A Review of Contemporary Approaches. *Partner Abuse*.

Cannon, C. E. B., **Leahy, C.**, Buttell, F., & Ferreira, R. (2025). Evaluating Risk Assessments for Intimate Partner Violence: A Review of Contemporary Approaches. *Partner Abuse*.  
<https://doi.org/10.1891/PA-2024-0052>

Ferreira, R., Davidson, T., Buttell, F., Contillo, C. M., Leddie, C., **Leahy, C.**, Nuñez-Dune, C., Lentz, B., Simkins, M., Jerolleman, A., Eide, C., Glaude, M. W., Thomas, J., Leiva, D., Awbrey, M. L., & Friedman, R. (2024). Barriers to equitable disaster recovery: A scoping literature review. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 110, 104628

### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

**Graduate Assistant**

May 2023 - Present

*Southern African Resilience Academy, Stellenbosch University*

- Provide research and writing for a literature review (currently under review) on resilience in Southern African communities
- Develop research materials for a Group Concept Mapping resilience project in Southern Africa, capturing local voices

**Graduate Assistant**

January 2023 - Present

*Consortium for Emergent Disaster Resilience, Tulane University*

- Take a bottom-up, holistic approach using group concept mapping with community members and funders, from IRB submission through project execution and write-up
- Completed literature reviews on barriers to equitable disaster recovery in the U.S. and FEMA's Individuals and Households program
- Assisted in writing for grant proposals, including at the Walmart Foundation and the National Academies

**Graduate Assistant**

June 2023 - May 2024

*Dr. Fred Buttell, Tulane University*

- Assisted in research and writing to provide a major periodic update to the Partner Abuse State of Knowledge (PASK) database
- Produced multiple articles and tables for publication

**Graduate Assistant**

June 2022 - December 2023

*Dr. Regardt Ferreira & Dr. Fred Buttell, Tulane University*

- Provide research support for projects involving disaster relief and resilience
- Developed curricula and programming to cultivate resilience among Tulane students and staff, including the selection of relevant readings
- Designed course materials on the Canvas Learning Management System

**Law Research Assistant**

October 2018 - March 2019

*Dr. Mark Cohen, Vanderbilt University Owen Graduate School of Management*

- Assisted in researching the cost of wrongful convictions/imprisonment
- Researched settlement agreements and jury awards regarding wrongful conviction lawsuits

**TEACHING & MENTORING EXPERIENCE****Visiting Assistant Professor**

Starting August 2025

*SOCI 2010, Foundations of Sociology*

Fall 2025

*SOCI 1090, Social Problems (two sections)*

Fall 2025

**Instructor of Record***SOCI 1090, Social Problems*

Spring 202

**Teaching Assistant***SOWK 1000, Trauma!, Dr. Charles Figley*

Fall 2023 - Fall 2024

*SOWK 2100, Family Trauma, Dr. Charles Figley*

Fall 2024

*SOCI 2010, Foundations of Sociology, Dr. Carl Bankston*

Spring 2023

*SOCI 1010, Sexualities & Society, Dr. Lisa Wade*

Fall 2022

*SOCI 1300, Criminology, Dr. Stephen Ostertag*

Spring 2022

*SOCI 2100, Special Topics: Sociology of Sexualities, Dr. Lisa Wade*

Fall 2021

**Teaching Fellow***SOWK 2000, Introduction to Social Policy & Practice, Karrie Gaspard-Hogewood,* Fall 2023

- Served as Teaching Fellow under the mentorship of a professor to develop skills and teaching philosophy, including through attending workshops and meetings

**Apprentice Director**

May 2023 - February 2024

*WTUL New Orleans, 91.5 FM*

- Reviewed applications for new radio DJ apprentices at a college radio station
- Developed and led training for prospective radio DJs, including grading homework and administering written & practical exams

**Research Mentor***The Baton Rouge Youth Coalition, Baton Rouge, LA*

August 2020 - May 2021

- Supported a group of three high school underclassmen through long-term research projects on pressing social issues
- Facilitated weekly team meetings to develop research skills and foster good collaborative working habits

## GRANTS, AWARDS, AND HONORS

- Walmart Foundation, Consortium for Emergent Disaster Resilience – Individual and Households Systems Change, 2023, \$549,320
  - Graduate research assistant
- Tulane University Honors Summer Research Program grantee, 2017, \$1,200
- Tulane University Deans' Honor Scholarship, 2015-2018, full-tuition

## PRESENTATIONS

- “Disaster Preparedness and Homelessness”, Oral presentation, Tulane University, 3-Minute Thesis, New Orleans, LA, November 2024.
- “Carceral Disaster Response: A Case Study of New Orleans, Louisiana During Hurricane Katrina,” Oral presentation, Mid-South Sociological Association annual meeting, New Orleans, LA, October 2023.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Volunteer Policy Advocate**

July 2024 - Present

*Emergency Legal Responders, New Orleans, LA*

- Volunteer research and writing services to advance rights of those affected by disasters
- Conduct grant searches and grant writing to support the policy mission of the legal organization

### **Emergency Preparedness Outreach and Education Assistant**

June 2024 - August 2024

*City of New Orleans Health Department, New Orleans, LA*

- Work as an intern for the City health department in order to support efforts to increase preparedness and awareness of disasters and public health emergencies
- Attend community engagement events to share educational information and listen to stakeholder needs
- Update educational materials and plans for City outreach events
- Develop training for team members to build communication and storytelling skills

### **Client & Court Support Administrator**

January 2020 - August 2021

*Orleans Public Defenders, New Orleans, LA*

- Provided administrative aid to attorneys and staff to support case management
- Handled intake of all juvenile clients
- Produced daily dockets to ensure attorneys were prepared to represent clients
- Audited caseloads of attorneys for accuracy and equity
- Utilized Microsoft Word and Excel, court docket master software, and legal case management database software to maintain detailed records

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, International Association for Research on Service-Learning & Community Engagement

Member, Society for Social Work and Research