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EDUCATION

2011	Ph.D., Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice/The CUNY Graduate Center, New York, NY
2005	M.A., Criminal Justice, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, NY, NY
2002	B.A., Criminal Justice, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ
2002	B.A., Psychology, Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Correctional Rehabilitation and Policy, Community Corrections, Prisoner Reentry, Correctional Education, Crime Prevention, Program Evaluation, Qualitative Methods

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2012 – Present	Faculty Member in the School of Criminal Justice, <i>University of Baltimore</i> , MD Associate Professor (since 2018), Assistant Professor (2012-2018)
2024	Adjunct Professor , Osher Lifelong Learning Institute and Community, Johns Hopkins University, Maryland
2008 – 2011	Adjunct Professor , Law and Police Science Department, <i>John Jay College of Criminal Justice</i> , New York, NY

RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2024 – present	Appointed as Relevant Expertise Member of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission, Office of the Governor, State of Maryland.
2016 – present	Director of University of Baltimore's Second Chance College Program (<i>at Jessup Correctional Institution, Jessup Maryland</i>)
2013 – 2016	Researcher on the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant in East Baltimore (<i>Grant awarded to Baltimore City Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice</i>)

- 2013 **Ethnographer**, National Institute of Health, Baltimore City Research Project on Health and Behavior in Drug and Violent Hot Spots (*George Mason University*)
- 2010 – 2012 **Research Associate** at the *Vera Institute of Justice, Center on Sentencing and Corrections*, New York, NY
- 2007 – 2011 **Qualitative Researcher (dissertation)** at the *Volunteers of America Delaware Valley*, Camden, NJ
- 2009 – 2010 **Senior Research Assistant** at *Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice*, New York, NY
- 2006 – 2009 **Junior Research Assistant** at *Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center at John Jay College of Criminal Justice*, New York, NY
- 2005 – 2007 **Reentry Coordinator** at the *South Bronx Overall Economic Development Corporation*, Bronx, NY (Operation Weed and Seed)

PUBLICATIONS

*Refereed Journal Articles (*student)*

Cantora, A. & Zander, A. (2025). First Year Home: The Reentry Experiences of Higher Education in Prison Participants. *The Prison Journal*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/00328855251388937>

Cantora, A., Miller, J. and White, K. (2020). Implementing Pell: Challenges and Successes of Implementing the U.S. Department of Education’s Second Chance Pell Experimental Sites Initiative. *Journal of Correctional Education*, 71(1), 2-17.

Cantora, A., Wasileski, G., Iyer, S. & Restivo, L. (2019). Examining Collective Efficacy and Perceptions of Policing in East Baltimore. *Crime Prevention and Community Safety*, 21, 136-152.

Cantora, A., Iyer, S., & *Restivo, L. (2016). Understanding drivers of crime in East Baltimore: Resident perceptions of why crime persists. *American Journal of Criminal Justice*, 41, 686-709.

Cantora, A., Mellow, J. and Schlager, M. (2016). Social relationships and group dynamics inside a community correction facility for women. *International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology*, 60, 1016-1013.

Cantora, A. (2015). Navigating the job search after incarceration: The experiences of work-release participants. *Criminal Justice Studies*, 28(2), 141-160.

Cantora, A., Mellow, J. and Schlager, M. (2014). What about nonprogrammatic factors? Women’s perceptions of staff and resident relationships in a community corrections setting. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 53, 35-56.

Cantora, A. (2013). Building grounds for release: Women's perceptions of a community corrections program. *Journal of Qualitative Criminal Justice and Criminology*, 1(2), 197-220.

Research in Progress

Cantora, A. & Rodriguez, C. College Faculty and Staff Perceptions of Students with Criminal Records. (manuscript submitted to the Journal of College Access on January 8, 2026)

Book Chapters

Aseltine, E. & Cantora, A. (2020). Supporting formerly incarcerated people within institutions of higher education. In, *Handbook of Research on Higher Education Accessibility Behind and Beyond Prison Walls*. IGI Global.

Iyer, S. D., Knott, C., & Cantora, A. (2020). Community-Based Empowerment and Learning, Assessment of Collective Efficacy, and Collaborative Data-Sharing: Key Elements of the Byrne Criminal Justice Grant in Baltimore 2013-2016. In, *Innovations in Community-Based Crime Prevention: Stories from the Field*. Under contract with Springer.

Cantora, A. (2019). Chapter 4: Second Chance Pell: Policy, politics, and programs. In, *Education for liberation: The politics of promise and reform inside and beyond America's Prisons*. Eds. Robinson, G. and English, E. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield.

Cantora, A. & Parkman, T. (2018). Mentally Ill Offenders. In, *Handbook of Special Needs Offenders*. Editor Dodson, K. D. New York, NY: Routledge.

Cantora, A. & Seabrook, R. (2017). Community Corrections. In, *Maryland Criminal Justice System*. Carolina Academic Press.

Media (Interviews, Op-Eds, and News Articles)

Quoted in Baltimore Sun article: "All state prisons to get higher education program through University System of Maryland partnership." April 18, 2024. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2024/04/17/prison-usm-education-partnership/>

Quoted in Baltimore Sun article: "Graduation behind bars: University of Baltimore students are first to earn degrees at Jessup Correctional Institution." October 16, 2023. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2023/10/16/graduation-behind-bars-university-of-baltimore-students-are-first-to-earn-degrees-at-jessup-correctional-institution/>

Invited guest on WBAL News Radio 101.5 with host Jayne Miller. Topic: Recidivism. September 2, 2023. <https://www.wbal.com/shows/jayne-miller> And, <https://www.wbal.com/article/615896/3/second-chance-college-program-helps-inmates-earn-college-degrees>

Invited guest on Podcast: Higher Ed Spotlight 28 with host Ben Wildavsky. ANTICA productions. Topic: The Move for More College in Prison. July 4, 2023. <https://sites.libsyn.com/410930/28-the-move-for-more-college-in-prison>

Quoted in Baltimore Sun article: “University of Baltimore graduates Second Chance students from correctional institution as program expands.” May 25, 2023. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2023/05/25/university-of-baltimore-graduates-second-chance-students-from-correctional-institution-as-program-expands/>

Quoted in Baltimore Sun article: “His college career began at Jessup prison and finished onstage with a degree from the University of Baltimore. January 24, 2022. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/2021/12/30/his-college-career-began-at-jessup-prison-and-finished-onstage-with-a-degree-from-the-university-of-baltimore/>

Cantora, A. (August 3, 2021). Expansion of Second Chance Pell Grants will let more people in prison pursue degrees. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/expansion-of-second-chance-pell-grants-will-let-more-people-in-prison-pursue-degrees-165421>

Invited guest on BYU radio. Top of Mind with Julie Rose. Topic: Prison Pell Grant. January 6, 2021. <https://www.byuradio.org/212db6f1-0b68-4482-81eb-b64a2e7da73c>

Cantora, A. (December 23, 2020). Congress lifts long-standing ban on Pell grants to people in prison. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/congress-lifts-long-standing-ban-on-pell-grants-to-people-in-prison-152428>

Featured in: *Higher Education Today* article. “University of Baltimore Program offers Human Services Degree to Incarcerated People. May 13, 2019. <https://www.higheredtoday.org/2019/05/13/university-baltimore-program-offers-human-services-degree-incarcerated-people/>

Guest on WYPR’s On the Record Program with Sheilah Kast. “A Second Chance.” (with student Marcus Lilly). May 28, 2019. <https://www.wypr.org/show/on-the-record/2019-05-28/a-second-chance>

Guest on WYPR’s Future City Program with Wes Moore. “The Future of Incarceration.” May 15, 2019. <https://www.wypr.org/post/future-incarceration>

Cantora, A. (April 23, 2019). Why federal student aid should be restored for people in prison. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/why-federal-student-aid-should-be-restored-for-people-in-prison-115215>

Featured in: Schwartz, N. (April 1, 2019). How the University of Baltimore is teaching a bachelor’s program inside a Maryland prison. *Education Dive*. <https://www.educationdive.com/news/how-the-u-of-baltimore-is-teaching-a-bachelors-program-inside-a-maryland-p/551670/>

Cantora, A. (March 18, 2019). Teaching in America's prisons has taught me to believe in second chances. *The Conversation*. <https://theconversation.com/teaching-in-americas-prisons-has-taught-me-to-believe-in-second-chances-112583>

Cantora, A. (May 31, 2018). Prison education a proven investment. *Baltimore Sun*. Letter to the Editor. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/readersrespond/bs-ed-rr-prison-education-letter-20180531-story.html>

Robinson, G., Hartley, R., & Cantora, A. (December 7, 2016). Prison Time Should be well Spent. *Baltimore Sun Op-Eds*. <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/opinion/oped/bs-ed-re-entry-20161207-story.html>

Quoted in "Will Trump back Criminal Justice Reform?" by Chikomo, V. November 18, 2016. AMI Newswire, American Media Institute. <https://aminewswire.com/stories/511045962-will-trump-back-criminal-justice-reform>

Quoted in "Give Prisoners a Second Chance" by Gerard Robinson and Elizabeth English. October 18, 2016. U.S. News Opinion Article. <http://www.usnews.com/opinion/knowledge-bank/articles/2016-10-18/pell-grants-are-a-good-investment-for-prisoners-and-taxpayers>

Interviewed for Strong Returns, Millennial Prison Reform Project. "Teaching college courses in prison." February 29, 2016. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRK0ubrcAhI>

"Criminal Justice Professor in Baltimore Advocates Internship, Volunteer Work." Interview with CBS Baltimore. September 8, 2014. <http://baltimore.cbslocal.com/2014/09/08/criminal-justice-professor-in-baltimore-advocates-internships-and-volunteer-work/>

INVITED PRESENTATIONS, AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Invited panelist, "Higher Education in Prisons: Opportunities and Challenges." Niskanen Center, Arnold Ventures, Innovation Day. October 2, 2025.

Invited panelist, "Building Effective Partnerships in Correctional Education." State Higher Education Executive Officers Association (SHEEO), September 17, 2025.

Invited Presenter, "American Institute of Research, Identifying and Scaling Programmatic Technical Assistance Resource in Higher Education in Prison." National Conference on Higher Education in Prison, New Orleans. April 10, 2025.

Invited presenter, "Operational launch of a prison education program: Running the program successfully. At the first annual HBCU Summit on Higher Education in Prison, at Bowie State University. April 5, 2025.

Invited panelist. Higher Education in Prison in Maryland: Past Accomplishments and Future Goals. Annual Meeting of the American Studies Association, November 14-17, 2024. Baltimore, MD.

Invited panelist. Community Conversations: Maryland Model of Higher Education in Prison. Alliance for Higher Education in Prison. August 27, 2024.

Invited panelist. Roundtable event at the Chris Wilson Foundation. The Role of Credible Messengers in Fostering Positive Change. February 29, 2024.

Invited panelist. Confessions from Prison College Program Directors. November 10, 2023. National Conference on Higher Education in Prison, Atlanta Georgia.

Invited panelist at The Chronicle for Higher Education. Webinar on “The Faculty Experience with Incarcerated Students.” October 4, 2023.

<https://www.chronicle.com/featured/student-success/faculty-experience-with-incarcerated-students>

Invited presenter at the Newcombe Foundation Conference on Supporting the Whole Student. Presentation on Serving Incarcerated Students. “Making College Work for Every Student.” At Rider University, New Jersey. September 22, 2023.

Invited presenter at Conference: *Beyond Confinement: Rethinking Corrections and Rehabilitation in Maryland*. “Unlocking Potential through Correctional Education.” Hosted by The University of Baltimore Law School and Maryland Alliance for Justice Reform. Baltimore, MD. September 9, 2023.

University of Baltimore, College of Public Affairs Faculty Award for Service, AY2022-23.

Invited presenter at the University of Baltimore, Schaffer Center for Public Policy’s Maryland Equity and Inclusion Leadership Program. “Group discrimination among people with criminal records”, November, 2022; February 2023; May 2023.

Teaching Award, National Society of Leadership and Success at University of Baltimore, May 7, 2021.

Invited panelist at the University of Baltimore, *UB the Change Series*, “The Fight We Face” Criminal Justice Reform. November 19, 2020.

Invited presenter at the University of Baltimore, College of Public Affairs, *Public Affairs in the Age of Coronavirus YouTube Series* – “COVID in Corrections.” November 17, 2020.

Invited speaker at Bard High School Early College Program. *Civic Engagement Speaker Series*. September 29, 2020.

Invited presenter at the Vera Institute of Justice. *Second Chance Pell, First Class Webinar*. July 2, 2020.

Invited participant and presenter at Towson University. “Supporting returning citizens at Towson University: Working Group Convening.” April 5, 2019.

Invited presentation at American Enterprise Institution, “Preparing people to reenter society: The role of education inside prisons.” Washington, DC: March 19, 2019.

Invited presentation at American Enterprise Institution, “Education for Liberation: The Politics of Promise and Reform Inside and Beyond America’s Prisons.” Washington, DC: November 14, 2017.

Award for the University System of Maryland Board of Regents faculty award in public service, AY2017-18.

Excellence in Service to Students Award, National Society of Leadership and Success at University of Baltimore, December 16, 2016

Invited presentation (and moderator) on Maryland Second Chance Pell Grant Program Sites at “Opportunities and reentry: Creating pathways for returning citizens in Maryland and beyond”, conference hosted by American Enterprise Inc. (AEI) and University of Baltimore, College of Public Affairs. December 8, 2016

Invited presentation on Obama Administration Second Chance Pell Program. At “Prison Education and Reentry Working Group” August 31, 2016 at American Enterprise Inc. (AEI)

Inside-Out Prison Exchange Course featured in University of Baltimore Magazine “A Matter of Course.” Fall 2016.

“The Jessup Correctional Institution Scholars”. Profiled in the 2015 Maryland/DC Campus Compact’s annual Model Programs magazine.

“University of Baltimore Experiential Learning Project of the Month.” Office of Academic Innovation, University of Baltimore. September 9, 2014.

<http://blogs.ubalt.edu/academicinnovation/category/experiential/>

Learning Without Walls: An Information Session about the Jessup Correctional Institution (JCI) Scholars Program”, Information Session organized by the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching, and Technology at the University of Baltimore May 7, 2014.

Invited presentation on “Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant, Baltimore Maryland Project.” At the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Training Conference, April 9-10th, 2014. San Antonio, TX.

Invited Moderator of Crime and Safety Panel at Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance Annual Data Day at the University of Baltimore, July 12, 2013

Panel on entering the workforce after obtaining doctorate degree. Roundtable at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, Doctoral Program, May 17, 2013. New York, NY.

Cantora, A. (2012). *Still Under Surveillance? The Experience of Women’s Reentry from a Halfway House Setting*. Presented at the Eastern Sociological Society Conference, February 26, 2012. New York, NY.

GRANTS/AWARDS

- 2025 University of Baltimore Provost Grant for Collaboration and Innovation, \$15,000
- 2025 Reginald F. Lewis Foundation, \$25,000
- 2024 American Institute of Research/Ascendium Education Group, 2-year grant, \$320,800
- 2024 Sunshine Lady Foundation, 3-year grant, \$138,600
- 2024, 2023, 2022 Judy Family Foundation, \$25,000
- 2024 Summer Research Grant, University of Baltimore, College of Public Affairs, \$3,000
- 2016-2025 U.S. Department of Education, Second Chance Pell Experimental Sites Initiative
- 2023-2025 Anonymous Foundation, 3-year grant, \$229,000
- 2023 Alliance for Higher Education in Prison, \$20,000
- 2022 Summer Research Grant, University of Baltimore, College of Public Affairs, \$7,000
- 2017 (February) University of Baltimore Fund for Excellence to support staff working on the Second Chance College Program, \$25,000
- 2016 (January) University of Baltimore Fund for Excellence to support the development of a prison college program, \$15,885
- 2015 Applied and accepted to participate in the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Fellowship Program with the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching, and Technology at the University of Baltimore, September 2015 – May 2016, \$2,000
- 2015 Subcontract Award from Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance for Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant, \$9,800
- 2014 Subcontract Award from Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance for Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant, \$9,726
- 2013 (October) University of Baltimore Fund for Excellence, with Tara Richards to develop global education program, \$19,729
- 2013 (November) University of Baltimore, Baltimore Renaissance Seed Scholar Fund, to attend Inside-Out Prison Exchange Training Program, \$2,425
- 2013 Subcontract Award from Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance for Baltimore City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant, \$16,302
- 2013 Applied and accepted to participate in the Faculty Cohort on Community-Based Learning with the Center for Excellence in Learning, Teaching, and Technology at the University of Baltimore, May 2013 – May 2014, \$2,500

NON-PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Technical Reports

Iyer, S., Knott, C., Cantora, A. (2016). McElderry Park: Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant. Final Report for Year 3 Funding (2015-2016). Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, Jacob France Institute, University of Baltimore. <http://bniajfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/BCJI-Year-3-Report.pdf>

Iyer, S., Knott, C., Cantora, A. (2015). McElderry Park: Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant. Final Report for Year 2 Funding (2014-2015). Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, Jacob France Institute, University of Baltimore.

<http://www.bniajfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/BCJI%20Year%202%20Report%20FINAL.pdf>

Iyer, S., Knott, C., Cantora, A. (2013). McElderry Park: Community Plan for Crime Reduction. Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance, Jacob France Institute, University of Baltimore.

<http://www.bniajfi.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/McElderry-Park-BCJI-Plan-Year-1-Final.pdf>

Cantora, A. (2011). *Perceptions of Community Corrections: Understanding how Women Offenders Respond to an Evidence-Based/Gender-Responsive Halfway House*. Doctoral Dissertation. New York, NY: The City University of New York, The Graduate Center.

Cantora, A. (2010). *Reforming the New Orleans Criminal Justice System*. Vera Institute of Justice Research Newsletter, Fall 2010, Issue 2. New York, NY: Vera Institute of Justice.

Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center. (2009). *The Collaborative Family Initiative: Community Based Mental Health Treatment for Juveniles*. Final Report submitted to the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice. New York: CJREC, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Cantora, A. (2007). *Assessing the Impact of a Female Halfway House in Camden, NJ: A Qualitative Approach*. Evaluation report submitted to the Volunteers of America/Delaware Valley.

Criminal Justice Research and Evaluation Center. (2007). *The Collaborative Family Initiative*. Interim Report submitted to the New York City Department of Juvenile Justice. New York: CJREC, John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Cantora, A. (2005). *Extremism inside the U.S. Prison System: A Potential Security Threat*. Masters Thesis. New York, NJ: John Jay College of Criminal Justice.

Encyclopedia Entries (*student)

Cantora, A. & *Moon, T. (2019). Best Practices for Reentry. *The Sage Encyclopedia of Psychology*.

Cantora, A. (2018). Halfway Houses. *American Prisons and Jails: An Encyclopedia of Controversies and Trends*.

Cantora, A. & *Restivo, L. (2017). Guantanamo Bay. *Encyclopedia of Corrections*. Sage Publications.

*Stewart, K. & Cantora, A. (2015). Urban Crime. *Encyclopedia of Crime and Punishment*. Wiley-Blackwell.

Cantora, A. (August, 2014). Prison Gangs. In Arrigo, B. A. & Golson, G. J. (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Sage Publications.

Cantora, A. (August, 2014). Supermax Prisons. In Arrigo, B. A. & Golson, G. J. (Eds.) *Encyclopedia of Criminal Justice Ethics*. Sage Publications.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS AND CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION (* student)

Cox, D., Cantora, A., Gilliss, K., Bass, B. (2024). Building Student-Centered Communities Ensures Prison Education Program Success. Presented at the Correctional Education Association conference. April 7-9, 2024. Dallas, TX.

Cantora, A. (2023). *Supporting Justice Involved Students on College Campuses*. Presented at the University of Baltimore, RED Talks, March 16, 2023.

Cantora, A. (2023). *Supporting Justice Involved Students on College Campuses*. Presented at a roundtable at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 14-18, National Harbor, MD.

Cantora, A. (2019). *Learning by Doing: How to incorporate experiential and service learning opportunities into the classroom*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 26-30, Baltimore MD.

Facilitated roundtable on “*But I Don’t Want to Teach? Exploring Careers Outside of Academia.*” At the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 26-30, 2019. Baltimore MD.

Cantora, A. (2018). *Learning by Doing: How to incorporate experiential and service learning opportunities into the classroom*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, February 17, 2018. New Orleans, LA.

Cantora, A. (2018). *Tips on writing a successful grant proposal*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, February 17, 2018. New Orleans, LA.

Facilitated roundtable on “*But I Don’t Want to Teach? Exploring Careers Outside of Academia.*” At the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, February 17, 2018. New Orleans, LA.

Cantora, A. (2017). *Overcoming Barriers to Higher Education for People with Criminal Records: Achieving the Promise of the Pell Initiative*. Presented at a roundtable at the American Society of Criminology, November 17, 2017, Philadelphia, PA.

Cantora, A. (2017). *Learning by Doing: How to incorporate experiential and service learning opportunities into the classroom*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 23, 2017. Kansas City, KS.

Latessa, E. & Cantora, A. (2017). *Tips on writing a successful grant proposal*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 24, 2017. Kansas City, KS.

Cantora, A. (2017). *Examining collective efficacy in East Baltimore*. Presented at the CPA Dean Lecture Series, University of Baltimore.

- Cantora, A. (2016). *Uncovering levels of community trust, fear of crime, and police-community relations in Baltimore City*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology, November 16, 2016, New Orleans, LO.
- Cantora, A. (2016). *Roundtable discussion on creating successful prison college programs*. At the American Society of Criminology, November 17, 2016, New Orleans, LO.
- Pfeifer, H. & Cantora, A. (2016). *Transitioning to the Front of the Classroom: Tips on what makes an effective teacher*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 31, 2016. Denver, CO.
- Latessa, E. & Cantora, A. (2016). *Tips on writing a successful grant proposal*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 31, 2016. Denver, CO.
- Cantora, A. (2016). *Shifting towards a more humane approach to incarceration*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, April 1, 2016. Denver, CO.
- Cantora, A. (2016). *Scholarship behind bars*. RED Talk at University of Baltimore. February 4th.
- Cantora, A. (2015). *Learning by Doing: Criminal Justice Field Experiences for Students on Urban Campuses*. Roundtable presentation at the American Society of Criminology Conference, November 18, 2015. Washington, DC. [Organized and moderated this roundtable event]
- Invited participant at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Harm Reduction Meeting. *Developing Evidence-Based Policy to Address Addiction and Drug-Related Violence in Maryland*. October 29, 2015. [All day conference and policy workgroup session]
- Cantora, A. *Douglas-Hopkins, D., & *Williams, K. (2015, October 23). *Experiential Learning Behind Bars: The Inside-Out Prison Exchange Course*. University of Baltimore, Teaching and Learning Day.
- Cantora, A. (2015, October 22). *Teaching College Courses in Prison*. Presentation to University of Baltimore's Student Association: Criminal Justice Association.
- Cantora, A. & Iyer, S. (2015). *"You Can't Stop Crime Here": Understanding Local Crime Problems in East Baltimore*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March, 2015. Orlando, FL.
- Pfeifer, H. & Cantora, A. (2015). *Transitioning to the Front of the Classroom: Tips on Teaching and Classroom Management*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March, 2015. Orlando, FL.
- Cantora, A. (2014). *Implementing the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program at the University of Baltimore, School of Criminal Justice*. Service-Learning and Civic Engagement Conference, April 5th, 2014. Baltimore, Maryland.

Roundtable Moderator (2014). *From the Classroom to the Field: Graduate Student Experiences with Research*. Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, February 19-22, 2014. Philadelphia, PA.

Cantora, A., *Restivo, L., & Iyer, S. (2014). *Conducting Focus Groups to Understand Drivers of Urban Crime*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, February 19-22, 2014. Philadelphia, PA.

Panel Chair (2014). *Qualitative Methods for Studying Crime and Deviance*. Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, February 19-22, 2014. Philadelphia, PA.

Cantora, A. (2013). *Job Searching after Incarceration: The Experiences of Halfway House Residents*. Presented at American Society of Criminology Conference, November 20-23, 2013. Atlanta, GA.

Panel Chair (2013). *Prison Reentry, Employment, and Reintegration*. American Society of Criminology Conference, November 20-23, 2013. Atlanta, GA.

Joint presentation with the Baltimore Neighborhood Indicators Alliance. *Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Grant - Data Presentation to McElderry Park Community*. Presented at Amazing Grace Lutheran Church in East Baltimore, MD. November 11, 2013.

Cantora, A. (2013). *Avoiding "Chaos": Relationship Dynamics inside a Female Halfway House*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Science Conference, March 19-23, 2013. Dallas, TX.

Cantora, A. (2012). *What about Nonprogrammatic Factors? Women's Perceptions of Staff, Relationships, and Environment in a Community Corrections Setting*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference, November 14-17, 2012. Chicago, Ill.

Panel Chair (2012). *Meeting Health Care Needs in Community Correction Settings*. American Society of Criminology Conference, November 14-17, 2012. Chicago, Ill.

Cantora, A. (2010). *Women's Perceptions of Community Correctional Treatment*. Presenting at the American Society of Criminology Conference. November 16-20, 2010. San Francisco, CA.

Cantora, A. (2009). *Barriers to Receiving Gender-Responsive Treatment in an Institutional Setting*. Presenting at the American Society of Criminology Conference. November 4-7, 2009. Philadelphia, PA.

Cantora, A., West, V., and White, M. (2008). *The Development of a Reentry Initiative for Youth Returning Home from Detention*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. November 12-15, 2008. St. Louis, MO.

White, M., Mellow, J., Englander, K., Cantora, A. and Fretz, R. (2008). *An Alternative to Revocation for Technical Parole Violators: The New Jersey Halfway Back Program*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. November 12-15, 2008. St. Louis, MO.

Cantora, A. (2007). *The Impact of a Gender-Specific Halfway House on Reentry Outcomes: A Qualitative Approach*. Presented at the American Society of Criminology Conference. November 14-17, 2007. Atlanta, GA.

Cantora, A. (2006). *Extremism inside the U.S. Prison System: A Potential Security Threat*. Presented at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, 43rd Annual Meeting. February 28 - March 4, 2006. Baltimore, Maryland.

ACADEMIC SERVICE (internal and external)

- University of Baltimore
 - Academic Support Committee, AY2024-2025
 - Task Force on Community Engagement, 2022-2024
 - Implementation workgroup member of Board of Regents Task Force Report, Marketing and Branding Section. 2020-2021.
 - Workgroup member of criminal history on admissions application, AY2016-17
 - Undergraduate Research Day, Inspired Discoveries judge, May 2017
 - Institutional Review Board member, July 2013-January 1, 2017
 - Reviewer for Baltimore Renaissance Seed Scholar Fund, fall 2014
 - Strategic Planning Coordinating Committee Member, Cultivating Innovation Subcommittee, November 2012 – December 2013
- College of Public Affairs
 - Director of Second Chance College Program at Jessup Correctional Institution, since August 2016
 - CPA Faculty Senate appointment to the General Education Council, 2017-2023
 - CPA Faculty Senate appointment to Helen P. Denit Honors Council, 2015-2017
 - Committee members on CPA Civic Engagement Committee, spring 2016
 - Search Committee member for Public Policy Faculty Search, spring 2014
 - Sophomore Seminar Workgroup member, spring 2014
- School of Criminal Justice
 - Participant of monthly department faculty meetings, since fall 2012
 - Master's Thesis Proposal Committee, spring 2014; spring 2018
 - Master's Thesis Proposal Chair, spring 2018 (Sarah Curreri-Hartman)
 - Comprehensive exam grader for graduate program, spring 2013-2015
 - Search committee member for new faculty, spring 2013 and 2014
- External
 - Middle States commission on Higher Education. Evaluator of Prison Education Programs. 2025.
 - Appointed as Relevant Expertise Member of the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission, Office of the Governor, State of Maryland. Since November 2024.
 - Chair of Higher Education in Prison Workgroup for the Prison Education Delivery Reform Commission. Since November 2024.

- Maryland Equitable Justice Committee (MEJC). Prisons, Jails, Detention Reform Workgroup and Subcommittee on Prison Education. Since 2023
- University System of Maryland Taskforce member for Prison Education Programs, since 2022
- Restorative Justice Workgroup with the Maryland Prisoners' Rights Coalition (July-December 2021).
- Greater Baltimore Committee, Coalition for Second Chances. Member 2019-2022.
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Doctoral Student Summit Presenter, 2015 – 2019.
- The Jacob and Valeria Langeloth Foundation grant proposal reviewer, January 2017
- Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences Program Chair of Corrections, Reentry, & Parole Issues, 2014 annual meeting
- Member of the Jessup Correctional Institution College Program (JCI Scholar Program), December 2013 – May 2016
- College Instructor at the Jessup Correctional Institution, Spring 2014, Spring 2015, Summer 2015, Spring 2016
- Member of McElderry Park (East Baltimore) Revitalization Committee, 2013-2016
- Alumni Association, Doctoral Alumni Representative, John Jay College, since March 2012
- Manuscript reviewer *Crime and Criminal Justice International*, April 2014
- Manuscript reviewer *Justice Quarterly*, February 2014
- Manuscript reviewer *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, February 2013, October 2013, August 2013, and August 2014
- Manuscript reviewer *Criminal Justice Review*, October 2012, November 2013, April 2014, January 2016, April 2016