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By Angela J. Hattery and Earl Smith

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Features

- Offers an accessible overview of critical issues regarding race and the justice system
- Explores challenging issues such as mass incarceration, police brutality, and the school to prison pipeline
- Chapters address women and transgender people in the justice system—topics often overlooked when exploring race and justice
- Includes powerful stories that bring issues to life, as well as research showing the extent of issues

About the Authors

Angela J. Hattery is professor and director of women and gender studies at George Mason University. Her books include *Intimate Partner Violence*. **Earl Smith** is the Rubin Distinguished Professor of American Ethnic Studies and director of the American Ethnic Studies program at Wake Forest University. He is the author or editor of several books, including *Race, Sport, and the American Dream*. Together they are the authors of *African American Families Today*.

Praise for the Book

“Finally we have a theoretically sophisticated, comprehensive book that examines the myriad ways in which Black bodies are surveilled in America. *Policing Black Bodies* considers mass incarceration, prison industries, the school to prison pipeline, the policing of both women’s and trans bodies, and the police killings of Blacks as part of continuum structured by systemic racism...This is a book I will definitely assign to my students.”

— **Eduardo Bonilla-Silva, Duke University**

“*Policing Black Bodies* presents a critical, deep dive into one of the most salient issues of our times. Hattery and Smith tie together theory, practice, and outcomes to both humanize the problems and inspire all readers to face these issues head on...It is a must read for every citizen, scholar, and student in the United States.”

— **Daniel S. Rudes, George Mason University**

“A provocative explication of an outrageous situation...In tough, engaging prose, Hattery and Smith guide readers through the hidden histories and contemporary impact of urban riots, school inequality, private prisons, police killings, and exoneration procedures, with each link in the chain building a stronger case for their contention that these institutions largely serve and function to police Black bodies.”

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