

ANDREA HAGAN

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PROFESSIONAL IDENTITY

Criminologist, educator, and public scholar with over 25 years embedded in Hip Hop culture as a writer, producer, and performer. Founder of Pattern Hunters, LLC — a public scholarship platform operating at the intersection of community, academy, and institutional accountability. Research and public writing focus on carceral systems, youth justice, the girlhood-to-prison pipeline, HBCU investment as crime prevention infrastructure, and structural violence in Louisiana. Published in the Louisiana Illuminator, The Lens, and The Conversation.

EDUCATION

M.A., Criminology & Justice	2025
<i>Loyola University, New Orleans — New Orleans, LA</i>	
Ed.M., Public School Building Leadership	2017
<i>Columbia University — Teachers College (SPA) — New Orleans, LA</i>	
Ed.M., Teaching of Social Studies	2011
<i>Columbia University — Teachers College — New York, NY</i>	
M.B.A., General Business	2001
<i>University of Phoenix — Phoenix, AZ</i>	
B.S., Sociology	1997
<i>Southern University — Baton Rouge, LA</i>	

RESEARCH

Master's Thesis

Hagan, A. (2025). *From Victimization to Incarceration: Understanding the Abuse-to-Prison Pipeline for Black Girls*. Department of Crime & Justice, Loyola University, New Orleans.

Book in Development

The Young and the Pelican State — Book manuscript in development.

Research Interests

Carceral systems & rhetoric; youth justice; pipelines to prison; deviant behavior & who gets labeled; HBCU investment as crime prevention infrastructure; structural violence; institutional accountability; Hip Hop as epistemology and methodology; public scholarship as research methodology.

PUBLISHED PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP

East Baton Rouge: The parish that fiscal secession built. *Louisiana Illuminator* (March 2026).

When Louisiana writes off its children. *Louisiana Illuminator* (March 2026).

Law and order on life support: Elayn Hunt in the age of Louisiana's tough-on-crime laws. *Louisiana Illuminator* (March 2026).

How East Baton Rouge's due process collapse left a 94-year-old woman unprotected. *Louisiana Illuminator* (March 2026).

Gov. Landry's DEI wrecking ball misses the mark on 'fairness'. *Louisiana Illuminator* (March 2026).

Louisiana's law contradicts communal dignity of the Ten Commandments. *Louisiana Illuminator* (March 2026).

HBCUs do more than offer Black youths a pathway to opportunity and success. *Louisiana Illuminator* (February 2026).

Historically Black colleges and universities do more than offer Black youths a pathway to opportunity and success — I teach criminology, and my research suggests another benefit. *The Conversation* (2025).

The classroom as first courtroom: Jada's story (Before the Record series). *The Lens* (March 2026).

Before the Record: The pipelines that criminalize our girls (series). *The Lens* (2026).

CURRENT POSITIONS

Founder, Pattern Hunters, LLC 2026 - Present

New Orleans, Louisiana

Public scholarship platform producing community-facing research, investigative commentary, and policy analysis on carceral systems, youth justice, and institutional accountability in Louisiana. Contributor to the *Louisiana Illuminator*, *The Lens*, and *The Conversation*.

Adjunct Instructor 2025 - Present

Loyola University — New Orleans, LA

Courses Taught: Juvenile Delinquency; Gangs & Criminal Networks; Deviant Behavior

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant 2024 - 2025

Loyola University — New Orleans, LA

Collaborated with faculty to deliver graduate-level course material. Graded assignments and provided substantive, constructive feedback. Provided online academic and technical support for students.

Summer Instructional Assistant 2017 - 2018

Teachers College, Columbia University SPA-NOLA — New Orleans, LA

K - 12 TEACHING EXPERIENCE

CAS Coordinator 2016 - 2017

Baton Rouge International School (BRIS) — Baton Rouge, LA

Student Coordinator <i>Baton Rouge International School (BRIS) — Baton Rouge, LA</i>	2015 - 2017
IB MYP-DP Humanities Teacher <i>Baton Rouge International School (BRIS) — Baton Rouge, LA</i>	2013 - 2017
IB Assistant Examiner <i>International Baccalaureate (IBO) — Cardiff, United Kingdom</i>	2014 - 2017
Social Studies Teacher <i>Weequahic High School — Newark, NJ</i>	2004 - 2013
Student Teacher Mentor <i>Weequahic High School — Newark, NJ</i>	2005 - 2013

C E R T I F I C A T I O N S

Louisiana Teaching Certificate — Social Studies: Content Knowledge & Business Education

New Jersey State Certification — Social Studies: Content Knowledge