

Racial Justice News Items – May 2021

Isabel Logan is a member:

[Pilot internship embeds social work students in Willimantic police department](#)

[Eastern Connecticut State University](#)

The pilot internship was overseen by **Isabel Logan, assistant professor of social work and coordinator of field instruction at Eastern**. Prior to joining the faculty, Logan worked for 20 years as a public defender social worker, interacting with the same communities as the police. “Police social workers have the opportunity to prevent and neutralize cases from escalating to arrest,” said Logan, thereby lowering rates of entry and recidivism into the justice system. As she noted, “The police department is the first point of entry to the court system.”

[College Accounts at Birth: State Efforts Raise New Hopes](#)

[The New York Times](#)

[William Elliott III](#), a professor of social work at the University of Michigan and a co-author of “**Making Education Work for the Poor**,” said knowledge about how to administer savings accounts and their impact had jumped over the last decade. “It’s one of the best delivery systems” to help low-income children build assets and direct them toward college, Mr. Elliott said. He added that there was more rigorous data on the positive impact of child savings accounts than there was on student loans, government Pell grants and free college.