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**Statement Regarding the Work of Alice Goffman**

There have been various recent critiques of UW-Madison sociologist Alice Goffman's book *On the Run: Fugitive Life in an American City*, including claims of research misconduct. The University of Wisconsin-Madison has carefully considered the misconduct claims and found them to be without merit. The critiques are all part of scholarly debate, which the university hopes will be held in keeping with the highest academic standards. The work of Dr. Goffman is important and she continues to have the full support of our university as the conversation on her work continues.