

## Curriculum Vitae

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### EDUCATION

Anticipated 2025

University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work, Pittsburgh, PA  
PhD Candidate

August 2017

Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA  
Master of Social Work

May 2012

New College of Florida, Sarasota, FL  
Bachelor of Arts  
Area of Concentration: Literature

### RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Drug policy and legislation
- Harm reduction
- Mass incarceration
- Substance misuse

### TECHNOLOGY PROFICIENCY

Quantitative data analysis software: R, STATA, SPSS  
Qualitative data analysis software: Dedoose, NVivo

### PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

#### Peer Reviewed Journal Articles

**Fixler, A.,** Jacobs, L.A., Jones, D.B., Arnold, A., & Underwood, E.E. (under review).  
There goes the neighborhood? The public safety enhancing effects of a mobile harm  
reduction intervention.

Jacobs, L.A., McClean, A., Branson, Z., **Fixler, A.**, & Kennedy, E. (under review). Decreased odds of homelessness, decreased odds of recidivism: Illustrating incremental causal effects for criminology.

**Fixler, A.**, Jacobs, L.A., & Davis, C.D. (Accepted). Police-social work collaboration and the ethical practice paradox: Perspectives from social work's next generation. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 35(1).

Jacobs, L.A., **Fixler, A.**, Labrum, T., Givens, A., & Newhill, C. (2021). Risk factors for criminal recidivism among persons with serious psychiatric diagnoses: Disentangling what matters for whom. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 12. doi: 10.3389/fpsy.2021.778399.

**Fixler, A.** (2018). The hardest thing in this world is to live in it: Identity and mental health in *Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. *Slayage: The Journal of Whedon Studies*, 16(2), 87-102.

### Refereed Presentations

**Fixler, A.**, Underwood, E., Jones, D., & Jacobs, L.A. (2023). *Medication-assisted treatment vans reduce neighborhood drug crime*. Society for Social Work and Research 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Phoenix. (Oral)

**Fixler, A.** (2023). *Social work and police partnerships: A mixed methods analysis of students' perceptions*. Symposium: Law Enforcement and Social Work: Empirical Considerations for Current Debates. Society for Social Work and Research 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Phoenix. (Oral)

Jacobs, L.A., Bakko, M., Leotti, S., Murray, B.J., Erwin, J., **Fixler, A.**, Hostetter, C.R., Tomczak, S.M., Allen, E., & Panichelli, M. (2023). *Cooperation and conflict: The paradoxical relationship between social work and law enforcement*. Symposium: Law Enforcement and Social Work: Empirical Considerations for Current Debates. Society for Social Work and Research 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, Phoenix. (Oral)

Underwood, E.E., **Fixler, A.**, Jones, D., & Jacobs, L.A. (2022). *The impact of mobile MOUD clinics on arrest and overdose rates in Allegheny County*. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting & Expo, Boston (Poster).

Underwood, E.E., **Fixler, A.** (2022). *The impact of medication-assisted treatment vans on arrest & overdose rates in Allegheny County*. University of Pittsburgh Health Disparities and Social Justice Poster Competition. (Poster)

**Fixler, A.** (2017). *The hardest thing in this world is to live in it: Identity and mental health in Buffy the Vampire Slayer*. *Buffy at 20 Conference*. Marquette University, Wisconsin. (Oral)

## Invited Talks and Other Presentations

**Fixler, A.,** Underwood, E., Jones, D., Jacobs, L. (2023). *Medication-Assisted Treatment Vans Reduce Neighborhood Drug Crime* [Oral presentation]. Research from SSWR Repurposed, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. (Oral, Invited)

**Fixler, A.,** Underwood, E., Jones, D., & Jacobs, L.A. (2022). *Impact of MOUD Vans on Arrest & Overdose Rates in Pittsburgh Neighborhoods* [Oral presentation]. Center for Inclusion Health Recovery Medicine Program Meeting. (Oral, Invited)

**Fixler, A.,** Underwood, E., Jones, D., & Jacobs, L.A. (2022). *Impact of MOUD Vans on Arrest & Overdose Rates in Pittsburgh Neighborhoods* [Oral presentation]. Prevention Point Pittsburgh Board Meeting. (Oral, Invited)

Jones, D., **Fixler, A.,** Underwood, E., & Jacobs, L.A. (2022). *Mobile Medication Clinics for Opioid Use Disorders* [Oral presentation]. Health Policy and Management Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. (Oral, Invited)

**Fixler, A.,** Underwood, E., Jones, D., & Jacobs, L. (2022). *Mobile Medication Clinics for Opioid Use Disorders* [Oral presentation]. Center for Inclusion Health Mobile Van Evaluation. Allegheny County Office of Analytics. (Oral, Invited)

**Fixler, A.** (2022). *Social Work and Policing*. Research Break. University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work. (Oral, Invited)

Davis, C.D., & **Fixler, A.** (2022). *Imposter Syndrome & Stereotype Threats*. University of South Carolina College of Social Work. (Workshop, Invited)

**Fixler, A.** (2021). Practicum with Gwen's Girls Black Girls Equity Alliance. *Research Practice Partnerships Culminating Project Poster Session*. University of Pittsburgh, School of Education. (Poster)

Chazin, K., **Fixler, A.,** & Lightell, D. (2017). Environmental justice efforts in southern Louisiana. *Professional Project Poster Presentations*. Tulane University School of Social Work. (Poster)

## RESEARCH APPOINTMENTS

August 2020 - Present

**School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh**  
*Graduate Student Research Assistant* to Dr. Leah Jacobs

August – December 2021

**Black Girls Equity Alliance: Juvenile Justice Workgroup, Gwen’s Girls,  
Pittsburgh PA**

*Practicum Student Assistant to Dr. Sara Goodkind*

February - August 2017

**Tulane University Disaster Leadership Academy/RAND Corporation  
*Gulf of Mexico Research Initiative***

*Research Assistant to Dr. Reggie Ferreira.*

September 2015 - September 2016

**Louisiana Center for Children’s Rights**

*Research Intern to Rachel Gassert, Policy Director*

May 2010 - August 2010

**ACLU of Florida**

*Research Intern to Shelby Day, Staff Attorney*

**GRANTS**

2020 - 2021

**FY20 Feeding America Multi-Donor Service Insights Grant**

Fundraising Grant, All Faiths Food Bank

Role: Key Staff

Co-authored proposal and executed program that expanded and supported data collection and analysis programming for internal mobile food distributions and partner agencies. Grant supported technology, program training, and staff salaries. \$98,000 funded by Feeding America

2019 - 2020

**FY19 Feeding America Multi-Donor Service Insights Grant**

Fundraising Grant, All Faiths Food Bank

Role: Key Staff

Co-authored proposal and executed program that expanded and supported data collection and analysis programming for internal mobile food distributions and partner agencies. Grant supported technology, program training, and staff salaries. \$88,000 funded by Feeding America

2016 - 2017

**Improving Disability Determination Small Grant Program**

United States Social Security Administration

Tulane University

*Considering Early Intervention Programming for Major Depressive Disorder*

Role: PI

Developed recommendations for preventive programming for individuals in the workforce with major depressive disorder.

\$10,000 funded by the Social Security Administration

**TEACHING**

*Teaching Assistant* to Dr. Toya Jones

School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Practicum Seminar & Labs 1 & 2 (undergraduate level), August 2022 – April 2023

*Guest Lecturer*

School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Qualitative Research, Generalist Social Work Research (graduate level), March 2022

**SERVICE**

2022 – 2023

**Vice President, Doctoral Student Organization**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work

2021 – 2022

**Doctoral Committee Representative, Doctoral Student Organization**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. 2021 – 2022

2020 – 2021

**Secretary, Doctoral Student Organization**, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work. 2020 – 2021

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

Achievement in Pedagogy, Center for Teaching and Learning, University of Pittsburgh, May 2022

Best Doctoral Student Poster: The impact of medication-assisted treatment vans on arrest & overdose rates in Allegheny County. University of Pittsburgh Health Disparities Poster Competition, March 2022.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

December 2017 – August 2020

### **All Faiths Food Bank**

Sarasota, FL

*Data and Field Analyst, Data Field Coordinator*

Facilitated the transition of internally owned mobile food distributions and partner agency programs to a new client information database. Monitored, cleaned, and analyzed data to assist with program strategy and fundraising efforts. Provided long-term training and support for over 100 volunteers, employees, and partner agencies using database software. Supervised field registration coordinator in maintaining programmatic data collection. Attended multiple weekly food distributions to assist clients with registration.

August 2016 - October 2017

### **Communities in Schools of the Gulf South, Inc.**

New Orleans, LA

*Temporary Site Coordinator, Americorps Intern*

Conducted behavioral assessments with children in elementary and middle school. Provided individual and group counseling. Collected and organized resources (such as school supplies and uniforms). Coordinated with outside providers for referrals and services.

December 2014 - July 2016

### **Alternatives Living, Inc.**

New Orleans, LA

*Community Support Specialist*

Provided community-based case management services and permanent supportive housing assistance to clients with mental health disabilities. Assisted clients in applying for HUD services or maintaining compliance with existing housing requirements by meeting standards of hygiene, financial requirements, or other housing-related needs. Provided mental health support by facilitating access to treatment services and assisting with any goals specified in client treatment plans.

July 2012 - Sept 2014

### **Operation PAR**

Sarasota, FL

*Substance Abuse Counselor, Substance Abuse Tech*

Provided case management and individual/group substance abuse counseling for patients enrolled in a medication management program for treatment for opioid use disorders. Participated in treatment team meetings and coordinated care with medical staff.