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CURRENT APPOINTMENT

2017 Assistant Professor
School of Social Work
University of Pittsburgh

EDUCATION

2016 Doctor of Philosophy in Social Welfare
University of California, Berkeley

2012 Master of Social Work
University of California, Berkeley

2007 Master of Arts
Urban and Environmental Policy & Planning/Child Development
Tufts University

2004 Bachelor of Science
Psychology
Northeastern University

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Criminal legal systems, policies, and interventions; mental and behavioral health systems, policies, and interventions; neighborhood effects and housing; interventions for diversion and reentry, and alternatives to carceral interventions; causal inference in observational research; critical historical research

TEACHING INTERESTS

Social welfare and criminal legal policy; social welfare history; research methods; macro social work; structural competence; technology and social work

RESEARCH AFFILIATIONS

American Academy of Social Work and Social Welfare's Smart Decarceration Work Group, Center for Research on Innovations, Services and Equity in Mental Health (RISE-MH), Center for Race and Social Problems, The Pittsburgh Study, Social Welfare & Policing History Workgroup, Sozosei Foundations Research Advisory Board

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PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

* Indicates a student or other mentee

Refereed Journal Articles

1. **Jacobs, L. A.**, McClean, A. *, Branson, Z., Fixler, A. *, & Kennedy, E. (In press). Homelessness, behavioral health problems, and recidivism: Incremental propensity score effects for criminology. *Quantitative Criminology*, Pre-print: <https://arxiv.org/abs/2305.14040>
2. Fixler, A. L. *, **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Davis, C. D. * (In press). Police-social work collaboration and the ethical practice paradox: Perspectives from social work's next generation. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*.
3. Whitfield, D. L., Westgate, L., Gartner, R. E., **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Atteberry-Ash, B. (2023). Anti-transgender policies and practices in social work education, Accreditation, and Licensing: A Call for Change. *Journal of Sociology & Social Welfare*, 50(1), 208 – 238.
4. **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Booth, J. (2023). Teaching to tech: A Quasi-experimental assessment of a technology-enhanced social work course. *Journal of Social Work Education*, DOI: [10.1080/10437797.2021.1997677](https://doi.org/10.1080/10437797.2021.1997677)
5. Givens, A., **Jacobs, L. A.**, Canada, K., & Edwards, D. (2022). Mental illness-related stigma among probation officers. *Criminal Behavior and Mental Health*, 32, 138-147.
6. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Branson, Z., Greeno, C., Skeem, J., & Labrum, T. (2022). Community behavioral health service use and criminal recidivism among people with mental, substance use, and co-occurring disorders. *Psychiatric Services*, 73(12), 1397-1400. DOI: [10.1176/appi.ps.202100530](https://doi.org/10.1176/appi.ps.202100530)
7. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Ashcraft, L. E. *, Sewall, C. *, Wallace, D., & Folb, B. (2022). Recidivism in context: A meta-analysis of concentrated disadvantage and repeat offending. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 49(6), 783-806.
8. **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, 778399.
9. Montes, A. N., Wallace, D., Fahmy, C., Henson, A., Chamberlain, A. W., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2021). An Assessment of prisoner reentry, legal financial obligations and family financial support: A Focus on fathers. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, 18(18), 9625.
10. Lombardi, B., Greeno, C., **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Gordon, J. * (2021). Complex service needs of emerging adults accessing treatment for co-occurring opioid and mental health conditions. *Social Work in Mental Health*. DOI: [10.1080/15332985.2021.1928586](https://doi.org/10.1080/15332985.2021.1928586)

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11. Goodkind, S., Gardner, R., **Jacobs, L.**, Branson, D.*, King, J.*, Meaux, S.*, & Miller, E. (2021). Making AIMS explicit: Establishing intersectionality criteria for gender equity analyses. *Social Work Research*, 45(3), 169-186. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1093/swr/svab013>
12. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Kim, M. E., Whitfield, D. L., Gartner, R. E., Panichelli, M., Kattari, S. K., Downey, M., McQueen, S. S., & Mountz, S. E. (2021). Defund the police: Moving towards an anti-carceral social work. *Journal of Progressive Human Services*, 32(1), 37-62. DOI: [10.1080/10428232.2020.1852865](https://doi.org/10.1080/10428232.2020.1852865)
13. **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Skeem, J. L. (2021). Neighborhood risk factors for recidivism: For Whom do they matter? *American Journal of Community Psychology*, 67(1-2), 103-115. DOI: [10.1002/ajcp.12463](https://doi.org/10.1002/ajcp.12463). PMID: 32960992.
14. Labrum, T., Petros, R., **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Flores, A.* (2021). Supportive and problematic interactions between sexual minorities with serious mental illness and non-intimate partner relatives. *Journal of Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Mental Health*, 1-9.
15. **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Gottlieb, A. (2020). The Effect of housing circumstances on recidivism: Evidence from a sample of people on probation in San Francisco. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 47(9), 1097-1115. DOI: [10.1177/0093854820942285](https://doi.org/10.1177/0093854820942285)
16. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Ashcraft, L. E.*, Sewall, C. *, Folb, B., & Mair, C. (2020). Ecologies of juvenile reoffending: A systematic review of risk factors. *Journal of Criminal Justice*, 66. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jcrimjus.2019.101638>
17. **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Panichelli, M. (2020). From criminalized patients to risk-exposed agents: Reconceptualizing carceral involvement among individuals with psychiatric diagnoses. *Deviant Behavior*, 41(12), 1540-1558. DOI: [10.1080/01639625.2019.1631067](https://doi.org/10.1080/01639625.2019.1631067)
18. **Jacobs, L. A.** & Mark, H.* (2019). Constructing the structurally competent classroom. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 46(4), 131–151.
19. **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Giordano, S. N.* (2018). “It’s not like therapy”: Patient-inmate perspectives on jail psychiatric services. *Administration and Policy in Mental Health and Mental Health Services Research*, 45(2), 265-275.
20. Mistry, J., Jacobs, F., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2009). Cultural relevance as program to community alignment. *Journal of Community Psychology*, 37(4), 487-504.

Articles Under Review

1. Labrum, T., Petros, R., **Jacobs, L. A.**, Newhill, C., & Hawk, M. (R & R). Recipients of representative payeeship with mental illness: financial leverage, conflict, and satisfaction.

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2. Fixler, A.*, **Jacobs, L. A.**, Jones, D., Arnold, A., Underwood, E.* (R & R). There goes the neighborhood? The Public Safety Enhancing Effects of a Mobile Harm Reduction Intervention. Pre-print: <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2023.05.30.23290739v1>
3. Newhill, C., **Jacobs, L. A.**, Flores, A.*, & Yuan, Y. (under review). Clinician-client alignment in assessments of emotion dysregulation and self-harm.
4. Ortiz-Whittingham, L., Scott, S. E.*, **Jacobs, L. A.**, Culyba, A., Cruce, A.*, Miller, E. & Fabio, A. (under review). Identification of neighborhoods resilient to Firearm Injuries and Fatalities in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Book Chapters

1. Jones, N. & **Jacobs, L. A.** (in press). Abolition & Community Mental Health: Strategies for navigating involuntary hospitalization. In M. Kim, C. Rasmussen, & Washington, D. (Ed.) *Abolitionist Social Work: Possibilities, Paradox, and Praxis*. Haymarket Press. New York, NY.
2. **Jacobs, L. A.** (in press). Health and healthcare in jails and prisons. In V. Carr Copeland (Ed.) *Health and wellness for racial and ethnic minorities in the United States*. ABC-CLIO. Santa Barbara, CA.
3. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Katcher, K., Krummenacher, P., & Tonnesen, S. (2017) Root & Rebound: An innovative program paints the reentry landscape. In S. Stojkovic (Ed.), *Prisoner reentry: Critical issues and policy directions* (pp. 145-175). New York, N.Y.: Palgrave Macmillan.
4. Segal, S., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2013). Deinstitutionalization. *Encyclopedia of social work*. New York, N.Y.: Oxford University Press.
5. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2013). Social Justice and Anthropology: From observation to action. In M. Austin (Ed.), *Social justice and social work: Rediscovering a core value of the profession*. Los Angeles, C.A.: Sage.
6. Oliveri, R., Deshmuk-Towery, I., **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Jacobs, F. (2011) Youth perspectives on health care. In F. Sherman & F. Jacobs (Eds.), *Juvenile justice: Advancing research, policy and practice*. Hoboken, N.J.: John Wiley & Sons.

Reports and Other Publications

1. Howell, J., Goodkind, S., **Jacobs, L. A.**, Branson, D.*, & Miller, E. (2019). Pittsburgh's inequality across race and gender. City of Pittsburgh. Pittsburgh, PA. doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.24443.46883
2. Brief of Amicus Curiae University of Pittsburgh Center on Race and Social Problems' Criminal Justice Research Advisory Panel in Support of Petition for Allowance of Appeal, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, *Respondent* v. Avis Lee, Petitioner, Superior Court of

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Pennsylvania (2019), No. 84, WAL 2019, Allocator Docket 2019. Available from https://abolitionistlawcenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Amicus_Brief_In_Support_of_Petition-2.pdf

3. Sacks, T. & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2019). Introduction to the special issue on structural competence in social work. *Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare*, 46(4), 131–151.
4. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2019). Book review. [Review of the book *Forensic social work: Psychosocial and legal issues across diverse populations and settings*, edited by G. Liebowitz & T. Maschi]. *Urban Social Work*, 03(1), 129-130.
5. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2007). Theories of health and health care: Understanding the thoughts, concerns, and preferences of justice system-involved boys. Master's thesis. Medford, M.A.: Tufts University.
6. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Lucas, K., Moulin, C, Nadler, R., & Rollins, K. (2006). Subsidized guardianship: A New England analysis. New Haven, C.T.: Casey Family Services.

Refereed Conference Presentations

1. Babusci, C.* & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2023). *First person narratives of psychosis: A qualitative comparison of psychiatry-oriented and activist-oriented publications*. 2023 Annual Congress of the Schizophrenia International Research Society, Toronto, ON, Canada. (Poster)
2. Gupta, P.*, Vicente, C.*, & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2023). *Assessing bias in mobile crisis intervention: An experimental pilot study*. Health Disparities Poster Competition. School of Public Health. University of Pittsburgh. (Poster; award recipient)
3. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Bakko, M.*, Leotti, S., Murray, B.*, Erwin, J., Fixler, A.*, Hostetter, R. C.* Tomczak, S. M., Allen, E. & Panichelli, M. (2023). *Cooperation & Conflict: A Historical analysis of the relationship between law enforcement and social work*. Society for Social Work and Research 27th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral)
4. Fixler, A.*, Jones, D., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2023). *Medication Assisted Treatment Vans Reduce Neighborhood Drug Crime*. Society for Social Work and Research 27th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral)
5. Underwood, 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, MA, United States. (Poster)
6. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Branson, Z., Greeno, C., Skeem, J., & Labrum, T. (2022). *When treatment works: Behavioral health service use and associated reductions in criminal recidivism*. Society for Social Work and Research 26th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral, Virtual)

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7. Ashcraft, L. E. *, Sewall, C. *, & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2021). *Recidivism in context: A meta-analysis of neighborhood concentrated disadvantage and repeat offending*. Society for Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral)
8. Greeno, C., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2021). *Unmet behavioral health need among people on probation*. Society for Social Work and Research 25th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Poster)
9. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2020). *Digital systematic social observations: Some promises, some pitfalls*. Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral)
10. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2020). *Ecologies of reoffending: A systematic review of risk and protective factors for justice-involved youth*. Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Poster)
11. Flores, A.*, **Jacobs, L. A.**, & Newhill, C. (2020). *What can deinstitutionalization teach us about decarceration?* Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Poster)
12. **Jacobs, L. A.** & Ashcraft, L. E.* (2019). *Residential instability, homelessness, and criminal recidivism*. Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral)
13. Ashcraft, L. E.* & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2019). *The Effect of Motivation and Housing on Substance Abuse Treatment Participation among Probationers*. Society for Social Work and Research 23rd Annual Conference. SSWR. (Poster)
14. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2018). *Neighborhood Risk Factors and Recidivism: For Whom do Neighborhoods Matter?* Society for Social Work and Research 22nd Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral)
15. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2017). *Measuring the environmental context of re-entry*. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. ASC. (Oral)
16. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2017). *Risk Environments and Recidivism: How do Neighborhoods Matter?*. American Society of Criminology Annual Conference. ASC. (Roundtable)
17. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2016). *Are Jails the New Mental Hospitals? What Carcerally-Involved Individuals Have to Say About It*. Society for Social Work and Research 20th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Poster)
18. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2015). *Assessing Neighborhood Risk and Protection: A Comparison of Methods and Measures*. University of California Social Science and Law Conference.
19. **Jacobs, L. A.**, Sacks, T. Mark, H., & Mack, R. (2015). *Structural Competence: Exploring the Potential and Pitfalls*. Council on Social Work Education- Annual Conference. CSWE.

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20. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2015). *From Cell Blocks to City Blocks: Understanding Incarceration among Individuals with Serious Mental Disorders*. Society for Social Work and Research 19th Annual Conference: The Social and Behavioral Importance of Increased Longevity. SSWR.
21. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2014). *From Cell Blocks to City Blocks: Experiences of Correctional System Involvement among Individuals with Serious Mental Disorders*. National Organization of Forensic Social Workers Annual Conference. NOFSW.
22. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2014). *Revolving Doors or Rehabilitation? Evaluating the Implementation of California Public Safety Realignment*. Society for Social Work and Research 18th Annual Conference: Research for Social Change: Addressing Local and Global Challenges. SSWR.
23. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2011). *Developing a just philosophy of knowledge for social work*. Undoing Feminisms Conference. University of Illinois, Chicago.

Invited Talks and Other Presentations

1. Jacobs, L. A. (2023). *Abolition & Social Work: A conversation for the curious*. Continuing Education. School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh. (Oral, Invited)
2. Jacobs, L. A. (2023). *Abolition: A conversation for the curious*. Anti-Racism Learning Collective. School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh. (Oral, Invited)
3. Jones, D., Fixler, A.*, Underwood, E.*, & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2022). *Mobile Medication Clinics for Opioid Use Disorders*. Health Policy and Management Seminar Series, University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health. (Oral, Invited)
4. Jacobs, L. A. (2022). *We're anti-oppressive—wait, what does that mean?* Anti-Racism Learning Collective. School of Social Work, University of Pittsburgh. (Oral, Invited)
5. Jacobs, L. A. (2022). *“Mental Health,” Disadvantage, and Decentering the Police*. Georgetown School of Law. (Oral, Invited)
6. Fixler, A.*, Underwood, E.*, Jones, D., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2022). *Impact of MOUD Vans on Arrest and Overdose Rates in Pittsburgh Neighborhoods*. Allegheny County Department of Health and Human Services. (Oral, Invited)
7. Fixler, A.*, Underwood, E.*, Jones, D., & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2022). *Impact of MOUD Vans on Arrest and Overdose Rates in Pittsburgh Neighborhoods*. Center for Inclusion Health, Allegheny General Hospital and Prevention Point Pittsburgh. (Oral, Invited)
8. Jacobs, L.A. (2021). *An Introduction to Anti-carceral Social Work*. School of Social Work, University of Maryland. (Oral, Invited)

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9. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2020). *Criminal justice reform in the time of COVID-19*. Criminal Justice Reform Town Hall hosted by The Campaign for Jerry Dickinson. (Oral, Invited)
10. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2019). *Fresh eyes, fresh methods: Emerging scholars present innovations in macro social work research*. Society for Social Work and Research 24th Annual Conference. SSWR. (Oral, Symposium organizer)
11. Schoen, A.* & **Jacobs, L. A.** (2019). *When Public Housing isn't Public: Criminal Records as Grounds for Denial*. University of Pittsburgh Undergraduate Research Day. (Poster)
12. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2019). *Historical Antecedents of Hyperincarceration*. *Ferguson Voices*. Global Studies Center, University of Pittsburgh. (Oral, Invited)
13. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2018). *They All Come Home: Challenges and Opportunities for Prisoner Reentry* (Keynote address). ACTION Housing Annual Meeting. (Oral, Invited)
14. **Jacobs, L.A.** (2015). *Measuring Neighborhood Risk and Protection: An Introduction to Systematic Social Observations with Google Earth Pro*. UC Berkeley D-Lab. (Oral)
15. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2015). "Prison Will Not be My Legacy": *Prison Higher Education with the Prison University Project*. American Library Association Annual Conference 2015. (Oral, Invited)
16. **Jacobs, L. A.** (2013). *From Cell Blocks to City Blocks: Preliminary Results*. Voices from the Front Lines. UC Berkeley Human Rights Center Annual Conference. (Oral)
17. Rowe, E., Weagraff, A., **Jacobs, L. A.** (2009). *Community based participatory research for the evaluation of an HIV/AIDS health promotion program*. Research and Technology Expo, Northeastern University, Boston, MA. (Poster)

RESEARCH SUPPORT

NIJ	(15PNIJ-23-GG-05491)	Jacobs (PI)	2024-2028 \$999,998
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Goal: Experimentally test a law enforcement training program's capacity to address ethnoracial disproportionality in front end juvenile legal system contact across 21 police departments

Role: PI (30% FTE)

Status: Awarded (9/28/2023)

NIDA	(R01 DA056519-01A1)	Booth (PI)	2023-2028 --
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Goal: Leverage ecological momentary assessment to understand the role of activity spaces in Black adolescents' marijuana use

Role: Co-Investigator (10% FTE)

Status: Under Review

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CDC (U01 CE003524)	Miller (PI)	2022-2026 \$2,194,708
Goal: Conduct a rigorous cluster randomized controlled trial of a community-centered anti-violence intervention		
Role: Co-Investigator (25% FTE)		
Status: Active		
Florence Stier Research Development Award University of Pittsburgh	Jacobs (PI)	2022-2024 \$15,000
Goal: Use experimental vignette survey design to assess the impact of racial bias on mobile crisis team member decision making		
Role: PI		
Status: Active		
Central Research Development Fund University of Pittsburgh	Jacobs (PI)	2018-2020 \$8,855
Goal: Test whether or not residential contexts alter the effect of behavioral health treatment on recidivism among probationers		
Role: PI		
Status: Completed		
Innovation in Education Award University of Pittsburgh	Jacobs (PI)	2018-2019 \$6,514
Goal: Develop and test a technology-infused course for macro-practice social work		
Role: PI		
Status: Completed		
NIJ, Graduate Research Fellowship	Jacobs (PI)	2015-2016 \$31,455
Goal: Test the degree to which neighborhood risk and protective factors and treatment participation affect recidivism among probationers with and without mental health problems		
Role: PI		
Status: Completed		
NIAAA Alcohol Research Group	Jacobs (PI)	2015 \$21,000
Goal: Test the degree to which neighborhood risk and protective factors relevant to substance abuse affect recidivism among probationers with and without substance abuse problems		
Role: PI		
Status: Completed		
Center for Research on Social Change UC Berkeley	Jacobs (PI)	2014-2016 \$28,000

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Goal: Examine firsthand experiences of arrest and incarceration among chronically recidivating individuals with mental disorder diagnoses

Role: PI

Status: Completed

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Jacobs (PI)

2013

UC Berkeley

\$6,500

Goal: Examine firsthand experiences of jail psychiatric services among chronically recidivating individuals with mental disorder diagnoses

Role: PI

Status: Completed

Mentee and Mentoring Support

NIJ Graduate Research Fellowship

(PI: A. Fixler*; Role: Chair; Status: Under review)

NIDA T32 Postdoctoral Program in Substance Use, Pain, and addiction

(Co-PIs: Kraemer, Merlin; Role: Faculty Mentor; Status: Under review)

NIMH T32 Interdisciplinary Training in Community Mental Health Services

(Co-PIs: Eack, Greeno, Rofey, Ryan; Role: Faculty Mentor; Status: Under review)

OTHER AWARDS, FELLOWSHIPS, AND ACADEMIC RECOGNITION

2019	University of Pittsburgh, Center for Interventions to Enhance Community Health (CiTECH), Fellow
2015	University of California- Berkeley Dissertation Fellowship (nomination declined)
2013	University of California- Berkeley, Office of the President's Mentored Research Award
2013	University of California- Berkeley, Human Rights Center Fellowship
2013	University of California- Berkeley, Public Service Center Community Engaged Scholar
2004	Northeastern University, Department of Psychology Avrom Aaron Leve Award
2004	Northeastern University, Magna cum laude

TEACHING

Spring 2023	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Generalist Social Work Research (graduate level)
Fall 2022	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Foundations of the American Welfare State (undergraduate level)
	University of Pittsburgh, Evaluation of the American Welfare State (PhD level)

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Spring 2022	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Generalist Social Work Research (2 sections, graduate level)
Fall 2021	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Introduction to Social Work Research (undergraduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Generalist Social Work Research (graduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (2, PhD level, Transformative Justice)
Fall 2020	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Introduction to Social Work Research (2 sections, undergraduate level)
Spring 2020	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Generalist Social Work Research (graduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (1, undergraduate level, Psychiatric Services in Correctional Institutions)
Fall 2019	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Introduction to Social Work Research (undergraduate level)
Spring 2019	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Social Work with Communities and Organizations (undergraduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (1, undergraduate level, Public Housing Exclusions) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (1, Graduate level, Public Housing Exclusions)
Fall 2018	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Mental Health and Public Policy (graduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Introduction to Social Work Research (undergraduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (1, PhD level, Research Dissemination) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (1, undergraduate level, Technology in Social Work)
Spring 2018	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Mental Health and Public Policy (graduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Social Work with Communities and Organizations (undergraduate level) University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Directed Study (1, undergraduate level, Psychiatric Services in Correctional Institutions)
Fall 2017	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Mental Health and Public Policy (graduate level)
Spring 2017	University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work: Social Work with Communities and Organizations (undergraduate level)
Spring 2016	University of California- Berkeley, School of Social Welfare: Social Work as a Profession (undergraduate level)
Summer 2015	University of California- Berkeley, School of Social Welfare: Social Welfare Policy (undergraduate level)
Spring 2015	Prison University Project, San Quentin Prison: Writing the Research Essay (undergraduate level)

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Summer 2014	University of California- Berkeley, School of Social Welfare: Social Welfare Policy (undergraduate level)
Spring 2014	University of California- Berkeley, School of Social Welfare (teaching assistant): Social Welfare Policy (undergraduate level)
Fall 2006	Tufts University, Urban and Environmental Policy and Planning (teaching assistant): Foundations of Social Policy and Planning (graduate level)

PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2011-2012	AIDS Health Project, San Francisco, CA Clinical Trainee <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted psychosocial assessments• Acted as primary therapist for 6-8 clients using Brief Dynamic Psychotherapy• Facilitated ongoing group for people living with HIV
2010-2011	Marin County Office of the Public Defender, San Rafael, CA Forensic Social Work Intern <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Psychosocial assessments and case management for juveniles and adults• Ongoing counseling with Mental Health Court clients• Mental competency assessment
2007-2010	Partners in Health/PACT Project, Boston, MA Project Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Managed the design and evaluation of a health promotion intervention• Administered surveys, interviews, and observations• Coordinated community advisory team• Wrote and managed grants
2005-2006	Bay Cove Human Services, Boston, MA Outreach Worker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided case management and supported housing services to clients with serious mental disorders• Human Rights Officer
2002-2005	Vinfen Human Services, Boston, MA Case Worker <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provided case management and residential support to dually diagnosed clients• Assisted with the development of a transitional age youth program for youth with mental disorder diagnoses

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COMMUNITY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2022-	Member, Research Advisory Board, Sozosei Foundation
2022-	Member, Faculty Assembly, University of Pittsburgh
2017-2021, 2022-	Member, BASW Program Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
2019, 2021-	Member, Ph.D. Program Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
2021-2022	Adviser, Advanced Data Analysis project w/ Paul Twijuke, Carnegie Mellon University
2021-2022	Member, Hiring Committee, University Center for Social and Urban Research, University of Pittsburgh
2021-2022	Adviser, Advanced Data Analysis project w/ Alec McClean, Carnegie Mellon University
2019-2021	Member, Faculty Executive Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
2018-2020	Member, Admissions Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
2018-2019	Member, Hiring Committee, Center for Race and Social Problems, University of Pittsburgh
2018	Member, Prisoner Reentry and Housing Advisory Council, ACTION Housing
2017- 2019	Member, Direct Practice Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
2017	Coordinator, Summer Institute on Segregation, Center for Race and Social Problems
2017, 2021, 2022	Member, COSA Committee, University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work
2017-2019	Member, Jail Reentry Collaborative, City of Pittsburgh

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2014-2016	Member, Doctoral Student Task Force, Society for Social Work and Research
2014	Member, Advisory Council, University of California-Berkeley Public Service Center
2012-2016	Member, San Francisco Prisoner Reentry Council
2011-2013	Organizer, Bay Area Mutual Aid, Oakland, CA
2011-2012	Student Representative, Governing Body, University of California-Berkeley School of Social Welfare
2010-2014	Organizer, Graduate Students for Community Engaged Scholarship, University of California- Berkeley
2010	Curriculum Developer, Partners In Health, Huehuetenango, Guatemala
2006-2009	Advocate, Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Boston, MA

EDITORIAL WORK

2022 -	Editorial Board Member, <i>Social Work in Mental Health</i>
2022 -	Editorial Collective Member, <i>Abolitionist Perspectives in Social Work</i>
2022 -	Editorial Collective Member, <i>Journal of Progressive Human Services</i>
2019	Guest Editor, Special Issue on “Structural Competence in Social Work” in <i>Journal of Sociology and Social Welfare</i>

Ad hoc reviewer: *Affilia: Feminist Inquiry in Social Work, The British Journal of Social Work, Child and Youth Services Review, Community Mental Health Journal, Crime & Delinquency, Criminal Justice and Behavior, Criminal Justice Review, Critical and Radical Social Work, Field Methods, Health & Place, International Criminal Justice Review, Journal of Criminal Justice, Journal of Human Rights and Social Work, Journal of the Society of Social Work and Research, Journal of Urban Social Work, Journal of Substance Use and Addiction Treatment, Justice Quarterly, Social Work in Mental Health, Social Work and Society*

ADVANCED RESEARCH TRAINING

Summer 2018	Multilevel Modeling for Community Health, Urban Health Collaborative, Drexel University
Fall 2015	Longitudinal Data Analysis, training with Donald Hedeker, Alcohol Research Group

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Summer 2015	Causal Methods from Observational Data, summer course with Felix Elwert, University of California-Berkeley
Summer 2015	R Statistical Software, summer intensive, University of California-Berkeley's D-Lab
Fall 2014	Data Visualization in ArcGIS, training, University of California-Berkeley's D-Lab
Spring 2014	Address Geocoding with ArcGIS, training, University of California-Berkeley's D-Lab

SELECTED MEDIA INTERVIEWS AND REFERENCES

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Research referenced. Thaddeus Johnson & Natasha Johnson's "Biggest racial gap in prison is among violent offenders – focusing on intervention instead of incarceration could change the numbers. The Conversation. 10 March.

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Interviewed. Christine Fernando's "Collaboration with Police Divides Social Workers Across the U.S." Associated Press. 17 March.

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Research referenced. "Racism as a Public Health Crisis Focus of City Council Meetings." Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. 5 December.

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Research referenced. Damon Young's "Pittsburgh Is the Worst City in America for Black People. Here's How It Can Get Better" The Root 18 September.

Research referenced. Bob Bauder's "Pittsburgh's Black Population Trails Other Cities in Quality Of Life, Report Says." TribLive. 17 September.

Research referenced. Ashley Murray's "Pittsburgh's Black Population Trails Other Cities In Quality Of Life, Report Says." Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. 17 September.

Featured. Neena Hagen's "Students, experts discuss criminal justice reform." The Pitt News. 28 February.