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EMPLOYMENT

- 2015 – present Statewide Sexual Assault Education and Prevention Specialist
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis
Indianapolis, IN
- 2014 – present Adjunct Professorial Lecturer
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
American University
Washington, DC
- 2013 – 2015 Adjunct Assistant Professor (formerly Adjunct Instructor)
Department of Anthropology and
Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Mary's City, MD
- 2011 – 2013 Adjunct Instructor
Department of Anthropology and
Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program
American University
Washington, DC

EDUCATION

- PhD in Anthropology May 2014
American University, Washington, DC
Dissertation Title: “A Lot of People are Being Locked Up because A Lot of People are Numbing Themselves”: Rape Culture in the Lives of Incarcerated Women in Washington, D.C.
- Graduate Certificate in Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies May 2014
American University, Washington, DC
- MA in Public Anthropology May 2013
American University, Washington, DC
- BA in Anthropology and English, *Summa Cum Laude* May 2007
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN
- Undergraduate Certificate in Museum Studies May 2007
Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

- In Press “In My Head, I Didn’t Feel Like I Had Done Anything Wrong”: Women’s Experiences Prostituting Women and Girls. *Studies in Law, Politics, and Society*. Accepted August 2014.
- 2012 Public Anthropology in the Field: Balancing Dual Identities as Researcher and Staff Member. *North American Dialogue* 15(1):17-22.

Book Manuscripts in Preparation

Violence, Victim-Blaming, and Structural Inequalities: Rape Culture in the Lives of Incarcerated Women.

Journal Manuscripts in Preparation

Rape Myths and Victim-Blaming: Myths and Realities of “Stranger Danger” in Incarcerated Women’s Lives. Intended journal: *Violence Against Women*.

In-Prison Therapy and Post-Prison Case Management: Incarcerated Women's Opinions about Prison Policy Reform. Intended journal: Practicing Anthropology.

Web-Based Publications

- 2011 Praxis and Collaborative Action in the Midst of Hegemonic Bureaucracy. Society for Applied Anthropology online newsletter.
- 2010 Myth-Busting: False Rape Reports. American University American Way of Life online magazine.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- 2013 Dissertation Fellowship Award, American University
- 2012 Doctoral Student Research Award, American University
- 2011 Mellon Graduate Student Research Award, American University
- 2011-2012 Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University
- 2010-2011 Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University
- 2009-2010 Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University
- 2008-2009 Merit Fellowship, Department of Anthropology, American University

INVITED TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS

- 2015 Women's Pathways to Crime and Prison: Psychological and Social Impact of Gender-Based Violence (2-hour training) *and* Structural Violence in the Lives of Incarcerated Women (2-hour training). South Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Charleston, SC. October 2.
- 2013 Interrupting Violence: A Critical Dialogue panelist. University of Maryland, College Park, MD. February 26.

CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

Conferences Coordinated

- 2014 New Directions in Mental Health Research and Practice. Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group. December 2.
- 2010 Seventh Annual Public Anthropology Conference: Revolutions! Building Emancipatory Politics and Action. American University. October 16-17.

2009 Sixth Annual Public Anthropology Conference: Advancing Social Justice in Times of Crisis. American University. October 9-10.

Panels Organized

2014 Teaching about Violence: Helping Students Navigate their Emotional Responses to Learning about Violence. American Anthropological Association. December 3-7.

2013 Feminism in the Field: Feminist Reflections on Methodologies, Goals, and Risks during Fieldwork. American Anthropological Association. November 20-24.

2009 When Times of Crisis are the Norm: Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Public Anthropology Conference. October 9-10.

2008 Strengthening the Anti-Sexual Violence Movement. Public Anthropology Conference. October 31 – November 1.

In-Depth Trainings

2015 Gender-Based Violence in Women's Pathways to Prison: Understanding How High Rates of Pre-Incarceration Trauma Influence Women's Decisions to Commit Crimes. 90 minute training. End Violence Against Women International. April 7-9.

Papers Presented

2014 Helping Students Negotiate Emotional Responses when Learning about Gender-Based Violence. American Anthropological Association. December 3-7.

2013 "I'm Feeling that I'm Releasing Something": The Potentially Therapeutic Nature of Research Interviews. American Anthropological Association. November 20-24.

2013 An Auto-Ethnography of Anger: Why I Support a Punitive State. Society for Anthropology of North America. March 15-16.

2012 Ideological Values of Self-Sufficiency in Formerly Incarcerated Women's Narratives: Identifying Connections between Neoliberalism, Drug Treatment Programs, and Christianity. American Anthropological Association. November 13-18.

2012 Surviving Sexual Violence: Structural Inequities and Systemic Indignities. Society for Applied Anthropology. March 27-31.

- 2011 Punishing Survival? Rethinking the Incarceration of Sexual Violence Survivors. American Anthropological Association. November 15-20.
- 2011 Criminalizing Survival: Preliminary Research Findings on Connections between Sexual Victimization and Incarceration in the United States. National Women's Studies Association. November 10-13.
- 2011 Gender-Based Violence: Confronting Applied, Theoretical, and Methodological Issues roundtable participant. Society for Applied Anthropology. March 29 – April 2.
- 2010 A Critical Feminist Reflection of Street Harassment in Washington, D.C. American Anthropological Association. November 16-21.
- 2010 “Frankly, We Weren’t in Those Meetings”: Identifying and Challenging Hegemonic Bureaucracy in a Rape Crisis Center. Association for Black Anthropologists and Society for Anthropology of North America. April 15-16.
- 2009 Toward an Archaeology of Gender-Based Violence. American Anthropological Association. December 2-6.

Discussant

- 2009 When Times of Crisis are the Norm: Activism against Gender-Based Violence. Public Anthropology Conference, American University. October 9-10.
- 2008 Strengthening the Anti-Sexual Violence Movement. Public Anthropology Conference, American University. October 31 – November 1.

Workshop Organizer and Facilitator

- 2010 Revolutionizing Ourselves through Self-Care: Making the Connection between Minds, Bodies, and Research. Public Anthropology Conference. October 16-17.

CAMPUS AND DEPARTMENTAL TALKS

- 2010 Responding to Sexual Violence Disclosures: How to Help Survivors and Take Care of Yourself. American University. September 4.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Instructor of Record

American University

Fall 2015, Spring 2015, Fall 2014, Spring 2013	Gender and Violence
Summer 2015	Gender, Violence, and Inequality (undergrad/grad)
Fall 2012	Gender, Culture, and Conflict
Spring 2012	Language and Culture
Summer 2012, Summer 2011	Sex, Gender, and Culture

St. Mary's College of Maryland

Summer 2015	Anthropology of Gender and Violence
Spring 2015, Fall 2014	Introduction to Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies
Fall 2014, Spring 2014, Fall 2013	Introduction to Anthropology (four-field)
Summer 2014	Anthropology of Gender and Sexuality

Teaching Assistant

2008 – 2011	Department of Anthropology American University Washington, DC
2007 – 2008	Department of Anthropology Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis Indianapolis, IN

Advising

2014	St. Mary's Project Adviser: "Comparative Analysis of Feminism in Costa Rica and Nicaragua." 4-credit project. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. St. Mary's College of Maryland. Fall semester.
2013	Undergraduate Honors Capstone Adviser. "Sexual Assault Policies on College Campuses: A Beginning Look at Which Policies Influence Reports of Sexual Assault at Institutions of Higher Education." 3-credit project. Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Program. American University. Spring semester.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Needs and Strengths Assessments

2015 – present Six Indiana University regional campuses

Ethnographic Research

2010 – 2012 “Open Arms” prison reentry organization. Washington, D.C.

Research Assistant

2010 - 2011 Department of Anthropology, American University.

2007 Center for Aging and Community, University of Indianapolis.

Data Coder and Interviewer

2009 – 2011 Randi Korn & Associates, Inc., Alexandria, VA.

SERVICE TO PROFESSION

2013 – 2015 Webmaster. Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group

2010 – 2014 List Serve Moderator. Society for Anthropology of North America

2010 – 2013 Peer Reviewer. National Association for Student Anthropologists.

2009 – 2012 Graduate Student Board Member. Society for Anthropology of North America

DEPARTMENTAL/UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2009 Graduate Student Representative. Education Policy Committee.
American University

2009 Anthropology Department Graduate Student Representative. College of
Arts and Sciences Graduate Student Council. American University

2008 – 2009 Treasurer. Anthropology Department Student Council. American
University

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

2009 – present	American Anthropological Association
2013 – present	Anthropology and Mental Health Interest Group
2012 – present	Association for Feminist Anthropology
2010 – present	Society for Anthropology of North America
2010 – present	Society for Applied Anthropology
2013 – 2014	Society for Anthropology in Community Colleges
2013 – 2014	Society for Psychological Anthropology

REFERENCES

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