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CURRENT POSITION

Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work
College of Community and Public Affairs
Binghamton University, September 2015- present

EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** **December 2013, University of Chicago**
School of Social Service Administration, Chicago IL
Dissertation Title: *Stigma Management and Social Support in the Lives of*
Formerly Incarcerated Mothers with Substance Use Problems
Committee Chair: Julia Henly, Ph.D.
Committee Members: Gina Samuels, Ph.D., Malitta Engstrom, Ph.D. & Peter Ibarra, Ph.D.
- A.M.** **June 2005, University of Chicago**
School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL
- M.P.P.** **June 2005, University of Chicago**
Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies, Chicago IL
- B.A.** **June 2001, Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY**
Major: Urban Studies
Thesis: *The Impact of Incarcerating Mothers on the Lives of Children*

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SPECIALIZATIONS

- Incarceration and re-entry services research
- Intersection of incarceration and other social problems (sex work, substance use) and shame
- Maternal incarceration and parenting during reentry
- Ethics-specific implications of researching marginalized populations

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016- *Principal Investigator*
Funded by: Research Ethics Training Institute (REI) Fordham University
Grant # R25DA031608-07
The Ethics-Related Implications of Exploring Stigmatization with
Women with Intersecting Experiences of Incarceration and Drug Use

The aim of this qualitative study is to: 1) identify women's concerns regarding the risks and benefits of engaging in research exploring their experiences with drug use and incarceration; and 2) examine the extent to which stigma may shape participants' emotional reactions to answering

sensitive interview questions. To conduct this ethics specific study, the first half of the interviews explore how women with experiences of incarceration and substance use navigate reentry and surveillance systems. The second part of the interview includes a debriefing that examines women's perceptions of the risks and benefits of participating in research and the implications for mitigating potential harm. Currently I am analyzing the 27 interviews, using constructivist grounded theory, along with my two research assistants.

2016-

Faculty Affiliate

Prisoner Reentry Institute, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, New York, N.Y.

As a faculty partner with the Prisoner Reentry Institute, I am analyzing qualitative data on their first cohort of men to matriculate into the CUNY system post-incarceration. This developing paper examines how formerly incarcerated men define reentry success. Moreover, it explores the ways in which educational programs provide reentry supports and shape individuals' abilities to navigate stigma and structural disadvantage. This research has implications considering recent Ban the Box policy decisions with respect to college applicants with felony convictions.

2013-2015

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Behavioral Science Training (BST) Program

National Development and Research Institutes, Inc. New York, N.Y

Funded by NIDA grant # T32DA07233.

Developed papers from my dissertation on stigma management and identity formation.

Collaborated with NYU's Center for Drug Use and HIV Research affiliate researcher, Honario Guarino, Ph.D., on a NIDA funded study, grant # P30 DA011041.

Coded and analyzed qualitative data from a mixed-methods study examining the substance use related stigma experiences of IDU youth from the Former Soviet Union residing in New York City. This collaboration led to a first author publication in the *International Journal of Drug Policy*

Also, consulting on a CDUHR funded pilot study exploring the use of e-health technology in shaping Black's women knowledge and perception of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP). This collaboration led to a second author publication in the *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*

2010-2014

Center Participant

Principal Investigator: Patrick Corrigan, Psy.D.

Chicago Satellite Center to the Center on Adherence and Self-Determination Illinois

Institute of Technology

Funded by: National Institute of Mental Health (Grant#P20 MH085981)

The Satellite Center meetings were forums for discussing mental health service research needs relating to the intersection of treatment adherence, stigma, and empowerment. In addition the group discusses ways to maximize research dissemination. As a Center member, I participate in interdisciplinary team meetings, present research ideas, constructively critique proposed projects from other members, and collaborate in the development of research agendas for affiliates of the Center.

2010-2012

Field Manager

Principal Investigators: Laurie Schaffner, Ph.D.; Richard Curtis, Ph.D.; Kirk Dombrowski

The Center for Court Innovation, New York, NY; CUNY, John Jay College of Criminal Justice and University of Illinois at Chicago

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) in United States: A

National Study of CSEC Prevalence Prosecution, and Services

Funded by: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

The aim of this project was to estimate the size and scope of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC); describe the characteristics and needs of CSEC victims and explore available services. Worked with UIC P.I. to recruit and interview youth in efforts to examine their decision making/involvement in sexual risk behaviors for survival needs. Co-directed the recruitment and interviewing of local stakeholders that service involved youth. Also co-managed field work activities, such as overseeing the distribution of financial incentives and determining eligibility of prospective youth participants.

2009-2012 ***Doctoral Research Assistant***

Principal Investigators: Edna Erez, Ph.D. and Peter Ibarra, Ph.D.

University of Illinois at Chicago-Department of Criminology, Chicago, IL

Evaluation of GPS Monitoring Technologies & Domestic Violence in the U.S.

Funded by: United States Department of Justice. Office of Justice Programs.

National Institute of Justice

The aim of this project was to examine the implementation of Global Positioning System (GPS) monitoring technology in enforcing court mandated “no contact” orders in domestic violence (DV) cases, particularly those involving intimate partner violence (IPV). Coded and analyzed data collected from various stakeholders such as police officers, victim advocates, judges, victims and defendants. First-authoring a paper based on the defendant interviews which examines the role stigma plays in their re-entry/transitional process.

2008-2011 ***Doctoral Research Assistant***

Principal Investigator Malitta Engstrom, PhD, LCSW

The University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

Incarcerated Mothers and their Grandparent Caregiving Processes

Funded by: Hartford Foundation and National Institute of Drug Abuse

The aim of this project was to examine the lives of incarcerated women and their mothers serving as caretakers of their children to inform the design of family services. As a Research Assistant, I assisted with recruitment and screening interviews. I also transcribed, reviewed interviews and assisted in the qualitative analyses of a study which explored the utilization of harm reduction practices in social service agencies in Chicago.

2005- 2007 ***Research and Community Analyst***

Center for Employment Opportunities- New York, NY

Principal Investigator: Jennifer Bryan, PhD

CEO Reentry and Employment Retention Study

Developed interview guides and surveys; administered surveys to formerly incarcerated adults and staff members to inform program services. Co-facilitated focus groups and conducted individual interviews with formerly incarcerated adults concerning their perceptions of their job experiences. Managed participant database and performed data analysis utilizing SPSS to identify the factors that impact individual job retention. Facilitated the administration of research projects by overseeing staffing and coordinating tasks. Also, served as a field work supervisor to a first year Masters student in the Policy Practice track at Columbia University.

2004-2005 **Graduate Research Assistant/Social Work Intern**
Ounce of Prevention Fund- Kids Public Education and Policy Project Department, Chicago, IL

Researched legislation regarding state-wide protocols for early childhood education. Examined demographic information (poverty, income, education rates) in various districts, assessed their need for increased education initiatives to inform advocacy efforts.

2004- 2005 **Research Assistant**
The University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy,
Chicago, IL Principal Investigators: Robert Lalonde, Ph.D.; Susan George, Ph.D.
Going Home Project

The aim of the project was to examine Illinois incarceration trends. Performed participant observation research with women incarcerated at Cook County Jail. Conducted interviews with recently released women and family members, detailing experiences of domestic violence, and abuse. Transcribed and assisted in the coding of participant interviews.

2003-2004 **Summer Policy Associate**
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)- Chicago, IL

Researched state collaboration between substance abuse and TANF agencies and reported on case studies. Contributed to the writing of white papers regarding past and present trends in drug and criminal justice policies and recommendations for change.

2001-2002 **New York City Urban Fellows Program**
Administration for Children's Services (ACS) New York, NY

Assisted in the design of a research instrument utilized in the Family Team Conference Study that was conducted in partnership with Vera Institute of Justice. Interviewed Families, caseworkers, and foster care representatives for the study. Attended prison visits between incarcerated mothers and child at the Rikers Correctional Facility as part of the Children with Incarcerated Parents Program (CHIPP).

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Hardesty, M., & Gunn, A. (*accepted* with minor revisions) Survival sex and trafficked women: The politics of re-presenting and speaking about others in anti-oppressive qualitative research *Qualitative Research*

Gunn, A., & Guarino, H. (2016). "Not human, dead already": Perceptions and experiences of drug-related stigma among opioid-using young adults from the former Soviet Union living in the US. *International Journal of Drug Policy*, 38, 63-72.

Gunn, A. J., Sacks, T. K., & Jemal, A. (2016). "That's not me anymore": Resistance strategies for managing intersectional stigmas for women with substance use and incarceration histories. *Qualitative Social Work*, 1473325016680282.

Bond, K. T., & Gunn, A. J. (2016). Perceived Advantages and Disadvantages of Using Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) among Sexually Active Black Women: An Exploratory Study. *Journal of Black Sexuality and Relationships*, 3(1), 1-24.

Gunn, A. J., & Canada, K. E. (2015). Intra-group stigma: Examining peer relationships

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among women in recovery for addictions. *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*, 22(3), 281-292.

Harris, S., Nikulina, V., Gelpí-Acosta, C., Morton, C., Newsome, V., **Gunn, A.**, ... & Downing Jr, M. J. (2015). Prescription drug diversion: predictors of illicit acquisition and redistribution in three US Metropolitan areas. *AIMS Public Health*, 2(4), 762.

Canada, K. E., & **Gunn, A. J.** (2013). What factors work in mental health court? A consumer perspective. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*, 52(5), 311-337

UNDER REVIEW MANUSCRIPTS

Gunn, A. & Samuels, G. (revise and resubmit) The consequences and conditions of family engagement: Promoting recovery identities among mothers with histories of addiction *Family Process*

Blakey, J. & **Gunn, A.** (revise and resubmit) The “Ickiness Factor”: Stigma as a Barrier to Exiting Prostitution. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*

White, K., Rudolph, A.E., **Gunn, A.J.**, Robillard, A., Jones, K., Benjamin-Gardner, E., Crawford, N.D., Fuller, C.M. (under review) Gender differences in self-reported testing and diagnosis of sexually transmitted infections among drug users at high risk for HIV. *Drug Alcohol and Dependence*

BOOK CHAPTERS

Gunn, A. J., Canada, K.E. & Blakey, J. M. (in press). Contemporary Contexts for Exploring Interprofessional Collaboration with Criminal Justice-Involved Populations. In A. Iachini, L. Bronstein, & E. Mellin (Eds.) *A Guide for Interprofessional Practice*. Alexandria, V.A. Council of Social Work Education Press.

IN PREPARATION MANUSCRIPTS

Gunn, A., Blakey, J. & Canada, K. (in preparation) Interprofessional collaboration in criminal justice settings: the case for women participating in Prostitution Diversion Court Programming *Journal for Community Psychology*

Ibarra, P., **Gunn, A.**, Erez, E. (in preparation) The stigma of surveillance: The social situation of The electronically tagged. *Deviant Behavior*

Gunn, A., Hardesty, M., Wallace, S., Fisher, C. (in preparation) Perceptions of the risks and benefits of research participation for women with drug use and incarceration experiences: Implications for Social Work Ethics and Practice *Affilia*

Gunn, A. (in preparation) “I just want to tell my story to help others”: Pursuing the wounded healer identity as critical to women’s recovery from addiction and incarceration *Feminist Criminology*

TECHNICAL REPORTS

Gunn, A. and Peterson, J. (2007). CEO’s Young Adult Program: Engaging Formerly Incarcerated Young People in the Workforce. The Center for Employment Opportunities *CEO Report*. Available at: www.ceoworks.org

Bryan, J., **Gunn, A.**, and Henthorn, S. (2007). CEO's Rapid Rewards Program: Using Incentives to Promote Employment Retention among Formerly Incarcerated Individuals. *The Center for Employment Opportunities (CEO)'s Learning Institute Report*, Available at:www.ceoworks.org.

Gunn, A. (2004). Separation of Incarcerated Mother From Child: The Impact on Childhood Development and the Call for Greater Clinical and Policy Interventions. *School of Social Service Administration*

FUNDING

- 2017 **Robert Wood Johnson Foundation**
New Connections Grant
Award (\$50,000). In preparation.
- 2016- **Principal Investigator.** *Stigma and Ethical Concerns Related Interviewing Women with Incarceration and Drug Use Experience.* Supported by Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI)- 1R25 DA031608-01, (\$20,000)
- 2015- **Co-Investigator.** *Exploring Black Women's Perceptions of Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV Prevention* Center for Drug Use HIV Research Pilot Projects P30DA011041 (\$5,000).
- 2015 **Co-Principal Investigator.** *Developing a dance empowerment and critical consciousness health intervention* Center for Drug Use and HIV Research Pilot Projects & Mentoring Core (\$20,000). Not funded.
- 2013-2015 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Behavioral Scientist in Drug Abuse Research, T32 National Development and Research Institutes, New York, NY
- 2011-2013 **Principal Investigator** Dissertation: *Stigma Management and Social Support in the Lives of Formerly Incarcerated Mothers with Substance Use Problems*
- Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, Research And Travel Grant \$3,000
 - Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation \$5,000
 - American Society of Criminology \$6,000

FELLOWSHIPS

- 2016- 2017 **Doctoral Fellowship**, College of Community and Public Affairs
Training for early career faculty engaged in mentoring/advising doctoral students
\$2,500
- 2015-2016 **Fellow- National Research Mentoring Network, Steps Towards Academic Research (STAR)**
Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities 1U54MD009479
- 2009-2012 **Diversifying Higher Education Faculty in Illinois Fellowship**
\$7,000/\$14,000/\$14,000

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

PEER-REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Gunn, A.** (2017, November). *Multi-Level Stigma for Youth from the Former Soviet Union*. Poster will be presenting at the American Society of Criminology. Philadelphia, PA.
- Gunn, A.** (2017, July). *Intra-group Stigma: Examining Peer Relationships Among Women in Recovery*. Oral presentation given during the Prisoner Release II: Health and Prisoner Reentry Panel at the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health Conference in Prague Czech Republic.
- Gunn, A.** (2017, July). *Intersectionality and Stigma in the lives of Formerly Incarcerated Black Women*. Oral presentation given during the Transforming Responses: Making Racism Part of the Conversation Panel at the XXXVth International Congress on Law and Mental Health- Prague Czech Republic
- Gunn, A.** (2017, January). *Multiple Sources of Stigmatization in the Lives of Immigrant Young Adults from the Former Soviet Union with Opioid Use Problems*. Poster presentation given at the Society for Social Work Research. New Orleans, LA
- Gunn, A.** (2016, January) *Conducting Qualitative Research with Hard-to Reach Populations* Symposium at Society for Social Work and Research- Washington, D.C.
- Gunn, A.** (2015, January) *Intra-group stigma: Examining peer relationships among women in recovery for addictions*. Paper Presentation at Society for Social Work and Research- New Orleans, LA
- Gunn, A.** (2014, November) *Disproportionate Impact of Stigma on Formerly Incarcerated African American Women* Paper Presentation at the American Public Health Association- New Orleans, LA
- Gunn, A.** (2014, November) *Stigma Management for Women with Experiences of Incarceration and Addiction* Paper Presentation at the American Society of Criminology- San Francisco, CA.
- Gunn, A.** (2014, June) *Perceptions of Stigma in the lives of Women in Recovery for Substance Use* Poster Presentation at College of Problems of Drug Dependence- San Juan, Puerto Rico
- Gunn, A.** (2014 January) *Becoming a New Creature Amidst the Permanence of the “Addict Identity”*: Examining An Intersection of Stigmas in the Lives of Women With Experiences of Substance Use. Paper Presentation at Society for Social Work and Research- San Antonio, TX
- Gunn, A.** (2013, January) *Formerly Incarcerated Mothers Navigating Re-entry: Stigma and Support Post-Imprisonment”* Paper Presentation at Society for Social Work and Research-San Diego, CA
- Gunn, A.** (2011, January) *“Homelessness, Unmet Basic Needs, and Social Marginalization: Broadening Conventional Definitions of Homelessness*. Poster Presentation at Society for Social Work and Research-Tampa, FL
- Gunn, A.** (2010, November) *The Impact of Stigma on the Employment for Formerly Incarcerated*

Invited Talks

- Gunn, A.** (2017, July) *Prison to College Pipeline Lifecourse Study: Presentation of Findings and Brainstorming Session*. John Jay School of Criminal Justice, Prisoner Reentry Institute, New York, N.Y.
- Gunn, A.** (2016, November) *Drawing and Verifying Conclusions in Research with Marginalized Groups*. Qualitative Analysis 602. Binghamton, University, Binghamton, N. Y.
- Gunn, A.** (2016, November). *Managing Intersectional Stigmas in the lives of Formerly Incarcerated Mothers in Recovery*. Case Conference Meetings- Clinical Psychology Department. Binghamton University, Binghamton, N. Y.
- Gunn, A.** (2016, October) *Linking Community-level Health Disparities and Stigma in the Lives of Women with incarceration and substance use experiences*. Community Mental Health HDEV 420. Binghamton University, Binghamton, N.Y.
- Gunn, A.** (2016 April) *Intragroup Stigma and Social Support among Formerly Incarcerated Women in Recovery for Substance Use*. Developmental Exposure Alcohol Research Center (DEARC). Binghamton University, Binghamton, N. Y.
- Gunn, A.** (2012, December) *Formerly Incarcerated Mothers Navigating Re-entry: Stigma and Support Post- Imprisonment*. Paper Presentation at the Center for the Study of Race, Politics And Culture University of Chicago
- Gunn, A.** (2012, December) *Formerly Incarcerated Mothers Navigating Re-entry: Stigma and Support Post- Imprisonment* Oral Presentation at the Center on Adherence and Self-Determination monthly meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Gunn, A.** (2009, September) *Just to Get By: Negotiating Race and Ethnic Conflict in the Workplace After Incarceration*. Paper Presentation at Center for Cultural Sociology- Yale University, New Haven, CT

JOURNAL REVIEWER

- 2015-present Drugs, Education, Prevention and Policy
2015-present Journal of Drug Issues
2016-present Child and Family Social Work
2016-present Social Science and Medicine

TEACHING INTERESTS

- Diversity and Oppression
Advanced Social Work with Communities
Human Behavior in the Social Environment

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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- 2015 *Assistant Professor*
Courses: *Social Policy and Programming (SW 515 2015, 2016, 2017)*
Advanced Social Work Practice in Communities (SW 525 2016, 2017)

2009-2012

Teaching Assistant

Course: *Social Intervention Programs and Policies (SSA 30000)*:

The School of Social Service Administration, The University of Chicago

Instructors: Scott Allard, Ph.D., Julia Henly, Ph.D., Heather Hill, Ph.D., Waldo Johnson, Ph.D., Deborah Putteney, Ph.D., Marcy, Ybarra, P.h.D.

This course introduces students to the history and structure of the U.S. welfare state, with particular focus on public assistance programs and social services targeting low- income families. Students examine social welfare policies, explore the benefits and challenges and develop policy alternatives. Responsible for holding weekly review sessions for all eight sections and providing one-on-one instruction to students.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2009-2012

Group Facilitator

The Women's Treatment Center, Chicago, IL

Co-facilitated empowerment groups with women in substance abuse treatment discussing issues such as child-parent reunification challenges, the employment process upon reentry, and criminal justice policies.

2005-2007

Community Specialist

Center for Employment Opportunities, New York, NY

Conducted groups and performed outreach with the youth and adult consumers to understand their employment concerns and related service needs.

2003-2004

Social Work Intern

Jane Addams Hull House-Parkway Community Center, Chicago, IL

Designed a curriculum for teenage volunteers that emphasized conflict resolution, the importance of positive peer relationships and avoiding risky behaviors. Completed a 40-hour domestic violence training and co-facilitated domestic violence awareness group sessions at shelters.

RESEARCH & CLINICAL TRAINING

2017-2020

Alternate Route Dance/Movement Therapy Program- Harkness Dance Center, New York, NY

2016

Motivational Interviewing Training: Theory and Skill Building Training Seminar- New York, NY

2013

Qualitative Grant Writing

Research Talk, Inc. 9th Annual Qualitative Research Summer Intensive, Chapel Hill, NC

2012

Progressing With Grounded Theory

Research Talk, Inc. 9th Annual Qualitative Research Summer Intensive, Chapel Hill, NC

2011

Qualitative Data Analysis with/without Computers

64th Annual Summer Institute in Survey Research Techniques

Institute for Social Research, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Quantitative

- 03/2009 *Survey and Questionnaire Design* - University of Chicago
- 03/2009 *Categorical Data Analysis* - University of Chicago
- 09/2008 *Multiple Regression Analysis* - University of Chicago

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS/AFFILIATIONS

- 2016-present Binghamton Rescue Mission
Board Member
- 2015-present Broome County Reentry Task Force
Committee Member

BINGHAMTON UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- 2017- present ***Faculty Member***, College of Community and Public Affairs, Visioning Committee
Community Engagement Subcommittee,
- 2017- present ***Member***, Interprofessional Education Curriculum and Assessment Committee,
- 2016- present ***Curriculum Committee Member***, Department of Social Work
- 2015- present ***Faculty Affiliate***, Developmental Exposure Alcohol Research Center, Binghamton University
- 2015- present ***Faculty Affiliate***, Institute for Justice and Well-being, Binghamton University
- 2015- present ***Continuing Education Facilitator***- Facilitate Annual CEU workshops on reentry and stigma
- 2015- present ***Committee Member***, Binghamton University Social Justice and Inclusion Committee
- 2015- present ***Field Liaison***, Binghamton University conducting field visits to assess Masters level students' placement experiences and development of social work core competencies
- 2012- present ***Member***, Society for Social Work and Research
- 2006-2007 ***Field work Supervisor***- supervised a field experience for a Master Level Policy Practice student at Columbia University's School of Social Work.