

# Veronica Shepp

## Curriculum Vitae

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### **EDUCATION**

Ph.D.	University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice	May 2019-Present
GSAV Certificate	Geospatial Analysis and Visualization Cert. University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Urban Planning and Policy	*Anticipated* December 2021
M.A.	University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Criminology, Law, and Justice	May 2019
B.A.	University of California, Santa Cruz Department of Psychology	June 2014

### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **Peer-Reviewed Articles**

O’Callaghan, E., **Shepp, V.**, Kirkner, A., Lorenz, K., (in press) Sexual harassment in the academy: Harnessing the growing labor movement in higher education to address sexual misconduct against graduate workers. *Violence Against Women*.

Ibarra, P. & **Shepp, V.**, (accepted) “I do wonder if the world will ever be the same after this.” Students journaling the 2020 lockdown. *Socioscapes*.

Harris, C., Ullman, S., **Shepp, V.**, & O’Callaghan, E. (2020) Multiple perpetrator sexual assault: Correlates of PTSD and depressive symptoms in a sample of adult women. *Journal of Sexual Aggression*.

Ullman, S., O’Callaghan, E., **Shepp, V.**, & Harris, C., (2020) Reasons for and experiences of sexual assault nondisclosure in a diverse community sample. *Journal of Family Violence*, 35: 839-851.

**Shepp, V., O'Callaghan, E., & Ullman, S.,** (2019) Interactions with offenders post-assault and their impacts on recovery: A qualitative study of sexual assault survivors and support providers. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma*, 29(6): 725-747.

**Shepp, V., O'Callaghan, E., Kirkner, A., Lorenz, K., & Ullman, S.E.,** (2019). Sexual assault survivors who exchange sex: Identity, stigma, and informal responses from support providers. *Affilia: Journal of Women and Social Work*, 35(1), 105-128.

O'Callaghan, E., **Shepp, V.,** Ullman, S.E., & Kirkner, A., (2018). Navigating sex and sexuality after sexual assault: A qualitative dyadic study of survivors and informal support providers. *Journal of Sex Research*, 56(8), 1045-1057.

### **UNDER REVIEW**

**Shepp, V.,** (under review) Sexual exploitation of migrant women at the border. *Encyclopedia of Race, Crime, and Justice*.

**Shepp, V.,** O'Callaghan, E., Kirkner, A., (under review) The carceral logic of Title IX. *Journal of Women and Gender in Higher Education*.

O'Callaghan, E., Ullman, S., **Shepp, V.,** & Harris, C., (R&R) Mental health help-seeking after a sexual assault: A dyadic study of sexual assault survivors and informal support providers. *Traumatology*.

### **IN PREPARATION**

Kirkner, A., **Shepp, V.,** O'Callaghan, E., (in preparation) A critical perspective on sexual assault forensic exams and victim advocacy.

**Shepp, V.,** (in preparation) Complicating the sex worker victim-criminal label: The nonprofit industrial complex, carceral humanitarianism, and Black feminism as intervention. *Violence Against Women*.

Harper, S., Davis, A., Mascaly, J., **Shepp, V.,** O'Callaghan, E., (in preparation) What's missing matters: Comparing submitted and unsubmitted sexual assault kits. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*.

### **AWARDS AND FUNDING**

**2021** *Institutional Courage Research Grant \$4,000*

**2021** *UIC Criminology, Law, and Justice Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award*

**2021** *UIC Center for Research in Law and Justice Dissertation Funding \$500*

- 2020** *Provost's Graduate Internship Award \$5,000*
- 2019** *President's Research in Diversity Travel Award \$600*
- 2019** *Bold Worker Justice Award* accepted on behalf of the GEO Local 6297

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

- 2021-Present** **Co-Investigator, Qualitative Workplace Disclosure of Sexual Misconduct Study *Funded by Institutional Courage Grant \$4,000***  
With the collaboration of Dr. Katherine Lorenz and Erin O'Callaghan - Continuation from prior quantitative study: Follow-up qualitative interview study to understand workplace dynamics and contexts that act as barriers and facilitators to survivor healing.
- 2021-Present** **Research Assistant, Women's Dyadic Support Study**  
Under the direction of Dr. Sarah Ullman - NIH grant to study dyads of women who have an unwanted sexual experience and their support providers.
- 2019; 2020** **Summer Research Assistant, Antelope Valley Section 8 Project**  
Under the direction of Dr. Rahim Kurwa - Study to understand the history and experiences of the Section 8 program and racialization of section 8 voucher holders.
- 2018-Present** **Co-Investigator, Quantitative Workplace Disclosure of Sexual Misconduct Study**  
With the collaboration of Dr. Katherine Lorenz, Dr. Anne Kirkner, and Erin O'Callaghan - Workplace study of sexual misconduct disclosure to understand workplace dynamics and contexts for barriers and facilitators to survivor healing.
- 2018-Present** **Research Assistant, Women's Social Support Study**  
Under the direction of Dr. Sarah Ullman - NIAAA grant to study disclosure and social support of women survivors of sexual assault, analyzing qualitative and quantitative data.
- 2018-2020** **Research Assistant, Chicago GPS Monitoring Evaluation Study**  
Under the direction of Dr. Peter Ibarra and Dr. Edna Erez - Mixed methods evaluation study to understand the GPS monitoring program for domestic violence offenders.
- 2018-2019** **Project Collaborator, National Campus Climate Survey**  
Under the direction of Katie Koestner, National study of sexual assault and harassment of students in the United States.

- 2017-2018**                    **Research Assistant, Safe from the Start Program**  
 Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority grant to evaluate Safe from the Start program for children that have been exposed to domestic violence.
- 2016-2017**                    **Research Assistant, Readiness to Change: Methadone Clinic Study**  
 Under the direction of Dr. Sarah Appleton - Study of Methadone Clinic participants and their readiness to fully engage in services.
- 2016-2017**                    **Research Assistant and Undergraduate Mentor, Social Psychology and Research Knowledge Laboratory**  
 Under the direction of Dr. Anne Duran - Study of victim blaming and its causes among a college undergraduate population titled *Victim Blaming: Agency or Sexism Driven* (Primary Investigator). Study of clinician's attitudes towards perpetrators of sexual violence titled *Rape Empathy: Clinician's Attitudes Toward Sexual Offenders* (Co-Investigator)

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2021**                    **Adjunct Professor**, Criminal Justice Department at Roosevelt University;  
 CJL 230: Introduction to Corrections
- Fall 2020**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 355: Punishment, Prisons, and Corrections
- Spring 2020**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 450: Surveillance and Society
- Fall 2019**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 424: Gender, Crime, and Justice
- Fall 2019**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 422: Victimization
- Spring 2019**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 394: Restorative Justice
- Fall 2018**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 456: Community Corrections
- Fall 2018**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 210: Principles of Criminal Law
- Spring 2018**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 491: Special Topics: Torture

**Fall 2017**                    **Teaching Assistant**, Criminology, Law, and Justice Department at University of Illinois at Chicago; CLJ 210: Principles of Criminal Law

**Spring 2014**                **Teaching Assistant**, Psychology Department at University of California, Santa Cruz; PSYCH 100: Introduction to Psychology

## **SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

### **Peer-Reviewed Presentations**

**Shepp, V.**, *Complicating the Sex Worker Victim-Criminal Label: The Nonprofit Industrial Complex, Carceral Humanitarianism, and Black Feminism as Intervention*. **Paper Presentation in Critical Dialogue: Sexualities on the Edge** at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting in Chicago | Virtual, August 2021.

Lorenz, K., O’Callaghan, E., **Shepp, V.**, *Navigating Work Following Sexual Assault: Survivors’ Experiences of Workplace Disclosure and Institutional Response*. **Paper Presentation in Gender and Work** at the Society for the Study of Social Problems Annual Meeting in Chicago | Virtual, August 2021.

**Shepp, V.**, *Mapping Safety: Social Services and the Criminalization of Sex Workers*. **Paper Presentation** at Society for the Psychological Study of Social Issues in Denver, Colorado, June 2020. [Cancelled due to COVID-19]

O’Callaghan, E., **Shepp., V.**, *Sexual Harassment in the Academy: Harnessing the Growing Labor Movement in Higher Education to Address Sexual Misconduct Against Graduate Workers* **Panel Presentation** at Long-term Perspectives on Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace: Policy and Practice in Norrkoping, Sweden, March 2020.

**Shepp, V.**, O’Callaghan, E., Ullman, S., *Interactions with Offenders Post-Assault and Their Impacts on Recovery: A Qualitative Study of Sexual Assault Survivors and Support Providers* **Panel presentation** at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference in San Francisco, California, November 2019.

**Shepp, V.**, O’Callaghan, E., Kirkner, A., Lorenz, K., Ullman, S., *A Qualitative Study of Sexual Assault Survivors and Their Experiences with Sex Work*. **Panel presentation** at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, November 2018.

Davis, A., Harper, S., **Shepp, V.**, O’Callaghan, E., *What’s Missing Matters: Comparing Submitted and Unsubmitted Sexual Assault Kits* **Panel Presentation** at the American Society of Criminology Annual Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, November 2018

**Shepp, V.**, *Children with Incarcerated Parents: Presenting Symptomatology and Treatment*

*Outcomes of Safe From the Start Programming* **Panel presentation** at the International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference, New Hampshire, July 2018.

**Shepp, V.**, Harris, C., Duran, A., *Victim Blaming: Agency or Sexism Driven?* **Poster presentation** at the Western Psychological Association Conference, Sacramento, California, April 2017.

Appleton, S., Cordeiro, J., **Shepp, V.**, *Impact on Readiness to Change on Methadone Maintenance Treatment Compliance* **Poster presentation** at the Western Psychological Association Conference, Sacramento, California, April 2017.

### **INVITED GUEST LECTURES, TALKS, AND TRAININGS**

**2020** *Our Words, Our Truths: Students Navigating Title IX Processes*; Panelist at the invitation of Ada Cheng from the Women's Leadership and Resource Center at the University of Illinois at Chicago

*Sex Work, Sex Trafficking, and the Intersections of Punishment: Implications for Service Provision and Prevention*; Guest Lecture at the invitation of Dr. Katherine Lorenz at California State University-Northridge

**2019** *Dissecting the Tensions: Carceral Feminism and the Gender-Based Violence Movement*; CLJ 424: Gender, Crime, and Justice at the invitation of Dr. Edna Erez at the University of Illinois at Chicago

*Undergraduate Study Session with Dr. Amie Schuck and Teaching Assistants*; at the invitation of the Criminology, Law, and Justice Student Society at the University of Illinois at Chicago

*Higher Education and Labor Organizing: Experiences from a Graduate Employee*; CLJ 394: Law, Poverty, and Inequality at the invitation of Dr. Rahim Kurwa at the University of Illinois at Chicago

*Graduate Employees Organization (GEO): Strike Panel*; Social Justice Initiative (SJI) JUST Art Gallery at the invitation of United Faculty at UIC and undergraduate interns of the Social Justice Initiative

*The Future of Gender Work: The Disparity Between 'The Work' and 'The Movement'*; CLJ 424: Gender, Crime, and Justice at the invitation of Dr. Edna Erez at the University of Illinois at Chicago

*Experiences from the Nonprofit Sector with the Traditional Criminal Legal System*; CLJ 394: Restorative Justice at the invitation of Dr. Alana Gunn at the University of Illinois at Chicago

**2017** *What is Primary Prevention? The social-ecological model and preventing sexual assault*; Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault at the invitation of the Director, Barbara Vadnais

**2015** *40-hour Domestic Violence Training Recording: Seeing the Unseen: What Medical Professionals Need to Know About Domestic Violence (Strangulation)* Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Online Training

*40-hour Sexual Assault Training Recording: Sexual Assault and Medical Examination Process*; Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault: Sexual Assault Online Training

## **PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP AND MEDIA**

**2021** *Gender-Based Violence in Academia*; Podcast interview at the invitation of Nilufer Akalin and Busra Sati from Just as it Sounds Podcast at SUNY Binghamton.  
<https://www.justasitsounds.com/episodes/episode-12>

## **SERVICE TO THE DISCIPLINE**

**Ongoing** **Peer Reviewer**, *Violence Against Women; Victims and Offenders; Affilia; Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment, and Trauma; Journal of Community Psychology; Sexuality Research and Social Policy; Trauma, Violence, and Abuse; Journal of Interpersonal Violence; Crime and Delinquency*

## **SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**2021-Present** **Committee Member**, Graduate Employees Organization Communications Committee Local 6297

**2020-Present** **Committee Member**, Graduate Employees Organization Bargaining Team Local 6297

**2020-Present** **Founding Member**, Academic Alliance for Survivor Choice in Reporting Policies (ASC)

**2019-Present** **Founding Member**, Graduate Employees Organization Sexual Harassment and Discrimination Working Group

**2019-Present**      **Volunteer**, Sex Worker Outreach Project - Chicago  
**2019-2020**      **Chair**, Graduate Employees Organization x UIC Appointment and Reappointment Taskforce  
**2019-2020**      **Organizing Chair**, UIC Graduate Employees Organization Local 6297  
**2018-2019**      **Chief Steward**, UIC Graduate Employees Organization Local 6297  
**2017-2018**      **Criminology, Law, and Justice Departmental Steward**, UIC Graduate Employees Organization Local 6297  
**2016-2017**      **Lab Member & Undergraduate Mentor**, Social Psychology and Research Knowledge Lab - California State University, Bakersfield  
**2016-2017**      **Member**, Kern County - Equality California Healthcare Action Team  
**2016-2017**      **Member**, Kern County LGBTQ+ Roundtable  
**2016-2017**      **Member**, AAFVSA Domestic Violence Awareness Month Committee  
**2016-2017**      **Member**, AAFVSA Sexual Assault Awareness Month Committee  
**2015-2017**      **Member**, Kern County Domestic Violence Advisory Council  
**2014-2015**      **Sexual Assault Advocate Volunteer**, Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault in Bakersfield, California  
**2013-2014**      **Youth Advocate Volunteer**, Walnut Avenue Women's Center in Santa Cruz, California

#### **OTHER PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**2017**              **Prevention Education Supervisor**; Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
**2015-2017**      **Prevention Education Coordinator**; Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault  
**2015**              **Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Case Manager**; Alliance Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault

#### **TRAININGS ATTENDED | CERTIFICATIONS**

**2019**              **Sex Worker Outreach Project - Chicago [Naloxone Certified]**  
**2015**              **40/Hour California Domestic Violence Advocate Training**  
**2014**              **40/Hour California Sexual Assault Advocate Training**  
**2013**              **Youth Advocacy Training**, Walnut Avenue Women's Center Santa Cruz, CA

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

**2018-present**, *American Society of Criminology; Division of Women and Crime*  
**2018-present**, *Society for the Study of Social Problems*  
**2016-2017**, *Society for Community Research and Action*