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FACULTY POSITION

Assistant Professor

Department of Criminology, Law and Justice
University of Illinois at Chicago, August 2018 – Present

Assistant Professor

Department of Social Work College of Community and Public Affairs
Binghamton University, September 2015- July 2018

EDUCATION

- 2013-2015 Behavioral Science Training Postdoctoral Fellowship- T32
New York University
Rory Meyers College of Nursing
Area of Specialty: Substance Use/Abuse Research
- 2013 Doctorate of Philosophy- Social Service Administration
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. & Malitta Engstrom, Ph.D.
Committee Members: Gina Samuels, Ph.D., Peter Ibarra, Ph.D.
- 2005 Master of Social Service Administration
University of Chicago
School of Social Service Administration, Chicago, IL
- 2005 Master of Public Policy- Child and Family Policy
University of Chicago
Irving B. Harris School of Public Policy Studies, Chicago IL
- 2001 Bachelor of Arts
Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, NY
Major: Urban Studies
Thesis: *The Impact of Incarcerating Mothers on the Lives of Children*

RESEARCH INTERESTS AND SPECIALIZATIONS

- Female Incarceration and re-entry services research
- Incarceration and Health Disparities
- Ethics-specific implications of researching marginalized populations

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2020- Present ***Co-Principal Investigator***
Funded by: Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Interdisciplinary Research Leaders
Title: The effects of hyper-surveillance on health and well-being of justice-

involved families: a structural violence perspective. \$360,000
The aim of this three year study is to examine the impact of forms of structural violence and hyper-policing on the mental health and well-being of Justice-involved families in Chicago. Research team will be utilizing mixed methods approach which includes photovoice, individual interviews and spatial and longitudinal analysis of arrest, demographic and CPD data.
<https://irleaders.org/team/the-effects-of-hyper-surveillance-on-the-health-and-wellbeing-of-justice-involved-families-a-structural-violence-perspective/>

2016- 2018

Principal Investigator

Funded by: Research Ethics Training Institute (REI) Fordham University
National Institute of Health Grant # R25DA031608-07 \$25,000

The Ethics-Related Implications of Exploring Stigmatization with Women with Intersecting Experiences of Incarceration and Drug Use

The aim of this 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.

2016- 2019

Faculty Affiliate

Institute of Justice and Opportunity, John Jay School of Criminal Justice, New York, N.Y.

As a faculty partner I analyzed 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.

2013-2015

Postdoctoral Fellowship

Behavioral Science Training (BST) Rory Meyers College of Nursing -New York University
Funded by National Institute of Drug Abuse Grant # T32DA07233.

Developed papers from my dissertation on stigma management and identity formation. Collaborated with NYU's Center for Drug Use and HIV Research (CDUHR) affiliate investigator, 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*

2010-2012

Field Manager

Principal Investigators: Laurie Schaffner, Ph.D.; Richard Curtis, Ph.D.; Kirk Dombrowski
The Center for Court Innovation, New York, NY

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 scope of the commercial sexual exploitation of children (CSEC); describe the 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.

2009-2011

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: 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. Co-authoring a paper based on the defendant interviews which examines the role stigma plays in their process of managing surveillance.

- 2008-2010 **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.
- 2005- 2007 **Research and Community Analyst**
Center for Employment Opportunities- New York, NY
Principal Investigator: Jennifer Bryan, PhD
CEO Reentry and Employment Retention Study
Conducted interviews to formerly incarcerated adults and staff members to inform program services.
Conducted interviews with formerly incarcerated adults examining perceptions of their job experiences. Utilized SPSS to identify factors impacting job retention.
- 2004- 2005 **Research Assistant**
The University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy,
Principal Investigators: Robert Lalonde, Ph.D.; Susan George, Ph.D. *Going Home Project*
Aim of the project was to examine Illinois incarceration trends. Interviewed formerly incarcerated women and family members. Assisted in transcribing and coding interviews.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

- Gunn, A.** (2022). Testimonies and Healing: Anti-oppressive Research with Black Women and the Implications for Compassionate Ethical Care. In Faith E. Fletcher et al (ed)., *A Critical Moment in Bioethics: Reckoning with Anti-Black Racism through Intergenerational Dialogue. Hastings Center Report 52, 2*
- Gunn, A.** (2022). Stigma, Surveillance and Wounded Healing: Promoting a Critical Ethics of Care in Research with Formerly Incarcerated Black Women *Journal of Community Psychology*
- Gunn, A.** (2021). Counterspaces and ethical care in research with Black women with trauma and incarceration histories. *Health Education & Behavior, 48(3), 276-284.*
- Azhar, S., **Gunn, A.** (2021). Navigating Intersectional Stigma: Strategies for Coping Among Cisgender Women of Color. *Qualitative Health Research, 104973232111025249.*
- Gunn, A.,** Hardesty, M., Overstreet, N., Wallace, S. (2021) "Every time I tell my story I learn something new": Voice and inclusion in research with Black women with histories of addiction and incarceration. *Criminology and Criminal Justice. 17488958211005820.*
- Bond, K., **Gunn, A.,** Leonard., N. (2021). Using an intersectional framework to understanding the challenges of adopting pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among young adult Black women. *Sexuality Research and Social Policy.*
- Blakey, J. **Gunn, A.** & Canada, K. (2020) Interprofessional collaboration in criminal justice settings: the case for women involved with prostitution diversion court programming. *Journal of Interprofessional Care, 1-9*
- Gunn, A.,** & Miranda Samuels, G. (2020). Promoting Recovery Identities Among Mothers with Histories of Addiction: Strategies of Family Engagement. *Family Process, 59(1) 94-110.*
- Jemal, A., **Gunn, A.,** & Inyang, C. (2019). Transforming responses: Exploring the treatment of substance-using African American women. *Journal of ethnicity in substance abuse, 1-29.*
- Hardesty, M., & **Gunn, A. J.** (2019). Survival sex and trafficked women: The politics of re-presenting and speaking about others in anti-oppressive qualitative research. *Qualitative Social Work, 18(3) 493-513.*
- Blakey, J. M., & **Gunn, A.** (2018). The "ickiness factor": Stigma as a barrier to exiting prostitution. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation, 57(8), 538-561.*
- Gunn, A. J.,** Sacks, T. K., & Jemal, A. (2018). "That's not me anymore": Resistance strategies for managing intersectional stigmas for women with substance use and incarceration histories. *Qualitative Social Work, 17 (4), 490-508*

- 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.
- 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 among women in recovery for addictions. *Drugs: Education, Prevention and Policy*, 22(3), 281-292.
- Harris, S., Nikulina, V., Gelpi-Acosta, 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

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Gunn, A. J., Canada, K.E. & Blakey, J. M.** (2018). 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.** "I just want to tell my story to help others": Pursuing the wounded healer identity in pursuit of recovery from substance use and carceral harm. *Feminist Criminology*
- Ibarra, P., **Gunn, A., Erez, E.** The stigma of surveillance: The social situation of The electronically tagged. *Deviant Behavior*
- Rowell-Consolo, T., **Gunn, A.** Exploring HIV risk behaviours among formerly incarcerated Black Americans: An intersectional approach
- Kim, S., **Gunn, A., Isom, Y.,** Hyper surveillance, over policing and minority mental health: A mixed methods study of how justice involved families navigate structural violence.

FUNDING

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- 2021-2022- **Fellow** Institute of Race Research Politics, University of Illinois Faculty Fellowship (\$7,000)
- 2022- National Institute of Health, National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. Loan Repayment Program. Submitted November 2021. **Expected decision August 2022.**
- 2022- **Principal Investigator.** *Just Education: A Study Exploring the Challenges, Capabilities, and Pedagogical Needs of Students with Criminal Records.* Spencer Foundation Large Research Grants for Education. (\$380,000). **Submitted February 2022.**
- 2020- **Co-Principal Investigator.** *The effects of hyper-surveillance on health and well-being of justice-involved families: a structural violence perspective.* Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Interdisciplinary Research Leaders, 3 year grant (\$360,000). **Awarded June 2020.**
- 2016- 2018 **Principal Investigator.** *Stigma and Ethical Concerns Related Interviewing Women with Incarceration and Drug Use Experience.* Supported by Research Ethics Training Institute (RETI) Fellow Trainee- 1R25 DA031608-01, (\$20,000)
- 2015-2017. **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 **Principal Investigator.** *Developing a dance empowerment and critical consciousness health intervention* Center for Drug Use and HIV Research Pilot Projects & Mentoring Core. New York University. Rory Meyers College of Nursing (\$20,000). Not funded.
- 2013-2015 **Postdoctoral Fellow,** Behavioral Scientist in Drug Abuse Research, T32 New York University Rory Meyers School of Nursing, New York, NY
- 2011-2013 **Principal Investigator** Dissertation: *Stigma Management and Social Support in the Lives of Formerly Incarcerated Mothers with Substance Use Problems*
- Ruth D. Peterson Fellowship for Racial and Ethnic Diversity American Society of Criminology- 2012 \$6,000

- Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture, University of Chicago, Research And Travel Grant 2012- 2013 \$3,000
- Fahs-Beck Fund for Research and Experimentation 2011-2012 \$5,000

AWARDS/FELLOWSHIPS

- July 2021 **Outstanding Article-** Selected by the British Society of Criminology as one of eight articles over the last twelve years to be recognized. Article entitled: *Every time I tell my story I learn something new*: Voice and inclusion in research with Black women with histories of addiction and incarceration.
- 2020-2021 **2020 Outstanding Faculty Awardee**, University of Illinois at Chicago- for prestigious external award.
- 2016- 2017 **Doctoral Mentor Fellowship**, College of Community and Public Affairs Training for early career faculty engaged in mentoring doctoral students \$5,000
- 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
- 2002-2005 **McCormick Child & Family Policy Fellowship**, University of Chicago, Harris School of Public Policy \$20,000

CONFERENCE PEER REVIEWED PRESENTATIONS

- Gunn, A** (2021, November) *Conducting Community Engaged Research with Communities Experiencing Surveillance and Carceral Harm: Implications with Compassionate Ethical Care*. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Gunn, A** (2021, July) *Justice and Ethical Care in Research with Stigmatized Communities*. Fordham University, NY
- Gunn, A.** (2021, February) *Budgeting and Justice: A Case for Building Equity in Community Engaged Participatory Action Research*. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
- Gunn, A.** (2019, November) *Ethics and Inclusion in Research with Women with Histories of Substance Use and Incarceration* Group Panel presentation at the American Society of Criminology- San Francisco, CA.
- Gunn, A.** (2019, August) *Intragroup Stigma among Women in Substance Use Treatment*. Interrogating the Social Justice of Addiction and Drug Treatment for Justice-involved Women. American Sociological Association. New York, NY.
- Gunn, A.** (2019, July). *The Consequences and Conditions Shaping Family Engagement for Women Managing Intersecting Drug Use and Incarceration Histories*. Incarceration and Families Panel at the XXXVIth International Congress on Law and Mental Health Conference in Rome. **Accepted**
- Gunn, A.** (2019, May). *Voice and Inclusion in Research with Women with Histories of Substance Use and Incarceration*. 15th International Congress of Qualitative Inquiry. Urbana Champaign, IL
- Gunn, A.** (2017, November). *Multi-Level Stigma for Youth from the Former Soviet Union*. Poster presented 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, 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

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, 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

JOURNAL REVIEWER

2020- present Addictive Behavior Reports
2019- present Social Service Review
2017-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

TRAINING

- 2017-Present *Alternate Route Dance/Movement Therapy Program*
Harkness Dance Center, New York, NY
Expected to become a Registered Dance Movement Therapist -Fall 2022
- January 2018. *Institute on Critical Participatory Action Research*
The CUNY Graduate Center
- 2013 *Qualitative Grant Writing*
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

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2018- Present** *Assistant Professor*
University of Illinois at Chicago- Department of Criminology, Law and Justice
Courses: *Community Corrections and Reentry (CLJ 456 2018, CLJ 356 2019, 2020, 2021)*
Restorative Justice (CLJ 394 2019)
Drugs, Addiction and Society (CLJ 394 2019, 2020, 2021)
- 2015- 2018** *Assistant Professor*
Binghamton University, Department of Social Work
Courses: *Social Welfare Policy and Programming (SW 515 2015, 2016, 2017)*

2009-2012

Teaching Assistant

University of Chicago

The School of Social Service Administration, The University of Chicago

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

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 and providing one-on-one instruction to students.

TEACHING INTERESTS

Community Corrections

Diversity and Oppression

Advanced Social Work with Communities

Human Behavior in the Social Environment

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2020-

Faculty Affiliate- Fordham University- Research Ethics Training Institute

2020-

Faculty Committee Member, Racial Equity and Justice Strategic Committee

2018-

Faculty Committee Member, Department of Criminology, Undergraduate Committee, UIC

2018-

Faculty Committee Member, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, Diversity and Equity, Community, UIC

2016- 2018

Curriculum Committee Member, Department of Social Work Binghamton University

2015- 2018

Faculty Affiliate, Institute for Justice and Well-being, Binghamton University

2015- 2018

Continuing Education Facilitator- Facilitate Annual CEU workshops on reentry and stigma

2015- 2018

Field Liaison, Binghamton University conducting field visits to assess Master's level students' placement experiences and development of social work core competencies

2012-

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.

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCE

2019- 2022

Therapist

Ashe' Coaching and Counseling, LLC Chicago, IL

Provided counseling services to diverse clientele experiencing loss, anxiety, traumatic experiences, and complex life transitions

Completed clinical hours for Social Work licensure- LCSW Expected Fall 2022

2017-2018

Group Facilitator

ABLE Reentry, Binghamton, NY

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 and Research Analyst

Center for Employment Opportunities, New York, NY

Facilitated the implementation of a randomized control study to measure job retention outcomes for CEO's participants returning from prison and jail. Conducted groups and performed outreach with the youth and adult consumers to understand their employment concerns and service needs.

2004-2005

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 educational initiatives to inform departmental efforts. Shadowed caseworkers during home visits to assess the needs of families and children in efforts to offer supportive services.

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.