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EDUCATION

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL August 2019
College of Social Work
Masters of Social Work
Leadership in Executive and Administrative Development in Social Work
Certificate

Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL August 2019
College of Criminology
Masters of Science in Criminology

Minot State University, Minot, ND May 2017
Bachelor of Social Work; Minor, Criminal Justice

Mendez Pelayo International University, Seville, Spain
Spring 2015
International Study (1 Semester)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Police and correctional officer training
- Racial typification/racial profiling
- Juvenile justice policy
- Prisoner re-entry
- Mental Health and Substance Abuse Policy in the Criminal Justice System
- Sentencing policy
- Overlap between the criminal justice system and child welfare system

GRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Inmates' Racial Typification of Who Sells Drugs and Overall Satisfaction of Police and Their Fairness.

I hypothesized that a higher racial typification of who sell drugs will have a positive relationship with a higher level of satisfaction of police and their fairness. I used data collected at Gadsden Correctional Facility (N 814). I used perceived race of people who sell drugs as my independent variable and the respondent's overall satisfaction of police and their fairness as my dependent variable. I controlled for age and race of the respondent. I ran the data through SPSS to

create cross tabs that revealed respondents who identify as white and perceive the race of most drug sellers are Black or Hispanic are 6.3% more satisfied than those who identify as white and perceive the race of most drug sellers to be white. Respondents who identify as Black or Hispanic and perceive that more Black or Hispanics are drug sellers are 14.8% more satisfied with police and their fairness than respondents who identify as Black or Hispanic and perceive more White people sell drugs. Even where the relationship decreased, those who believed African Americans or Hispanics are the races that sell drugs more were more satisfied, even with the controls, than those who believed mostly Whites sell drugs.

**Florida State University, College of Social Work
Institute for Justice Research and Development**

August 2017 – Present

Research Technician

Conducted research activities with team of students, staff and faculty with in the institute. I assisted in maintaining our data management system, REDCap, to update participant locator information to be able to contact participants over the longitudinal phase of the 5 Key Model for Reentry Program Demonstration Project. I updated and organized lists of consented participants. The director of the institute led weekly staff meetings that I attended. I interviewed potential student interns and selected a qualifying candidate for the institute.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS

Pettus-Davis, C., Grier, A., De la Cruz, A.N., Pederson, S., Schindeler, B., Epperson, M., Sawh, L. (2019). Adopting Deferred Prosecution Programs: Lessons from a Process Evaluation.

GRANTS FUNDED

Pederson, S. (2017). *Williams County Social Services*. Williston Basin United Way. (\$3,350)

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

**Florida State University, College of Social Work
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June 2017 – Present

Research and Assessment Specialist

Collected primary data for the Safe Streets and Second Chances (S3C) Initiative, 5 Key Model for Reentry Program Demonstration Project, a multistate randomized controlled trial of re-entry services provided to people recently released from prison. I recruited and enrolled participants and administered

informed consents to participants before I conducted personal interviews that administered behavioral health measures and clinical assessments. After the interviews, I maintained appropriate recordkeeping of all interview data and consent forms while ensuring compliance of the Florida State University Institutional Review Board requirements and procedures. Lastly, I trained new Research and Assessment Specialists.

Guardian ad Litem Program, Tallahassee, FL

September 2017 – September 2018

Child Advocate Manager

Supervised volunteers while they advocated for the best interest for children in the child welfare system. Attended court hearings, communicated with Department of Children and Families, interacted with the children, and attended education meetings.

Upper Missouri Ministries, Epping, ND

May 2017 – August 2017

Vacation Bible School Leader

Supervised counselors while they taught grades preschool through sixth vacation bible school. Each week I would be in a different town leading a different group of counselors. I communicated with the community church members, the volunteers and the hosts that provided us a place to stay for the week.

Williams County Social Services, Williston, ND

January 2017 – May 2017

Undergraduate Internship

Interned with Child Protective Services, Foster Care and In-Home Services. Assisted coworkers with daily tasks out in the field and acquired own caseload to oversee. Attended court hearings, staff meetings, forensic interviews and drug task force operations. Wrote Williston Basin United Way grant for the agency to receive additional funding.

Community Options, Minot, ND

May 2016 – November 2016

Direct Service Provider

Supported families and people with disabilities of all ages so they can maintain as much independence as possible. Assisted with transportation, fulfilling goals, academics, and attending activities within the community.

Division of Juvenile Services, Minot, ND

September 2014 – December 2016

Case Aide

Mentored juveniles going through the court system and placed within state custody. Counseled them on social, independent living and educational skills. Attended court, collaborated with other professionals, assisted with group support sessions and interacted with parents.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICE

Guardian ad Litem Program, Tallahassee, FL

September 2018 – Present

Volunteer

Advocated for the best interest for children in the child welfare system. Attended court hearings, communicated with Department of Children and Families, interacted with the children, and attended education meetings.

Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Minot, ND

July 2016 – December 2016

On Call Volunteer

Responded to sexual assaults reported by the hospital, supported the survivor as they went through the process at the hospital. Transported survivors of domestic violence to the shelter. 592 total hours volunteering.

Student Social Work Organization, Minot, ND

September 2013 – December 2016

Take Back the Night

Coordinated speakers, sponsors and musicians for Take Back The Night, an awareness walk for victims of crimes in the night. Hosted the event, which was featured as a national 10 Points of Light event for the Take Back The Night Foundation.

Freezin' for a Reason

Participated in Freezin' for a Reason, an annual food drive where the volunteers stand outside in the frigid, snowy weather to raise donations for local homeless food banks. The event is a way for volunteers to experience what it is like to be homeless in the bitter winters of North Dakota.

Annual Symposium

Assisted in choosing theme for the professional conference, researched speakers and venue, organized day of registration and administration of CEUs to community professionals who attended. Professional topics included:

2014 - Beyond Cultural Competence: Skills for Creating More Just and Inclusive Community Services

2015 - Stolen Lives: The Reality of Human Trafficking

2016 - POWER Project: Promoting Social Worker Safety and Readiness in North Dakota; Code of Ethics: What it is All About

MEMBERSHIPS

Student Social Work Organization, Minot, ND

Member (Fall 2013)

Vice President (Spring 2014 – Spring 2015),

Secretary (Fall 2015),

President (Spring 2016 – Spring 2017)

Phi Alpha Honor Society, Minot, ND

Current Member

HONORS

Cum Laude from Minot State University (May 2017)

President's List at Minot State University (Four semesters)

Dean's List at Minot State University (Fall 2013)

Who's Who Honoree (2016)

Engagement Honor Roll (Fall 2016)