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PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY Graduation: May 2015
Kent School of Social Work
Doctorate of Philosophy in Social Work
Dissertation topic: Relationship between childhood victimization, health risk behaviors,
and adult health outcomes among women on probation and parole
Committee Chair: Seana Golder, PhD

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY Graduation: May 2011
Kent School of Social Work
Master of Science in Social Work

University of Louisville, Louisville, KY Graduation: May 2011
School of Public Health and Information Sciences
Master of Public Health

Wofford College, Spartanburg, SC Graduation: May 2007
Bachelor of Science, Psychology; Minor, Sociology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Florida State University, College of Social Work
June 2018- Present
Assistant Professor

Florida State University, College of Social Work
June 2018- Present
Assistant Director of the Institute for Justice Research and Development

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School of Social Work
Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation
June 2015-May 2018
Senior Research Fellow

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMS

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO
Brown School of Social Work,
Postdoctoral Fellow, T32 National Institute on Drug Abuse (T32DA01035)

NIDA T32 Directors: Renee Williams, PhD and Kathleen Bucholz, PhD
Mentor: Carrie Pettus-Davis, PhD
June 2015-May 2018

Brown University in Providence, RI

The Lifespan/Brown Criminal Justice Research Program on Substance Use and HIV
Fellow, Criminal Justice Research Training Program
National Institute on Drug Abuse (R25DA037190)
August 2019- *present*

PROFESSIONAL AND RESEARCH SPECIALIZATION

Intervention research using innovative methodologies to understand the relationship between chronic stress, substance use, and other risk behaviors among criminal justice-involved adults to promote the well-being of individuals and communities.

PEER REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

Papers in Revision and Under Peer-Review

Renn, T., Veeh, C., Vaughn, M., & Dowdy, T. (Under Review). Preliminary analysis of biological indicators of stress among those with and without criminal justice history. *Journal of Evidence-based Practice in Correctional Health*.

Renn, T., Veeh, C., Grady, M., Edwards, D., Pettus-Davis, C., & Kelton, K. (Under Review). The role of preparatory programming in increasing the effectiveness of a sex offender treatment intervention. *Victims and Offenders*.

Beeler-Stinn, S., **Renn, T.**, & Pettus-Davis, C. (Under Review). Understanding unmet treatment need among formerly incarcerated men with substance use disorders: A mixed methods exploration. *Families in Society: The Journal of Contemporary Social Services*.

Prost, S., Golder, S., Pettus-Davis, C., Edmond, T., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G., & Logan, T.K. (Under Review). Predictors of posttraumatic stress symptoms among victimized women on probation and parole.

In Press or Published Peer Reviewed

Dishon-Brown, A., Golder, S., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G. E., & Logan, T.K. (2019). The effects of child and adult victimization on psychological distress: A mediated structural equation modeling analysis. *Violence Against Women*.
doi:10.1177/1077801219885183

Tripodi, S. J., Pettus Davis, C., Bender, K., Fitzgerald, M., **Renn, T.**, & Kennedy, S. C. (2019). Pathways to recidivism for women released from prison: A mediated

- model of abuse, mental health issues, and substance use. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. <https://doi.org/10.1177%2F0093854819867119>
- Pettus-Davis, C., **Renn, T.**, & Veeh, C. (2019). Intervention development study of the 5 Key Model for Reentry: An Evidence Driven Prisoner Reentry Intervention. *Journal of Offender Rehabilitation*.
<https://doi.org/10.1080/10509674.2019.1635242>
- Morrison, M., Pettus-Davis, C., **Renn, T.**, Veeh, C. & Weatherly, C. (2019). What trauma looks like for incarcerated men: A study of men's lifetime trauma exposure in two state prisons. *Journal of Traumatic Stress*, 7. doi: 10.4172/23248947.1000192
- Veeh, C. A., Vaughn, M. G., & **Renn, T.** (2018). Coping strategies and traumatic brain injury in incarcerated youth: A mediation analysis. *Brain Injury*. doi: 10.1080/02699052.2018.1537007
- Veeh, C.A., **Renn, T.**, Vaughn, M.G., & DeLisi, M. (2018). Traumatic brain injury, temperament, and violence in incarcerated youth: A mediation analysis based on DeLisi and Vaughn's Theory of Temperament and Antisocial Behavior. *Psychology, Crime and Law*.
- Pettus-Davis, C., **Renn, T.**, Lacasse, J & Motley, R. (2018). Proposing a population specific intervention approach to treat trauma among men during and after incarceration. *Psychology of Men and Masculinity*.doi:10.1037/men0000171
- Veeh, C. A., **Renn, T.**, & Pettus-Davis, C. (2018). Promoting Reentry Well-Being: A Novel Assessment Tool for Individualized Service Assignment in Prisoner Reentry Programs. *Social work*, 63(1), 91-96. <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/swx050>
- Dishon-Brown, A., Golder, S., **Renn, T.**, Winham, K., Higgins, G. E., & Logan, TK. (2017). Childhood victimization, attachment, coping, and substance use among victimized women on probation and parole. *Violence & Victims*, 32(3), 431-451.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Higgins, G.E., Logan, T.K., & Winham, K.M. (2017). Examining the relationship between childhood victimization, health risk behaviors, and adult physical health outcomes among women on probation and parole. *Journal of Correctional Healthcare*, 23, 104-121. doi: 10.1177/1078345816685847
- Engstrom, M., Winham, K., Golder, S., Higgins, G., **Renn, T.**, & Logan, T.K. (2017). Correlates of HIV Risk Among Women on Probation and Parole. *AIDS Education and Prevention*, 29(2).
- Winham, K. M., Engstrom, M., Golder, S., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G.E., & Logan, T.K. (2015). Childhood victimization, attachment, psychological distress, substance use

- among women on probation and parole. *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, 85, 145-158. doi:10.1037/ort0000038
- Golder, S., Hall, M. T., Logan, T.K., Higgins, G. E., Dishon, A. J., **Renn, T.**, & Winham, K. (2014). Substance use among victimized women on probation and parole. *Substance Use and Misuse*, 49, 435-447.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.3109/10826084.2013.844164>
- Washington, K., Bowland, S., Mueggenburg, K., Pederson, M., Otten, S., & **Renn, T.** (2014). Learning to facilitate advance care planning: The novice social worker's experience. *Journal of Teaching in Social Work*, 34, 514-530.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/08841233.2014.952870>

Book Chapter

- Veeh, C. A. & **Renn, T.** (2019). Traumatic brain injury and justice-involved youth: Assessment and intervention. In M. Vaughn, C. Salas-Wright, & D. Jackson (Eds.), *International Handbook of Delinquency and Health*. New York: Routledge.

White Papers, Journal Columns, Policy and Practice Briefs

- Renn, T.** & Veeh, C. (2017). Untreated Traumatic Brain Injury Keeps Youth in the Juvenile Justice System. *Juvenile Justice Information Exchange*.
<http://jjie.org/2017/06/26/untreated-traumatic-brain-injury-keepyouth-in-juvenile-justice-system/>
- McLaughlin, M., Pettus-Davis, C., Brown, D., Veeh, C., & **Renn, T.** (2016). The economic cost of incarceration in the US. Institute for Advancing Justice
[https://advancingjustice.wustl.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/The Economic Burden of Incarceration in the US.pdf](https://advancingjustice.wustl.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/TheEconomicBurdenofIncarcerationintheUS.pdf)
- Veeh, C. A., **Renn, T.**, & Green, C. (2016). *Evidence-driven housing practices for formerly incarcerated individuals*. St. Louis, MO: Washington University, Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation.

TREATMENT MANUALS

- Pettus-Davis, C., Veeh, C., & **Renn, T.** (2017). *5 Key Reentry Model*. An innovative design to expand organizational capacity to meet prisoner reentry needs and improve the well-being of individuals, families, and communities. © Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation.
- Renn, T.**, Pettus-Davis, C., Veeh, C., & Smith, G. (2017). *Transitional Support Program*. A comprehensive program aimed to prepare criminal justice involved individuals for reentry success through practical skills development. © Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation.

Pettus-Davis, C., **Renn, T.**, & Veeh, C. (2015). *Comprehensive Behavioral Health Model for Successful Reentry and Well-Being Development*. An integrated behavioral health program model to promote the well-being of individuals transitioning from prisons to communities. © Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation.

FUNDED GRANTS AND CONTRACTS

2020- 2022	Co-Investigator. Evidence Based Substance Use Disorder Curriculum for Social Work Students. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Agency 1 H79 FG000120-01 (\$192,188).
2020-2021	Principle Investigator. Disaster Rebound and Recovery: A Translational Research Project for the Florida Rural Panhandle. Florida State University’s Clinical and Translational Science Award (\$50,000).
2020-2022	Co-Investigator. Assessing the Role of Culture in Reducing Recidivism among Alaska Native and American Indian Women. National Institute on Drug Abuse 1R21DA05051801 (\$142,291).
2019-2022	Co- Principle Investigator. Multisite Randomized Controlled Trial of Comprehensive Trauma Informed Reentry Services for Moderate to High Risk Youth Releasing from State Prisons. National Institute of Justice 2019-MU-CX-0065 (\$1,197,172).
2019	Principle Investigator. Validation of the Reentry Wellbeing Assessment Tool. First Year Assistant Professor Award. Florida State University (\$20,000).
2019- 2020	Research Scientist. Florida State Substance Use Disorder Higher Education Consortium (\$37,000).
2019-2021	Co-Investigator. STAIR for Adults Releasing from Jail in Seminole County, Florida. Seminole County Sheriff’s Office (\$150,000).
2018-2022	Co-Investigator. Multistate Randomized Controlled Trial of the 5 Key Model for Reentry. Charles Koch Foundation (\$7,500,000).
2018-2026	Co-Investigator. A Low-Cost Randomized Controlled Trial of Therapeutic Communities and Interactive Journaling Substance Use Disorder Treatments: Research on Reductions in Recidivism and Social Spending. Laura and John Arnold Foundation. (\$480,624).

2015-2016 Co-Investigator. Public-Private-Academic Partnership for Reentry.
Industry Contract (\$481,940).

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Invited Presentations

Renn, T. (March 2020). Emerging Trend for Women with Substance Use Disorder. Florida State University's Center for the Study and Promotion of Communities, Families, and Children: First Annual Florida Consortium Meeting.

Renn, T. & Staton, M. (March 2019). Inside Out: Approaches to combat substance use disorder in the criminal justice system from incarceration to community reentry. Florida State University's Center for the Study and Promotion of Communities, Families, and Children Engage, Invest, Respond Lecture Series, Tallahassee, Florida.

Conference Presentations

Renn, T., Beeler-Stinn, S.*, Veeh, C. (2020, June 20-24). *The role of executive function on long-term alcohol and illegal substance use among formerly incarcerated adolescents* [Poster Session]. Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) Scientific Meeting, New Orleans, LA. (Conference Canceled).

Pettus-Davis, C., **Renn, T.**, Kennedy, S., Veeh, C., & Tripodi, S. (January 2020). *Ameliorating Racial and Economic Inequality By Shifting the Criminal Justice System Toward a Well-Being Focus: Roundtable Discussion*. SSWR 24th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Beeler-Stinn, S. & **Renn, T.** (January 2020). *Testing Effects of Social Support and Service Utilization on Criminal Justice Involvement Using Structural Equation Modeling*. SSWR 24th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Veeh, C. & **Renn, T.** (January 2020). *Traumatic Brain Injury and Health-Related Quality of Life in Incarcerated Adults*. SSWR 24th Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

Prost, S., Golder, S., Pettus-Davis, C., Edmond, T., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G., & Logan, T.K. (March 2019). *Correlates of Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms among Victimized Women on Probation and Parole*. 12th Academic and Health Policy Conference on Correctional Health, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Beeler-Stinn, S., Renn, T., & Pettus-Davis, C. (January 2019). *Understanding Unmet Behavioral Health Needs Among Formerly Incarcerated Persons: A Mixed Methods Exploration*. SSWR 23rd Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Veeh, C. & **Renn, T.** (January 2018). Relationships between Traumatic Brain Injury, Coping Strategy, Mental Health, and Substance Use Among Youth in the Criminal Justice System. Society for Social Work Research 22nd Annual Conference, Washington, D.C.

- Renn, T.**, Pettus-Davis, C., & Veeh, C. (January 2017). Development and Testing of a Multicomponent Evidence-Based Prisoner Reentry Program. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Veeh, C., **Renn, T.**, & Pettus-Davis, C. (January 2017). A Systematic Review of Criminal Justice Interventions for Adults. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Hooley, C., Pettus-Davis, C., **Renn, T.**, & Veeh, C. (January, 2017). The Development of the Re-Entry Services Implementation Model (RSIM): A Public Sector, Inter Organizational Implementation Conceptual Framework. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Golder, S., Pettus-Davis, C., Edmond, T., & **Renn, T.** (January 2017). Symptoms of Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms Among Victimized Women on Probation and Parole. Society for Social Work Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Renn, T.**, Winham, K.M., Golder, S. (October 2015). Health risk behaviors and health outcomes in women on probation and parole: Finding group differences among those who and who had not experienced childhood victimization. Paper accepted for presentation at the Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.
- Winham, K. M., **Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Higgins, G. E., & Logan, T.K. (October 2015). *A Latent Class Analysis of Attachment in Victimized Women under Community Corrections*. Council on Social Work Education, Denver, CO.
- Winham, K. M., **Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Higgins, G. E., & Logan, T.K. (March 2015). *Heterogeneity of victimization experiences among women on probation and parole: A latent class analysis*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Orlando, FL.
- Winham, K. M., **Renn, T.**, Hall, M., Golder, S., Higgins, G. E., & Logan, T.K. (January 2015). *A latent class analysis of childhood victimization and intimate partner violence among women on probation and parole: Examining mental health and health risk behaviors*. Society for Social Work and Research, New Orleans, LA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Dishon, A., Winham, K.M., Higgins, G.E., & Logan, T.K. (November 2014). *Health behaviors and health outcomes in female childhood victimization survivors on probation and parole*. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Winham, K.M., Dishon, A., Higgins, G.E., & Logan, T.K. (November 2014). *Health risk behaviors and health outcomes in women on probation and parole: Finding group differences among those who and who had*

- not experienced child victimization*. American Public Health Association, New Orleans, LA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Winham, K.M., Dishon, A., Higgins, G.E., & Logan, T.K. (October 2014). *Childhood victimization, health behaviors and health outcomes in adulthood: A mediated relationship*. Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL.
- Winham, K.M., Golder, S., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G.E., & Logan, T.K. (November 2014). *Correlates of sex trading in victimized women on probation and parole*. American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- Winham, K.M., Golder, S., Sar, B.K., Higgins, G.E., **Renn, T.**, Hall, M.T., & Logan, T.K. (October 2014). *The structure of posttraumatic symptoms in victimized women on probation and parole*. Council on Social Work Education, Tampa, FL.
- Winham, K., Golder, S., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G., & Logan, T.K. (February 2014). *Victimized Women on Probation and Parole: Understanding Substance Use, Attachment and Distress*. Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Dishon, A., Winham, K., Logan, T.K., & Higgins, G. (November 2013). *Examining psychosocial factors' effect on physical health and service utilization among victimized women on probation and parole*. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Winham, K., **Renn, T.**, Dishon, A., Golder, S., Higgins, G., & Logan, T.K. (November 2013). *Examining HIV Risk Behavior in Women on Probation and Parole: Social and Psychological Predictors*. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Dishon, A., **Renn, T.**, Winham, K., Golder, S., & Logan, T.K. (November 2013). *Psychological Distress, Self-Esteem, and ChildVictimization: A SEM Mediation Model*. American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Dishon, A., Winham, K., Logan, T.K., & Higgins, G. (October 2013). *Examining psychosocial factors' effect on physical health and service utilization among victimized women on probation and parole*. American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Winham, K., Dishon, A., Logan, T.K., & Higgins, G. (October 2013). *A preliminary investigation of health decision-making among a sample of women on probation and parole through structural equation modeling*. American Public Health Association, Boston, MA.
- Winham, K., Dishon, A., **Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Higgins, G., & Logan, T.K. (September

- 2013). *Victimized women on probation and parole: Understanding attachment and distress*. Institute on Violence, Trauma, and Abuse Conference, San Diego, CA.
- Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Winham, K., Dishon, A., Logan, T.K., & Higgins, G. (June 2013). *A preliminary investigation of health decision-making among a sample of women on probation and parole through structural equation modeling*. International Conference on Social Work in Health and Mental Health, Los Angeles, CA.
- Dishon, A., Winham, K., **Renn, T.**, Golder, S. (November 2012). *Involvement in substance use among women on probation and parole: An attachment and coping perspective*. American Society of Criminology, Chicago, IL.
- Hall, M. T., Golder, S., **Renn, T.**, Dishon, A. J., Higgins, G., & Logan, T. K. (November 2012). *Prescription opioid misuse among women on probation and parole*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
- Golder, S., Hall, M. T., Engstrom, M., Dishon, A. J., **Renn, T.**, Higgins, G., & Logan, T. K. (November 2012). *Substance use and associated psychological distress and lawbreaking among victimized women on probation and parole*. American Society of Criminology Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.
- Dishon, A., **Renn, T.**, Winham, K., Golder, S. (July 2012). *Attachment, coping, and substance use among women on probation and parole*. International Family Violence and Child Victimization Research Conference: University of New Hampshire School of Law.
- Dishon, A., **Renn, T.**, Golder, S., Logan, T.K., & Higgins, G. (November 2011). *A descriptive analysis of lifespan victimization among women on probation and parole: Preliminary data and findings from the Women's Health Research Study*. at Ending Domestic & Sexual Violence: Innovations in Practice and Research Conference, University of New Hampshire.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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| University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work | Fall 2012-2014 |
| <i>Adjunct Lecturer</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught <i>Human Behavior in the Social Environment I</i> master level students during Fall semesters. | |
| University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work | Spring 2013- 2015 |
| <i>Adjunct Lecturer</i> | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taught <i>Human Behavior in the Social Environment II</i> to master level students during Spring semesters. | |
| University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work | Fall 2013- Spring 2015 |
| <i>Adjunct Lecturer</i> | |

- Taught *Biology for the Social Sciences* to bachelor level students at the Kent School of Social Work during both Fall and Spring semesters.

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School Spring 2017

Guest Lecture

- Spoke to doctoral students in the Professional Seminar class about pursuit of a postdoctoral position following their doctoral training.

Washington University in St. Louis, Brown School Fall 2017

Guest Lecture

- Conducted a training on the use of SPSS for data management and analysis to graduate research assistants working with the Race and Opportunity Lab.

Florida State University, College of Social Work Fall 2018- current

Assistant Professor

- Taught Human Behavior in the Social Environment for first year Masters students and Social Work Research to bachelor students.

Florida State University, College of Social Work Spring 2019

Guest Lecture

- Spoke on Theories of Change and Structural Equation Modeling to second year doctoral students who were in the Intervention Research course.

DOCTORAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

Gilmore, M., doctoral candidate

Dowdy, T., doctoral candidate

MENTORSHIP EXPERIENCE

Doctoral Students

Shelby Pederson	Florida State University	Fall 2019- <i>present</i>
Sara Beeler-Stinn	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2016- <i>present</i>
Katherine Kelton	St. Louis University	Fall 2016- Spring 2018
Ellie Wideman	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2015- Spring 2016
Cole Hooley	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2015- Spring 2016

Master Students

Shelby Pederson	Florida State University	Fall 2018- Spring 2019
Carrie Coates	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2016- Spring 2018
Kenji Hammon	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2017- Spring 2018
Hillary Lively	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2017- Spring 2018
John Moore	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2017- Spring 2018
Jose Aguimatang	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2016- Spring 2017
Julie Hoath	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2015- Spring 2017
Gwen Smith	Washington University in St. Louis	Fall 2015- Spring 2017

ACADEMIC PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology

Reviewer

August 2019-present

Violence and Victims

Reviewer

September 2015-present

American Journal of Criminal Justice

Reviewer

June 2017- present

Journal of Offender Rehabilitation

Reviewer

June 2017- present

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SERVICE

Community Liaison Board – Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation, St. Louis, MO

Co-Founder

2016-May 2018

- Advisory board comprised of six formerly incarcerated individuals that consults on research at the Institute for Advancing Justice Research and Innovation including measurement, research design, treatment manual revisions, and new project ideas.

Scottie's Place, Peterstown, WV

Board Member

2011-Current

- Facilitated collaboration between Americana Community Center (Louisville, KY) and Scottie's Place to have the first annual summer camp experience for refugee children who have relocated to the US.
- Co-wrote grants to create sustainable programming for domestic and international program.
- Aided in ongoing program design focusing on the infusion of resiliency programming for youth in the domestic and international (Dukwi Refugee Camp, Botswana) programs.

VaxTrac, Louisville, KY

Board Member

March 2014- August 2018

- Collaborate with other board members to identify potential global partners to increase the utilization of the fingerprint technology to track vaccination records in third world countries.

- Attend bi-annual meetings to review budget, allocate funds received by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and identify potential funding opportunities.
- Strategize ways to create sustainable programming within the medical clinics in the countries VaxTrac is currently working in (i.e. Benin and Nepal).

SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY

Florida State University

2019 Academic Affairs Committee, College of Social Work

University of Louisville

2008 Master of Public Health Student Government Association
First Year Service Chair

2008 School of Public Health and Information Sciences
Alternative Spring Break Director

Wofford College

2003-2007 Bonner Scholar
Scholar (4 years)
Senior Intern (1 year)

MEMBERSHIPS

College on Problems of Drug Dependence

Member
October 2015-June 2018

Society for Social Work Research

Member
December 2014- *present*

Council for Social Work Education

Member
August 2014- July 2018

PRIOR PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work

May 2011- May 2015
Graduate Research Assistant

Worked on all aspects (i.e., design, data collection, training, and analysis) of the Women's Health Research Grant, awarded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (R01DA027981), under the supervision of Dr. Seana Golder (PI). The longitudinal research study examines the relationship among victimization, mental and physical health, substance use, and the health seeking process. Roles included recruitment, interviewing research participants, data cleaning and multivariate data analysis.

University of Louisville, School of Public Health and Information Sciences-

Summer 2011

Research Assistant

Worked with Dr. Muriel Harris to complete a needs assessment for the population of individuals served by the Tamale Teaching Hospital (Tamale, Ghana). Based on one of the WHO Millennium Health Goals, the focus of this research was maternal and child health in the Kentucky. Engaged in community-based participatory research with the Ghanaian Regional Director of Health, Chief of Tamale Teaching Hospital, employees at the Navrongo Research Center, multiple non-profit organizers, and chiefs and members of the local communities.

Baptist Hospital East, Neurological Rehabilitation Unit

August 2010- May 2011

Clinical Social Work Intern (unpaid internship)

Worked as a student intern on the neurological rehabilitation unit. Developed treatment plans for patients in collaboration with interdisciplinary team (i.e., physicians, nurses, and physical, speech, and occupational therapist). Completed psycho-social assessments, facilitated team and family conferences to develop and evaluate plan of care, and advocated for patients with health insurance agencies, occupational and disability claims.

Center for Health Equity

August 2009- August 2010

Men's Health Network Research Assistant (unpaid internship)

Collected and analyzed data for the Men's Health Initiative and African American Men's Empowerment Network in preparation for creating an effective and efficient program to empower African American men towards seeking healthcare.

SPARK Researched-Based PE, San Diego, CA

Fall 2008- May 2010

Data Collector and Data Analyst

Worked in Jefferson County elementary schools (Louisville, KY) collecting data on the physical education system for the SPARK PE program. Completed data analysis and managed data systems.

University of Louisville, Kidney Disease Program

August 2009- May 2010

Clinical Social Work Intern (unpaid internship)

Performed psychosocial assessments, including Kidney Disease Quality of Life Surveys and Beck Depression Inventories. Participated in interdisciplinary team rounds and meetings, worked with patients to file for benefits (i.e., Medicare, transportation, and transplant lists), and weekly met with patients as they received dialysis.

Scottie's Place: Wilderness Therapy for Underprivileged Youth

Summer 2008

Summer Program Director

Assisted the CEO with the development and implementation of programming for summer camps that combined academics and wilderness therapy for inner city, homeless youth.

Summer 2004, Summer 2006

Counselor

Taught team building, anger management and trust activities. Set up a network system for programming.

HONORS

Florida State University

2019 University Excellence in Teach Award, Nomination

University of Louisville

2011 Diabetes Interdisciplinary Program Participant
Selected to represent the M.S.S.W program in an interdisciplinary 4-week program that discussed techniques and provided field experience around working towards irradiating chronic illnesses through using an interdisciplinary approach in the healthcare setting.

University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work

2011 Graduate Dean Citation

2015 Graduate Dean Citation

Wofford College

2003-2007 Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity

2003-2005 Women's Soccer

2003-2005 Women's Track