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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Sociology	2017
	University of Wisconsin-Madison	
M.S.	Sociology	2010
	University of Wisconsin-Madison	
B.A.	Sociology, English Literary Studies	2006
	Principia College	

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Loyola University, Chicago; Senior Research Associate, Faculty	2017-Present
University of Wisconsin-Madison; Associate Lecturer of Sociology	2017
Illinois Institute of Technology; Adjunct Instructor of Sociology	2016
University of Wisconsin-Madison; Graduate Research Assistant,	2010-2016
Teaching Assistant, Project Assistant, Lecturer	

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Women's	Justice	Initiative:	Cut 50
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Researcher. Research activities included analyses of statewide criminal justice arrest, prison admissions and prison population data to determine the feasibility of reducing Illinois female prison population by 50%. In partnership with the Women's Justice Institute.

Improving Supervision to Reduce Crime and Recidivism: Cook County Adult Probation
Researcher. Research activities include case record analysis and interviews with probation agents to describe the implementation and determine the impact of an Intervention targeting high-risk probationers. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Access to Justice Program Evaluation

Researcher. Research activities include case record analysis and interviews with Legal aid organizations to describe the implementation and determine the impact of the Access to Justice grant, which provides financial aid to organizations that provide legal aid to undocumented immigrants and returning citizens.

Reducing Revocations in Cook County

Researcher. Research activities include case record analysis, interviews with Criminal justice actors and surveys to examine the factors that influence probation revocation in Cook County. Funded by the Arnold Foundation.

Process and Impact Evaluation of Rockford's Focused Deterrence Intervention
Co-Principal Investigator with David Olson and Chris Donner. Research activities
include interviews with program stakeholders and individuals on community

2021-Now

2019-Now

2017-Now

2019-2021

2017-2020

supervision and case record analysis. Funded by the Rockford Metropolitan Area Planning Agency (RMAP).

Improving Outcomes when Girls are in Contact with Delinquency Systems due to "Domestic Battery" Incidents

2017-2019

Co-Principal Investigator with Lisa Jacobs. Research activities include focus group interviews with stakeholders and case record analysis to develop and evaluate interventions for girls who have had police contact due to domestic battery incidents. Funded by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Returning "Home?" The Impact of Housing Instability on Women Exiting Jail

Doctoral Research. Research activities included interviewing criminal justice
professionals, tracking and interviewing female ex-prisoners,
analyzing court case records and analyzing qualitative data to examine
the relationship between housing instability and outcomes for women
exiting short-term incarceration and jail.

2012-2017

Access to Justice for Low-Income Civil Litigants: A Comparative Study of How Lawyers and More Limited Forms of Legal Assistance Matter in Child Support Enforcement Proceedings

2012-2016

Research Assistant. Research activities included ethnographic observations of court hearings, interviewing legal professionals, moderating focus groups with legal professionals, analyzing court case records, analyzing qualitative data and developing a successful National Science Foundation Grant. Funded by the National Science Foundation.

"Mostly Safe Here:" Management of Identity and Sexual Threat in Interviews with Female Inmates 2011

Masters Research. Research activities included analysis of interview transcripts.

PUBLISHED AND ACCEPTED MANUSCRIPTS

Brito, T., D. Pate, D. Gordon, and **A. Ward.** 2016 "What We Know and Need to Know About Civil Gideon." *South Carolina Law Review* 67(2):223-243.

DeLamater, John, and **Amanda Ward**. "Media and Sex" (2015) *The International Encyclopedia of Human Sexuality.* Whelehan, P. and A. Bolin (eds). Wiley Blackwell.

DeLamater, John, and **Amanda Ward.** (Eds.). (2013). *Handbook of Social Psychology* (2nd ed.). New York: Springer.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Ward, Amanda. "Living 'Here and There:' Linking Housing Instability to Recidivism Pathways for Women Exiting Jail." To be submitted to *Criminology*

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Living "Here and There:" Linking Housing Instability to Recidivism Among Women Recently Released From Jail American Society of Criminology. Atlanta, GA.	2018
Returning Home? The Meaning of Housing for Desistance Efforts of Women exiting Jail American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL.	2015
The Promises and Possibilities of Reentry: Women Returning from Jail Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Seattle, WA	2015
Putting it All Back Together: How Female Offenders Manage Jail Reentry Law and Society Midwest Retreat. Madison, WI	2014
Access to Justice: A New Research Agenda With Tonya Brito. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Minneapolis, MN.	2014
Considering the Female Offender: A Qualitative Examination of how Probation Agents Deal With' Women and their Families Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.	2013
Access to Justice in Child Support Enforcement Proceedings: Preliminary Findings of a Process-Based Empirical Research Project With Tonya Brito. Law and Society Association Annual Meeting. Boston, MA.	2013
"Jail Reentry, Social Networks and Aid: Practitioner Perspectives on Working with Female Offenders" Administration for Children and Families' Welfare Research and Evaluation Con Washington, DC	2013 nference
"Mostly Safe Here:" Management of Identity and Sexual Threat in Interviews with Female Inmates American Sociological Association Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV.	2011
"Mostly Safe Here:" Perceptions of Sexual Victimization and Threat in Interviews with Female Inmates Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality Annual Meeting. Las Vegas, NV.	2011
TEACHING EXPERIENCE	
Instructor Women in the Criminal Justice System Loyola University, Chicago Leaving Crime Behind Loyola University, Chicago Criminology University of Wisconsin-Madison Intro to Social Psychology Illinois Institute of Technology Intro to Sociology University of Wisconsin-Madison	Fall 2020 Spring 2019 Fall 2017 Spring 2016 Fall 2015
Teaching Assistant Criminal Justice in America University of Wisconsin-Madison Human Sexuality University of Wisconsin-Madison	Spring 2011, 2012 Fall 2011, 2012

Training Undergraduates	
Research Mentor University of Wisconsin-Madison	2013-2015
Curriculum Development	
Project Assistant for Interdisciplinary Studies in Science,	2008-2010
Engineering and Society Undergraduate Certificate Program	
(ISSUES) University of Wisconsin, Madison	
Creative Writing Program Internship Illinois Youth Center	2006
Pere Marquette	

FUNDING, AWARDS AND HONORS

Awarded Conference Attendance Support to Attend Law and Society Association Annual Meeting Institute for Research on Poverty	2014
Selected as Graduate Research Fellow Institute for Research on Poverty	2013, 2014
Awarded Dissertation Research Support Institute for Research on Poverty	2013, 2014
Awarded Conference Attendance Support to Attend Law and Society Association Graduate Student Workshop	2013
SERVICE	
Interdisciplinary Sexuality Seminar Coordinator University of Wisconsin, Madison	2008-2012