

Identity Politics; Race, Class, Gender, and Crime; Qualitative Research Methods;
Critical Race Methodology; Prison Organization Sexual Offender Treatment.

Publications

Christopher, K.; **Kolb, A.**; and Parsons, T.A. (2022). 'My walk matches my talk': An exploratory study of a moral rehabilitation program for incarcerated women. *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*, Vol. 14(2): 2-11.

Kolb, A. (2021). "Just Listen, People!": Narrative as Resistance in Criminological Research. In J.A. Schlosser (Ed.) *Prison Stories: Women Scholars' Experiences Doing Research Behind Bars* (pp. 67-84). Lanham, MD: The Rowman & Littlefield Publishing Group, Inc.

Kolb, A., Palys, T., & Green, A. (2019). "When You're Out, You're Not Really Out": Exiting Strategies among Gang-Affiliated Chicanas. *The Journal of Public and Professional Sociology*, 11(2), Article 4.

Kolb, A. & Palys, T. (2018). Playing the part: Pseudo-families, wives, and the politics of relationships in women's prisons in California. *The Prison Journal*, 98(6), 678-699. doi: 10.1177/0328855.

Kolb, A. & Palys, T. (2016). Homegirls, Hoodrats and Hos: Co-constructing gang status through discourse and performance. *International Journal for Crime, Justice, and Social Democracy*, 5(4): 29-44. doi:10.5204/ijcjsd.v5i4.334.

Kolb, A. & Palys, T. (2012). Are you Down?: Power relations and gender reconstruction among Latina gang members in Los Angeles. *Journal of Gang Research*, 20(1): 19-32.

In Press:

Kolb, A.F. (Forthcoming, March 2024). *Dialectical Behavior Therapy for Sex Offenders: A Treatment Guide*. Taylor & Francis: London, UK. ISBN: 978-1032586960

Kolb, A. (Forthcoming 2024). *One step forward, one step back: An overview of inequality in the criminal (in)justice system from 1704 to the present*. In P. Pitman-Brown, & T. Parsons (Eds.). Introduction to Social Justice. Cognella.

Schweighoffer, A., Piche, L., & **Kolb, A.** (Forthcoming 2024). *Assessing child sexual exploitation material offenders*. In L.A Craig, L. Dixon, & T.A. Gannon (Eds.). *The Wiley Handbook of What Works in Offender Rehabilitation: An Evidence-Based Approach to Theory, Assessment, and Treatment* (2nd Ed.).

In Preparation:

Kolb, A., McNeil, B. Kolb, W.J., and Green, A. Re-colonizing bodies of color: African American women's experiences with the criminal justice system

Kolb, A., Parsons, T., & Favors, M. “Snitches Get Stiches” An examination of informal mechanisms of social control among incarcerated men.”

Academic Department Positions

University of West Georgia

University:

Faculty Senate Diversity Committee (Fall 2020 – Spring 2021)
Site Director for UWG’s prison degree program (2023)

College of Social Sciences:

Diversity Committee (Spring 2020 – Spring 2021)
University College Promotion and Tenure Committee (Fall 2021 – present)

Department of Civic Engagement and Public Service:

Undergraduate Program Committee (Chair, Fall 2020 – Summer 2021)
Faculty Search Committee (Summer 2021)
Student Success Committee – Student Awards (Chair, Fall 2022)
SOCE (Fall 2021)

Clayton State University (2015- 2019)

College of Arts and Sciences:

Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee (2015 – 2019)
Deans Advisory Committee (2017 – 2019)
PACE Planning Committee (2016-2018)
Teacher of the Year Committee (2016-2018)
Dean’s Diversity Inclusion Committee (invitation; 2018 – 2019)

Department of Social Sciences:

Communications Committee (2018 –2019)
Mentoring Committee (2017-2018)
Criminal Justice Search Committee (2015)

University Event Organizing:

Demystifying Critical Race Theory Panel (Co-organizer 2021)
Planning Committee for Ex-Offender Job Fair Co-organizer (2016, 2017, 2018)
Lead organizer for Race Roundtable Discussions (2016 – 2019)

Nominations and Awards

University of West Georgia: The College of Social Sciences Researcher of the Year Award (nominated – 2022)
University of West Georgia: The College of Social Sciences Outstanding Junior Faculty Award (awarded – 2021)

University of West Georgia: The College of Social Sciences Outstanding Junior Faculty Award (nomination – 2020)

City of Atlanta – Brawl for a Cause: Journey Award (nomination – 2019)

Clayton State University: Teacher of the Year (nominations – 2018, 2019)

Clayton State University: Making Things Better Award (awarded – 2018)

Invited Lectures and Conference Presentations

- April 2024 “‘Snitches Get Stiches’: An examination of informal mechanisms of social control among incarcerated men.” Presentation at the annual conference for the Southern Sociological Society: Disrupting Binaries. New Orleans, LA.
- November 2020 “Women Scholars' Experiences Doing Research Behind Bars” thematic session. Accepted for presentation at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Criminology [to be held in November of 2020 in Washington, D.C., but cancelled due to COVID-19 issues].
- November 2017 “Democratizing Knowledge and Practice: Applying Critical Theory to Criminal Justice Professions.” Presentation at American Society of Criminology, Educating for Social Justice: The Critical Role of Pedagogy Roundtable.
- May 2017 “Democratizing Discourse about Race: Race Roundtables.”
Paper presented at Bringing Theory to Practice: The Whole Student: Intersectionality and Well-Being (Chicago, IL).
- March 2017 Invited training, “Working with Sexual Offenders: Identifying Risk Factors”, Veterans Administration of Atlanta, GA.
- March 2016 “What’s Black and White and Read All Over?: An Analysis of Media Consumers' Responses to Racialized Police Brutality.” Presentation at the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (Denver, CO).
- October 2015 Invited Lecture, “Racial Profiling and the Criminal Justice System,” Contemporary Society in Multiple Perspectives, George Mason University (Fairfax, VA).
- March 2015 Invited Lecture, “Critical Race Theory,” Current Theories and Perspectives in Criminology, Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC).
- February 2015 Invited Lecture, “Violence, Sexual Violence, and Homicide,” Psychological Explanations of Criminal Behaviour, University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC).
- February 2015 “When You’re Out, You’re Not Really Out”: Exit Strategies among Gang-Affiliated Chicanas in East Los Angeles.” Paper presented at the Western Society of Criminology (Phoenix, AZ).

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- November 2014 “Playing the Part: Pseudo-families, Girlfriends and the Politics of Relationships in Women’s Prison. Paper presented at the American Society of Criminology (San Francisco, CA).
- November 2011 Invited Lecture, “Gangs, Girls, and the Ghetto,” Introduction to Women and Criminal Justice, Simon Fraser University (Burnaby, BC).
- November 2011 Invited Lecture, “Gangs, Girls, and the Ghetto,” Youth Justice, University of the Fraser Valley (Abbotsford, BC).
- March 2010 “Are you Down?: A Socio-Cultural Depiction of Power Relations and Gender-reconstruction among Latina Gang Members in Los Angeles.” Paper presented at Western Society of Criminology (Vancouver, BC).

Invited Media Interviews:

- September 2018 “Ex-Offender Job Fair.” Streetz 94.5; 88.7 (Sept. 13th, 2018)
Clayton State University ex-offender job fair press release (Sept. 7th, 2018)
- September 2017 “Ex-Offender Job Fair.” 94.5; 88.7 (Sept. 12th & 15th, 2017)
- September 2016 “Ex-offender career fair brings out hundreds seeking new start.” The Henry Herald (Sept. 13th, 2016)
“Ex-Offender Job Fair.” 94.5 (Sept. 9th, 2016)

Manuscript Reviewer:

- *Journal of Applied Social Science* (2022)
- *Crime and Delinquency* (Dec. 2021; June 2022)
- *Cognella Academic Publishing* (2020)
- *Safer Society Press* (2020)
- *Youth and Society* (2020; 2022)
- *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Criminology and Criminal Justice* (2018)
- *Routledge Press* (2022)
- *Theoretical Criminology* (2015)

Courses Taught:

University of West Georgia

Undergraduate:

Correctional Programming (Fall 2022)
Introduction to Criminal Justice (Spring 2020; Fall 2021; Spring 2022)
Introduction to Social and Human Services (Fall 2023)
Juvenile Delinquency (Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Fall 2020; Summer 2020; Spring 2021; Summer 2021; Fall 2021)
Race and Crime (Fall 2019; Spring 2020; Summer 2020; Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Summer 2021)
Senior Capstone (Fall 2022; Spring 2023)

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Sex Offenders (Fall 2019; Fall 2020; Spring 2022)
Sex Offenders Practicum
Survey of Criminology (Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2023)
Violent Crime (Summer 2022)
Women and the Criminal Justice System (Fall 2022)
Youth, Crime, and Community (Spring 2024)

Graduate:

Thesis (Fall 2020; Spring 2021; Fall 2021)
Crime and Social Inequality (Fall 2021)
Principles of Criminology (Spring 2022)

Clayton State University

Undergraduate:

Criminology (Summer 2016, 2017; Spring 2017; Spring 2018; Spring 2019)
Gangs (Fall 2016)
Gender and Crime (Fall 2015, 2016; Spring 2018; Spring 2019)
Introduction to Criminal Justice (Fall 2015, 2017, 2018; Spring 2016, 2018, 2019)
Juvenile Justice (Fall 2015; Fall 2017; Fall 2018; Spring 2019)
Practicum in Social Work (Fall 2017; Spring 2019)
Race and Crime (Fall 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018; Spring 2017)
Sex Offenders (Spring 2016, 2017; Summer 2018, 2019)
Victimology (Summer 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019)

Graduate:

Capstone: Problem Solving (Fall 2017 – 2019)
Principles of Justice (Fall 2017)
Professional Communication (Fall 2017)
Qualitative and Ethnographic Research Analysis (Spring 2016)
Race, Class, and Crime (Fall 2016; Spring 2018)

Simon Fraser University

Undergraduate:

Women and Criminal Justice (Fall 2013)

Research

University of West Georgia

Co-Investigator. Interviewing and conducting analysis on the Seminary Program at Whitworth Correctional Facility for Women

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University of West Georgia & Clayton State University

Principal Investigator. Conducting qualitative interviews with formerly incarcerated African American women in Georgia.

Simon Fraser University

Co-investigator with Dr. Ted Palys conducting in-depth interviews with gang-affiliated or former gang affiliated women at Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, California (05/13–02/14).

Graduate Research Assistant for Dr. Patrick Lussier and Dr. Raymond Corrado. Center for Research on Sexual Violence Lab. Vancouver Longitudinal Study. Research focused on the development of health behavior in children, developmental psychopathology, and the development of aggressive and sexually deviant behavior (10/09–11/11).

Professional Affiliations:

American Psychology – Law Society (AP-LS)
Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences (ACJS)
American Society of Criminology (ASC)
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
Global Institute of Forensic Research (GIFR)
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Licensure

Licensed Master Social Worker – New York State (License #: 073989 – Current)
Licensed Master Social Worker – State of Georgia (License #: MSW009716 – Current)

Languages

Fluent in Spanish

Relevant Professional Experience

08/2020 – Present

Highland Institute
Therapist

Providing individual and group cognitive behavioral therapy for, and psychosexual assessments on federally and state convicted sexual offenders.

10/2010 – 06/2015

Forensic Psychiatric Services
Co-Therapist

Co-facilitated cognitive behaviorally-based treatment for sexual offenders residing in the community and within Ford Mountain Correctional Centre.

07/2007 – 08/2009

Pico Union Family Preservation

Family Counselor

Community-based family preservation agency committed to strengthening family stability and functioning, and decreasing the risk factors leading to child placement in the foster care system, particularly within the Latinx Community.

- Maintain consistent communication with schools in order to ensure academic achievement.
- Referral services to appropriate community agencies.
- Provide families with the necessary skills to maintain the family unit.
- Participation in three-month intensive child development pilot program (0–3 years old).
- Supervisor to first year MSW intern.
- Developing and implementing curriculum for court-approved anger management group for mono-lingual Spanish speakers.
- Conducting and writing court-mandated mental health assessments.

05/2006 – 05/2007

Creedmoor Psychiatric Center

Social Worker 1 (Spanish Language)

In-patient and out-patient psychiatric hospital funded by New York State's Office of Mental Health serving adult patients suffering from persistent and severe mental illness.

- Provide intensive, long-term and short-term group and individual milieu treatment to English and mono-lingual Spanish-speaking patients.
- Conduct intake assessments, psychosocial assessments, and develop treatment and discharge plans.
- Facilitate dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) and cognitive-behaviorally based anger management treatment groups.
- Participate in six month intensive Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy for Psychosis training and supervision.

09/2005 – 06/2006

**North Central Bronx Hospital
Growth and Recovery Program**

Social Work Intern

Inner-city day treatment program overseen by Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and Office of Mental Health serving adult patients with chronic substance abuse history and mental illness from a wide range of ethnic, cultural, and socio-economic backgrounds in Bronx, NY.

- Provide intensive, long-term, group and individual milieu treatment; collaborate with

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multidisciplinary team consisting of social workers, psychologists, psychiatrist, and vocational counselor.

- Conduct intake assessments, psychosocial assessments, and develop treatment plans and discharge plans.
- Address casework issues including substance abuse, anger management, stress management, vocational needs, and physical and mental health concerns.
- Participate in weekly team meetings and special topic in-service seminars for social work interns.

09/2004 – 07/2005

**Oakhill Correctional Institution
Drug and Alcohol Reintegration
Treatment Program
Social Work Intern**

Substance abuse program located in a medium-security correctional facility serving adult men with chronic substance abuse history and pervasive antisocial behavior.

- Provide intensive, long-term group and individual milieu treatment; collaborate with multidisciplinary team
- Conduct intake assessments, develop treatment plans, and develop discharge plans.
- Address casework issues including substance abuse, anger management, stress management, vocational needs, and fulfilling mandates.
- Develop interview schedule used by the program to assess psychosocial history and treatment needs.

06/2003 – 08/2005

**Porchlight, Inc.
Night Staff**

Inner-city single-room occupancy housing for adults with chronic and severe mental illness and a history of homelessness

- Provide crisis intervention.
- Monitor clients to assure their safety.
- Link homeless non-residents with community resources that meet their needs.

06/2002 – 11/2003

**Community Adolescent Programs
Work Team Supervisor**

Community program serving emotionally disturbed adolescent boys and girls, from a wide range of ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds, mandated to psychological treatment and supervision.

- Provide intensive supervision of adolescents mandated to pay restitution.
- Provide crisis intervention.

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