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RESEARCH INTERESTS

extremism, online hate groups, diversion courts, substance use, mental health, community-based participatory research, program evaluation, qualitative methods

EDUCATION

Temple University, College of the Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, PA
PhD in Criminal Justice, degree expected June 2025

Temple University, College of the Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Master of Arts, Criminal Justice, degree expected May 2023
Cumulative GPA 3.8

Temple University, College of the Liberal Arts, Philadelphia, PA
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Magnum Cum Lade, 2014
Cumulative GPA 3.9

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Teaching Assistant – Temple University, 2021-Present
Criminal Justice Undergraduate Courses

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Research Assistant, Temple University, 2023-Present
Supported a participatory evaluation of a Philadelphia non-profit organization under Dr. Caterina Roman through the development of citizen scientist training materials and review of IRB submission materials.

Research Manager, LRW, 2019-2021
Managed multiple projects across departments through data collection tool design, recruitment, analysis, and final client deliverables. Studies were quantitative and qualitative in nature and could include online surveys, focus groups, depth interviews, or maintenance of online communities. Clients ranged from the pharmaceutical industry, agriculture, and non-profits.

Research Associate, Public Health Management Corporation, 2014-2019

Note: Was hired as an employee of the Treatment Research Institute pre-merger

Assisted in numerous randomized control trials, policy reviews, and other research modalities on topics ranging from substance use disorders, drug courts, medically-assisted treatment for opioid addiction, mental health parity law, early childhood linguistic development, connecting high-risk populations to preventative medicine, and studies on reducing HIV risk. Supported projects with IRB submissions, recruited and consented participants, conducted structured interviews, tracked participants through longitudinal research, coded focus groups, provided analytics in SPSS and excel, and coordinated expert panels and team trainings.

Research Associate, Yale University, 2013-2014

Porchlight Initiative under Dr. Jacob Tebes

Interviewed those struggling with substance use, serious mental illness, and homelessness using a battery of structured and semi-structured instruments including topics such as physical health and trauma. Also conducted street interviews with community members on the impact of public art in their community.

Research Associate, Temple University, 2012-2013

Crossroads Project under Dr. Lawrence Steinberg

Primarily worked in data entry using multiple government databases. Also performed quality assurance on the scoring of the Wechsler Abbreviated Scale of Intelligence (WASI).

SERVICE TO THE DEPARTMENT

Mentor, Temple University Criminal Justice Department, 2022 - Present

SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Crisis and Court Advocacy Intern, Women Organized Against Rape (WOAR), 2014

Recreational Volunteer, Intercommunity Action, 2013

Volunteer, Mighty Writers, 2011-2013

PUBLICATIONS

Festinger, D., Dugosh, K. L., Choi, E. & **Sierka, C.** (2019) Issues in Informed Consent. In J. Edlund & A. L. Nichols (Eds.), *Advanced research methods for the social and behavioral sciences*. (pp. 85 -102). Cambridge University Press.

Festinger, D., Dugosh, K. L., Gastfriend, D., & **Sierka, C.** (2017). Attitudes and practices on the use of extended-release naltrexone in criminal justice settings. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 156(e195-e196). DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2016.08.182

Ryan, C., Seymour, B., Stephens, M., Comly, R., **Sierka, C.**, Musselman, T., Dugosh, K., & Festinger, D. (2015). Informed consent practices among NIH-funded researchers. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 156(e195-e196). DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2015.07.526

SKILLS

Quantitative Research Methods: STATA, SPSS, Excel

Qualitative Research Methods: Qualtrics, SurveyMonkey

Graphic Design: Canva, Adobe

Citation Managers: Zotero, Endnote

Audio Software: Audacity, Cakewalk

GRADUATE COURSES

- Research Methods in Criminal Justice
- Statistical Issues and Analysis of Criminal Justice Data
- Theories of Crime and Deviance
- Advanced Statistical Issues in Criminal Justice Data
- Law and Social Order
- Special Topics Seminar: Extremism and Political Violence
- Crime and Justice Around the World
- Drugs, Crime, and Justice
- Street Gangs
- Race, Crime, and Justice
- Decision Making in Criminal Justice
- Advanced Methods and Issues in Criminal Justice Research (Qualitative Methods)