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EDUCATION

Ph.D. Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice	2015-2023
Cognate: Communication	
Dissertation: <i>"I Don't Got My Baby, I Don't Got Nobody": Parenting problems and ideologies among mothers on probation and parole</i>	
Committee: Dr. Steven Chermak (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, Dr. Karen Holt, and Dr. Sandi Smith	
M.S. Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice	2013-2014
Thesis: <i>Maternal motivations and criminal desistance</i>	
Committee: Dr. Merry Morash (Chair), Dr. Jennifer Cobbina, Dr. Mahesh Nalla, and Dr. Sandi Smith	
B.A. Michigan State University,	2010-2012
Summa Cum Laude with High Honors	
Majors: Psychology and Criminal Justice	
Attended Loyola University Chicago	2008-2010

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Correctional Evaluation	Crime and Substance Use Cessation
Gender and Family Responsibility	Normative Beliefs and Identity
Stress and Mental Health	Communication and Social Support
Neighborhood Danger and Disadvantage	Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships
	Therapeutic Art Practices in Corrections

EMPLOYMENT AND RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

January 2023- Present	Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University
August 2020- Dec 2023	Instructor, Department of Criminal Justice, Temple University

November 2019- March 2020	Research Team Leader and Interviewer for the National Science Foundation sponsored grant “Communication between Probation and Parole Agents and their Clients: Gender Differences, Client Psychological Responses, and Behavioral Outcomes” Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Merry Morash
May 2019- July 2019	Instructor, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University
August 2017- May 2019	Graduate Research Assistant, School of Criminal Justice, Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Merry Morash
August 2013- 2017	Graduate Research Assistant and Project Manager for the National Science Foundation sponsored grant “The Effect of Identity Development on Women's Recidivism” Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Merry Morash
October 2013- April 2014	Graduate Research Assistant for U.S. Department of Justice sponsored grant “Ceasefire Detroit” Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Edmund McGarrell
August 2012- August 2013	Qualitative Data Manager for the National Science Foundation sponsored grant “Probation/Parole Officer Interactions with Women Offenders: Do Relationship Style and Communication Pattern Predict Outcomes?” Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Merry Morash
November 2012- November 2013	Freelance Studio Artist at 4th Culture Studios Lansing, Michigan
February 2012- August 2012	Transcriber for the National Science Foundation sponsored grant “Probation/Parole Officer Interactions with Women Offenders: Do Relationship Style and Communication Pattern Predict Outcomes?” Michigan State University, Supervisors: Drs. Merry Morash and Jennifer Cobbina
February 2012- July 2013	Behavioral Aide for Children with Emotional Impairments and Difficult Behaviors at Community Based Intervention Rehabilitation Services, Lansing, Michigan, Supervisor: Richard Green

February 2012- September 2012	Research Assistant for the National Institute of Child Health and Development sponsored grant “The effects of pre-and post-natal IPV on infant behavior and physiology” Michigan State University, Supervisors: Drs. Alytia Levendosky and Anne Bogat
May 2011- January 2012	Video Coder for Study of Marital Interactions in the Department of Psychology, Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Mikhila Humbad
September 2010- January 2012	Research Assistant for the National Institute of Mental Health sponsored grant “Gene-environment interactions in childhood conduct problems” Michigan State University, Supervisor: Dr. Alexandra Burt

PUBLICATIONS

Journal Articles, Refereed

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., & Holmstrom, A. J. (2025). An opportunity for probation and parole agents to provide optimal support to mothers they supervise. *Women and Criminal Justice*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/08974454.2025.2589072>

Adams, E. A. (2020). Intensive parenting beliefs and risks for recidivism among justice-involved mothers. *Women and Criminal Justice*. 1-20. doi: 10.1080/08974454.2020.1741487

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., Cobbina, J. E., & Smith, S. W. (2017). Women’s experiences of motherhood, violations of supervision requirements and arrests. *British Journal of Criminology*, 57, 1420-1441. doi:10.1093/bjc/azw092

Holmstrom, A. J., **Adams, E. A.,** Morash, M., Smith, S. W., & Cobbina, J. E. (2017) Supportive messages female offenders receive from probation and parole officers about substance use: Message perceptions and effects. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*, 44, 1496-1517. doi:10.1177/00938548177233

Roddy, A. L., Morash, M., **Adams, E. A.,** Holmstrom, A. J., Smith, S.W., & Cobbina, J. E. (2019). The nature and effects of messages that women receive from probation and parole agents in conversations about employment. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*. doi:10.1177/0093854818811385

Smith, S. W., Morash, M., Walling, B., **Adams, E. A.,** & Holmstrom, A. J. (2019). Precursors to probation and parole agent intent to send informational, emotional, and esteem social

support messages to female clients. *Journal of Applied Communication Research*. doi: 10.1080/00909882.2019.1615632

Smith, S. W., Morash, M., Walling, B., & **Adams, E. A.** (2020). Precursors to probation and parole agent communication style with female clients. 1-23, *Communication Studies*. doi: 10.1080/10510974.2020.1725080

Journal Articles Under Review

Need to revise and create a new submission

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., & Cobbina, J. E. (Revise and Resubmit). Neighborhood danger, disaster-avoidance parenting strategies, and cumulative stress among mothers on probation and parole. *Criminal Justice and Behavior*.

Book Chapters

Adams, E. (2014). “On the bus mall” Homeless youth community affected by societal issues.” In A. D. Smith, T. G. Smith and S. Watkins, *The pop culture zone: Writing critically about popular culture*. 2nd ed. Boston, MA: Wadsworth Cengage Learning.

Adams, E.A. (2024). “Intensive parenting beliefs and risks for recidivism among justice-involved mothers.” In M. H. Miller, *Criminalizing motherhood and reproduction*. Routledge.

Morash, M., **Adams, E. A.**, Goodson, M. V., Cobbina, J. E., & Smith, S. W. (2019). Prison experiences and identity in women’s life stories. In A. Leverenz, Chen, E., & J. Christian, *Moving beyond recidivism: Expanding approaches to research on prisoner reentry and reintegration*. NYU Press.

Smith, S. W., Morash, M., Holmstrom, A., Walling, B., & **Adams, E. A.** (2019). How interpersonal communication improves the lives of women on probation and parole. In S.W. Wilson and S.W. Smith (Eds.), *Reflections on Interpersonal Communication*. San Diego: Cognella.

Other Publications

Adams, E. (2016). Kanka, Megan. In Bailey, F.Y., & S. M., Chermak, *Crimes of the century: an encyclopedia of notorious crimes, criminals, and criminal trials in American history*.

McGarrell, E. F., Pizarro, J. M., Circo, G., **Adams, E.**, & Rossler, M. (2013). Detroit Ceasefire: Interim Report. Michigan State University.

Manuscripts in Preparation

Adams, E. A. (in preparation – analysis complete). A multi-level analysis of justice-involved mothers' violations based on agent and county characteristics.

Adams, E. A. (in preparation – analysis complete). Environmental Orientations and Empowerment of Justice-Involved Women.

Adams, E. A. (in preparation – analysis complete). Walking the tightrope as a mother and a felon on community supervision.

Adams, E. A., & McGarrell, E. F. (in preparation – analysis is complete). Resident perspectives of police legitimacy and procedural justice in relation to cooperation with the police: Implications for community relations and crime control.

Morash, M., **Adams, E. A., & Smith, S. W.** (in preparation). The state of interdisciplinary research on communication and criminal justice: A case for integrating classrooms and theories. To Send to *Criminal Justice Education*.

PRESENTATIONS

Conference Papers

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., Cobbina, J. E., Smith, S. W., & Kashy, D. A. "Mothers under Community Supervision: Challenges, Motivations and Criminal Desistance." American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (2014). Presenter and Chair.

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., Smith, S. W., Kashy, D. A., & Cobbina, J. E. "Maternal Motivations and Criminal Desistance." American Society of Criminology, Washington, DC (2015). Presenter and Chair.

Holmstrom, A. J., **Adams, E. A.**, Morash, M., Smith, S. W., Kashy, D. A., & Cobbina, J. E. "So that's how she do": Supportive messages female offenders receive from parole officers. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Fukuoka, Japan, (2016). Co-presenter. Peer-Reviewed Conference; Division has 46% acceptance rate.

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., Smith, S. W., Kashy, D. A., & Cobbina, J. E. Support and resources for mothers on probation and parole: A critical assessment. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, New Orleans, LA (2016). Presenter.

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., Smith, S. W., Holmstrom, A., Kashy, D. A., & Cobbina, J. E. Supportive Messages Female Offenders Receive from Probation and Parole Officers about Parenting Stress and Child Custody Issues: Message Perceptions and Effects.

Presented at Michigan State University Graduate Academic Conference, East Lansing, MI (2017). Presenter.

Smith, S. W., Morash, M., **Adams, E. A.**, Walling, B. M., & Cobbina, J. E. Precursors to Probation and Parole Agent Intent to Send Informational, Emotional, and Esteem Social Support Messages to Female Clients. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, San Diego, CA (2017). Peer-Reviewed Conference; Division has 46% acceptance rate.

Adams, E. A., Morash, M., Smith, S. W., & Cobbina, J. E. Mothers on Community Supervision: Understanding Child-Centered Motivations and Behaviors in Relation to Neighborhood Crime. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (2017). Presenter.

Morash, M., **Adams, E. A.**, Goodson, M. V., Cobbina, J. E., & Smith, S. The Prison Experience and Women's Narrative Identity. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Philadelphia, PA (2017). Presenter.

Smith, S. W., Walling, B., **Adams, E. A.**, Morash, M., Holmstrom, A., & Cobbina, J. E., Precursors to Probation and Parole Agent Communication Style with Female Clients. Presented at the annual meeting of the International Communication Association, Prague, Czech Republic (2018). Peer-Reviewed Conference; Division has 46% acceptance rate.

Smith, S. W., Walling, B., Holmstrom, A., **Adams, E. A.**, & Morash, M. The Intersection of Social Support and Memorable Messages in the Context of Women on Probation and Parole. To be presented at the annual meeting of the National Communication Association, Salt Lake City, UT (2018).

Roddy, A. L., **Adams, E. A.**, Morash, M., Holmstrom, A. J., Smith, S. W., & Cobbina, J. E. The Nature and Effects of Messages that Women Receive from Probation and Parole Agents in Conversations about Employment. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Atlanta, GA (2018).

Adams, E. A. An examination of the relationships among justice-involved mothers' intensive parenting ideologies and risks for recidivism. Presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA (2019).

Adams, E. A. Walking the tightrope as a mother and a felon on community supervision. Presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Justice Sciences, Denver, CO (2025).

Adams, E. A. Resident perspectives of police legitimacy and procedural justice in relation to cooperation with the police: Implications for community relations and crime control. To

be presented at the annual meeting of the European Society of Criminology, Athens, Greece (2025).

Adams, E. A. Environmental Orientations and Empowerment of Justice-Involved Women.

To be presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C. (2025).

Adams, E. A. Healing Through Art: Holistic Interventions with Justice-Involved Mothers and Families in Philadelphia. To be presented at the annual meeting of the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, Philadelphia, PA (2025).

FELLOWSHIPS, HONORS & AWARDS

Recipient, Faculty Fellowship, The Public Policy Lab, College of Liberal Arts	2026-2027
Recipient, Liberal Arts Undergraduate Research Award (LAURA) Temple University faculty award supporting mentored undergraduate research for <i>Healing Through Art in Philadelphia: Mapping Art Therapy Practice and Potential for Justice Reform</i>	2026
Recipient, Temple University Employee Service Award	2025
Recipient, Criminal Justice Alumni Graduate Endowed Assistantship Supports Assistantship for the 2018-2019 Academic Year	2018
Recipient, Doctoral Summit Fellowship ACJS (Conference Registration and Hotel Accommodation)	2018
Recipient, Huff Travel Award, School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (\$514)	2017
Recipient, Huff Travel Award, School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (\$508)	2016
Recipient, Top 4 Paper Award from the Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association, Fukuoka, Japan, June 9-13, 2016 (Peer-Reviewed Conference; Division has 46% acceptance rate)	2016
Recipient, Travel Award from the Interpersonal Communication Division of the International Communication Association (\$300)	2016

Recipient, Travel Award from the Anneberg Travel Fund of the International Communication Association (\$100)	2016
Recipient, Travel Award, College of Social Science at Michigan State University (\$500)	2016
Recipient, Travel Award, The Graduate School at Michigan State University (\$250)	2016
Recipient, Travel Award, International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University (\$300)	2016
Recipient, Travel Award, College of Graduate Studies at Michigan State University (\$300)	2016
Recipient, Travel Award, Center for Gender in Global Context at Michigan State University (\$300)	2016
Recipient, Criminal Justice 75 th Anniversary Scholarship, The School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (\$300)	2016
Recipient, Huff Travel Award, School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (\$623)	2015
Recipient, Summer Fellowship, College of Social Science at Michigan State University (\$2,000)	2015
Recipient, Huff Travel Award, School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (\$578)	2014
Recipient, Summa Cum Laude Graduate with High Honors at Michigan State University	2012

CERTIFICATIONS

Michigan Incident Crime Reporting Training Michigan State Police	2014
Risk Terrain Modeling Certification Rutgers University	2014
Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University Carson City Correctional Facility	2018

ADVANCED STATISTICS COURSES**Michigan State University**

2017	Latent Variable Modeling Instructor: Dr. Tenko Raykov, Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology
2016	Data Analysis: Mixed Methods Instructor: Dr. Merry Morash, School of Criminal Justice
2015	Advanced Multivariate Data Analysis II Instructor: Dr. Spyros Konstantopoulos, Department of Counseling and Educational Psychology

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research

2015	Multilevel Models: Introduction and Applications Instructor: Dr. Mark Manning, Wayne State University
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Rutgers University

2014	Risk Terrain Modeling Training Webinar Instructor: Dr. Joel M. Caplan, School of Criminal Justice
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TEACHING**Instruction**

Criminology, Michigan State University, School of Criminal Justice
Summer 2019, online, 50 students

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2020, Hybrid, 30 students

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2021

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2021

Nature of Crime, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2021

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2021

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2022

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2022

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2022

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2022

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2023

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2023

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2023

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2023

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2024

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2024

Corrections, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2025

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2025

Criminal Courts & Criminal Justice, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2025

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Fall 2025

Justice in America, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice
Spring 2026

Capstone: Justice on the Margins of Society, Temple University, Department of Criminal Justice, Spring 2026.

Professional and Experiential Learning Development

Organizer and Group Leader

2020-Present

I have coordinated field trips, guest speakers, internships, and volunteer opportunities, fostering lasting relationships with students to support their professional development and experiential learning. By leveraging my network, including connections made through Eastern State Penitentiary events, local initiatives, and national conferences, I aim to formalize these efforts into an experiential learning group. This group will collaborate with existing criminal justice clubs to expand hands-on opportunities and further enrich student engagement beyond the classroom. This effort will also supplement my research career as I've learned about new datasets, populations, and programs that align with my research expertise.

Experience as Mentor

Undergraduate Research Mentor

2023

Trained an undergraduate history student to code qualitative data from my dissertation research to identify historical underpinnings of parenting ideologies

Qualitative Data Manager

2012-2017

Trained students and non-student research assistants to transcribe and ensured their progress and performance.

Project Manager for Women Improving Probation and Parole

2012-2016

Trained and supervised interviewers and qualitative coders.

Undergraduate Research Mentor

2015

University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum at Michigan State University
Student: Erica Dalzell. I taught Ms. Dalzell how to code qualitative data, secure reliability, write up her results, as well as prepare her poster for presentation.

Undergraduate Research Mentor

2016

University Undergraduate Research and Arts Forum at Michigan State University
Student: Erica Dalzell. I taught Ms. Dalzell how to conduct follow-up analyses on the data from her previous project and helped her prepare her poster for presentation.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**Service to the Profession**

Ad-hoc Manuscript Reviewer: Journal of Criminal Justice and Behavior, Journal of Developmental and Life-course Criminology, Women and Criminal Justice, International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice, Journal of Experimental Criminal Justice

Graduate Employee Union Steward for the School of Criminal Justice Fall 2017-2019
Michigan State University

Undergraduate Committee Member, Fall 2020-Present
Temple University

Gender, Equity, and Inclusion (GEI) Committee Member, Fall 2023
Temple University

Justice through Art Judge, Spring 2025-Present
Temple University

Temple Moot Court Faculty Advisor, Fall 2025-Present
Temple University

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2014-Current American Society of Criminology
 Division of Women and Crime
 Division of Corrections and Sentencing

2016-2017 International Communication Association
 Interpersonal Communication
 Organizational Communication

2018-Current Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences
 Corrections
 Minorities and Women
 Restorative Justice

2025-Current European Society of Criminology